

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: Cllr Ivor French

PLANNING COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Cllr Dick Jenkinson

DATE: 8 April 2026



MINUTES

- PL25: 123 **Present from the Council: Dick Jenkinson, Sue French, Ivor French, John Day**
- PL25: 124 **Present from the Public: NONE**
- PL25: 125 **Open Public Forum Session (3 minutes per person): NIL**
- PL25: 126 **Apologies for Absence: NONE**
- PL25: 127 **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: NONE**
- PL25: 128 **Proposal to approve the draft minutes** of the Wickham Market Parish Council Planning Committee of 25th March 2026 – All present agreed the minutes were a true record. Signed by Dick Jenkinson.
- PL25: 129 **Review and agree comments for DC/26/0380/FUL** Construction of no. 24 homes, and the creation of a new vehicular access, an electricity substation, and associated landscaping and infrastructure. Site address: Land at Simon's Cross, Wickham Market, Woodbridge, Suffolk. Expiry date: 10 April 2026 – Discussions regarding objection from AWA re the 6-inch pipework, SCC's holding objection regarding public rights of way and East Suffolk Council comments regarding the tree and hedge loss. The Planning Committee commented that whilst they are happy with the development of 24 homes on the site, they object to the plans not showing a new planting scheme using British species of trees and hedging, on the inadequately detailed vehicular access plans. The footpath shown on the plans at the western boundary does not exist at the position shown, and this needs to be corrected in replacement drawings. The Planning Committee supports Anglia Water's 6-inch pipe and Suffolk County Council's public rights of way concerns, and these issues must be resolved before the development can commence.
- PL25: 130 **Review and agree comments for DC/25/2733/FUL** Full planning application for the construction and operation of a Solar Farm (49.9MW) and Battery Energy Storage Scheme (50MW) with all associated works, equipment, enclosures, access and biodiversity net gains Site address: Parcels To Northwest Of Easton And South West Of Letheringham, Suffolk, Expiry date: 21 April 2026 – After discussion the Planning Committee commented, 'Our objection to this planning application remains. The James Bailey report dated since our last objection gives additional good reasons as to why we continue to object to this application. We are deeply concerned about the additional traffic which will pass through Wickham Market in the construction of the Solar Farm and fully support Letheringham Parish Council's proposal for an extension to the consultation deadline for all parties to the 26th June 2026.
- PL25: 131 Date of next meeting – TBA

Signature

Date

