WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: Cllr Ivor French

PLANNING COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Cllr Dick Jenkinson

DATE 9 November 2026

MINUTES

PL26:66 **Present from the Council:** Dick Jenkinson, Ivor French, Sue French

PL26:67 **Present from the Public:** Anne Westover (tree warden)

PL26:68 **Open Public Forum Session** (3 minutes per person): Anne Westover expressed her concerns about Simons Cross building site, asking whether there will be a new application about no affordable housing. Wanted to express her concern about the amount of hedging being taken out. She also asked when the WMPC will be gearing up to look at the Local Plan in 2027.

PL26:69 **Apologies for Absence:** None

PL26 70 **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda:** None

PL26:71 **Proposal to approve the draft minutes of the Wickham Market Parish Council Planning Committee of 3rd November 2026:** All the members of the planning committee present confirmed they were happy with the minutes. The Chair signed and dated them

PL26:72 **Review and agree comments for DC/26/3650/TCA 1no. Sweet chestnut (red circle on plan) - Overall crown reduction by 3 metres, crown lift to 8 metres above ground level, and remove split limb. Site address: 121 High Street, Wickham Market, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 0RD Expiry date: 10 November 2026** Tree warden commented that it is disappointing that East Suffolk Council aren't insisting on a sketch plan. Her recommendation is to say there isn't any objection. All the planning committee agreed they were happy with no objection.

PL26:73 **Review and agree comments for DC/26/3747/TCA 1no. Lime (marked on plan) - Fell at 59 High Street Wickham Market Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 0HE Expiry date: 19 November 26** It's the lime tree on the left of the line of three. Originally, the previous owners asked to pollard it, but the application now is for it to be felled. Concerns were raised that if the planning

committee decided on ‘no objection’, it could set a precedent and all homeowners in the row could then ask for their lime trees to be felled. The tree has been regularly pollarded in the past, and the committee agreed this action is needed again to all three trees. Google Maps was reviewed, and the road and kerb were discussed. The left-hand tree under discussion is closer to the wall and railings, whereas the third tree in the row is further away. The wall is very low, just three courses so it isn’t a safety issue should it fall over. They looked back at 2016 Google and recent Google images, and there is little difference in the wall's condition. The tree is one of the three trees on the edge of the highway, and all three are already listed in the conservation area appraisal (page 16).

The planning committee were in total agreement with the following ‘We object to the lime tree at 59 High Street being felled and suggest the applicant obtains advice from an East Suffolk Council Officer regarding the pollarding of the tree, the clearance of the base (the epicormic) and the repair of the low wall and railings. We are being guided by the Conservation Area Appraisal (page 16) which mentions the tree in question and the other two limes in the row. In addition, the Wickham Market Neighbourhood Plan at policy Wick7 and the supporting text at paragraph 6.8 seeks to preserve trees which have visual amenity value in the Conservation Area.’

PL27: 74 **Review and agree comments to DC/26/3608/LBC Listed Building Consent - Sub-division of the existing residential unit to provide 2no. separate, self-contained dwellinghouses (Use ClassC3); together with associated internal works and retention of ground floor commercial unit Site address: 73 High Street, Wickham Market, Suffolk, IP13 0RA, Expiry date: 10 November 2026**

The planning committee agreed that they have no objection with this planning application.

PL27:75 **Next planning meeting date** NA

Signed: …… Dated:……

Meeting closed at 18:45

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