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Hello, I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

The trees are colouring up, the nights drawing in – I think autumn is truly here now! We were very fortunate with the weather for our October volunteer morning, and our wonderful volunteers completely cleared the Skate Park of weeds! Our next activity is a [Litter Pick](#) led by Mary on 29th October, and the last Cemetery tidy morning of the year on Wednesday 1st November.



Thanks to our volunteers (left to right) Roger, Mary, Ken, and our new Councillor, Mel Karunaratne.

I'm really pleased to let you know that at our September meeting the parish council co-opted a new Councillor, Mel Karunaratne. Welcome Mel! We're still looking to recruit a further three councillors, so please do get in touch with me or any of our councillors if you would like to find out more.

Also in our September meeting, the parish council:

- approved the Draft Neighbourhood Plan (consultation on this will start in early November)
- decided to support the 20's Plenty for Suffolk campaign (calling on Suffolk CC to implement a default 20mph speed limit on streets where vehicles and people mix, with 30mph an exception)
- Considered four planning applications (for which it had no objections)
- Decided to continue to fund the Memorial Clock on an ad-hoc basis
- Considered an outline bid for Six Acres and play area improvements for grant funding and asked the clerk to develop a template grant application.

My main work in the run up to the November meeting is preparing the draft budget for 2024-25. Please take a look at [our current work plan](#) and [let me have your views](#) on priorities, or any activities you think the parish council should be budgeting for.

We have now taken delivery of our new parish notice board, which should be installed soon, together with new posts at Six Acres, and a gate from Footpath 26 into the Memorial Garden.

If there is anything you would like the parish council to consider at a future meeting, [please do get in touch with me](#).

Do feel free to forward this message on to neighbours, friends and family in the parish and ask them to get in touch with me at parishclerk@wickhambrook.org.uk if they would like to be included in our e-newsletter mailing list! Wishing you all the best, keep safe and well.

Hilary Workman
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