

**Wendens Ambo Parish Council  
Draft Minutes of Meeting 4th April, 2016**

Wendens Ambo Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo, Essex, CB11 4JX at 8pm. Present: Cllr Isobel Grant (Chair), Cllr Jim Grant, Cllr Dominic Russell, Cllr Andrew Farrimond, Cllr Alan Lovett and Cllr Guy Morrogh. In Attendance: District Cllr Robert Chambers, Parish Clerk and 4 Members of the Public.

<b>04/16/01</b>	<b>Chairman 's Welcome</b> Chairman Isobel Grant welcomed those present to the meeting.
<b>04/16/02</b>	<b>Apologies For Absence</b> Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Ann Wade. Apologies for early departure were received and accepted from District Cllr Robert Chambers.
<b>04/16/03</b>	<b>Declarations Of Interests</b> None declared.
<b>04/16/04</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> None. As District Cllr Robert Chambers had to leave early councillors agreed to bring forward all related matters. Chairman Grant, on behalf of the Youth Club, thanked District Cllr Robert Chambers for the £250 donation. District Cllr Robert Chambers confirmed that the Highways Panel have today agreed to implement a 20mph speed limit in Duck Street and Rookery Lane. District Cllr Robert Chambers queried whether the Parish Council would support the creation of one vehicular access entrance to properties 4 and 6 Station Road, with the remainder of the green triangle being gifted to the Parish Council. This access would facilitate any legal obligation of the District Council to provide access to the properties should there be a tenant in residence with mobility issues. District Cllr Robert Chambers reported that the District Council cannot give the Parish Council The Green without facilitating vehicular access to numbers 4 and 6 Station Road and that failure to reach a mutual agreement would result in the District Council taking over the upkeep of The Green. The Parish Council agreed that they are keen to preserve The Green Triangle as the last undeveloped green space at this entrance to the village and questioned the suitability of the property for a mobility restricted tenant. District Cllr Robert Chambers agreed to request and attend a site meeting with Mrs Millership of UDC and Parish Councillors and report back to Chairman Grant tomorrow. A member of the public requested that District Cllr Robert Chambers ensure that the Planning Department come out and assess; i. the recently poorly repainted road markings which do not highlight danger (before the bridge and mini-roundabout) and stop and start erratically (beyond the mini-roundabout heading out of the village.) ii. the cycle path which has created one of the most dangerous roads in Walden and leads cyclists to the station, but has no markings in places, stops and starts and gives a false sense of safety. District Cllr Robert Chambers confirmed that it the County Council are responsible for road markings and agreed to contact them, and agreed that responsibility should be given to those on the ground to make decisions on site to fulfill jobs appropriately irrespective of any directive issued. Chairman Grant thanked District Cllr Robert Chambers for his assistance and District Cllr Robert Chambers left the meeting.
<b>04/16/05</b>	<b>Previous Minutes</b> Councillors agreed the minutes of the March Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate records of proceedings and Chairman Isobel Grant signed the minutes.
<b>04/16/06</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> <u>Maintenance</u> Cllr Jim Grant reported; i. the grass cutting season has commenced. ii. the branches brought down in Chinnel Lane and Chinnel Meadow in recent storms will be removed in due course. iii. debris left following the car crash opposite the Fighting Cocks on Easter Monday has been cleared to the side of the road and a request submitted to UDC to remove the debris.

	<p>iv. the concrete post at the entrance to the Village Hall car park has been knocked over and will be reinstated, the smaller post is unfortunately smashed, but the signs it held are still usable.</p> <p><u>School Transport</u> Cllr Farrimond confirmed that a local case is being taken forward and reviewed by the ombudsman, the results of which could lend weight to future decisions and appeals. It was agreed to wait for the result before taking further action.</p> <p><u>Potholes and Rookery Lane</u> Councillors confirmed that some of the tarmac is cracking up around and near the repaired potholes. It was agreed that the clerk would create a document detailing issues related to the cycle path and the pothole repairs, with supporting photographs and that Cllr Russell would draft a letter to the Highways Maintenance Team and circulate to councillors.</p> <p><u>Green Triangle</u> Chairman Grant confirmed the Parish Council's wish to meet on site with UDC to discuss the issue and possible solutions. It was agreed that Chairman Grant would draft and circulate to councillors a letter to deliver this week to all residents this side of the railway bridge requesting resident views on the possible tarmacking of The Green under District Council suggestions.</p> <p><u>Walnut Trees On The Land Next To Glebe Cottages</u> No update, clerk to chase.</p> <p><u>Speed Limit Request</u> Confirmed.</p> <p><u>Transparency Code Funding</u> The clerk reported that EALC have not responded to her email regarding the Transparency Funding approval of £362.20 instead of £962.20. Clerk to chase.</p> <p><u>Village Hall Car Park Plants</u> Chairman Grant thanked Tensin for his work rejuvenating the Village Hall car park area.</p>
04/16/07	<p><b>Planning;</b> UTT/16/0745/FUL- Affinity Water, Mill Lane, Wendens Ambo Installation of larger borehole pumps, 4 no. security rated kiosks, new treatment process for water quality proposed, welfare facility, new standby generator, re-grading of ground, new retaining wall, associated machinery, adjacent are to be used for compound or stockpiling. It was agreed to request screening, particularly for the stockpile area whilst awaiting a return call from Affinity to confirm; i. why extra stockpiling is necessary. ii. why 4 bore holes are necessary. iii. what is being stockpiled..</p>
04/16/08	<p><b>Financial Report</b> i. Jim Grant presented a statement and review of accounts and cheques; 629 - Clerk's salary March 2016 - £191.20 630 - HMRC March 2016 - £48.00 631 - Village Hall Hire - £30.00 632 - Youth Club - UDC grant - £250.00 633 - Clerk's expenses March 2016 - £70.84 634 - Village Hall Hire - £20.00 for payment. These were agreed.</p>
04/16/09	<p><b>Adoption of Telephone Box</b> Cllr Dominic Russell agreed to coordinate a working party to commence cleaning and tidying the box in April/May.</p>
04/16/10	<p><b>Village Plan Questionnaire</b> Carried forward.</p>
04/16/11	<p><b>December Parish Council Meeting</b> It was agreed to change the December meeting date from the 5th to the 12th of December.</p>
04/16/12	<p><b>Defibrillator Details</b> Carried forward.</p>
04/16/13	<p><b>Boxing Day Treasure Hunt</b> Carried forward to September Agenda.</p>
04/16/14	<p><b>Parish Forum</b> Chairman Grant reported that she had been unfortunately unable to attend the meeting, but drew the Parish Council's attention to;</p>

	<p>i. the pre-written report and lack of question and answer opportunities</p> <p>ii. Saffron Walden Town Council's concerns raised regarding the Local Plan process and lack of strategic approach.</p> <p>It was agreed that councillors would endeavour to attend the next Local Plan meeting, clerk to circulate dates.</p>
<b>04/16/15</b>	<p><b>April Village Meeting</b></p> <p>It was agreed;</p> <p>i. that the meeting would include exhibition style displays.</p> <p>ii. Neighbourhood Watch, Property Marking and Community Safety Agents would all be invited to attend to raise their profiles.</p> <p>iii. Cllr Russell would purchase drinks for the meeting.</p> <p>iv. Chairman Grant would purchase soft drinks and snacks for the meeting.</p> <p>v. Chairman Grant would circulate a draft flyer for approval for the meeting, which would be delivered to the parish.</p>
<b>04/16/16</b>	<p><b>Rural Planning Survey</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the clerk would respond detailing the Parish Council's disappointment at their exclusion from completing the survey and that as planning is a large part of the duty of a Parish Council it would have been useful for their input to have been incorporated.</p>
<b>04/16/17</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>i. Email from a resident commenting on the lovely spring flowers in the verges.</p> <p>ii. 301 bus is now run by Stephensons.</p> <p>iii. Entry in Best Kept Village and Best Kept Church Yard Competition.</p>
<b>04/16/18</b>	<p><b>Matters To Be Raised For Next Meetings Agenda</b></p> <p>i. Entry in Best Kept Village and Best Kept Church Yard Competition - Cllr Russell to request backing from the Parochial Church Council.</p> <p>ii. Pub Update - Cllr Russell to enquire</p> <p>iii. Fun run - 2nd May - registration 10am - proceeds to the Millennium Trust.</p>
<b>04/16/19</b>	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>School transport - RAB bringing forward their development to September 2016</p> <p>Power cut on Easter Monday - should Parish Council plan support for vulnerable parishioners in such an event.</p> <p>National Press - the last time Wendens Ambo was mentioned in the national press it was the result of a local nanny rallying against the control of moles on The Wick. Could the Parish Council use similar tactics for support for The Green and repair of the potholes?</p>
	<p><b>Meeting closed at 22.10</b></p>

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is 9th May, 2016 at 8.00pm. The draft minutes of the meetings are posted on [www.wendensambo.org.uk](http://www.wendensambo.org.uk) and displayed in the Church Porch, The Fighting Cocks and The Bell. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting.