

Wendens Ambo Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 8th June, 2020

Wendens Ambo Parish Council Meeting on Zoom at 8pm.

Present: Chair Gail Gibbs, Cllr Trevor Back, Cllr Kathryn Butterworth, Cllr Clive Glazebrook and Cllr Sam Slota-Newson

In Attendance: District Cllrs Neil Gregory and Richard Pavitt, nine members of the public and the clerk.

06/20/01E	<p>Chair`s Welcome</p> <p>Cllr Slota-Newson welcomed those present to the meeting and noted that Chair Gibbs would not be chairing the meeting due to a personal interest on an agenda item. It was agreed that Cllr Slota-Newson would Chair the meeting.</p>
06/20/02E	<p>Apologies For Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllr Alan Lovett and Cllr Simon Rowley. Apologies for delayed arrival were received and noted from County Cllr John Moran.</p>
06/20/03E	<p>Declarations Of Interests</p> <p>Chair Gibbs declared an interest in agenda item 06/20/07Ei.</p>
06/20/04E	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>Members of the public raised the following concerns regarding agenda item 06/20/07Ei;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Accuracy of application documentation - the size of building detailed is misleading and inaccurate. ii. The application includes no details of how electricity will be supplied to the site. iii. There are mature ash and birch trees on the plot, will they be affected by the proposed development? iv. The detailed barn size is not appropriate for the verbally confirmed stated use - storage for hay and associated machinery, a barn a third of the specified size would suffice. v. The land in question is specified as agricultural, the land has not been used for agriculture for decades and there is still currently no agricultural business on any of the applicant`s land. vi. The areas between the 2 drains is swamp-like not agricultural. vii. The proposed barn will be visible year round from the upper floors from neighbouring properties (and from all rear windows in the case of Opeongo House) and two public footpaths. viii. What are the restrictions and boundaries relating to the permitted development request for agricultural use for agricultural business? ix. The application details agricultural business on Lovett`s land. There are currently 10 employees working on site, will the proposed works result in more 4x4 vehicles, often with trailers accessing the narrow lanes of Duck Street and Rookery Lane. x. Neighbouring properties views will be totally obliterated by the barn. xi. Could the barn have a future change of use, the applicant has a history of incorrect planning consent resulting in a need for a retrospective application.
06/20/06E	<p>District Councillor`s Report</p> <p>District Cllr Gregory noted the importance of residents individually submitting any planning concerns to Uttlesford District Council, and reminded the public that the Parish Council are only a statutory consultee. District Cllr Gregory explained that as an agricultural application, the process differs from the usual planning applications, and that comments need to be submitted promptly to UDC. Agricultural applications are not subject to call in to Planning Committee.</p> <p>District Cllr Pavitt noted that the travellers currently located in Saffron Walden are about to be evicted.</p> <p><i>District Cllr Pavitt left the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>County Cllr John Moran arrived.</i></p>
06/20/05E	<p>County Councillor`s Report</p> <p>County Councillor Moran detailed plans underway for the reopening of Saffron Walden town centre due 15/06/2020, including new speed limits and various road closures. The centre will be closed in a similar fashion to market day, seven days a week. This will result in a loss of disabled parking spaces and people will need to allow extra time and plan their visit carefully. Cllr Back asked whether consideration had</p>

	<p>been given to school drop offs in the planning as many nurseries and schools close their car parks to enable safe entry and exit to the buildings. County Cllr Moran agreed to take a look this week, see what is in place and review. Cllr Butterworth noted that she has been asked by her head-teacher not to send her primary aged son on the school bus for social distancing purposes.</p> <p>County Cllr Moran note that he is trying to get the 30mph speed limit extended to the west of Wendens Ambo adopted as a scheme by the Highways Panel. Cllr Glazebrook reminded County Cllr Moran that although Wendens Ambo is a small village, the volume of traffic that passes through it is completely disproportionate due to commuters accessing Audley End Station.</p> <p><i>County Cllr Moran left the meeting.</i></p>
06/20/07E	<p>Planning</p> <p>The following comments were agreed for return to Uttlesford District Council;</p> <p>ii. UTT/20/1096/HHF - 1 Robinsons Bungalow, Station Road, Wendens Proposed dropped kerb, new fence and access gates and replacement/increase in height on right hand side boundary fence - <u>No objection.</u></p> <p>iii. UTT/20/1234/DOC - Mill House, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo Application to discharge condition 3 (lighting scheme) attached to UTT/19/1638/FUL. - <u>The Parish Council objects to this application and would like the original condition upheld. The application does not detail what the lighting specifications would be replaced with.</u></p> <p>iv. UTT/20/1233/DOC - Mill House, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo Application to discharge condition 3 (visitor parking details) attached to UTT/19/1631/PA03.- <u>The Parish Council objects to this application and would require clarification on the car park changes from the applicant to justify the discharge of this condition on a private road.</u></p> <p><i>Chair Gibbs left the meeting.</i></p> <p>i. UTT/20/1230/AG - Norton End, Rookery Lane, Wendens Ambo Proposed steel frame barn. - <u>The Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds;</u></p> <p>a. <u>Concerns regarding misuse of the agricultural application process as the applicant is not a farmer and the field is not used for agricultural purposes and has not been for 25 years.</u></p> <p>b. <u>Inappropriate and limited access to the site.</u></p> <p>c. <u>Inaccuracy of the drawings demonstrating the size of the barn.</u></p> <p>d. <u>Concern regarding the possibility of a future change of use of this disproportionately large barn.</u></p> <p>e. <u>Visual impact to neighbouring properties.</u></p> <p>f. <u>The Parish Council agreed that failure of the applicant to apply for planning permission in the past meant they were particularly concerned about the inappropriateness of an agricultural application on this occasion.</u></p> <p><i>Chair Gibbs rejoined the meeting.</i></p>
06/20/08E	<p>Matters to be raised for next meeting.</p> <p>i. Building work at the Bell PH.</p> <p>ii. District Cllr Neil Gregory asked if the Parish Council would forward any comments received regarding application UTT/20/1230/AG to UDC planning department.</p> <p>iii. District Cllr Neil Gregory requested that the Parish Council response to UTT/20/1230/AG is sent to UDC's head of planning.</p>
	Meeting closed at 20.56

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 6th July , 2020 at 8pm,on Zoom.