

# Wendens Ambo Parish Council

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## Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 4th February, 2019

Wendens Ambo Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo, Essex, CB11 4JX at 8pm.

Present: Chairman Isobel Grant, Cllr Andrew Farrimond, Cllr Jim Grant, Cllr Alan Lovett, Cllr Guy Morrogh and Cllr Ann Wade.

In Attendance: 8 members of the public, County Cllr John Moran, District Cllrs Robert Chambers and Julie Redfern, and the clerk.

<b>02/19/01</b>	<b>Chairman 's Welcome</b> Chairman Isobel Grant welcomed those present to the meeting.
<b>02/19/02</b>	<b>Apologies For Absence</b> None.
<b>02/19/03</b>	<b>Declarations Of Interests</b> Cllr Lovett declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 02/19/10. Cllr Morrogh declared a personal interest in agenda item 02/19/10
<b>02/19/04</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> None.
<b>02/19/05</b>	<b>County Councillor`s Report</b> Chairman Grant detailed the successive failure of Essex County Council over several years to clarify to the Parish Council the procedure surrounding winter closure of byways and noted the increasingly poor condition of Byway 10 which is almost impassable on foot. County Cllr Moran explained that Essex County Council consider blocking or barring access to byways at certain times of the year to 4x4s and off-road motorcycles ineffective as the restrictions are unpoliced, and have currently frozen the winter closure of byways programme whilst it is reviewed. County Cllr Moran hopes to attend a meeting 27/02/19 with Essex Rights of Way, and will forward representation relating to Byway 10 to the appropriate officers including Robbie Jamieson (Highways). County Cllr Moran explained that in order to bar certain parties from using a byway, changes in legislation must be made in parliament, which requires the support of the local MP. It was noted that a petition with over 100 signatures ensures consideration from cabinet ministers and it was agreed that the Council would co-ordinate a petition calling for measures to be taken to ensure the safe use of Byway 10 by all users, and including if necessary a site visit. County Cllr Moran resolved to present the petition to the Full Council Meeting 12/02/19. County Cllr Moran confirmed his request at the January 2019 Local Highways Panel meeting for Byway 10 to receive the top dressing used in other areas to make the byway usable by all and deter off road vehicles, although it is not yet known whether this will be an agenda item for consideration at the next meeting. Cllr Farrimond requested that the Parish Council are informed when and how to apply for winter closure and or resurfacing of byways in the future. District Cllr Redfern suggested notifying Kevin Bentley (ECC) and Kemi Badneoch (MP) of individual cases relating to Byway 10 and requesting support in restoring the byway.
<b>02/19/06</b>	<b>District Councillor`s Report</b> District Cllr Redfern confirmed that she is awaiting a response from the new legal officer at UDC regarding parking issues behind the houses on Station Road. District Cllr Redfern confirmed that the Local Plan has been submitted to the Inspector.
<b>02/19/07</b>	<b>Previous Minutes</b> Councillors agreed the minutes of the January Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate record of proceedings and Chairman Isobel Grant signed the minutes.
<b>02/19/08</b>	<b>Clerk`s Report</b> i. The precept demand form was submitted to UDC. ii. UDC have confirmed that Whiteditch Farm , Rookery Lane is in Newport Parish.

	iii. UDC have notified that application 18/00157/NEWNUM - Bulse Grange, Duck Street, Wendens Ambo has been withdrawn.
<b>02/19/09</b>	<b>Financial Report</b> i. The clerk presented a statement and review of accounts and cheques for payment; 809 - WW1 Commemoration expenses - £209.34 810 - C. Rix Electrical Ltd ( Youth Club bill) - £78.00 811 - Wendens Ambo Village Hall hire Nov, Dec 18 - £20.00 812 - Clerk`s salary Jan 2019 - £306.55 813 - Clerk`s expenses Jan 2019 - £52.25. These were agreed for payment.
<b>02/19/10</b>	<b>Planning</b> Cllr Lovett left the meeting. UTT/18/3520/FUL - Norton End, Rookery Lane, Wendens Ambo Section 73A retrospective application for a building for B1 use. <u>No objections, subject to clarification that the height and footprint of the building have not changed, and the inclusion of conditions relating to appropriate sewerage system if necessary and ensuring that should the business cease then the land must revert back to agricultural use and the certificate of lawfulness also cease.</u> Cllr Lovett rejoined the meeting.
<b>02/19/11</b>	<b>Village Works</b> i. It was resolved to replace the sensor and bulb in the lamp on Church Path. It was noted that the lamp is the property of Wendens Ambo Parish Council and shall be added to the asset register. ii. Cllr Lovett confirmed that several trees in Jubilee Wood are dead. it was resolved that Cllr Lovett would purchase 100 replacements. iii. Byway 10 discussed earlier in meeting. iv. Cllr Morrogh detailed moveable vehicle activated speed signs with estimated costs of £2,500 and £30 per mounting kit. It was resolved that the clerk would contact Ickleton Parish Council for advice, request financial assistance from the District Councillors and investigate grant availability. v. It was agreed that Cllr Farrimond would provide a summary of the Village Survey at the Village Meeting in March. vi. It was agreed that permission would be granted for the tree on The Wick once a location had been agreed. vii. The date for the Spring Litter Pick was agreed as 16th March, 2019. viii. It was agreed that all submissions to the Village Views would go via Cllr Jim Grant. ix. It was agreed that The Wick is private land owned and in part leased by Wendens Ambo Parish Council. The Parish Council welcomes casual personal use and organised events on The Wick, but highlights to residents and groups that permission for access to The Wick for organised events must be received by the Council, alongside evidence of relevant insurance. x. Parking behind Station Road already discussed. xi. Cllr Lovett confirmed that he is still awaiting a response from Essex Highways regarding the footpath in Rookery lane opposite Rookery Farm. xii. Cllr Lovett confirmed that he is still awaiting a response from Essex Highways regarding the bridle path sign on Duck Street.
<b>02/19/12</b>	<b>The Green Triangle</b> i. It was agreed to consider improvements to the Green Triangle at the March PC meeting. ii. Chairman Grant confirmed that the transfer of the Green Triangle to the Parish Council is ongoing. iii. It was resolved to review the purchase of a metal memorial seat to be sited on the Green Triangle within the overall improvement plan.
<b>02/19/13</b>	<b>Matters to be raised for next meeting.</b> Land registration - Chinnel Meadow and The Wick. Sustainability Appraisal Local Plan Affordable Housing Survey. Telephone box. Asset register
<b>02/19/14</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> - none.
	<b>Meeting closed at 21.45</b>

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is 4th March, 2019 at 8pm in Wendens Ambo Village Hall. The draft minutes of the meetings are posted on [www.wendensambo.org.uk](http://www.wendensambo.org.uk) and displayed in the village notice board, in the Church Porch, The Fighting Cocks and The Bell. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting.

