

# Wendens Ambo Parish Council

## Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 7th January, 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.

In Attendance: 4 members of the public, District Cllr Robert Chambers and the clerk.

<b>01/19/01</b>	<b>Chairman 's Welcome</b> Chairman Isobel Grant welcomed those present to the meeting.
<b>01/19/02</b>	<b>Resignation of Cllr Jo Slota-Newson</b> Chairman Isobel Grant confirmed Cllr Slota-Newton's resignation due to work commitments. Thanks were extended to Cllr Slota-Newton for her work as a Councillor and also for her continued commitment to support the works on the Green Triangle.
<b>01/19/03</b>	<b>Apologies For Absence</b> Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Ann Wade.
<b>01/19/04</b>	<b>Declarations Of Interests</b> None declared.
<b>01/19/05</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> None.
<b>01/19/06</b>	<b>County Councillor's Report</b> In County Cllr Moran's absence Chairman Grant detailed further communications received regarding the poor state of byway 10 as a result of the lack of the implementation of the requested winter closure. District Cllr Chambers confirmed that it is a County Council matter and resolved to liaise with Cty Cllr Moran due to the safety issues raised. Cllr Lovett also resolved to liaise with his public footpath contacts who have previously reinstated damaged byways and acknowledged the presence of a budget for works.
<b>01/19/07</b>	<b>District Councillor's Report</b> i. District Cllr Chambers confirmed that he has spoken with Mr Brown of UDC Planning regarding the 53 outstanding WA historic undetermined planning applications on the UDC website and has asked him to update Chairman Grant, although he was unavailable for comment today. District Cllr Chambers resolved to follow this matter up. ii. Chairman Grant detailed the recent suspicious matters reported to the Police, including; a. An initially unidentified Gigaclear representative without formal identity - verified. b. Car parked on Royston Road for 24hours - car was moved. c. Tree branches thrown across Dodna Lane resulting in a trip injury. d. Logs thrown into the river, causing a blockage. iii. Chairman Grant raised an issue of a local business parking several vehicles behind the houses on the Green Triangle, blocking garage access for residents and creating parking issues. District Cllr Chambers agreed to look into what could be done to resolve the situation. iv. District Cllr Chambers detailed Gigaclear's local works, leaving unfinished work, narrow rural road closures unsupervised and roads left closed whilst work parties relocate elsewhere.
<b>01/19/08</b>	<b>Previous Minutes</b> It was noted that a member of the public had queried the minute 12/18/11iii - Land and buildings rear of Norton End, Rookery Lane. Councillors agreed the minutes of the December Parish Council meetings as true and accurate records of proceedings and Chairman Isobel Grant signed the minutes.
<b>01/19/09</b>	<b>Clerk's Report</b> i. Only 2 responses were received confirming continued availability from the 6 families and individuals previously signed up for Community Speedwatch. ii. The replacement mirror for Drayton Hill was ordered and delivered to Cllr Grant for installation. iii. The precept demand form was completed for £10,500 as agreed at the December Council meeting and signed by Chairman Grant and the clerk.

01/19/10	<p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <p>i. The clerk presented a statement and review of accounts and cheques for payment;  803 - CDBF - rent of The Glebe 28/11/18-27/11/19 - £300.00  804 - Distribution of Village Magazine - £400.00  805 - Boxing Day Treasure Hunt expenses - £98.49  806 - Clerk's salary Dec 2018 - £306.55  807 - Clerk's expenses Dec 2018 - £62.53  808 - Replacement mirror Drayton Hill - £44.46  These were agreed for payment.</p>
01/19/11	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>i. UTT/18/3455/PAP30 - Mill House, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo  Prior notification of change of use of a building from office(use Class B1) to 16 no. dwellings (use Class C3). (18/12/19). The Council objects to this application and raises the following issues;  <u>a. There is no defined parking.</u>  <u>b. There is no safe pedestrian route to the dwellings. The traffic report is disappointing and does not clarify the rights of access to the private road.</u>  <u>c. There appears to be no allocation of affordable housing.</u>  <u>d. The council considers 16 dwellings over-development of the site.</u>  <u>e. The lack of sewerage treatment and run off is concerning.</u>  ii. UTT/18/3442/HHF - Whiteditch Farm, Rookery Lane, Wendens Ambo  Proposed addition of 2 no. Dormer windows and 3 no. standard windows on the front, rear and side elevations. 3 no. roof windows on the front elevation and 1 no. roof window on the side elevation.  <u>No objections. It was resolved that the clerk would request clarification over which parish the property is in, as the access to the property is Rookery Lane, but the property is in Newport .</u>  iii. UTT/18/3267/FUL - 1 Bulse Farm Cottage, Duck Street, Wendens Ambo  Proposed 1 no. dwelling. The Council objects to this application and raises the following issues;  <u>a. The council considers the proposal over-development of the site.</u>  <u>b. The proposal is over-bearing and would result in significant loss of light and privacy to the neighboring property.</u>  <u>c. The loss of front garden is out of keeping with the surrounding properties.</u>  <u>As with the previous application UTT/18/1209/FUL the Council also highlights the following issues;</u>  <u>d. There are several errors within the application, including the boundary shown includes part of Dodna Lane, which is a bridle path, the site is within 50m of woodland and there are badgers and bats in the area.</u>  <u>e. General policy states that light should not be cut from neighboring properties.</u>  <u>f. There is a covenant on the corner of the land permitting unloading but not parking.</u>  <u>g. The site is outside the Village Development area.</u>  The following planning decisions were noted;  iv. UTT/18/2978/LB - Beam End, Duck Street  Ground and first floor extensions. <u>Approved with conditions.</u>  v. UTT/18/2977/HHF - Beam End, Duck Street  Ground and first floor extensions. <u>Approved with conditions.</u>  vi. UTT/18/2572/OP- Chaumiere, Nats Lane, Wendens Ambo  Outline application, with all matters reserved except for access, for the erection of 1 no. dwelling and garage with associated access and parking, and demolition of existing garage. <u>Approved with conditions.</u></p>
01/19/12	<p><b>Village Works</b></p> <p>i. It was agreed that Cllr Grant would request quotations from the electricians working at the Church and also Mr Figge to check the light on Church Path, fit an LED light to turn on at dusk and off at dawn.  ii. It was agreed that the notice board on the Green Triangle would be considered for replacement within the overall proposed improvements for the Green Triangle.  iii. Cllr Farrimond agreed to recirculate the village survey results for comment.  iv. Chairman Grant confirmed that Cllr Grant has removed the remains of the damaged bollard on Dodna Lane.  v. Chairman Grant extended thanks to Sue, Robert and Jenny and all involved in the successful Boxing</p>

	<p>Day Treasure Hunt, especially those who donated prizes. The council is extremely grateful for the many years the Wilson/Watson family have organised this event and also thanks the Platt family for stepping forward to continue the tradition.</p> <p>vi. Thanks were extended to Cllr Grant for installing the replacement mirror on Drayton Hill.</p> <p>vii. Cllr Lovett confirmed that the footpath in Rookery Lane opposite Rookery Farm has been reported to Essex Highways.</p> <p>viii. Cllr Lovett confirmed that the damaged bridle path sign in Duck Street has been reported to Essex Highways.</p> <p>ix. Chairman Grant detailed the current second phase of consultation on the Saffron Walden Neighbourhood Plan which runs until 31/01/19 and noted the multitude of choices and complex design of the site.</p> <p>District Cllr Chambers confirmed that several planning matters have been approved in recent years including permission for the Kier site off Thaxted Road, with access road to Radwinter Road from Thaxted Road and also 100 houses at Englemanns. District Cllr Chambers also explained that if a bypass round Saffron Walden was built, he believes that it would be accompanied by at least five thousand houses to fund it.</p> <p>District Cllr Chambers left the meeting.</p>
<b>01/19/13</b>	<p><b>The Green Triangle</b></p> <p>i. It was agreed that Cllr Morrogh would lead the organisation of the proposed improvements on the Green Triangle, alongside Jo Slota-Newson.</p> <p>ii. Chairman Grant confirmed that the transfer of the Green Triangle to the Parish Council is ongoing.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>01/19/14</b>	<p><b>Matters to be raised for next meeting.</b></p> <p>Jubilee Wood - consider replanting/replacing lost trees</p> <p>Byway 10</p> <p>Speed signs.</p>
<b>01/19/15</b>	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>It was agreed that Chairman Grant would suggest to the Rugby Club that for future events they request permission from the land owner to park in the field and use a parking warden ( volunteer) to manage the parking and ensure roads and accesses to properties are not blocked again.</p>
	<b>Meeting closed at 21.17</b>

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is 4th February, 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.