

Wendens Ambo Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 6th January, 2020

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

Present: Chair Gail Gibbs, Cllr Trevor Back, Cllr Kathryn Butterworth, Cllr Clive Glazebrook, Cllr Alan Lovett, Cllr Simon Rowley and Cllr Sam Slota-Newson.

In Attendance: District Cllr Neil Gregory, 4 members of the public, and the clerk.

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| 01/20/01 | Chair`s Welcome Chair Gail Gibbs welcomed everyone to the meeting. |
| 01/20/02 | Apologies For Absence Apologies for absence were received and noted from County Cllr John Moran and District Cllr Richard Pavitt. |
| 01/20/03 | Declarations Of Interests None. |
| 01/20/04 | Public Participation The public raised the following items; i. Numbers of motorists regularly significantly exceeding the speed limit through the village at all times of day. District Cllr Gregory sympathized and recommended that residents report every incident on the Essex Police website and email the Police and Crime Commissioner as well. Councillors agreed to attempt to co-ordinate another Speed Watch group, training and equipment search and District Cllr Gregory suggested that the Council requests a 100 count at specific times to capture data/evidence. It was noted that reporting drivers of commercial vehicles exceeding the speed limit to their business owners gets better results than reporting privately owned vehicles to the Police. Following consideration of the merits of speed bumps and other traffic restricting furniture, it was agreed that the Council would liaise with County Councillor John Moran, Chief Inspector Rawlingson and Inspector Cox. ii. Parish Council website lacks up to date Councillor details. Cllr Back resolved to request access to update the site. iii. Request for consideration for a budget for the following items; a. Remembrance Day wreath. b. War Memorial cleaning. c. Minor village works. iv. Flood debris behind the bridge at the ford requires clearing. Clerk to contact Environment Agency. v. A number of burglaries were reported on Rookery Lane over the weekend 4th and 5th January 2020. |
| 01/20/05 | County Councillor`s Report None submitted. It was resolved that the clerk would request a report from County Cllr Moran should he be unable to attend Parish Council meetings. |
| 01/20/06 | District Councillor`s Report District Cllr Neil Gregory confirmed; i. The Inspector`s response to the draft Local Plan and also the conclusions of the revisitation of the Stansted Airport planning application s.106 funding are expected mid January 2020. ii. Requests from the Parish Council of up to £600 are welcomed from the District Councillors New Homes Bonus, available until 31/03/2020. iii. Discussions will be had with County Cllr Moran regarding safety issues at The Fighting Cocks junction and speeding in Wendens Ambo. |
| 01/20/07 | Previous Minutes Councillors agreed the minutes of the December Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate record of proceedings and Chair Gail Gibbs signed the minutes. |
| 01/20/08 | Clerk`s Report The clerk reported; i. ECC Micro Grant of £468 for the Professional Cleaning of the Children`s Play Park, received and paid |

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| | <p>in.</p> <p>ii. Safe Routes Committee details forwarded on from District Cllr Gregory.</p> <p>iii. Asset register and expenditure breakdown recirculated to Councillors.</p> <p>iv. Falcon Tree Specialists quote accepted, work will commence once permission has been granted for the tree work.</p> <p>v. Application for consent to carry out work to trees subject to TPOs submitted to UDC, decision should be received within 6 weeks.</p> <p>vi. EALC forwarded a link to government guidance with regard to dealing with pests which confirmed that the PC have the power to carry out their proposed work. I have requested clarification from the PC insurance that the PC are covered to take such action and await their response.</p> |
| 01/20/09 | <p>Police Community Support Officer</p> <p>Following extensive discussion, it was agreed that the Council are in principle in favour of sharing a Police Community Support Officer with geographically local parishes, if the cost to the council does not exceed £5000 and the commitment is for one year only. It was resolved that the precept would be raised by £2500 to fund this project, alongside Council reserves. Should the project not proceed the precept would reduce in 2021/22 to reflect the 2020/21 increase.</p> <p>District Cllr Gregory agreed to investigate which local parishes were also interested and any further details.</p> <p>District Cllr Gregory left the meeting.</p> |
| 01/20/10 | <p>Financial Report</p> <p>i. The clerk presented a statement and review of accounts and cheques for payment;</p> <p>864 - Friends of Wendens Ambo Church - churchyard maintenance - £250.00</p> <p>DD - eSlip Ltd - monthly payroll December 2019 - £17.96</p> <p>865 - Uttlesford Association of Local councils - subscription - £5.00</p> <p>866 - Wenden & Littlebury Village Views - distribution costs - £400.00</p> <p>867 - Clerk's salary December 2019 - £313.92</p> <p>868 - Clerk's expenses December 2019 - £47.25</p> <p>869 - Wendens Ambo Village Hall - hall hire Nov/Dec 2019 - £20.00</p> <p>These were agreed for payment.</p> <p>ii. The 2020/21 budget was agreed at £18,238.00.</p> <p>iii. The 2020/21 precept was agreed at £13,000.00.</p> |
| 01/20/11 | <p>Planning</p> <p>The following planning decision was noted;</p> <p>UTT/19/2318/DOC - Norton End, Rookery Lane, Wendens Ambo</p> <p>Application to discharge condition 1 (geo-environmental assessment) condition 2 (surface water scheme) attached to UTT/18/3520/FUL - <u>Discharge conditions in full.</u></p> |
| 01/20/12 | <p>The Wick</p> <p>Chair Gibbs detailed a number of actions undertaken or booked since the annual play park inspection which have or will resolve issues highlighted in the report. Further monitoring, minor works and wood treatments will resolve the remaining issues.</p> <p>It was resolved that the clerk will check the warrantee for the wooden toddler play equipment.</p> |
| 01/20/13 | <p>Website</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Back will review the suggested website providers circulated by the clerk and report back to the February Council meeting.</p> |
| 01/20/14 | <p>Matters to be raised for next meeting.</p> <p>i. Police Community Support Officer.</p> <p>ii. Website.</p> <p>iii. Consideration of new equipment on The Wick.</p> |
| 01/20/15 | <p>Public Participation</p> <p>The Public raised the following items;</p> <p>i. Suggested opening up of the trees along Royston Road beyond the motorway bridge to create a bridleway.</p> <p>ii. Concerns regarding the ecological consequences of a concrete table tennis table and the need to consult with the village.</p> |

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| | <p>iii. Wendens Ambo Village Hall committee have entered the "Wonderful Villages" photo competition with an opportunity to win £1000 for the Village Hall. Information on how to vote will be in the Village Views.</p> <p>iv. January 23rd, 6.30-8pm at the Town Hall, Market Place, Saffron Walden - public meeting with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex.</p> <p>v. The fencing between The Wick and The Barns needs repairing once ownership can be verified.</p> <p>vi. The village signs need cleaning on the west end of the village.</p> <p>vii. Concerns were voiced regarding the number of front gardens being used for car parking.</p> <p>viii. The stiles are in appalling condition on the footpath from the stream to the Old Forge, and overhanging trees have collapsed down, making it hazardous to get through. Cllr Lovett agreed to investigate.</p> |
| | Meeting closed at 21.25 |

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 3rd February, 2020 at 8pm in Wendens Ambo Village Hall.