

Wendens Ambo Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting 8th January, 2018

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

Present: Chairman Isobel Grant, Cllr Jim Grant, Cllr Alan Lovett, Cllr Guy Morrogh and Cllr Jo Slota-Newson.

In Attendance: District Cllr Robert Chambers, Parish Clerk and 6 members of the Public.

01/18/01	Chairman 's Welcome Chairman Isobel Grant welcomed those present to the meeting.
01/18/02	Apologies For Absence Apologies for absence were received and accepted from County Cllr John Moran, District Cllr Julie Redfern and Cllr Ann Wade. Apologies for delayed arrival were received and accepted from Cllr Andrew Farrimond.
01/18/03	Declarations Of Interests No declarations.
01/18/04	Public Participation A member of the public expressed his frustration at the lack of accurate information provided by UDC regarding the late collection of green waste bins during the adverse weather, and disbelief that they were finally collected two days before the next scheduled collection, on a Sunday. Cllr Farrimond arrived. Comments were made about the lack of gritting of the roads during the adverse weather. District Cllr Chambers agreed that nobody expected their bins collecting during the adverse weather, but that UDC should have stated that they would collect as soon as possible, and that he would enquire, but that he expected the bins were still collected in anticipation of the excess waste that households often have during the festive period. A member of the public reported the persistent sound of loud heavy duty cutting equipment from The Bell PH and Wenden Hall over the weekend and raised concerns that regulations protecting the conservation area are being observed. Cllr Lovett questioned whether UDC will be clearing up the excess litter caused by uncollected and delayed bin collections and District Cllr Chambers confirmed that he will raise this matter with the Street Cleaning Team that regularly undertakes collections. An eight inch and six inch pot holes were reported on Rookery Lane, one of which was hit by the dustcart today causing it to rock dangerously. Problems with traffic driving down the cycle path the wrong way, carving up the bank were raised.
01/18/05	County Councillor`s Report Chairman Grant read out County Cllr John Moran`s report as he was unable to attend due to illness. County Cllr Moran has asked for members of the PC to be invited to attend the Local Highways Panel 15/01/18 and Essex Highways Surgery 16/01/18 but has had no response. District Cllr Chambers agreed to pursue this matter Cllr Grant commented on the inappropriateness of the 60mph limit on the east end of Rookery Lane through the level crossing and bad bends along Rookery Lane and the relative cheapness of the 20mph signs required to implement the requested changes. Cllr Grant went on to detail their 600 mile drive through the snow back from Inverness on 27/12/17 with no issues until entering Essex where none of the roads had been gritted and questioned why the 60 new gritters in Essex had not been active unlike elsewhere. It was agreed that the clerk would complain to David Finch, leader of Essex County Council. Cllr Farrimond noted that he had been unaware that County Cllr Moran was on the Highways Panel and is also Vice-Chairman of the Panel. Cllr Farrimond noted the further deterioration of the road outside The Bell and again requested that County Cllr Moran confirms whether the road was ever declared safe. A member of the public commented that the road is now dangerous to walk on unless using the centre of the carriageway. It was agreed that the clerk would complain to ECC Leader David Finch.

01/18/06	<p>District Councillor`s Report</p> <p>District Cllr Julie Redfern attended the planning meeting and spoke on behalf of the Parish Council regarding UTT/17/2336/OP - Gresham Court, detailing the PC request for s106 low-cost housing and including the retention of the flint wall.</p> <p>Cllr Grant questioned why there are 46 outstanding planning applications dating back to the 1950s on the UDC website and a member of the public requested that the planning department ensure that Wendens Ambo is spelled correctly in their documentation.</p> <p>Chairman Grant noted that the kerbs have already been lowered at the rear of 2/4 Station Road and queried whether that counted as work commencing before planning permission has been granted. District Cllr Chambers confirmed that they are separate matters.</p> <p>District Cllr Chambers explained that the District Council have looked at the responses to Regulation 18 of the Draft Local Plan and are currently in further discussions. It is likely that Regulation 19 will not come about until June, three months later than planned.</p> <p>District Cllr Chambers left the meeting.</p>
01/18/07	<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>Councillors agreed the minutes of the December Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate record of proceedings and Chairman Isobel Grant signed the minutes.</p>
01/18/08	<p>Clerk`s Report</p> <p>i. Simon Walsh has not responded to the clerk`s request (18/12/17) for invitations for the PC to attend the Local Highways Panel meeting.</p> <p>ii. Adams Harrison Solicitors anticipate costs of £300 +VAT to transfer the Green Triangle to PC ownership. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the UDC legal team and ask whether they will cover these costs in recognition of costs incurred by the Parish Council during the past thirty years which they have maintained the triangle.</p> <p>iii. The grant awarding application form has been forwarded to The Church.</p> <p>iv. Several positive comments were received regarding the circulation of information relating to delayed bin collections.</p> <p>v. Planning application UTT/17/3460/FUL - New Farm, Arkesden Road - Erection of barn - is detailed on the UDC website as within the parish, but is not.</p> <p>vi. Planning application UTT/18/0021/HHF - The Rookery, Rookery Lane - Garden Room - was received after the agenda was set, and has a deadline of 01/02/17. It was agreed that the clerk would request a short extension for responses.</p>
01/18/09	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>i. It was agreed to pay the request for £400 for purchase of magazines for distribution within the parish in one installment, rather than the usual four installments.</p> <p>ii. The clerk presented a statement and review of accounts and cheques for payment;</p> <p>741 - Mrs S Watson - Treasure Hunt expenses - £60.19</p> <p>742 - WA Village Hall - Hall Hire Nov-Dec 2017 - £20.00</p> <p>743 - Wenden And Littlebury Parish Magazine - £400.00</p> <p>744 - Mrs A Lindsell - Clerk`s salary Dec 2017 - £282.07</p> <p>745 - Mrs A Lindsell - Clerk`s expenses Dec 2017 - £118.89</p> <p>which were approved for payment.</p> <p>iii. Chairman Grant and the clerk signed the Precept Demand Form for £10,500.00 as agreed at the December Parish Council Meeting.</p>
01/18/10	<p>Planning</p> <p>i. . UTT/17/3635/FUL - Rear of 2 and 4 Station Road, Wendens Ambo. Erection of a one and half storey two bedroomed dwelling and associated parking. The following comments were made in relation to this application; the applications states that there are no hedges nearby, this is incorrect and would need to be replaced to maintain the street scene once building is completed. The mature tree in the corner of the plot is not mentioned and must be retained. The Parish Council believes that the property would more accurately be described as a chalet bungalow and reiterates their previous concerns highlighted regarding the safety of the entrance to the property.</p> <p>ii. UTT/17/3298/FUL - St Mary The Virgin Church, Church Street Erection of 3 below ground floodlight units and reinstallation of lighting to lamp post in front of entrance porch. The Parish Council supports this application.</p> <p>iii. UTT/17/2336/OP - Gresham Court Outline application with all matters reserved except access and scale for the demolition of existing buildings and the erection of up to 11 no. two storey residential dwelling units.</p>

	It was noted that this application is minuted as approved subject to s106 compliance and conditions within the report in the planning committee minutes, but not marked as approved as yet on the UDC website.
01/18/11	<p>Village Works</p> <p>i. Cambridge Archaeology Dig will be advertised shortly and will be looking for sites.</p> <p>ii. The broken mirror on Drayton Hill has been reported to Essex Highways ref 2546193.</p> <p>iii. Further details for the renovation of the telephone box on Duck Street are not yet forthcoming.</p> <p>iv. Sixty adults and children enjoyed a fantastic treasure hunt on Boxing Day, and it was lovely to welcome a new family to the village. Chairman Grant thanked Sue Watson and her family for again organising and running this popular event. It was noted thta the Watson`s would like to hand over to a new co-ordinator, although they are happy to help out during the transition.</p> <p>v. It was agreed to hold the March Village Gathering from 11.30-1pm on 18/03/18. Chairman Grant will send invitations to all the village organisations to have a stall and Cllr Slota-Newson offered to assist with nibbles and Cllr Farrimond agreed to organise the drinks.</p> <p>vi. The sign west of the M11 facing the wrong way has been fixed and it has been requested that Essex highways cut the branches back to prevent the sign being obscured - ref 2546194.</p> <p>vii. It was requested that those witnessing Wenden Road traffic driving in the wrong direction report the time, date and registration plate of the vehicle involved to the clerk.</p> <p>viii. The UDC Draft Local Plan update was covered within item 01/08/06.</p>
01/18/12	<p>Air Quality At Audley End Station</p> <p>Chairman Grant reported that Abelio want further information before making a decision.</p>
01/18/13	<p>Village Plan</p> <p>It was agreed that the clerk would finalise the paper questionnaire, including councillors addresses for completed questionnaires to be returned plus a link to the online questionnaire, and print for delivery as soon as possible.</p>
01/18/14	<p>Grit Bin.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Morrogh would liaise with the homeowner over the suggested location and if they are in agreement Cllr Grant will order a new 200 litre grit bin >£110.00</p>
01/18/15	<p>Essex and Herts Air Ambulance</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council do not have any land suitable to house a clothing donation bank to assist East London Textiles Ltd working with Essex and Herts Air Ambulance to raise funds. It was agreed that the clerk would respond suggesting that they contact The Bell PH, The Fighting Cocks PH or Audley End Station car park as all would be suitable locations for such a bank.</p>
01/18/16	<p>Matters to be raised for next meeting.</p> <p>Litter Pick date - provisionally 10th March.</p> <p>Path over The Wick - overgrown, need to consider cutting it back and in places repairing or retarmaccing.</p> <p>Low hanging branches of trees on The Wick need addressing.</p>
01/18/17	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>Tenzin offered to advise on recommended minimal pruning of the trees to increase light for the area earmarked for woodland and wildflower area. Cllr Lovett to liaise with Tenzin.</p>
	Meeting closed at 21.55

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is 5th February, 2018 at 8pm in Wendens Ambo Village Hall. The draft minutes of the meetings are posted 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.