

Wendens Ambo Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting 9th July, 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: 18 members of the public and the clerk.

07/18/01	<p>Chairman 's Welcome Chairman Isobel Grant welcomed those present to the meeting.</p>
07/18/02	<p>Apologies For Absence Apologies for absence were received and accepted from District Councillors Robert Chambers and Julie Redfern, and Councillors Andrew Farrimond and Ann Wade.</p>
07/18/03	<p>Declarations Of Interests None. The Council then agreed to discuss agenda item 07/18/10iii for the benefit of the public present.</p>
07/18/10	<p>Planning iii. Chairman Grant detailed complaints received about water being pumped from the river into the pond at The Bell PH. Chairman Grant went on to explain that Environmental Health have confirmed that it is permissible to pump 20,000 litres of water in this fashion without a license and that no further action was required. A member of the public detailed his intention to continue to improve and enhance the pond as a valuable village asset and Cllr Slota-Newson confirmed support of the pub and the ongoing improvements they are undertaking. 12 members of the public left the meeting.</p>
07/18/04	<p>Public Participation The clerk detailed a request from a member of the public to highlight concerns relating to overgrown vegetation narrowing the pathways along Royston Road with grassy verges and hedges encroaching onto the path making it barely wide enough for a buggy and reducing visibility of road signs. it was agreed that home owner`s responsibilities would be highlighted in the village magazine.</p>
07/18/05	<p>County Councillor`s Report In Cty Cllr Moran`s absence Chairman Grant detailed a meeting with Cty Cllr Moran and WAPC members where local highway issues were viewed first hand. Chairman Grant confirmed that the current information available states the following highway works; July 11th-17th Duck Street, July 16th-20th Rookery Lane, Aug 12th-15th Station Road. Cllr Lovett detailed recent resurfacing of a very minor local road with no potholes that was completely resurfaced for no apparent reason and it was agreed that the clerk would draft and circulate a letter to Highways and ECC requesting that works are prioritised properly and expressing concern that local compensation claims for pot hole damage meet responses stating that a relatively short road that is riddled with pot holes (19 were counted recently), has no pot holes.</p>
07/18/06	<p>District Councillor`s Report In District Cllrs Julie Redfern and Robert Chambers absence Chairman Grant detailed her attendance at the Cabinet Meeting and subsequent Full Council Meeting where the draft Local Plan was approved and also mentioned that Newport`s Neighbourhood Plan had been ignored by UDC in the Local Plan. The clerk confirmed that Uttlesford have published the Regulation 19 Pre-Submission Local Plan and that the consultation period runs from 25th June 2018- 13th August 2018. It was agreed that the council need to respond, despite the feeling that comments submitted are not actually properly considered. It was resolved that Chairman Grant would read the document and add a comments sheet for consideration by other councillors, which will be circulated until a planned response is agreed. It was also agreed that the clerk would request input from District Councillors.</p>

07/18/07	<p>Previous Minutes Councillors agreed the minutes of the June Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate record of proceedings and Chairman Isobel Grant signed the minutes.</p>
07/18/08	<p>Clerk's Report i. Confirmation has been received that the Community Dig is being run and managed by the Wendens Ambo Society and that appropriate insurance is in place and if the event does not take place, then the grant will be returned to the Parish Council. ii. GDPR forms were despatched 19.06.18 with a deadline of 19.07.18, 26 responses have currently been received. It was agreed that reminders would be despatched a week, and also 24hours before the deadline and that a reminder would be placed in the village magazine. iii. EALC have confirmed that the electoral roll should be kept locked away and available only to the clerk. iv. It was agreed that the clerk would seek out grants applicable to purchasing speedwatch equipment and confirm whether local councils may have equipment that could be available to hire.</p>
07/18/09	<p>Financial Report i. It was agreed that renewal of membership of the Rural Community of Essex be considered at the next Parish Council meeting. ii. The clerk presented a statement and review of accounts and cheques for payment; 773 - Hardy Landscapes Ltd - June grass cutting and strimming - £372.00 774 - The Information Commissioner - Data Protection Renewal - £40.00 775 - Wendens Ambo Village Hall - hall hire Apr-June - £30.00 776 - Amanda Lindsell - clerk's salary June -£306.55 777 - Amanda Lindsell - Clerk's expenses June 2018 - £83.58 778 - Isobel Grant - Village Meeting expenses - £43.92 which were approved for payment.</p>
07/18/10 continued	<p>Planning The following planning decisions were noted; i. UTT/18/1502/PDE - Riverside, Mill Lane Proposed single storey rear extension- extending 3.14m from rear wall, maximum height 2.94m and height to eaves 2.86m -withdrawn by applicant. ii. UTT/18/1199/HHF - 1 Bulse Farm Cottage, Duck Street Single storey extension - approve with conditions.</p>
07/18/11	<p>Village Works i. Cllr Grant gave an update on broadband reception in the parish and highlighted possible issues with cabinet 2 which is connected to Newport exchange. Residents are advised to report problems to the supplier not BT Openreach. Cllr Grant went on to detail Gigaclear's system which uses a completely new cable network installed underground and requires every road to have a 500mm deep trench dug during installation (permission has been granted by ECC). This facility will be available in Wendens Ambo from summer 2019 and costs are in summary; £130 if the connection point is within 10m. £300 if the connection point is within 100m. Monthly charges are £41- £77 dependent on speed - minimum contract 15 months. ii. Cllr Farrimond is working to establish where the power for the light on Church Path comes from. iii. There is no further update on the Youth Club funds. iv. It was resolved that the clerk would inform the Environment Agency and that the river needs clearing through the village as there are large accumulations of dead wood. v. It was agreed to review the Village questionnaire results at the next PC meeting. vi. It was agreed that Cllr Grant would forward the electoral roll to the clerk for safe keeping. vii. It was resolved that a budget of £150 would be available for Cllr Grant to purchase 4 aluminium 300 x 400mm green road signs " Twenty's plenty" with 20 in a green circle for use on Duck Street and Rookery Lane. viii. It was agreed that Chairman Grant would remind Wenden Neighbours to forward their expenses for the tea sessions. ix. As the defibrillator has been temporarily removed due to the enclosure box acquiring a fault, it was</p>

	agreed that the clerk would locate the purchase invoice so assistance can be obtained.
07/18/12	<p>The Green Triangle</p> <p>i. It was agreed to discuss the improvements on the Green Triangle once the transfer has been completed.</p> <p>ii. Following confirmation that the Council can landscape the Green Triangle and plant flowers, and replace the bollards when necessary, but cannot erect fencing or any structures, it was agreed that Chairman Grant would request clarification over whether a village sign could be erected and if the current notice board and bench were permitted and could be replaced when appropriate.</p>
07/18/13	<p>Commemoration of the Centenary of the End of WW1</p> <p>Chairman Grant confirmed that there is a meeting on July 10th to co-ordinate an event. It was agreed that the council would support any grant applications to external organisations for funds in relation to the event and are happy for applications to be made in the Parish Council name, although approval would be required pre-submission.</p>
07/18/14	<p>Wendens Ambo Society Dig</p> <p>It was agreed that the Wendens Ambo Society could dig a small area of the Wick near to Wenden Hall as part of their community dig event.</p>
07/18/15	<p>Matters to be raised for next meeting.</p> <p>i. Fire hydrants in the village.</p> <p>ii. UDC awards nominations - closing date September 6th - Cllr Grant to put on the website.</p> <p>iii. Invitation from Abelio to meet to discuss their planning application to extend Audley End car park. Clerk to write requesting that they put in writing why they want to meet and what their objective is.</p>
07/18/16	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>A member of the public detailed the need to monitor the plot of land recently sold on Drayton Hill to ensure that planning regulations are adhered to, particularly during the creation of an access. Reports have already been received about a failed attempt to get a digger onto the plot and concerns are that the road could have to be closed during works, which would cause massive disruption to traffic in the village.</p>
	Meeting closed at 21.25

The date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting is 3rd September, 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.