

Wendens Ambo Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting 11th June, 2018

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 Jo Slota-Newson .

In Attendance: County Cllr John Moran, District Cllr Robert Chambers, 7 members of the public and the clerk.

06/18/01	Chairman 's Welcome Chairman Isobel Grant welcomed those present to the meeting.
06/18/02	Apologies For Absence Apologies for absence were received and accepted from District Cllr Julie Redfern. Apologies for delayed arrival were received and accepted from Cllr Ann Wade.
06/18/03	Declarations Of Interests Cllr Farrimond declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in any discussion relating to the East/West rail link proposals.
06/18/04	Public Participation A member of the public asked the council if they were aware of plans within the parish to celebrate the end of the First World War. Chairman Grant confirmed that she was aware of a meeting to organise such an event, but had not been invited to attend, and agreed that she would investigate further. Cllr Ann Wade arrived.
06/18/05	County Councillor's Report County Cllr John Moran reported; i. Rissa Long's request to all Councils not to respond using Essex Highways computer system to notifications of road works in the press as this can delay the process. ii. ECC have employed a crew to carry out small jobs such as dropped kerbs, signage, line marking and are requesting work. It was agreed that County Cllr Moran would meet with Chairman Grant within a fortnight to view the issues in the parish and then deal directly with the crew to action the necessary works. iii. Kevin Bentley is the Essex lead on the Oxford-Milton Keynes-Cambridge arch, which will massively impact the area, and County Cllr Moran hopes to be included in briefings and involved in decision making. iv. Any issues of flooding can be reported to County Cllr Moran as Flooding representative, he also sits on the Regional Flooding and Corporate Scrutiny and Essex Adoption Panel. v. Many complaints from cyclists have been received regarding the recent resurfacing works in the area, particularly regarding leftover grit not being removed and this has been raised with Essex Highways as a major issue. vi. Kevin Bentley is the new leader at Essex Highways, Deputy Leader at ECC with Highways as his portfolio and is eradicating the current policy of zero discretion for crews to fill holes that clearly need doing but are not on the job sheet. Chairman Grant asked for assistance in obtaining the procedure for requesting winter closure of byways and Cty Cllr Moran confirmed the next Local Highways Panel meeting as 24/09/18 and agreed to raise the issue with ECC and that he would support winter closure. vii. The road from The Bell to the motorway has been partially repaired as it does not fall within the criteria for replacement. Cllr Farrimond requested that Cty Cllr Moran reviewed the Fighting Cocks road junction. Cty Cllr Moran agreed to report the dreadful condition of potholes on Rookery Lane back to Essex Highways. Cllr Grant detailed the recent Ringway Jacobs vehicle speeding on Duck Street, causing distress to parents in the roadway and agreed to forward the photographic evidence to Cty Cllr Moran.
06/18/06	District Councillor's Report District Cllr Chambers detailed his meeting with District Cllr Redfern and Grosvenor last week, which didn't answer any infrastructure questions, confirmed that the obligation to put in infrastructure will result in less affordable homes being included and that the Field Farm entrance would be used at the start of construction, although it would be hoped that a better access would be achieved from Abington. Chairman Grant raised discrepancies within policies at Regulation 18, namely that important and relevant policies (GEN 2, 4 and 5) from the 2005 Plan have not been carried forward to the new Plan. Appendix 1 in the new Plan claims that these Policies are replaced by D1 and SP12 respectively but the most important elements of the previous General Policies are not there. It was agreed that Chairman Grant would raise these issues at the UDC Cabinet meeting 12/06/18. District Cllr Chambers explained; i. Regulation 19 is about outline planning permission. ii. Development Plan Documents will be looked at separately by officers if Regulation 19 is passed next week, and will provide more detail, but not all. iii. There are different rules for Garden Principles, the Essex Design Guide may supersede some previous policies. iv. The need to keep villages rural as large new settlements will eventually join up and rural character will be completely lost. Cllr Farrimond requested clarification over regulations surrounding the draft plan as the council was told in 2017 that the detail in the draft Plan would be in Reg 19 not 18, but we are now told the detail will not be in Reg 19 but in a DPD. It was agreed that the Parish Council do not have confidence in the Draft Local Plan.
06/18/07	Previous Minutes Councillors agreed the minutes of the May Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate record of proceedings and Chairman Isobel Grant signed the minutes.

<p>06/18/10</p>	<p>It was agreed to address Planning next to enable County and District Cllrs to leave.</p> <p>Planning</p> <p>i. UTT/18/1257/FUL - Mill House, Royston Road Proposed roof extension and minor amendments to residential building (as approved under UTT/13/3477/FUL). No objections.</p> <p>ii. UTT/18/1209/FUL - 1 Bulse Farm Cottage, Duck Street Proposed 1 no dwelling. It was agreed that the Council did not vote to object to the application but would write requesting clarification on the following points;</p> <p>a. There are several errors within the application, including the implication that mains drainage is available, 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.</p> <p>b. General policy states that light should not be cut from neighboring properties.</p> <p>c. There is a covenant on the corner of the land permitting unloading but not parking.</p> <p>d. Does the road have restrictions?</p> <p>e. The site is outside the Village Development area.</p> <p>iii. UTT/18/1199/HHF - 1 Bulse Farm Cottage, Duck Street Single storey extension. It was agreed that the Council did not object to this application but would request that errors in the application are amended, including;</p> <p>a. The site is adjacent to woodland.</p> <p>b. There are bats and badgers in the area.</p> <p>c. The building is pre 1914.</p> <p>iv. UTT/18/1502/PDE - Riverside, Mill Lane, Wendens Ambo Proposed single storey rear extension - extending 3.14m from rear wall, maximum height 2.94m and height to eaves 2.86m. No objections.</p> <p>v. UTT/18/1458/DOC - Mill House, Royston Road Application to discharge Condition 8 (noise protection and ventilation) attached to UTT/15/2507/FUL dated 20 November 2015. It was agreed that the Council objects to this application as it sees no reason to support removal of these conditions and considers it premature as work has not commenced. The council also notes that the application incorrectly states that the site is not visible from public road, footpath, bridleway or public land. County Cllr Moran and District Cllr Chambers left the meeting.</p>
<p>06/18/08</p>	<p>Clerk`s Report</p> <p>i. The certificate of exemption was returned to PKF as required and Notice of Public Rights and publication of Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18 displayed from 16/05/18.</p> <p>2. The streetlight bill is confirmed as 2 years payment and EoN confirmed that the bill might not reduce as a result of fixing the sensor as the current charges are not metered but an estimation of what a light like that should use and also suggested requesting an LED light was fitted. The Faults Line told me to ring the district council as they would not come out until the DC had sent their engineers and checked it was not their issue. I explained that it was a PC light on Church Land and she said that it was PC responsibility to maintain. Cllr Farrimond agreed to take a look at the light.</p> <p>3. The wildflower management details were forwarded to Martin @ Hardy Landscapes, but unfortunately they are unable to accommodate the request.</p> <p>4. Adams Harrison have received and verified my documents.</p> <p>5. The speedwatch coordinator has confirmed that the Essex Coordinator is aware of WA interest in forming a group. There are no speed guns currently available and are on a waiting list and enquired whether the PC would consider purchasing (£2K) . Essex will send out a trainer if there are sufficient numbers and there is a possibility of joining forces with Littlebury.</p>
<p>06/18/09</p>	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>i. It was agreed that the clerk would request written confirmation from the WAS;</p> <p>a. That the Community Dig is being run and managed by the WAS.</p> <p>b. That they have insurance in place.</p> <p>c. If the event does not take place the grant must be returned to the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was agreed that once written confirmation had been received that the clerk would forward the cheque to WAS.</p> <p>ii. The clerk presented a statement and review of accounts and cheques for payment;</p> <p>768 - Hardy Landscapes Ltd - May grass cuts and footpath strim - £372.00</p> <p>769 - Clerk`s salary May 2018 - £317.77</p> <p>770 - Clerk`s expenses May 2018 - £63.95</p> <p>771 - WAS Community Dig Grant - £500.00</p> <p>772 - Council Insurance (3 year deal) - £1006.66 which were agreed for payment.</p>
<p>06/18/11</p>	<p>Village Works</p> <p>i. It was agreed to receive the broadband update at the July meeting.</p> <p>ii. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not purchase speed guns due to the high price involved.</p> <p>iii. It was agreed that the Parish Council would hold the Youth Club funds ring-fenced for 12 months once they are finalised, in the hope that the group can be restarted.</p> <p>iv. It was agreed that Cllr Grant could proceed with concreting the wooden structure to protect the notice board.</p> <p>v. Chairman Grant thanked Cllr Farrimond for his work on the Village Questionnaire and it was noted that the results were helpful to guide the Council in decision making. It was agreed that Cllr Farrimond would create a flyer detailing the results for distribution round the village.</p> <p>vi. Chairman Grant detailed a complaint received regarding a recent firework display. Members of the public commented that the display was fantastic.</p>

	vii. It was agreed to monitor parking at The Wick.
06/18/12	The Green Triangle i. It was agreed to discuss the improvements on the Green Triangle once the transfer has been completed. ii. Chairman Grant reported receipt of paperwork relating to the transfer of the Green Triangle and it was agreed to challenge all the detailed restrictive covenants other than maintaining public open space.
06/18/13	General Data Protection Regulations i. No further update has been provided relating to GDPR. ii. The Council agreed to adopt the Wendens Ambo Consent Form (with the omission of the address detail), Privacy Notice and Staff and Councillor Privacy notices in line with GDPR.
06/18/14	Uttlesford Local Heritage List It was agreed that Cllr Wade would discuss the list with WAS and feedback any recommendations. It was agreed that the clerk would request that the spelling of Wendens Ambo is corrected in the document and query the procedure of notification to homeowners whose properties are nominated.
04/18/14	Matters to be raised for next meeting. i. The electoral roll. ii. Speed Limit Rookery Lane/Duck Street. iii. Local Plan Update from District Cllrs. iv. End of 1st World War Commemorations.
04/18/15	Public Participation A member of the public noted that vehicles are being parked on Church Path and left for over 7 days, presumably by holiday makers using Stansted Airport.
	Meeting closed at 22.06

The date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting is 9th July, 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.