

# Wendens Ambo Parish Council

## Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 17th June, 2019

Wendens Ambo Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo, Essex, CB11 4JX at 8pm.  
 Present: Chair Guy Morrogh, Cllr Kathryn Butterworth, Cllr Gail Gibbs, Cllr Alan Lovett and Cllr Simon Rowley.  
 In Attendance: 10 members of the public, District Cllr Richard Pavitt and the clerk.

<b>06/19/01</b>	<b>Chair 's Welcome</b> Chair Guy Morrogh welcomed those present to the meeting.
<b>06/19/02</b>	<b>Apologies For Absence</b> Apologies for absence were received and accepted from District Cllr Neil Gregory.
<b>06/19/03</b>	<b>Declarations Of Interests</b> None.
<b>06/19/04</b>	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>Representatives of The Bell PH and the organisers of the Souled Out event ( 29th/30th June) confirmed that their Temporary Events Notice for the event permits up to 325 people until 11pm and 250 after 11pm and noted that the event has been publicised in The Bell for nearly ten weeks, advertised in Walden and also as a full page in the Village Magazine. The representatives explained that last year's Bell Bash sold 450 tickets, but there were not 450 people attending at any given point. There are currently 220 tickets sold for the Souled Out event, with 12 confirmed camping. It is not anticipated that there will be more than 30 campers.</p> <p>The Council explained that they had received concerns about noise from neighbouring properties, and it was confirmed that the stage has been purposefully constructed facing away from Rookery Lane to direct noise towards the motorway. The event organisers confirmed that they have been running this event for five years in various locations, it is a charity event, raising funds for Addenbrookes and they want it to be as inclusive as possible. The event organisers agreed that they will send a note to residents of neighbouring properties detailing the event and offer complimentary tickets to houses in the closest proximity to The Bell.</p> <p>District Cllr Pavitt noted the Council's support of The Bell PH.</p> <p>A member of the public noted the tremendous work undertaken by The Bell, to transform their gardens for the benefit of their customers, drew resident's attention to the ever-increasing number of pubs that are closing in the UK and invited residents to "use it or lose it."</p> <p>A member of the public reported non-residents cars being left parked for up to four weeks on Church Path and requested the Council considers action, noting that he would not support the addition of yellow lines.</p> <p>5 members of the public left the meeting.</p>
<b>06/19/05</b>	<b>County Councillor's Report</b> In the absence of County Cllr Moran, Cllr Lovett extended the Council's thanks to Cllr Moran for organising the resurfacing of Audley End Road.
<b>06/19/06</b>	<b>District Councillor's Report</b> District Cllr Pavitt confirmed his appointment to UDC's Planning Committee and District Cllr Neil Gregory's appointment as Chair of the Scrutiny Committee. District Cllr Pavitt detailed a letter from the Inspectors to the District Council highlighting every considerable issue with the Local Plan. They also note that following the May 2019 elections most of the elected Councillors, including the Leader of the District Council, are described as "Residents for Uttlesford" on the Council's website. The Inspectors explained the expectation that the District Council will go into the examination supporting the plan it has submitted and that the examination is not intended to allow a LPA to initiate major changes to its own plan or to finalise its preparation, and concluded by asking UDC to confirm in writing by 27/06/19 whether it continues to think that it has submitted a plan which is sound and ready for examination and therefore, whether it still supports it. District Cllr Pavitt explained that if withdrawn, the Local Plan could take two to four years to replace, during which time if the District Council did not maintain a position where they are delivering a five year housing plan, then parishes would be more vulnerable to speculative development going forward. If the

	<p>Local Plan is allowed to go forward, then this would allow the Inspectors to take the decision whether the Plan stands up to scrutiny.</p> <p>Stop Stansted Expansion have submitted a residents petition to UDC, calling for the 2018 Stansted Airport planning application to be referred back to the UDC Planning Committee.</p> <p>District Cllr Neil Gregory met with the new station manager at Abelio Anglia to discuss the car park. The manager is from Bedford and was unaware of the planning history, District Cllr Gregory recommended talking to the community to work together to produce a new application, rather than wasting time and money appealing. The station manager also agreed to investigate the recent NCP parking charges received by a resident who regularly drops his wife at the station in the morning, and collects her in the evening.</p> <p>Following a walk about with Cty Cllr Moran and District Cllr Gregory, District Cllr Pavitt noted Cty Cllr Moran's recommendations ;</p> <p>i. Winter closure of Byway 10 is unenforceable and therefore unlikely to happen. Essex Highways are developing a new surface which discourages off-roading, but it is not known when this will be available.</p> <p>ii. Essex Highways are increasingly reluctant to reduce speed limits to 20mph and are unlikely to implement it to slow vehicles over the railway bridge or by Mill Farm, Rookery Lane.</p> <p>The Council noted their frustration, particularly with relevance to speeding vehicles travelling over the railway bridge heading towards the station when school children are also accessing the station and/or bus routes. District Cllr Pavitt recommended selecting one issue, building a case with supporting evidence and focusing on achieving resolution with Essex Highways.</p>
<b>06/19/07</b>	<p><b>Co-Option of New Councillors</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>06/19/08</b>	<p><b>Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>Councillors agreed the minutes of the May Parish Council meetings as true and accurate records of proceedings and Chair Guy Morrogh signed the minutes.</p>
<b>06/19/09</b>	<p><b>Clerk's Report</b></p> <p>i. Following submission of a Community Initiatives Fund Pre-Application Form I have permission to proceed with a full application. Grants available up to £10K, closing dates for applications 18 August, decisions will be made in Sept. Applications must demonstrate the benefit to the wider community and that community engagement and co-production has occurred in the design and delivery of the project, demonstrating a real community need.</p> <p>ii. 4 new Twenty's plenty signs received.</p> <p>iii. Internal audit carried out, with no issues raised.</p> <p>iv. Certificate of Exemption forwarded to PKF and necessary documents made available on the website.</p>
<b>06/19/10</b>	<p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <p>i. Receipt of the Internal Audit report was noted.</p> <p>ii. The clerk presented a statement and review of accounts and cheques for payment;</p> <p>830 - Wendens Ambo Village Hall (hire May) - £20.00</p> <p>831 - 4 x Twenty's Plenty signs - £40.55</p> <p>832 - Hardy Landscapes Ltd - grass cutting May 2019 - £285.60</p> <p>833 - The Information commissioner - annual registration - £40.00</p> <p>834 - Clerk's salary May 2019 - £314.52</p> <p>835 - Clerk's expenses May 2019 - £67.23</p> <p>836 - Mrs Y Morton - Internal Audit - £25.00</p> <p>DD - eSlip monthly payroll May 2019 - £17.96</p> <p>These were agreed for payment.</p>
<b>06/19/11</b>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>i. UTT/19/1212/NMA - Land to the west of Royston Road, Wendens Ambo Non Material Amendment to UTT/17/2572/FUL - retention of no.5 roof lights. <u>No comment, already approved.</u></p> <p>ii. UTT/19/1329/HHF - Eastbury, Clanver End, Arkesden Road, Wendens Ambo Change to front fenestration and internal changes to ancillary outbuilding. <u>No objections</u></p> <p><b>The following planning decisions were noted;</b></p>

	<p>iii. UTT/19/0844/HHF - Leysers House, Rookery Lane, Wendens Ambo Proposed loft conversion with 6 no. dormer windows, replacement windows, removal of flat roofed rear room and raising of roof on front elevation to form gable - <u>Approved.</u></p> <p>iv. UTT/19/0716/FUL - Old Mill House, Mill Lane, Wendens Ambo Conversion of 2 redundant barns to form a residential property with guest annexe, demolition of piggeries building to the east side &amp; replacement with residential accommodation, new below ground extension on west side &amp; above ground extension to form entrance area. Revision to UTT/18/1841/FUL - <u>Approved.</u></p> <p>v. UTT/19/0719/HHF - Old Mill House, Mill Lane, Wendens Ambo Refurbishment, alterations and extensions to the house and outbuildings. Revised scheme to that approved under UTT/18/1748/HHF - <u>Approved.</u></p> <p>vi. UTT/19/0720/LB - Old Mill House, Mill Lane, Wendens Ambo Refurbishment, alterations and extensions to the house and outbuildings. Revised scheme to that approved under UTT/18/1751/LB - <u>Approved.</u></p> <p>vii. UTT/19/0717/LB - Old Mill House, Mill Lane, Wendens Ambo Conversion of 2 redundant barns to form a residential property with guest annexe, demolition of piggeries building to the east side &amp; replacement with residential accommodation, new below ground extension on west side &amp; above ground extension to form entrance area. Revision to UTT/18/1751/LB - <u>Approved.</u></p> <p>viii. UTT/19/0603/HHF - Springfield, Duck Street, Wendens Ambo Conversion of garage into annexe accommodation - <u>Refused (The proposed conversion is unacceptable due to its design, layout and appearance that would be tantamount to a separate residential dwelling and therefore fails to comply with ULP Policy S3, GEN2 and H8)</u></p> <p>ix. It was agreed that the Souled Out event had been resolved in Public Participation.</p>
<p><b>06/19/12</b></p>	<p><b>Village Works</b></p> <p>Members of the public detailed concerns relating to the UDC owned parking to the rear of Station Road which provides access to private and council owned properties, including;</p> <p>i. Potholes ineffectively repaired each year.</p> <p>ii. Contractors Breheny working elsewhere but using the site as a storage base, alleging to have UDC permission.</p> <p>iii. Residents only parking utilised by commuters.</p> <p>iv. Use of residents parking by multiple individuals working for a business running from one of the properties, and blocking access to garages.</p> <p>v. Safety of children using the pathway to access their homes with multiple vehicles regularly accessing and leaving the car park.</p> <p>vi. Noise, light and air pollution resulting from the vehicular access, regular use of industrial jet washing machine and industrial flood lighting of the business address.</p> <p>vii. Ineffective maintenance by UDC of trees that require work.</p> <p>It was agreed that the clerk would forward relevant information to District Cllr Pavitt, who would query the UDC permission for storage by Breheny and also work to resolve the other outstanding issues.</p>
<p><b>06/19/18</b></p>	<p><b>New Councillors</b></p> <p>i. It was resolved that the Clerk would check availability with EALC for Councillor Training and circulate for availability.</p> <p>ii. Councillor responsibilities were agreed as;</p> <p><u>Planning</u> - Clerk to assign individual applications to a nominated councillor, who will highlight key issues to the meeting. All Councillors to be familiar with planning as circulated by the clerk. A list of current applications with key dates and links to the website will be available.</p> <p><u>Play Park</u> - Cllr Butterworth</p> <p><u>Roads/Speed Limit</u> - Cllr Gibbs and Rowley</p> <p><u>Website</u> - Chair Morrogh</p> <p><u>Youth Club</u> - Cllrs Butterworth and Rowley ( and volunteer Maria Pepper)</p> <p><u>Transport/School Transport</u> - Cllrs Butterworth and Gibbs</p> <p><u>Affordable Housing</u> - Cllr Rowley</p>

	<p><u>Footpaths</u> - Cllr Lovett</p> <p><u>Trees</u> - Cllr Lovett</p> <p><u>Chinnel Meadow</u> - Cllr Lovett</p> <p><u>Parish Forum</u> - Clerk to attend where available</p> <p><u>Litter Pick</u> - Cllr Morrogh</p> <p><u>Parish Magazine</u> - Clerk to liaise</p> <p><u>Green Triangle</u> - Chair Morrogh to liaise with Jo Slota-Newson</p> <p><u>Pollution/Air Quality</u> - Cllrs Gibbs and Rowley</p>
<b>06/19/13</b>	<p><b>The Wick</b></p> <p>It was resolved that the clerk would order double the previous order weight, but of sand to be delivered to the top gate at The Wick. Volunteers are welcomed to assist a working party on Saturday July 6th at 10.30am to fill the holes on The Wick.</p>
<b>06/19/14</b>	<p><b>Memorial Bench</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the memorial bench on the Wick could remain in its current position.</p>
<b>06/19/15</b>	<p><b>Speed Activated Sign</b></p> <p>Chair Morrogh noted that he awaits Essex Highway's response and approval of sites for the speed activated sign. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chair Morrogh would complete the grant application form.</p>
<b>06/19/16</b>	<p><b>The Green Triangle</b></p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Morrogh would liaise with Jo Slota-Newson.</p>
<b>06/19/17</b>	<p><b>Projector</b></p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr Morrogh would investigate projector and mobile screen costs and that the clerk would establish when UDC intends to start sending out paper planning applications again.</p>
<b>06/19/19</b>	<p><b>Emergency Planning</b></p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr Butterworth would establish what current documentation exists, and that the Clerk would forward Widdington's Emergency Plan for reference.</p> <p>District Cllr Pavitt detailed UDC's Good Neighbour Scheme, currently being trialled in Great Chesterford and Sue Watson reminded the Council that Wenden Neighbours does a great job in Wendens Ambo.</p>
<b>06/19/20</b>	<p><b>Footpaths and Overgrowth</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would request that the Highway Rangers assist with restoring the soil slippage from properties on the B1039 onto the narrow footpath. It was also agreed that Cllr Rowley would chat with homeowners along the path from the railway bridge towards the Village Hall and politely request that the footpath is kept clear from overgrowth.</p> <p>Cllr Lovett confirmed that the fingerpost on Dodna Lane has been replaced, as has the first stile under the viaduct, although the second stile also requires repair and has been reported.</p>
<b>06/19/21</b>	<p><b>Matters to be raised for next meeting.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Telephone Box</li> <li>ii. Church Path parking</li> <li>iii. Risk Assessment Policy</li> <li>iv. Playground rubber flooring cleaning</li> </ul>
<b>06/19/22</b>	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>Concerns were raised following the theft of tools from a carpenter's van working on site in Wendens Ambo 17/06/19 and also recent fly tipping up the lane by the Old School House.</p> <p>A member of the public noted that a tree on The Wick, which overhangs the path has split. Cllr Lovett agreed to take a look.</p>
	<p><b>Meeting closed at 21.55</b></p>

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 15th July, 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.