

**Wendens Ambo Parish Council**  
**Draft Minutes of Meeting 7th March, 2016**

Wendens Ambo Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo, Essex, CB11 4JX at 8pm. Present: Cllr Isobel Grant (Chair), Cllr Jim Grant, Cllr Dominic Russell, Cllr Ann Wade, Cllr Alan Lovett and Cllr Guy Morrogh. In Attendance: District Cllr Robert Chambers, Parish Clerk and 4 Members of the Public.

<b>03/16/01</b>	<b>Chairman 's Welcome</b> Chairman Isobel Grant welcomed those present to the meeting.
<b>03/16/02</b>	<b>Apologies For Absence</b> Apologies for delayed arrival were received and accepted from Cllr Andrew Farrimond. Apologies for early departure were received and accepted from District Cllr Robert Chambers.
<b>03/16/03</b>	<b>Declarations Of Interests</b> Chairman Isobel Grant and Cllr Jim Grant declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 03/16/07i.
<b>03/16/04</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> None. Chairman Isobel Grant then invited District Cllr Robert Chambers to speak due to his anticipated early departure. District Cllr Chambers detailed; i. the district council's raising of the precept by 1%, one of the lowest increases in the country, and acknowledged the difficult financial times ahead where non-statutory services may be affected if finances are not prudently managed. Cllr Lovett questioned whether the district council are using their reserves and District Cllr Chambers confirmed the council's obligation to utilise a proportion of reserves each year. ii. the Local Plan is being discussed by the Local Plan Policy Group and Cllr Chambers is concerned by some aspects affecting Wendens Ambo, and strongly believes that if villages have to accept some development then the villages should also receive some benefit. iii. his intention to pursue District Cllr Julie Redfern's support of the current issues the Parish Council faces with regard to parking, ownership of land and permission for works to prevent further damage. Cllr Andrew Farrimond arrived. iv. 580 new houses per year for 20 years is significant in a rural area. Swathes of land have been put forward by farmers and there has been suggestion of a new garden city of 70,000 houses. Cllr Chambers confirmed that a development requires at least 3,000 houses to make it worthwhile for a developer to pay for the necessary infrastructure and that if a single settlement is agreed it would be unlikely that building would commence for 10 years.
<b>03/16/05</b>	<b>Previous Minutes</b> Councillors agreed the minutes of the February Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate records of proceedings and Chairman Isobel Grant signed the minutes.
<b>03/16/06</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> <u>Dodna Lane</u> The bollard has been installed and is reported by neighbours to be doing it's intended job. One report has been received that a horse was disturbed by the bollard, and that the rider has reported the matter to Essex Highways. <u>Maintenance</u> Cllr Jim Grant confirmed that 1.5 tonne of aggregate has been applied to Chinnel Lane to enable safer access and dead wood has also been removed for burning. <u>School Transport</u> Awaiting update. <u>Potholes</u> The Clerk confirmed that a Freedom of Information Request has been sent to Essex Highways who have an obligation to respond within 20 working days. It was noted that the section repaired after Rookery Cottage has already significantly deteriorated. <u>Green Triangle</u> Chairman Grant confirmed that there has been no confirmed decision from Uttlesford District Council. The Parish Council agreed to write requesting formal permission to take action to prevent further damage to the Triangle and withholding further maintenance to the area until the situation is resolved. District Cllr Chambers suggested copying the letter to the leader of the District Council, Howard Rolfe, along with Cllrs Ranger, Redfern and Chambers and agreed to

	<p>highlight the issues tomorrow morning and report back.</p> <p><u>Walnut Trees On The Land Next To Glebe Cottages</u></p> <p>The clerk confirmed requesting that Uttlesford's Arborist Ben Smeeden visits the walnut trees to decide whether they require protecting by a Tree Preservation Order once in writing, once by telephone and once by email. No response as yet received. It was agreed that the clerk would forward this information to the head of planning and that Cllr Chambers would also follow up.</p> <p><u>Speed Limit Request</u></p> <p>Awaiting update</p> <p><u>Transparency Code Funding</u></p> <p>The clerk reported submitting the application for funding as agreed at the February PC Meeting.</p> <p><u>Litter Pick</u></p> <p>Cllr Morrogh reported a very successful litter pick, with 30 participants and 37 bags of rubbish collected, despite bad weather.</p> <p><u>Village Hall Car Park Plants</u></p> <p>Chairman Grant reported attendance at the Village Hall meeting where the generous offer to fund the purchase of shrubs and ground cover to enhance the entrance to the Village Hall car park, was agreed.</p> <p><u>Road Markings</u></p> <p>Awaiting update.</p> <p><u>Youth Club</u></p> <p>Cllr Russell confirmed that youth club has restarted with a visit last Friday to St Mark's College where an evening of laser quest, supper, campfire and star gazing was enjoyed by 17 youngsters. Youth Club funds have now been transferred to their own bank account and the club are currently considering a further storage facility attached to the Village Hall. District Cllr Chambers offered a £250 donation towards the storage costs, which Cllr Russell gratefully accepted.</p> <p><u>Wendens Ambo Work Shop Shire Hill</u></p> <p>Chairman Grant confirmed an extremely interesting work shop, particularly noting the hands on artifact experience.</p> <p>District Cllr Robert Chambers left the meeting.</p>
03/16/07	<p><b>Planning;</b></p> <p>i. UTT/16/0378/HHF</p> <p>Location - Willow, Duck Street, Wendens Ambo</p> <p>Proposal - Single storey extension, porch, replace existing conservatory with garden room, new garage - no comment.</p> <p>ii. UTT/16/0296/HHF</p> <p>Location - Wenden Hill Cottage, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo</p> <p>Proposal - Proposed demolition of existing conservatory, erection of rear and side extensions and garage loft conversion - no comment.</p> <p>iii. UTT/16/0197/HHF</p> <p>Location - Highbanks House, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo</p> <p>Proposal - Erection of a rear single storey indoor swimming pool extension - It was agreed that although the Parish Council do not object to this application, that they would appreciate clarification of plans in place to accomodate drainage of the pool if required.</p>
03/16/08	<p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <p>i. Jim Grant presented a statement and review of accounts and cheques;</p> <p>622 - Transfer of funds to Youth Club - £2656.00</p> <p>623 - Clerk's salary Feb 2016 - £191.40</p> <p>624 - HMRC Feb 2016 -£47.80</p> <p>625 - Balance of Bollard and installation-£108.00</p> <p>626 - Aggregate for Chinnel Lane - £76.80</p> <p>627 - Clerk's expenses Feb 2016 - £28.40</p> <p>628 - Parish News April/June 2016 - £90.00</p> <p>for payment. These were agreed.</p> <p>ii. The audit report for the third quarter has been completed by Cllr Farrimond has been completed.</p>
03/16/09	<p><b>Adoption of Telephone Box</b></p> <p>Cllr Dominic Russell agreed to coordinate a working party to commence cleaning and tidying the box in April.</p>

<b>03/16/10</b>	<b>The Queen`s 90th Birthday Beacons 21st April, 2016</b> It was agreed that a third party was interested in organising this event.
<b>03/16/11</b>	<b>Village Plan Questionnaire</b> It was agreed that councillors would discuss the content of the questionnaire at a working party meeting on Monday 14th March at 8pm at Cllr Wade`s house.
<b>03/16/12</b>	<b>The Old Mill</b> It was agreed that the matter had been resolved.
<b>03/16/13</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> i. Email confirming issues with the byway at Clanver End through to Newport, totally cut up and requesting winter closure. ii. Footpath across railway reopened, non-slip surface replaced and canine access hindered.
<b>03/16/14</b>	<b>Matters To Be Raised For Next Meetings Agenda</b> i. Change of date for December PC meeting. ii. Signs for location of defibrillator and also list of trained operators - suggested locations includes church porch, cricket pavilion, pubs, railway station, main road, website plus confirm agreement to publish contact numbers. iii. Possible defibrillator training session. iv. Rural Planning. v. Jenny Wilson not available for Boxing Day Treasure Hunt due to work commitments.
<b>03/16/15</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> It was noted that a member of the public had received a same day response form the Essex Records Office. Wendens Ambo PCC host a Simply Reed concert on 7th May - tickets £10.
	<b>Meeting closed at 21.40</b>

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is 4th April, 2016 at 8.00pm. The draft minutes of the meetings are posted on [www.wendensambo.org.uk](http://www.wendensambo.org.uk) 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.