

**Wendens Ambo Parish Council  
Minutes of Meeting 11th March, 2017**

Wendens Ambo Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo, Essex, CB11 4JX at 9.45am. Present: Chairman Isobel Grant, Cllr Andrew Farrimond, Cllr Jim Grant, Cllr Alan Lovett, Cllr Guy Morrogh, and Cllr Ann Wade. In Attendance: Parish Clerk and 13 Members of the Public.

03/17/01E	<p><b>Chairman 's Welcome</b> Chairman Isobel Grant welcomed those present to the meeting and explained that this extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council had been called due to the notification of the planning application being received after the March Parish Council Meeting agenda had been issued and therefore no response could be agreed at the March PC meeting, and the response is required before the April PC meeting.</p>
03/17/02E	<p><b>Apologies For Absence</b> Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Dominic Russell.</p>
03/17/03E	<p><b>Declarations Of Interests</b> None received.</p>
03/17/04E	<p><b>Public Participation</b> Chairman Grant asked Councillors to each comment on application UTT/17/0366/FUL before inviting the public to also comment on the application. Councillors highlighted the following issues;</p> <p><u>Breach of development boundary</u> The application states location within the Conservation Area, Councillors believe that an amendment in 2013 moved the boundary so the plot is not in the Conservation Area, although the hedge is.</p> <p><u>Concerns over safety with regard to the road and access issues</u> <u>Over-development of the site</u> Would completely change and dominate the street scene,</p> <p><u>Possible pavement installation</u> Would narrow the road significantly and could enforce traffic restrictions.</p> <p><u>Inaccuracy in Planning Statement</u> This states that the applicants have engaged with the Parish Council - the clerk received a request for the developer to attend the February PC meeting to talk about an application and Councillors agreed that this should not happen as engaging at that level has historically enabled PC support of an application to be wrongly perceived.</p> <p><u>Hedgerow removal</u> Disappointing that so much of the historic hedgerow is proposed to be removed.</p> <p><u>Proposal</u> Poorly written proposal including errors, spelling mistakes, mentions mains drainage which is not available, footpath shown where there is no footpath, Highbanks not represented correctly on the plans</p> <p>Members of the public reiterated Councillors` comments and also added;</p> <p><u>Call to Planning Committee</u> The need for the application to be called in to the Planning Committee to ensure that District Councillors visit the site prior to making a decision.</p> <p><u>Road Safety</u> Emphasis was given to objections on the grounds of safety with regard to the road and access to the property, particularly as the road is already effectively a single carriageway. The importance of Essex Highways visiting the site was raised and it was suggested that individuals could request they visit at <a href="mailto:contact@essex.gov.uk">contact@essex.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p><u>Hedgerow</u> The hedgerow is in excess of 33 years old - should Rural England be contacted regarding conservation?</p> <p>Chairman Grant reiterated the importance of individuals submitting their comments regarding planning applications. This can be done in writing to the planning department at Uttlesford District Council or online at <a href="http://publicaccess.uttlesford.gov.uk/online-applications/">publicaccess.uttlesford.gov.uk/online-applications/</a>. The public left the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Morrogh left the meeting.</p>

<b>03/17/05E</b>	<b>Planning</b> UTT/17/0366/FUL - Land adjacent Draytons Hill, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo. Demolition of existing wall. Erection of two detached 4 x bedroom residential dwellings along with access, car parking, associated landscaping and new boundary wall on Royston Road. It was agreed that Cllr Wade would draft and circulate a letter of objection to this application including the following issues; The statement of engagement with the Parish Council. Safety and access issues on the hill. Within the Conservation Area and bordered by listed buildings. The historic hedge and its inclusion in the Conservation Boundary. The significant number of inaccuracies in the application and the scale of the development. It was agreed that Chairman Grant would request that the application is called in to committee due to the controversial location and the particular impact on road safety.
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The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is 10th April, 2017 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.