

# Wendens Ambo Parish Council

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## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 4th March, 2019

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 Ann Wade.

In Attendance: 2 members of the public and the clerk.

<b>03/19/01</b>	<b>Chairman 's Welcome</b> Chairman Isobel Grant welcomed those present to the meeting.
<b>03/19/02</b>	<b>Apologies For Absence</b> Apologies for absence were received and accepted from District Cllrs Robert Chambers and Julie Redfern and Cllr Guy Morrogh.
<b>03/19/03</b>	<b>Declarations Of Interests</b> Cllr Wade declared a personal interest in agenda item 03/19/10i.
<b>03/19/04</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> The following matters were raised; i. There will be a licensed drone taking photos of the Church in the middle of the month. ii. There is a workshop at Saffron Walden Museum on Saturday 9th March focusing on artefacts found in Wendens Ambo. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. iii. There is a Ha!Man workshop and performance on Saturday 23rd March in the Village Hall and Church. Tickets are available from Sue Watson. iv. Permission was requested for the Landscape Archaeologist to survey The Wick following on from the agreed works in Jubilee Wood in May. This was agreed as minimal impact and disturbance is assured.
<b>03/19/05</b>	<b>County Councillor`s Report</b> In the absence of County Cllr Moran, Chairman Grant detailed the 133 signatures ( further signatures now added) on the petition requesting action to repair Byway 10, collected by Cty Cllr Moran to deliver to County Cllr Kevin Bentley, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure. The Council extended thanks to the Simpsons for their hard work collecting signatures for the petition. Chairman Grant noted that the group of officers who solely deal with byways, and meet quarterly, are now aware of the issues with Byway 10. Chairman Grant detailed communication and reliability issues with the current road works on Station Road. The Council were not informed the works were taking place and it was noted that the lights were stuck on red on occasion.
<b>03/19/06</b>	<b>District Councillor`s Report</b> In the absence of District Cllr Redfern, Chairman Grant agreed to request an update regarding the parking issues behind the houses on Station Road. The Council noted that planning processes currently appear slower than normal.
<b>03/19/07</b>	<b>Previous Minutes</b> Councillors agreed the minutes of the February Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate record of proceedings and Chairman Isobel Grant signed the minutes.
<b>03/19/08</b>	<b>Clerk`s Report</b> i. Ickleton PC paid £4000 for their mobile speed sign in July 2018. ii. Stansted Airport Passenger Community Fund , Stansted Airport Community Trust and the Veolia Environmental Trust all do not support grant applications from Parish Councils. iii. District Cllr Redfern has confirmed that she will make a small contribution towards the Council`s proposed purchase of a moveable vehicle activated speed sign from the New Homes Bonus. No response has been received from District Cllr Chambers. It was noted that District Cllrs elected in May will have a new allocation of New Homes Bonus to distribute. iv. EALC had no recommendations for grant sources for the moveable vehicle activated speed sign, but suggested emailing the Grand Commissioners Office. Unfortunately the address given will not accept emails. Clerk to pursue.

	<p>v. A title register search confirmed that Wendens Ambo Parish Council are the registered owners of The Wick.</p> <p>vi. The light on Church Path is now working.</p> <p>vii. Nominations for the election commence 25th March, nomination packs can be obtained from the clerk or UDC offices. Completed nominations must be delivered by the candidate to the Committee Room at UDC Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden by 4pm on 3rd April. Polling day is 2 May, 7am - 10pm</p> <p>viii. Chairman Grant, Cllrs Grant, Farrimond and Wade announced that they shall not be standing at the election.</p> <p>ix. It was resolved that the clerk will request EALC forward personalised leaflets and posters to assist with publicity surrounding the election to encourage residents to stand for election. Leaflets will be delivered to every house, circulated on the village email, added to the website and placed on the notice board to ensure all residents are aware of the process , how to stand for election and what being a Parish Councillor involves.</p> <p>x. There shall be a Essex Police Rural Builders Community Event in Wendens Ambo on 27th March, 10am until midday.</p>
<b>03/19/09</b>	<p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <p>The clerk presented a statement and review of accounts and cheques for payment;</p> <p>814 - Wendens Ambo Village Hall - hire Jan/Feb/Mar 2019 - £30.00</p> <p>815 - Clerk`s salary February 2019 - £700.45</p> <p>816 - Clerk`s expenses February 2019 - £47.25</p> <p>817 - AJ Figge - streetlight electrical work - £170.00. These were agreed for payment.</p>
<b>03/19/10</b>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>i. UTT/19/0269/HHF - Springfield, Duck Street, Wendens Ambo Erection of cart barn/store. <u>The Council does not object to this application but requests that the hedge is retained as screening and questions whether the proposed height is compliant with planning law.</u></p> <p>ii. UTT/19/0224/CLP - Audley End Station, Station Road, Wendens Ambo Lawful development certificate for the proposed extension of the existing car park. <u>The Council objects to this application and is not happy that the proposals previously detailed in a planning application now come about through permitted development.</u></p> <p>It was resolved that Chairman Grant would prepare and circulate a response to the case officer, a letter to the local press letters pages and also contact the local press to raise awareness. The following planning decisions were noted;</p> <p>iii. UTT/18/3455/PAP30 - Mill House, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo Prior notification of change of use of a building from office(use Class B1) to 16 no. dwellings (use Class C3) - <u>Prior approval not required.</u></p> <p>iv. UTT/18/3267/FUL - 1 Bulse Farm Cottage, Duck Street, Wendens Ambo Proposed 1 no. dwelling. <u>Approved with conditions.</u></p> <p>v. UTT/18/2352/DOC - Draytons Hill Cottage, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo Application to discharge condition 2 (external finishes/samples/photos) and 3 (landscaping works) attached to UTT/17/2572/FUL dated 24/11/17. <u>Discharged conditions in full.</u></p> <p>vi. UTT/18/3442/HHF - Whiteditch Farm, Rookery Lane, Wendens Ambo Proposed addition of 2 no. Dormer windows and 3 no. standard windows on the front, rear and side elevations. 3 no. roof windows on the front elevation and 1 no. roof window on the side elevation. <u>Approved with conditions.</u></p>
<b>03/19/11</b>	<p><b>Village Works</b></p> <p>i. It was resolved that Chairman Grant would advertise in the village magazine requesting volunteers to undertake work on The Wick on 13th April, including filling rabbit holes, lopping branches and cleaning the wet pour surface.</p> <p>ii. Cllr Lovett confirmed that the replacement trees for Jubilee Wood should arrive this week. Volunteers to assist with planting are required.</p> <p>iii. Byway 10 discussed earlier in meeting.</p> <p>iv. It was resolved that the clerk will continue to research funding for the proposed purchase of a</p>

	<p>moveable vehicle activated speed sign.</p> <p>v. It was agreed that the clerk would review the asset register to confirm inclusion of the green triangle, the bollard on Dodna Lane, the grit bin in Rookery Lane, the metal shed at the Village Hall and the notice board.</p> <p>vi. The Spring Litter Pick is a 10.30am meet at the Village Hall on 16th March, volunteers welcome. It was agreed that Chairman Grant would liaise with Cllr Morrogh with a view to combining delivery of the litter pick notice with the election notice.</p> <p>vii. It was agreed that the work on the telephone box should be carried out by the new Council after the elections.</p> <p>viii. Parking behind Station Road already discussed.</p> <p>ix. Cllr Lovett confirmed that he is still awaiting a response from Essex Highways regarding the footpath in Rookery lane opposite Rookery Farm.</p> <p>x. Cllr Lovett confirmed that he is still awaiting a response from Essex Highways regarding the bridle path sign on Duck Street.</p>
<b>03/19/12</b>	<p><b>The Green Triangle</b></p> <p>i. It was agreed to consider improvements to the Green Triangle at the April PC meeting.</p> <p>ii. Chairman Grant confirmed that the transfer of the Green Triangle to the Parish Council is ongoing.</p> <p>iii. It was resolved to review the purchase of a metal memorial seat to be sited on the Green Triangle within the overall improvement plan.</p>
<b>03/19/13</b>	<p><b>Affordable Housing Survey</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Council should have a new survey conducted by RCCE, and that the newly elected Council could consider the matter once in place.</p>
<b>03/19/14</b>	<p><b>Matters to be raised for next meeting.</b></p> <p>i. New councillor training.</p> <p>ii. The Annual Parish Meeting is at 8pm on Monday 18th March, followed by refreshments.</p>
<b>03/19/15</b>	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>i. It was suggested that the Council offers a grant to anyone in full-time education for projects that improve the environment or help wildlife, such as bird feeding, bat boxes or hedgehog houses, with reports submitted to the Council bi-annually.</p> <p>ii. Concerns were raised following the discovery in the Village Hall car park of a teaspoon with soot marks to the base from heating with a flame. It was also noted that there are often unfamiliar cars in the car park at unusual times.</p>
	<p><b>Meeting closed at 21.15</b></p>

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting on 18th March, 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.