

Wendens Ambo Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 2nd March, 2020

Wendens Ambo Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo, Essex, CB11 4JX at 8pm.

Present: Chair Gail Gibbs, Cllr Kathryn Butterworth, Cllr Clive Glazebrook, Cllr Alan Lovett, Cllr Simon Rowley and Cllr Sam Slota-Newson.

In Attendance: District Cllrs Neil Gregory and Richard Pavitt, 5 members of the public, and the clerk.

03/20/01	Chair`s Welcome Chair Gail Gibbs welcomed everyone to the meeting.
03/20/02	Apologies For Absence Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllr Trevor Back.
03/20/03	Declarations Of Interests None.
03/20/04	Public Participation None.
03/20/05	County Councillor`s Report No report submitted.
03/20/06	District Councillor`s Report District Cllrs Neil Gregory and Richard Pavitt confirmed that the Local Plan appeal review is being undertaken by the Local Government Association, to establish why and where the plan went wrong and whether it should be thrown out and started again. Initial results are expected 10/03/2020 and UDC`s decision deadline is 31/03/2020. An Extra-Ordinary UDC meeting will be held at the Council Offices 31/03/2020 with an additional hour available for the public to express their opinions. District Cllrs Gregory and Pavitt offered to read out submissions from residents who are unable to attend.
03/20/07	Previous Minutes Councillors agreed the minutes of the February Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate record of proceedings and Chair Gail Gibbs signed the minutes.
03/20/08	Clerk`s Report The clerk reported; i. The Environment Agency have confirmed that they have forwarded the PC request to clear the flood debris behind the bridge at the ford to the local asset performance team and will confirm whether they can provide assistance. (03.02.2020) ii. Photographic evidence has now been received regarding the new graffiti under the viaduct and has been forwarded to the BTP. iii. The request to Highway Rangers for assistance in restoring pavement width along the B1039 between the station roundabout and the Village Hall, has been forwarded to County Cllr Moran as agreed. iv. Sue Watson has confirmed that her investigations to find out about the proper means of cleaning Portland Stone was unable to find a satisfactory diy method of cleaning the stone without damaging it and has contacted a specialist stone maintenance/reconstruction firm in regards to stonework problems at the church and intend to ask the representative who comes out to have a look about the proper method of cleaning Portland Stone and will report back. v. A reminder that the Litter Pick is on Saturday 4th April, meeting 2-4pm at the Village Hall.
03/20/09	Police Community Support Officer Chair Gibbs detailed discussions with Newport PC who considered a PCSO for some years, but opted for a Community Special Constable as they have more powers, and only expenses are paid by the Parish Council. The process is that the PC recruit for the role, interested parties apply through The Police, who interview and vet applications. Successful applicants are paid by the Police, with PC paying expenses. CSCs usually work approximately 16hours/week, and tend to be Police who wish to take on community

	<p>work as a special interest. It was agreed that Chair Gibbs would invite Les Hawkins to attend the Annual Parish Meeting between 1 March and 1 June to discuss the matter further.</p> <p><i>District Cllrs Neil Gregory and Richard Pavitt left the meeting.</i></p>
03/20/10	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>i. The clerk presented a statement and review of accounts and cheques for payment;</p> <p>DD - eSlip Ltd - monthly payroll February 2020 - £17.96</p> <p>873 - Clerk`s salary February 2020 - £313.72</p> <p>874 - Clerk`s expenses February 2020 - £50.20</p> <p>875 - Hall Hire Jan/Feb 2020 - £20.00</p> <p>These were agreed for payment.</p> <p>ii. It was agreed that Chair Gibbs should book the three EALC Chair training days as convenient.</p>
03/20/11	<p>Planning</p> <p>The following comments were agreed for return to Uttlesford District Council;</p> <p>i. UTT/20/0351/HHF - Kingfisher House, Duck Street, Wendens Ambo</p> <p>Extension of existing bedroom at first floor level in location of existing balcony, addition of pitched roof to existing dormer, addition of roof lights to existing loft space - <u>No objections.</u></p> <p>ii. The Regulation 14 Saffron Walden Neighbourhood Plan has been circulated on the village email to encourage parishioners to respond. It was agreed that Councilors would respond individually to the Plan.</p>
03/20/12	<p>War Memorial</p> <p>Sue Watson confirmed her appointment with a stone reconstruction company 10/03/2020 to investigate cleaning methods of the war memorial. Clerk to confirm whether the war memorial is on the PC asset register.</p>
03/20/13	<p>Website</p> <p>It was noted that Cllr Back has taken over as webmaster.</p>
03/20/14	<p>New Equipment on The Wick</p> <p>Cllr Butterworth detailed the suggestions put forward for The Wick, including;</p> <p>i. Built in community barbecue.</p> <p>ii. Inset trampoline.</p> <p>iii. Adult exercise equipment.</p> <p>iv. Table tennis table.</p> <p>Concerns were raised by some residents regarding;</p> <p>v. Loss of open space on The Wick.</p> <p>vi. Safety issues.</p> <p>vii. Maintenance issues.</p> <p>viii. Lack of public interest in the project.</p> <p>ix. Loss of wildlife habitat.</p> <p>x. Perceived use of new equipment.</p> <p>It was noted that only two responses were received from the requests for suggestions in the magazine and on the website, and resolved that the topic would be reconsidered at the Annual Parish Meeting, where all suggestions and quotations could be fully considered.</p>
03/20/15	<p>Yellow Line Parking Restrictions</p> <p>Legal but inconsiderate, and illegal parking along the road to the train station continues to be observed, and shall be monitored for future consideration.</p> <p>The Speed Watch Policing Team have visited, but their equipment failed, and so will return in the coming weeks.</p>
03/20/16	<p>School Transport</p> <p>i. Cllr Butterworth detailed the meeting with residents to discuss school transport issues;</p> <p>a. Those who attend their nearest school, but live too close to be eligible for free transport. The route is not safe and so transport should be provided free of charge.</p> <p>b. Bus charges of £5/day for children attending a school that isn't their nearest, even though it may be their catchment school.</p> <p>ii. It was agreed that the next steps would be;</p> <p>c. To apply for a member of the transport to school panel to walk the route, to prove the route is</p>

	<p>unsafe.</p> <p>d. Chair Gibbs will raise the inappropriate transport to school cost at the Transport Representative Meeting in Saffron Walden 19/03/2020.</p> <p>Support from concerned residents who do not have children to transport to school, was also noted and consideration was given to establishing a community minibus or not for profit company that could be eligible for grants to fund an alternative option.</p>
03/20/17	<p>Matters to be raised for next meeting.</p> <p>i. Relocation of 120+ sand bags.</p> <p>ii. Website.</p> <p>iii. Green triangle update.</p> <p>iv. Clerk`s notice of resignation.</p> <p>v. Chinnel Lane is blocked by a tree, and the steps from the footpath towards Horse Lane has been ruined by someone taking a horse through - Cllr Lovett to investigate.</p> <p>vi. Invite extended to everyone to a Spring Concert 14/03/2020, 7pm for a 7.30pm start.</p> <p>vii. Complaint from the public received regarding horse chestnut branches left on the bank between the cricket ground and main road.</p> <p>viii. The Parish council are disappointed to report that someone has knocked the heads off all the flower on The Wick.</p> <p>ix. A landowner has reported a tree down over the footpath by the stream, and damage caused to his stile by the main road which has left nails exposed. Professional repair has been sought.</p> <p>x. Annual Parish Meeting.</p>
03/20/18	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>None.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 21.10</p>

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 6th April, 2020 at 8pm in Wendens Ambo Village Hall.