

Wendens Ambo Parish Council
Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
9th May, 2016

Wendens Ambo Annual 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 Alan Lovett and Cllr Guy Morrogh and Cllr Ann Wade. In Attendance: District Cllr Robert Chambers, Parish Clerk and 5 Members of the Public.

05/16/01	Election of Chairman Cllr Isobel Grant was nominated as Chairman. Proposed; Cllr Wade. Seconded; Cllr Lovett There were no other nominations. Cllr Isobel Grant was unanimously elected Chairman and completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman, which was countersigned by the Clerk as Proper Officer of the Council.
05/16/02	Election of Vice-Chairman Cllr Dominic Russell was nominated as Vice-Chairman. Proposed; Cllr Jim Grant. Seconded; Cllr Lovett There were no other nominations. Cllr Dominic Russell was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman and completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman, which was countersigned by the Clerk as Proper Officer of the Council.
05/16/03	Chairman`s Welcome Chairman Grant welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Council Meeting.
05/16/04	Apologies For Absence Apologies for delayed arrival were received and accepted from Cllr Farrimond. It was agreed that agenda items relating to Cllr Farrimond would be discussed following his arrival. Apologies for early departure were received and accepted from District Cllr Robert Chambers.
05/16/05	Declarations Of Interests None declared.
05/16/06	Public Participation None.
05/16/07	Previous Minutes Councillors agreed the minutes of the April Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate records of proceedings and Chairman Isobel Grant signed the minutes.
05/16/08	Matters Arising <u>Maintenance</u> Cllr Jim Grant reported; i. lots of broken branches have been removed from Chinnel Lane with more still to be removed. ii. work will commence at the play park in May to repair the roof, which is loose. iii. the sign in Chinnel Meadow is aging and needs revarnishing. <u>Potholes, 20MPH Speed Limit and Rookery Lane</u> It was agreed that Cllr Russell would complete the letter to the Highways Maintenance Team tomorrow, including the lack of provision for pedestrians and reiterating that the Local Authorities are not utilising the local knowledge that Parish Councils can provide. Chairman Grant requested an update from District Cllr Chambers regarding the request from a member of the public at the April PC Meeting to arrange a visit from the Planning Dept to view the haphazard recent road markings and dangers on the cycle path. District Cllr Chambers confirmed that he is trying to arrange the meeting. District Cllr Chambers also confirmed that all Highways schemes are decided by the Highways Panel, but have to be signed off by Essex County Council and Eddie Johnson of ECC will not sign off the 20mph speed limit for Duck Street, and has given no reason for this, despite the speed limit being agreed by the Saffron Walden Panel. Only 2 out of 30 schemes were refused. District Cllr Chambers agreed to request that Eddie Johnson meets with the PC to view the area and explain his refusal and forward Eddie Johnson`s email address to Cllr Russell. It was agreed that the clerk would submit a Freedom of Information Request regarding the grounds for refusal. <u>Green Triangle</u> Chairman Grant detailed the proposal received from UDC following the site meeting with Ros

Millership, which can be considered in 2 parts; enabling off-road parking and improving the parking behind Station Road. The UDC proposal would enable residents of 2,4,6 Station Road to park in what is currently their front gardens and would provide 6 new spaces, would require the path to be widened, which would impact the grass triangle, and access for no 2 would be direct from Station Road. UDC propose to install bollards on the edge of the grass triangle and gift ownership of the triangle to the PC.

Cllr Andrew Farrimond arrived.

Following extensive debate it was agreed that the Parish Council cannot approve the proposal as it only addresses part of the problem and the Parish Council are not clear on the District Council's long term intentions for the area to the rear of the properties. The Parish Council would also require information from Highways confirming what they would or would not permit. It was agreed that Chairman Grant and Cllr Russell would circulate a draft letter to councillors inviting Roz Millership and Roger Harborough and District Cllr Julie Redfern to attend the June Parish Council meeting.

Chairman Grant thanked the public for their comments.

Walnut Trees On The Land Next To Glebe Cottages

The clerk reported that the 3 walnut trees have been inspected and are not considered to be of sufficient public amenity value to be made the subject of a TPO. The trees are relatively young, are not prominent features in the street scene and have been planted relatively close together, compromising their full development potential of their canopies.

It was agreed to challenge this decision on the following grounds;

- i. the current planning proposal to develop the site involves the removal of the hedge, so the trees will be viewed from the highway.
- ii. the trees on the site covered by TPOs are nearing the end of their lifespan
- iii. the privacy of neighbouring flats will be compromised by the removal of the walnut trees
- iv. wherever the buildings are located on the site, the trees will soften the view
- v. Highways comments relating to the previous application.

Transparency Code Funding

The clerk reported that EALC have confirmed their error in issuing the incorrect amount of funding. The remaining £600 will be forwarded shortly.

Telephone Box

There have been 2 suggested uses - a book or a plant exchange. It was agreed that the church team would aim to clear and clean the box before the village fair.

Annual Parish Meeting

Chairman Grant reported a reasonable attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday 24th April. Following on from the formal part of the meeting, the Parish Council provided a display of photographs of work carried out by the Parish Council throughout the year and refreshments were served.

Viaduct Graffiti

Cllrs have viewed the recent graffiti and agreed that Cllr Morrogh would liaise with David and Network Rail.

Fun Run Report

Cllr Farrimond reported a very successful fun run with 95 participants raising funds for The Millenium Trust.

School Transport

The local case has been refused on appeal. It was agreed that Cllr Farrimond will meet with the resident to discuss further action.

Affinity Water Planning Application

District Cllr Chambers reported that a condition of the application is that suitable screening is in place. District Cllr Chambers then left the meeting.

Church Renovations

Susan Watson reported that;

- i. Funding is in place and faculty approved for the floodlighting of the tower.
- ii. Approximately half of the estimated £13,600 is secured for the Memorial Garden, to include a place for cremated remains and a WW1 Memorial, and grant funding will be applied for when the faculty is granted.
- iii. The Legacy Fund will provide approximately one third of the cost for repairs to the tower.

	iv. Preparatory work is being carried out with design consultants regarding future projects - heating, lighting, toilet, kitchen and servery.
05/16/09	Financial Report Jim Grant presented a year end financial report and then a statement and review of accounts and cheques; 635 - Clerk`s salary April 2016 - £191.40 636 - HMRC April 2016 - £47.80 637 - Clerk`s expenses April 2016 - £71.80 638 - Expenses - storage boxes - £12.00 639 - Hardy landscapes - grass cut - £252.00 640 - Annual Parish Meeting expenses - £22.00 for payment. These were agreed. It was agreed to discuss Parish Council reserves at the June PC meeting.
05/16/10	Best Kept Churchyard Competition It was agreed not to progress this matter.
05/16/11	Village Plan Questionnaire It was agreed that Cllr Russell would circulate the updated draft to councillors for consideration.
05/16/12	Defibrillator Details Cllr Wade confirmed that upon dialling 999 the East of England Ambulance Service`s system flags up the nearest defibrillator and issues the code required to access the defibrillator. It was agreed that Cllr Wade would co-ordinate another training course for use of the defibrillator in the autumn.
05/16/13	Road Repairs To Sparrows End Hill Commencing 18th May It was agreed that the matter was being handled by Howard Rolfe who is liaising with ECC and Affinity Water with the hope of changing the start date to the week of half term to minimise disruption.
05/16/14	Correspondence It was agreed that permission would be granted for FOWAC to hold the Summer Fayre on The Wick on June 18th.
05/16/15	Matters To Be Raised For Next Meetings Agenda i. Proposed additional play equipment on The Wick. ii. Stewardship service - May 22nd - The Church have asked if a councillor would like to do a reading at the service. iii. Rave - May 7th - loud music 10pm-7.30am - complaints received.
05/16/16	Public Participation None.
	Meeting closed at 22.15

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is June 6th, 2016 at 8.00pm. The draft minutes of the meetings are posted on 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.