

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

Wendens Ambo Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo, Essex, CB11 4JX at 8pm. Present: Cllr Dominic Russell, Cllr Andrew Farrimond, Cllr Alan Lovett and Cllr Guy Morrogh. In Attendance: Parish Clerk and 6 Members of the Public.

11/16/01	<p>Chairman 's Welcome Vice- Chairman Dominic Russell welcomed those present to the meeting and explained that due to various mitigating circumstances agenda items would be heard out of turn to best accommodate the situation.</p>
11/16/02	<p>Apologies For Absence Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Jim Grant and District Cllr Robert Chambers. Apologies for delayed arrival were received and accepted from Chairman Isobel Grant and Cllr Ann Wade. Apologies for early departure were received and accepted from Cllr Dominic Russell.</p>
11/16/03	<p>Declarations Of Interests None declared.</p>
11/16/04	<p>Public Participation Tenzin provided documents detailing a proposal to establish an orchard in the village for consideration at the December Parish Council meeting.</p>
11/16/05	<p>Previous Minutes Councillors agreed the minutes of the October Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate records of proceedings and Vice-Chairman Dominic Russell signed the minutes. Chairman Isobel Grant arrived.</p>
11/16/06	<p>Clerk`s Report The clerk reported; i. Letter of objection to government proposals to introduce capping to the parish sector dispatched as circulated. ii. New documents acquired for signature to obtain delegate user access to Lloyds Bank. iii. 50 questionnaires printed and dispatched.</p>
11/16/09	<p>Friends Of Wendens Ambo Play Park Jocelyn Cole detailed FOWAPP`s proposal for new equipment at the play park to cater for younger age groups. Cllr Ann Wade arrived. FOWAPP wish to purchase equipment which encourages imaginative play and have investigated multiple providers accordingly. FOWAPP`s preferred option is Action Play and Leisure`s play boat, play car and play maze as they represent good value, (£5,592 + £580 installation) and complement current equipment and are available in a range of colour choices. The equipment will be located north of the existing equipment on glebe land, with the final location to be decided between FOWAPP and the Parish Council at the time of installation. Jocelyn detailed the individual panels that the maze will consist of and these include an ice-cream shop, post box, what time is it, 3 in a row game, driving test and other play panels. Current options for flooring are; i. safer grass matting £1575.00 = total £7,747.00 exc VAT ii. black wetpour £5428.80 =total £11,600.80 exc VAT iii. artificial grass £2655.00 = total £8,827.00 exc VAT It was agreed that Jocelyn would liaise with the supplier of the safer grass matting so councillors could visit a local site with the matting in situ as concerns were raised over the quality and lifespan of the product. Jocelyn also agreed to detail the selected equipment in an article for the parish magazine and village website welcoming comments from interested parties.</p>
11/16/07	<p>Financial Report a. The clerk presented a statement and review of accounts and cheques for payment; 667 - Hardy Landscapes - grass cutting - £252.00 668 - R Scott - website charges - £237.00 669 - Clerk`s salary October 2016 - £241.80 670 - Parish Magazine - £100.00 671 - Clerk`s expenses October 2016 - £104.84, which were agreed. b. It was agreed to update the assets register at the December meeting.</p>

	<p>c. It was agreed that the HR Sub-Committee would review the Working From Home Allowance paid to the clerk and report back at the December PC meeting.</p> <p>d. It was agreed to agree the budget at the December PC meeting.</p>
11/16/08	<p>Planning</p> <p>i. UTT/16/2897/HHF - Crispin St, Duck Street, Wendens Ambo. Demolition of garage. Erection of detached garage and single storey side extension - no comment.</p> <p>ii. UTT/16/2900/FUL - 2 Station Road, Wendens Ambo Proposed new vehicular crossover and hardstandings - no comment.</p> <p>iii. UTT/16/2387/FUL - 4 and 6 Station Road, Wendens Ambo. Proposed new vehicular crossover and hardstandings. It was agreed that Chairman Grant and Cllr Russell would write a letter detailing the Parish Council`s concerns;</p> <p>a. the application is not what was originally agreed and the front garden of no.6 has not been fully utilised as previously discussed and also supported by the resident of the property.</p> <p>b. there is no detail regarding the positioning of bollards on the application.</p> <p>c. there is no improvement to the condition of the area at the rear of the properties. The letter will be circulated for approval by councillors and dispatched by the clerk to the relevant planning officer, District Cllrs Robert Chambers and Julie Redfern, Ros Millership and Dawn French.</p>
11/16/10	<p>Village Plan Questionnaire</p> <p>Chairman Grant and Cllr Wade detailed their delivery of 12 questionnaires in Station Road and commented on the positive responses received. Areas of common concern raised to date include speed, traffic, the green triangle and maintenance and the proposed village sign. Cllr Russell and Cllr Farrimond agreed to deliver further questionnaires this Saturday afternoon subject to availability.</p>
11/16/12	<p>Village Works</p> <p>h. Cllr Russell confirmed that the Church Working Party have agreed to tackle the hedges on The Wick, commencing at 10am on 26th November. Cllr Lovett agreed to assist with guidance and the pub landlord has generously offered his land for a bonfire for disposal if required. Cllr Russell then left the meeting.</p> <p>a. Cllr Morrogh expressed thanks to the 20 adults and children who attended the litter pick, collecting 18 bags of rubbish and a bicycle.</p> <p>b. Cllr Morrogh confirmed that he is still awaiting a response from Network Rail regarding the graffiti under the viaduct.</p> <p>c. Cllr Farrimond confirmed that he has spoken to ECC and awaits a response regarding action on the school transport procedure. If no action is forthcoming Cllr Farrimond agreed to circulate a letter to interested parties gathering support.</p> <p>d. Cllr Wade confirmed receipt of one quotation for the works on the telephone box, and awaits further responses. It was agreed that Cllr Wade would contact Saffron Walden Museum and other villages with renovated boxes for restoration advice.</p> <p>e. Chairman Grant detailed complaints received regarding motorbikes crossing the garage forecourt and accessing the pedestrian path to and from the station. It was agreed that Chairman Grant would continue to liaise with Abelio Greater Anglia Company.</p> <p>f. Chairman Grant confirmed that the local press were not interested in running a story regarding the pothole situation and it was agreed that Chairman Grant would instead draft a letter to the paper and circulate to councillors for agreement.</p> <p>g. Cllr Morrogh shared pictures of the proposed new three panel notice board and it was agreed that the board would be preferable in dark oak. Cllr Morrogh agreed to liaise with Sue Watson regarding the Church`s choice of title for their section of the board, request permission from the PCC to locate the board on the grass next to the Village Hall gate entrance to the churchyard and request further quotations for the board.</p> <p>i. Chairman Grant detailed her continued attempts to communicate with Affinity Water regarding residents displeasure with the proposed final look of the Mill Lane works. UDC have confirmed that different rules apply for buildings than houses and are not interested in pursuing the Parish Council`s complaints.</p> <p>j. Chairman Grant expressed thanks to the helpers who assisted with the planting of bulbs on a rather chilly November morning.</p>
11/16/13	<p>Meeting Dates</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Farrimond would create a document specifying all school dates, village event dates and proposed PC meeting dates for 2017 for agreement at the December PC</p>

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11/16/14	Wildflower Meadow It was agreed that Chairman`s Grant`s offer to donate a large wooden trough to the Playgroup would be an excellent solution to the request from the Playgroup to use a small area of the wildflower meadow to grow vegetables, and would prevent the near certain destruction of the vegetables by the many rabbits in the area. It was noted that permission to site the trough on the land would still be necessary from the PCC.
11/16/15	Footpath Maintenance and Clearance Cllr Lovett confirmed that Highways have still not responded to his previous communication. It was agreed that the footpath in the worst condition is the footpath down to the viaduct on Rookery Lane and up to the main road and Tenzin kindly offered to prune the area when he walks that path.
11/16/16	Correspondence None.
11/16/11	Bollard In Dodna Lane Cllr Lovett confirmed that there has been no response from the footpath warden.
11/16/17	Matters To Be Raised For Next Meeting`s Agenda Proposed village orchard
11/16/18	Public Participation Members of the public raised the following issues; i. Sue Watson requested volunteers to act as parking marshals this Friday at Saint Marks to assist with parking for Sarah Hardingham`s funeral tea. ii. bushes are encroaching onto the pavement by the cycle path and also by the village stone. Highways Rangers previously trimmed this area. iii. The sign beyond Mill Lane on the left hand side was damaged approximately a year ago - Chairman Grant to forward location details to the clerk to request removal.
	Meeting closed at 22.05

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is 12th December 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.