

Wendens Ambo Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting 2nd October, 2017

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 Jo Slota-Newson and Cllr Ann Wade.

In Attendance: County Cllr John Moran, District Cllrs Robert Chambers and Julie Redfern, Parish Clerk and 1 Member of the Public.

10/17/01	Chairman 's Welcome Chairman Isobel Grant welcomed those present to the meeting. It was agreed to receive District Cllr Redfern's report at this point.
10/17/06	District Councillor's Report District Cllr Redfern confirmed that the Draft Local Plan Consultation has closed, that in excess of 3000 comments have been received and that she notes the ongoing transport concerns raised, including the M11 junction issues, current rush hour problems prior to any construction and the impact of the development on Audley End Station. Cllr Lovett detailed a development in nearby Eddington where infrastructure has been the first step, followed by the domestic buildings and District Cllr Redfern confirmed that this should be the process in the Draft Local Plan and that further detail will be made available within Regulation 19. District Cllr Redfern stated that insufficient houses would be delivered each year if only one settlement was approved. A member of the public arrived. District Cllr Chambers confirmed that he will not toe the party line if he is required to vote on the Draft Local Plan and District Cllr Chambers confirmed that she supports Regulation 18, but that she would not support Regulation 19 as it stands. <u>District Cllr Redfern left the meeting.</u> District Cllr Chambers agreed to report back to the Parish Council when he knows when UTT/17/2336/OP is being discussed.
10/17/02	Apologies For Absence Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Guy Morrogh.
10/17/04	Public Participation None.
10/17/05	County Councillor's Report County Cllr John Moran expressed his concerns over the provision of healthcare within the Draft Local Plan, confirming that town, district and county council's have no control over where GP surgeries are established and how high house prices restrict interest locally. County Cllr John Moran detailed his 26th October meeting with developers at Great Chesterford and offered to pass on any Parish Council comments if required. County Cllr John Moran reminded the Parish Council to submit to the Local Highways Panel Scheme for consideration for funding before the end of October and that schemes will be approved at the 15th Jan 2018 meeting at UDC, which the Parish Council can attend. County Cllr John Moran detailed a motion being presented to full council next week requesting central government adopt a less tolerant perspective to unauthorised encampments and financially support parish and town councils when they are forced to clear up from unauthorised encampments. County Cllr John Moran agreed to urgently request confirmation of who inspected the damaged, melted Royston Road between The Bell and the motorway bridge and deemed it "not below the minimum standard for repair", view their report, and circulate the information as it becomes available.
10/17/03	Declarations Of Interests No declarations.
10/17/07	Previous Minutes Councillors agreed the minutes of the September Parish Council meeting as a true and

	accurate record of proceedings and Chairman Isobel Grant signed the minutes.
10/17/08	<p>Clerk`s Report</p> <p>The clerk reported;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Receipt of 10 x 75cm new traffic cones, 5 cones have been refurbished and all have been marked WAPC on the inside. Traffic cones are available from Cllr Grant. ii. UTT/17/2336/OP - Gresham Court, Station Road, Wendens Ambo is confirmed as called into committee by District Cllr Chambers. iii. The planning for the installation of the replacement bench on Royston Road is ongoing. iv. Essex Countrywide Traveller Unit have advised that they are unable to attend any of the PC meeting dates and that their function is to process the management of encampment from arrival to vacation, and that preventative measures to minimise risk is the responsibility of local council, private landowners or Essex Highways with anti-social behaviour and criminal offences being handled by the police. v. Cllr Slota-Newson confirmed that a resident will take on the role of coordinator and it was agreed that the clerk would resend the related emails for information. vi. EALC have clarified that if the PC were to purchase a marquee and hire it out that the PC would be entering into a commercial venture and have to register for VAT and charge VAT on the hiring. If the PC were simply to purchase a marquee and reclaim the VAT then they would not be able to charge people to hire it out. EALC agreed that the adoption of a grant awarding policy would clearly state what the PC would fund, detailing the maximum level of grant available and noted the importance of the PC having the power to grant money to the individual case. vii. The Litter Pick is confirmed as Sat 14th October at 10.30am and leaflets will be dispatched this weekend. viii. Local Highways Panel Scheme submissions for funding relating to the proposed 20mph speed limit in Duck Street/Rookery Lane, Royston Road/Bearwalden Business Park junction and signage in Rookery Lane have been forwarded for consideration. ix. The condition of the pavement from The Old Post Office to Wenden Place Farm on Royston Road has again been reported to Highways ref: 2535393.
10/17/09	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The clerk presented a statement and review of accounts and cheques for payment; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 725 - PKF Littlejohn - external audit - £120.00 726 - Clerk`s salary - September 2017 - £282.07 727 - Clerk`s expenses - September 2017 - £62.10 728 - Hardy Landscapes - September cut of the Wick - £129.60 which were approved for payment. ii. It was agreed that the grant awarding policy, budget and application form would be considered at the November PC meeting. iii. The clerk confirmed that the external audit is now complete. Two mistakes were highlighted; the cost of employment was understated by £85.80 and one cheque payable to the clerk read £89.09 instead of £98.09. The clerk has now been reimbursed the £9. These amendments will be correctly reported in the prior year comparatives in the 2018 Annual Return. <p>In line with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 a Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been published on the notice board and on the Parish Council website alongside the Certified Annual Return.</p>
10/17/10	<p>Planning</p> <p>UTT/17/2572/FUL - Land adjacent to Drayton Hill Cottage, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo. Erection of one detached family residential dwelling and garage along with access and associated landscaping.</p> <p>It was resolved by a majority decision that the Parish Council would report a neutral comment to this application. It was agreed that the current application addresses many of the concerns and objections raised in response to the previous application, but that the Parish Council remains concerned over the dangerous access.</p> <p><u>District Cllr Chambers left the meeting.</u></p>
10/17/11	<p>Village Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. It was noted that the installation of bollards on the Green Triangle started today. ii. Chairman Grant awaits a quotation for the repair to the entrance of The Wick. iii. It was resolved that the clerk would request further quotations for the cutting of the hedge on The Wick.

	<p>iv. It was resolved that Cllrs Grant and Wade would mark out an area on The Wick for the Wildflower Area.</p> <p>v. Cllr Lovett confirmed that he has cut an area of Chinnel Meadow leaving the area intended for use as an orchard uncut and that he will meet with a resident to mark where the trees will be planted.</p> <p>vi. Cllr Wade confirmed that her contact has agreed in principle to undertake the renovation of the telephone box, and is going to take a look at the box and then provide a quotation for the works.</p> <p>vii. Some Duck Street residents intend to purchase road signs to locate on their property, it was noted that the signs would not be enforceable.</p> <p>viii. It was noted that there are 150 empty sandbags available if required on application to Cllr Jim Grant.</p> <p>ix. It was resolved to consider the purchase of speed cameras for use within the parish at the November PC meeting.</p> <p>x. It was resolved to place an advertisement in the Parish News in support of the Youth Club and asking volunteers to step forward to run it.</p>
10/17/12	<p>Update on Church Renovation Work</p> <p>It was resolved to receive an update on the Church renovation works at the November PC meeting.</p>
10/17/13	<p>Air Quality At Audley End Station</p> <p>It was resolved to agree the location of the signs to be erected within Audley End Station car park asking drivers not to leave their engines running to help improve air quality, at the November PC meeting.</p>
10/17/14	<p>Village Plan</p> <p>Cllr Farrimond reported receipt of 37 responses to the online survey and agreed to send a reminder email and also generate a paper survey for distribution with the November Parish News.</p>
10/17/15	<p>Windmill Crossing</p> <p>It was agreed by a majority decision to withdraw the Parish Council's objection to Network Rail's (Essex and Others Level Crossing Reduction) Order Level Crossing: E11 Windmills, following receipt of confirmation from Network Rail that the footpath crosses private land and that Network Rail propose to compulsorily acquire the necessary rights to construct the new footpath.</p>
10/17/16	<p>Boxing Day Treasure Hunt</p> <p>It was resolved that the Parish Council would provide a £70 budget for the Boxing Day Treasure Hunt.</p>
10/17/17	<p>Village Meeting</p> <p>It was resolved to host a meeting of village associations on 18th March 2018.</p>
10/17/18	<p>Matters to be raised for next meeting's agenda</p> <p>i. Entrance to The Wick.</p> <p>ii. Saffron Walden Conservation Report</p> <p>iii. Mobile Library consultation</p> <p>iv. Precept setting</p> <p>v. Hedge on The Wick - need for quotations</p> <p>vi. Church renovations update following PC grant</p>
10/17/19	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>A member of the public commented that he thought that the VAT turnover would be £90K for payment of VAT - clerk to investigate the formalities.</p> <p>A member of the public noted that it would be nice if the historic painting of the Windmill which used to hang in the village hall, was located and reinstated.</p>
	Meeting closed at 22.02

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is 6th November, 2017 at 8pm in Wendens Ambo Village Hall. 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.

