

Wendens Ambo Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 2nd September, 2019

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

Present: Cllr Gail Gibbs, Cllr Alan Lovett and Cllr Simon Rowley.

In Attendance: District Cllr Neil Gregory, 13 members of the public, and the clerk.

09/19/01	<p>Election of Chair</p> <p>Following the resignation of Chair Guy Morrogh as Chair and Parish Councillor, Cllr Gail Gibbs was nominated as Chairman.</p> <p>Proposed; Cllr Alan Lovett. Seconded; Cllr Simon Rowley.</p> <p>There were no other nominations.</p> <p>Cllr Gail Gibbs 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.</p>
09/19/02	<p>Apologies For Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received and accepted from District Cllr Richard Pavitt and Cllr Kathryn Butterworth.</p>
09/19/03	<p>Declarations Of Interests</p> <p>None.</p>
09/19/04	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Gigaclear</u></p> <p>Gigaclear's Community Engagement Officer, Sophie Winter and Delivery Manager, Gary Darvill delivered a presentation and update on Gigaclear's forecast of scheduled works in Wendens Ambo. Sophie confirmed that during their 10 years, Gigaclear have delivered full fibre connection to 70,000 rural properties and locally are working with Essex County Council to build fully open access networks which any service provider can sell. Sophie went on to explain how BT provide copper wire as part of all their packages where as Gigaclear are full fibre connections, with a connection pot delivered to each property boundary, where interested residents can then organise installation to their properties on the following packages; 900Mbps £75/month, 300Mbps £45/month, 30Mbps £35/month with free installation up to 100m.</p> <p>Updates on road works and road closures relating to the connection to 308 properties in Wendens Ambo will be provided to the Clerk to circulate and will also be available at roadworks.org.</p> <p>The delay in delivery is a result of difficulties with dependencies, including engineering difficulties, permits, challenging wayleaves for private land, conflicting road works and build area connection. Gary detailed the ongoing recruitment drive aimed at increasing their work force to complete works and it was confirmed that the current estimate is that their service will be available from May 2020, subject to change. Gigaclear can be contacted on 01865 591137, gigaclear.net, networkbuildcare@gigaclear.com and on Facebook @GigaclearNetworks.</p> <p>Following questions from the public Sophie and Gary confirmed that all works are guaranteed and should potholes result from their works then Gigaclear would return to repair the area. It was also noted that the Gigaclear connection can be used to make calls with Vonage (at an additional cost of less than £10/month) and remove the need for a separate phone line.</p> <p><u>Greater Anglia</u></p> <p>Stuart Freer, Relationship Manager for Greater Anglia, Development Manager Marek Doweiko and Luke Coffey, Engineering Consultant from Mott McDonald Ltd spoke about the background to their plans for Audley End Station car park, prior to submission of another formal application, which they anticipate in coming months, linked to their predicted forecast growth taken from Department for Transport figures. Luke proceeded to detail their reported 26% increase in use at Audley End in 2017/18 and a current occupancy of 85% of the current car park, with a forecast 45% passenger increase in the next few years, based on unidentified Network Rail data alongside the introduction of previously unmentioned Bombardier trains that will provide an additional 563 or 366 seats. Luke</p>

	<p>detailed proposals to improve cycle parking and promote the sustainable use of transport and noted previously raised concerns regarding the landscape bank, which the new proposal will replace with a fence, lighting concerns, which he claims will be delivered with no detrimental impact to residents, alongside mitigation to resolve noise and air quality concerns previously raised.</p> <p>The public raised concerns;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Previous consent had detailed retention of the bank and trees that is now ignored. ii. Local issues with residents receiving penalty fees for visiting the shop for short periods and also dropping off and collecting from the station. iii. Air quality in the car park. iv. The 45% increase detailed works out as an additional 1800 commuters/day, which appears completely implausible, data to back up the figures was requested but not forthcoming. <p>Stuart confirmed that he will ensure that as much information as possible is available to the public and confirmed that the data detailed is publically available in the Franchise Agreement on the Department for Transport website, which specifically details the requirement to provide extra car parking spaces, despite the limitations being a franchisee presents.</p> <p>Marek went on to confirm that Audley End station car park is already one of the largest car parks in the network, and when asked whether Greater Anglia's interest to extend the car park was to fulfill franchise obligations or for financial reasons, explained that as Greater Anglia's franchise expires in 2026, should the planning procedure be delayed for another year, then it would not be financially viable to pursue the application.</p> <p><u>Public</u></p> <p>A member of the public requested that his previous requests to extend the 30mph limit to the edge of the village where there are properties, but no pavements, are further pursued with County Cllr Moran.</p>
09/19/05	<p>County Councillor's Report</p> <p>None.</p>
09/19/06	<p>District Councillor's Report</p> <p>District Cllr Neil Gregory reported that the Stansted Airport application has been referred back to to Planning Committee who aim to improve the adequacy of any s106 funds.</p> <p>Mid August the Planning Inspectors announced a further consultation period for the Local Plan as additional documents have not been and require consultation, delaying the Inspectors decision until mid October.</p> <p>District Cllr Richard Pavitt is investigating the significant drop in water levels in the Cam, with most of the current flow being sewage run off, which subsequently causes further issues.</p> <p>District Cllr Neil Gregory recommended that when the Audley End car park application is submitted, that the Parish Council contact County Cllr Moran and request that highways do a site visit and conduct a survey.</p>
09/19/07	<p>Co-Option of New Councillors</p> <p>Trevor Back, Clive Glazebrook and Sam Slota-Newson were co-opted onto the Parish Council and completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was countersigned by the Clerk.</p>
09/19/08	<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>Councillors agreed the minutes of the July Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate record of proceedings and Chair Gail Gibbs signed the minutes.</p>
09/19/09	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>The clerk reported;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Submission of a grant application to the Community Initiative Fund for £2850.36 towards the £4100.36 vehicle activated sign project previously led by Guy Morrogh. A supportive letter from County Cllr Moran is required by CIF and was requested 22/08/19. Clerk to chase. ii. The process has been started to add new Councillors as signatories to the Council bank account and remove retired Councillors, signatures required. iii. Jim Grant has kindly agreed to continue updating the website in the short term. iv. Further to the circulated information, should the Council wish to apply for residents parking, this can be done through the North Essex Parking Partnership website. The process can take up to 18 months and proposals require the support of a County Councillor.

	v. Cllr Lovett and the clerk attended the play park last week, as a result of a call from the public, and removed a significant amount of broken glass from the wooden climbing frame, slide and surrounding area. Village email was sent advising residents to be vigilant and take care in the play park.
09/19/10	Financial Report i. It was agreed to defer consideration of Great Chesterford Parish Council's call for funding to the October meeting to enable the new Council to consider the information, and also to engage with Newport Parish Council regarding their fund raising. ii. The clerk presented a statement and review of accounts and cheques for payment; DD - eSlip monthly payroll July 2019 - £17.96 842 - UDC Election costs - £115.35 843 - Hardy Landscapes Ltd - July grass cutting - £381.60 844 - Clerk's salary July - £313.72 845 - Clerk's salary August - £313.92 846 - Clerk's expenses July - £47.25 847 - Clerk's expenses - £47.25 848 - Hardy Landscapes Ltd - August grass cutting - £285.60 These were agreed for payment.
09/19/11	Planning The following comments were agreed for return to Uttlesford District Council; i. UTT/19/1816/HHF - 31 Station Road, Wendens Ambo Installation of a dropped kerb to allow vehicular access to driveway. <u>No objections.</u> ii. UTT/19/1869/HHF - 33 Station Road, Wendens Ambo Vehicle crossing and hardstanding. <u>No objections.</u> iii. UTT/19/1870/HHF - 35 Station Road, Wendens Ambo Vehicle crossing and hardstanding. <u>No objections.</u> The following planning decisions were noted; iv. UTT/19/0954/FUL - Land South of the Mill, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo Development of 14 dwellings with associated landscaping, internal roads, parking and drainage infrastructure - <u>Withdrawn.</u> v. UTT/19/1329/HHF - Eastbury, Clanver End, Arkesden Road, Wendens Ambo Change to front fenestration and internal changes to ancillary outbuilding. <u>Approved with conditions.</u> vi. UTT/19/1560/OP - Land Adjacent/east Norton House, Norton End, Rookery Lane, Wendens Ambo Outline planning application with all matters reserved except access for the erection of 1 no. dwelling and associated works. <u>Approved with conditions.</u>
09/19/12	The Wick It was agreed to defer this item until the October meeting.
09/19/13	Councillor Training It was agreed that the clerk would circulate suggested modules for the training on Monday 23rd September for agreement by Councillors.
09/19/14	Telephone Box It was agreed to defer this item until the October meeting.
09/19/15	The Green Triangle It was agreed to defer this item until the October meeting and Cllr Slota-Newson agreed to help move the project forward.
09/19/16	Projector It was agreed that Chair Gibbs would liaise with Guy Morrogh for decision at the October meeting.
09/19/17	Gigaclear Item covered during public participation.
09/19/18	Parish Council Policies It was agreed to defer this item until the October meeting.
09/19/19	Church Path Parking Chair Gibbs resolved to speak to the North Essex Parking Partnership regarding the likelihood of establishing residents parking on Church Path.

09/19/20	Memorial Tree and Plaque The council agreed that the memorial tree should be planted on the side that runs parallel to the barn, not the flint wall side and it was agreed that the Council would purchase a plaque, with Sue Watson providing the wording for the plaque.
09/19/21	Audley End Station Car Park It was agreed that District Cllr Gregory was liaising with Greater Anglia regarding parking issues. Cllr Slota-Newson resolved to investigate the Department for Transport figures utilised by the Greater Anglia team.
09/19/22	Matters to be raised for next meeting. i. Councillor responsibilities. ii. Parish Council future works.
09/19/23	Public Participation The following items were highlighted; i. Residents bonfires have been causing a nuisance for some, would the Council consider participating in UDC's green waste scheme where a skip is provided once a week for an hour for residents to dispose of garden waste. ii. John Jenkinsons plaque is incorrectly spelled. iii. Concerns were raised regarding the four loud concerts at The Bell PH this year.
	Meeting closed at 21.50

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 7th October, 2019 at 8pm in Wendens Ambo Village Hall. The draft minutes of the meetings are posted on 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.