

Wendens Ambo Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 1st February, 2021

Wendens Ambo Parish Council Meeting on Zoom at 8pm.

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

In Attendance: County Councillor John Moran, District Councillor Neil Gregory, one member of the public and the clerk.

02/21/01	Chair`s Welcome Chair Gail Gibbs welcomed everyone to the meeting.
02/21/02	Apologies For Absence Apologies for absence were received and noted from District Councillor Richard Pavitt and Councillor Trevor Back.
02/21/03	Declarations Of Interests None.
02/21/04	Public Participation A member of the public explained how KOMP is a one-button computer, made specifically for isolated individuals who have little to no experience using smartphones, computers and tablets. Parish Council support was requested in overcoming the obstacle of cost. It was noted that District Councillors have offered a contribution, and that enquiries are ongoing as to whether the machines could be rented for a trial period. Early investigations indicate that there may be seven households in Wendens Ambo that could benefit from KOMP. There will be a two page spread in the February Village Views, and further information will be shared as it becomes available. County Councillor Moran noted that Essex County Council are looking for initiatives to help with isolation issues, will have money available after May and would be very interested in being involved. It was noted that costs are £39 per month, plus a dongle would be required to access the internet, which would be an additional estimated £30 per month.
02/21/05	County Councillor`s Report County Councillor John Moran reported; i. Flooding has been a big issue in recent weeks, with one cabinet member responsible for water that falls on the highway, and another responsible for water that falls elsewhere. Essex Highways are investigating the recent flooding on the edge of Newport, and are considering prosecutions, and ECC are also currently reviewing riparian responsibilities. ii. The Lord Butler Centre is open on Saturdays as part of the Covid vaccination programme and is working well with patients in and out in fifteen minutes. iii. Test and trace is being run by ECC at Fairycroft House , and can be booked online or drop in. iv. Many residents in care homes have been vaccinated, with only ten care homes in the whole of Essex not currently completed. An issue has been that you have to wait three months to receive the vaccine if you have had covid. v. Micro grants are now available to assist with the covid crisis. vi. Ongoing work has continued with the District Councilors regarding speeding and temporary Chief Inspector Cox has been asked to increase activity in the area. Chair Gibbs asked whether the 30mph speed limit will be extended to the west of the village and County Cllr Moran confirmed that he is hoping to get the works into the system at the Local Highways Panel`s February Meeting, in the hope that works could be achieved within the next year. <i>County Councillor Moran left the meeting.</i>
02/21/06	District Councillor`s Report District Cllr Neil Gregory detailed the ongoing discussions with temporary Chief Inspector Cox regarding rural crime and speeding. Essex Police engaged quickly and have responded confirming that they will undertake additional spot checks.
02/21/07	Previous Minutes Councillors agreed the minutes of the January Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate records of proceedings and Chair Gail Gibbs devolved power to the Clerk to sign the minutes on her behalf.

02/21/08	Clerk`s Report i. I have still been unable to pay the website invoices as there are no payment details on the invoices, and their system won`t allow me to log in to request support. I have emailed and requested the information. ii. I have submitted the 2020 VAT claim form for £574.70. iii. A thank you letter has been sent to ECC for the Micro Grant that funded the telephone box renovation. iv. The precept form has been submitted to UDC.
02/21/09	Financial Report i. The clerk presented a statement and review of accounts and invoices for payment; DD - eSlip Ltd - monthly payroll - £17.96 OP - Clerk`s January salary - £434.97 OP - Clerk`s January expenses - £47.25 These were agreed for payment.
02/21/10	Planning The following comments were agreed for return to Uttlesford District Council; i. UTT/21/0083/HHF - Farthings, Clanver End, Arkesden Road, Wendens Ambo Additional first storey extension, demolition of garage, annex and car port, removal of conservatory - <u>The Parish Council agreed that they are supportive of this application.</u> ii. UTT/21/0014/HHF - 3 Church Path, Church Street, Wendens Ambo Conversion of detached garage to residential ancillary use for art studio, store, shower room and bedroom - <u>The Parish Council agreed that they are supportive of this application.</u> iii. UTT/20/3442/DFO - Land Rear Of Chaumiere, Nats Lane, Wendens Ambo Details following outline application UTT/18/2572/OP - Details of the appearance, scale and layout of the proposed new dwelling with integral double garage and associated landscaping - <u>It was agreed that the Parish Council do not object to this application, but request that Tree Protection Orders are put in place to protect the trees along the southern boundary to ensure privacy for the neighbouring property.</u> The following planning decision was noted; iv. UTT/20/3286/DOC - Millside Barn, Mill Lane, Wendens Ambo Application to discharge condition 2 (Mitigation Licence) attached to UTT/19/0716/FUL - <u>Discharge conditions in full.</u> <i>District Councillor Neil Gregory left the meeting.</i>
02/21/11	Adopt A Station It was noted that the Parish Council cannot participate in Greater Anglia`s Station Adopter Scheme, but any interested residents are welcome to collect the pack from Chair Gibbs should they wish to participate.
02/21/12	The Wick Councillor Lovett confirmed that he had requested a quotation for the removal of the main heavy limbs from the hollow trunk of the old ash tree at the top of The Wick. The quote has not yet been received.
02/21/13	Christmas Tree Lights on the Green Triangle Following receipt of a request to install Christmas lights on the tree on the Green Triangle, the Parish Council agreed that although this is a good idea, there is no viable electrical supply available and the cost involved with running a new supply would be prohibitive. The clerk noted that a local council installed solar powered lights on a tree this year, with limited success.
02/21/14	Matters to be considered for the next meeting`s agenda i. Post Covid social event. ii. Play park signage and consideration of the installation of a hand sanitiser station. iii. Air quality testing. iv. SP21 water quality.
	Meeting closed at 8.59pm

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 1st March, 2021 at 8pm, on Zoom.