

Wendens Ambo Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 7th June, 2021

Wendens Ambo Parish Council Meeting in St Mary Mary the Virgin Church, Wendens Ambo at 8pm.

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

In Attendance: County Councillor Paul Gadd, District Councillors Neil Gregory and Richard Pavitt. Eight members of the public and the clerk.

06/21/01	<p>Chair`s Welcome</p> <p>Chair Gail Gibbs welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced recently elected County Councillor Paul Gadd to the meeting.</p>
06/21/02	<p>Apologies For Absence</p> <p>None.</p>
06/21/03	<p>Declarations Of Interests</p> <p>None.</p>
06/21/04	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>Councillor Lovett noted receipt of complaints that walkers are not keeping to footpaths and wandering over farmers fields. Councillor Lovett also noted that the low branches on the footpath under the viaduct will be cut in the next day or so.</p>
06/21/05	<p>Co-Option of New Councillor</p> <p>Christopher Howitt was co-opted onto the Parish Council, and it was agreed that the clerk would provide the Notice of Co-Option , declaration of Acceptance of Office and Declaration of Members Interests for Cllr Howitt to complete and sign and the clerk to countersign, as soon as is practicable.</p>
06/21/06	<p>County Councillor`s Report</p> <p>County Councillor Paul Gadd confirmed that he will try to attend every second or third Parish Council meeting and told the council to get in touch with any issues. County Cllr Gadd suggested that if parish issues are collated, there could be the opportunity for him to push them through the county system for action, although the system also relies on local reports.</p> <p>County Cllr Gadd detailed the £10,000 Essex County Council fund available to County Councillors to spend within their division for local good.</p> <p>Cllr Slota-Newson confirmed that the main concerns for Wendens Ambo are speeding related and cycle route provision. The Parish Council continue to work towards extending the 30mph speed limit west out of the village and introducing a 20mph speed limit on Duck Street and Rookery Lane. County Cllr Gadd noted that ECC have not spent any money in the last financial year on cycle provision, and are not intending to this year. County Cllr Gadd hopes to get ECC and UDC`s cycle strategy changed as nothing has been implemented in the last five years.</p>
06/21/07	<p>District Councillor`s Report</p> <p>District Councillor Neil Gregory;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Reiterated the importance of reporting all speeding offences, as related action is data driven. The more reports made, the more likely action will be taken. ii. Noted an extra-ordinary meeting being held this week to appoint an interim Chief Executive following the approaching retirement of Dawn French. iii. The publication of the call for sites data is imminent, it is important to note that Cambridgeshire received twenty times the number of proposed sites than they required. <p>District Councillor Richard Pavitt confirmed;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> iv. The Secretary of State is yet to take a decision regarding Stansted Airport, UDC has the funds to cover the related costs if necessary, although this would be a disappointing result. v. Anglian Water continue to communicate with UDC, and say that they have plans to upgrade their facilities which should reduce the flooding of The Cam with sewerage. vi. As part of the recently declared climate change emergency, a budget of £1 million has been provided for works at grass roots level. An email is expected regarding parishes appointing a green champion to

	<p>identify low scale ideas to make a positive change. <i>County Cllr Gadd left the meeting.</i></p>
06/21/08	<p>Previous Minutes Councillors agreed the minutes of the May Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate records of proceedings and Chair Gail Gibbs signed the minutes.</p>
06/21/09	<p>Clerk`s Report The clerk reported; i. The internal audit is underway, and I shall meet with the auditor this week. ii. The PC insurance have confirmed that no additional insurance will be required for the village social event. Cllr Lovett noted that the Village Views advertisement states that the social event is Parish Council run. Chair Gibbs agreed to liaise with the organisers to reword future adverts as the event is not run by the Parish Council. iii. The East of England Ambulance Service have been in touch and sent replacement defibrillation pads as the ones on the defibrillator are now out of date. Instructions have been provided on the replacement process.</p>
06/21/10	<p>Financial Report i. The clerk presented a statement and review of accounts and invoices for payment; DD - eSlip Ltd - monthly payroll and end of year - £35.92 OP - Hardy Landscapes - grass cutting May - £304.80 OP - Clerk`s salary May 2021 - £436.17 OP - Clerk`s expenses May 2021 - £55.95 OP - Church hire May PC meeting - £10.00 These were approved for payment.</p>
06/21/11	<p>Planning The following planning decisions were noted; i. UTT/21/1702/DOC - Mill House, Royston Road, Wendens Ambo Application to discharge condition 2 (contamination) attached to UTT/19/1631/PAO3 - <u>Discharge conditions in full.</u> ii. UTT/21/1087/FUL - The Cottage, Audley End Business Centre, Mutlow Hill, Wendens Ambo Removal of existing lobby linking The Cottage and The Barn to re-establish two separate business premises. Erection of replacement lobby to 'The Cottage' to provide wc, shower and kitchen - <u>Approved with conditions.</u> iii. UTT/21/1088/LB - The Cottage, Audley End Business Centre, Mutlow Hill, Wendens Ambo Removal of existing lobby linking The Cottage and The Barn to re-establish two separate business premises. Erection of replacement lobby to 'The Cottage' to provide wc, shower and kitchen - <u>Approved with conditions.</u> iv. UTT/21/0896/HHF- Pekin Cottage, Duck Street, Wendens Ambo Proposed single storey side extension - <u>Approved with conditions.</u> v. 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>Approved with conditions.</u> vi. The Audley End Estate has notified the Parish Council that as part of UDC`s call for sites, they have put forward two areas of land to the north of Royston Road, Wendens Ambo for consideration. The Audley End Estate suggest that the land is suitable for a few dozen homes. The Parish Council noted that many more sites may be put forward than are required and that if the sites are selected the Parish Council and residents will get the opportunity to comment on the application , once it is submitted, as with all planning applications. District Cllr Gregory confirmed that by the end of June UDC should have published the raw data detailing the sites put forward. By September the sites should be ranked in order of suitability. <i>District Councillors Neil Gregory and Richard Pavitt left the meeting, along with three members of the public.</i></p>
06/21/12	<p>Parish Council Website A member of the public requested that the Parish Council assets are added to the website.</p>

	Cllr Howitt resolved to provide links to the old website on the new site and the Council agreed that the use of links is preferable to reduce the need to update unrelated information.
06/21/13	Goal Post And Nets On The Wick Cllrs Slota-Newson and Stringer resolved to put up the net stored in the shed and look into ordering another replacement net.
06/21/14	Gas Provision In Wendens Ambo Cllr Rowley confirmed that the local supplier cadent doesn't consider supply more than 40 metres from a gas main. Provision is not possible over the railway bridge and as the gas main stops just south of the station, there are unlikely to be homes within 40 metres of that main, so the cost would be prohibitive. There are no current schemes for subsidised costs, but this may change as oil heating gets phased out in the future.
06/21/15	Parish Council Laptop The Parish Council resolved to purchase a new laptop using the remaining £545 grant awarded in 2017. Cllr Butterworth resolved to forward details to the Clerk of their recent laptop purchase and Cllr Slota-Newson agreed to request recommendations from the IT team at his work.
06/21/16	Matters to be considered for the next meeting's agenda i. Tree plaques. Cllr Stringer resolved to email the map and pass the plaques on to Sue Watson, who has kindly offered to reinstate the plaques. ii. Mains drainage.
	Meeting closed at 9.07pm

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 5th July, 2021 at 8pm, venue to be finalised.