

Wendens Ambo Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 4th October, 2021

Wendens Ambo Parish Council Meeting in Wendens Ambo Village Hall, Wendens Ambo at 8pm.

Present: Chair Gail Gibbs, Councillors Kathryn Butterworth, Alan Lovett and Simon Rowley.

In Attendance: County Cllr Paul Gadd, one member of the public and the clerk, Amanda Lindsell

10/21/01	Chair`s Welcome Chair Gail Gibbs welcomed everyone to the meeting.
10/21/02	Apologies For Absence Apologies for absence were received and noted from District Cllr Richard Pavitt. Apologies for delayed arrival were received and noted from District Cllr Neil Gregory.
10/21/03	Declarations Of Interests None.
10/21/04	Public Participation A member of the public asked whether the correspondence regarding the tree on the Wick would be covered. The clerk confirmed that the issue raised would be addressed within agenda item 10/21/14. A member of the public asked whether the Council were sending out a note to residents regarding mains sewerage. Chair Gibbs confirmed that she has been preparing the note for submission in the November magazine. A member of the public explained that they have explored fully what it means to apply for a permit for a septic tank within an SPZ1 and confirmed that if the weepers are on your land there is no need to apply, but if the weepers are on an adjoining property an application is required. The resident offered to talk through the process with any interested parties.
10/21/05	County Councillor`s Report County Councillor Gadd submitted a report, attached as appendix one. <i>District Cllr Neil Gregory arrived.</i>
10/21/06	District Councillor`s Report District Cllr Neil Gregory provided an update, including; i. The report on UDC`s planning function goes to scrutiny on Thursday and can be accessed on UDC`s website, agenda item 8. The report lays out in ruthless detail just how bad the planning function has been and is currently rated 343 out of 358 in the country. There is going to be a lot of discussion on how, when and coordinating the supervision of improvement. Jeanette Walsh is in charge of the transformation. The department is just on the cusp of being referred to the ministry of special measure due to the underperformance of the department and the consultants have made very clear recommendations. The application for judicial review for Stansted was turned down by the judge, and a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday to discuss the next steps. District Cllr Pavitt is accelerating his works with the various water related groups and companies and the many non-acceptable incidents including sewage spillage into rivers, into gardens, loss of pressure due to lack of capacity are beginning to be addressed. <i>County Cllr Gadd and District Cllr Gregory left the meeting.</i>
10/21/07	Previous Minutes Councillors agreed the minutes of the September Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate records of proceedings and Chair Gibbs signed the minutes.
10/21/08	Clerk`s Report The clerk reported that the hedge on The Wick has been cut, although the work has not yet been completed due to machinery failure. The Council were asked whether they will also undertake cutting of the hedge on the east side of The Wick and the Council resolved to discuss it at the November meeting.
10/21/09	Financial Report The clerk circulated a statement and review of accounts and invoices for payment; Bouncy Castle – village event – reimburse Cllr Butterworth - £215.00

	<p>eSlip Ltd – monthly payroll - £17.96 Unity Trust Bank – quarterly charge - £18.00 Hardy Landscapes – September grass cutting - £152.40 Clerk's salary September - £436.17 Clerk's expenses September - £47.25 HMRC – quarterly PAYE - £89.80 These were approved for payment. Chair Gibbs noted that the village celebration made a £729.04 profit and the organizing committee have asked for the funds to be held in the Council account, ring fenced for Jubilee celebrations in 2022.</p>
10/21/10	<p>Planning The following comments were agreed for return to Uttlesford District Council; UTT/21/2884/DOC – 3 Church Path, Wendens Ambo Application to discharge condition 3 (Biodiversity enhancement layout) and 4 (lighting design scheme) attached to UTT/21/0014/HHF – <u>No objections.</u></p>
10/21/11	<p>Website The Council agreed to receive the update at the November meeting.</p>
10/21/12	<p>Highways Devolution Scheme The Council resolved that they do not wish to participate in the Highways Devolution Scheme.</p>
10/21/13	<p>Councillor Roles and Responsibilities The following roles and responsibilities were suggested; The Wick – Chair Gibbs and Cllr Butterworth Play Area – Cllr Butterworth Road Safety – Chair Gibbs and Cllr Rowley Footpaths – Cllr Lovett Green Triangle - Cllr Slota-Newson Website – Cllr Howitt Planning Committee – Chair Gibbs, Cllrs Lovett and Butterworth HR Committee – Chair Gibbs, Cllr Lovett and Cllr Rowley Maintenance Issues -Cllr Slota-Newson? Magazine Liaison – Cllr Butterworth The Council resolved to finalise the roles and responsibilities at the next meeting.</p>
10/21/14	<p>Trees On The Wick i. It was noted that the memorial tree damaged by the strimmer, appears to be okay and bark has been placed around the tree to remove the need for strimming in the area. ii. Chair Gibbs noted that tulip trees are not very hardy and like acidic soil, whereas The Wick is chalk. It was agreed that the memorial tulip tree should be replaced with a tree that will grow happily in the conditions on the edge of The Wick. Chair Gibbs resolved to investigate the purchase of a dawycck beech tree to be located on the eastern side of The Wick, or the comfrey patch.</p>
10/21/15	<p>New Woodland Planting A member of the public asked whether the Parish Council own the land west of The Steading. The Council resolved to conduct a land registry search as no member of the public was aware of Parish Council land ownership in that area.</p>
10/21/16	<p>Matters to be considered for the next meeting's agenda i. East hedge works on the Wick ii. Cleaning of rubber safety matting and related grant application iii. Planning training for Councillors iv. Consolidate roles and responsibilities v. Deeds for the Wick vi. Land registry search vii. Register of Wendens Ambo land ownership viii. Budget ix. Correspondence and complaints x. Clean heat strategy (future discussion)</p>

	Meeting Actions i. GG to finalise note regarding main sewerage. ii. GG to pay the funds from the Village Celebration into the PC account to be ringfenced. iii. GG to investigate doyle beech trees. iv. Cllr Butterworth to obtain quotes for the safety mat cleaning. v. Clerk to enquire re grant funding for safety mat cleaning. vi. GG to enquire about Councillor planning training vii. GG to ask County Cllr Gadd about land ownership of the bridleway. viii. SR to investigate the Clean Heat Strategy.
	The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 1st November, 2021 at 8pm, in Wendens Ambo Village Hall.
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