

# Wendens Ambo Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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

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

In Attendance: County Cllr Paul Gadd, District Councillor Richard Pavitt, three members of the public and the Clerk, Amanda Lindsell

<b>03/22/01</b>	<b>Chair`s Welcome</b> Chair Gail Gibbs welcomed everyone to the meeting.
<b>03/22/02</b>	<b>Apologies For Absence</b> Apologies for absence were received and noted from District Councillor Neil Gregory.
<b>03/22/03</b>	<b>Declarations Of Interests</b> None.
<b>03/22/04</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> A Member of the public formally requested that the Council considers; i. Writing to the Ukrainian Ambassador expressing admiration for and support of the people of Ukraine. ii. Writing to the Prime Minister expressing concerns about the mis-match between expressed intention and actual action undertaken in the defence of international law, freedom and democracy. iii. Writing to the Home Secretary to enquire why there have been over 10,000 applications for visas, but only 50 visas issued. iv. Giving consideration to facilitating dissemination of information about ways in which concerned citizens can support Ukraine such as contact details of charities, NGOs, embassies etc that offer assistance to Ukraine and also those that are invading Ukraine or assisting the war against Ukraine. v. Giving consideration to the Village sponsoring one or more refugees from Ukraine. vi. Writing to the Ambassadors of Russia and Belarus to inform them of their concerns regarding their apparent failure to conform to international law and the convention regarding warfare. vii. Designate a place and time where concerned citizens can come together to hold a vigil for the victims of the war in Ukraine. viii. Giving consideration to ensuring that it does not purchase any product or service from Russia or any company that trades with Russia. ix. That these requests are noted, alongside decisions taken in response and reasons for rejections also recorded. x. An emotional statement was read out expressing frustration at the apparent lack of productive action in support of Ukraine and its people. The Chair confirmed that she personally fully supported his sentiments and has already written to some of the people he suggested, but that the Parish Council are limited in what they can do as they are required to be non-political. She went on to detail the collection point being run from The Bell PH where items can be donated for transportation to Ukraine. Councillor Stringer confirmed that donations have been so great that ten lorries will be leaving this week for Ukraine, each with three drivers on board. The Council agreed to organize a vigil for the victims of the war in Ukraine and it was agreed that encouraging Support of the Disasters Emergency Committee`s appeal or direct to the Ukrainian government would be the best most useful response. The vigil will be advertised on Facebook and the Council website and advertised through the village email.
<b>03/22/05</b>	<b>County Councillor`s Report</b> County Councillor Gadd detailed his report (appendix one). A member of the public asked County Councillor Gadd to view Clanver End when it is raining as the flooding residue is causing cars to skid. County Councillor Gadd requested that photos and the what3words location are forwarded to him.
<b>03/22/06</b>	<b>District Councillor`s Report</b> District Councillor Pavitt reported; i. An arsonist working in Great Chesterford has repeatedly destroyed multiple dog waste bins and additionally bus shelters In Little Chesterford. They appear to have now included Littlebury in their working area. ii. The Chair asked District Councillor Pavitt to chase Jeanette Walsh for a Neighbourhood Plan meeting. iii. The Chair asked District Councillor Pavitt to chase the call back from Chloe Fiddy.
<b>03/22/13</b>	<b>Drayton Hill</b> The Council requested support in making Drayton Hill safer to identify that it narrows to single carriageway. It was suggested that signage may be sufficient. County Councillor Gadd agreed to speak with the Highways Panel who

	<p>may still be considering smaller schemes. Councillor Butterworth agreed to forward photos and measurements and specific details to County Councillor Gadd. The addition of a footpath was also suggested.</p> <p><i>District Councillor Pavitt and County Councillor Gadd left the meeting.</i></p>
03/22/08	<p><b>Clerk's Report</b></p> <p>The clerk reported that;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The clerk job has been readvertised through EALC and recirculated locally and to all current Clerks working in Uttlesford. There have been no further applicants to date. The Chair suggested advertising the vacancy in the Walden Local for £30. This was agreed.</li> <li>ii. Grants are available from UDC of up to £700 per parish to assist with Platinum Jubilee celebrations.</li> <li>iii. The next Parish Forum will be held on Zoom on 23 March 2022, with the main topics for discussion being Highways and the recent Designation.</li> <li>iv. I have started looking into Internal Auditors, any recommendations welcome.</li> </ol>
03/22/09	<p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <p>The clerk circulated a statement and review of accounts and invoices for payment;</p> <p>Clerk's salary February - £309.20  Clerk's expenses February - £31.13  Village Hall Hire (Jan and Feb) - £30.00  Langthorns Plantery Ltd – memorial tree -reimburse Chair Gibbs- £87.00  Gardner Supplies - memorial tree supplies – reimburse Chair Gibbs - £29.90  These were approved for payment.</p>
03/22/10	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>The following comments were agreed for return to Uttlesford District Council in response to planning application; UTT/22/0477/FUL – Bulse Grange, Rookery Lane, Wendens Ambo</p> <p>Single detached two-storey dwelling and detached double garage - <u>No comment.</u></p>
03/22/11	<p><b>Enquiries, Complaints and Correspondence</b></p> <p>Correspondence received this month included;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Frog signs, Duck Street is now registered as a frog/toad site. Signs should go up now until mid-April for the migratory season and will cost about £80. A member of the public made a £80 donation towards the frog/toad site.</li> <li>ii. Concerns have been raised regarding wildlife being injured by the netting in the goal posts. Following discussion it was agreed that kickboards would be added at the base of the goals to prevent this issue. Councillor Stringer offered to provide the wood and Councillor Slota-Newson agreed to put them in place.</li> <li>iii. Thanks were expressed to Graeme Gibbs for his work on the bus shelter.</li> <li>iv. Concerns were raised regarding some fallen/falling trees on Dodna Lane. The Council have not been able currently to identify the owner of the land bank side to ask them to make the trees safe. A land registry search has been undertaken and came back as inconclusive. Agreed to enquire as to owner and notify the Highways Tree Officer if necessary.</li> <li>v. A resident asked the Parish Council to organize self defence classes. The Council suggested that maybe Wenden Neighbours could support general safety recommendations and supportive wellbeing tips.</li> <li>vi. Litter pick 20 March at 2pm. Councillor Butterworth agreed to coordinate the event and advertise it locally.</li> <li>vii. Further grass seed is required for the mound, it was agreed that Councillor Butterworth could purchase what is required.</li> <li>viii. The stream by the bridge in Duck Street is blocked and needs clearing.</li> </ol>
03/22/12	<p><b>Footpaths</b></p> <p>Councillor Lovett detailed a visit to Footpaths 12 and 15 with the PROW officer, who is happy for the stiles to be removed on Footpath 12 other than the one on the road and is seeking grants for the works.</p> <p>Councillor Lovett resolved to clarify with the landowner whether they are happy to support this action. Currently one landowner is unsure and the other wishes the stile to remain as he lets the land out for sheep andcattle grazing.</p> <p>When they visited Footpath 15 they were joined by residents where the stile is a step up and over. The path has deteriorated, and it was suggested that the Friends of Flich could coordinate the repair, probably in the next few months, including adding boards to prevent further slippage.</p> <p>The PROW Officer resolved to liaise with Audley End Estate regarding the proposed removal of the stile and a response is awaited regarding responsibility.</p> <p>A member of the public noted that the stile on Footpath 12 is inappropriately high and could do with a rung being removed. Councillor Lovett agreed to raise that with the PROW Officer.</p>
02/22/14	<p><b>Matters to be considered for the next meeting's agenda.</b></p> <p>Annual meeting.</p>

	<p><b>Meeting Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Vigil to be arranged and advertised on Facebook, website and circulated on village email.</li> <li>ii. Photos of Clanver End and what3words details to be forwarded to County Councillor Gadd.</li> <li>iii. To advertise the clerk job in the Walden Local.</li> <li>iv. Chair to purchase the frog/toad signs.</li> <li>v. Kickboards to be added to the goal posts.</li> <li>vi. Identify landowner on Dodna Lane and request they make their trees safe.</li> <li>vii. Councillor Butterworth to advertise and co-ordinate the Litter Pick.</li> <li>viii. Councillor Butterworth to purchase further grass seed for the mound on The Wick.</li> <li>ix. Councillor Lovett to clarify with the landowner of Footpath 12 whether they are happy to support the removal of the stiles.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 9:15pm</b></p>

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 at 8pm, in Wendens Ambo Village Hall.  
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**Approved as accurate;  
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