

Wendens Ambo Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 5th December 2022

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

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

In Attendance: District Councillor Neil Gregory, four members of the public and the Clerk Jane Rolfe

12/22/01	Chair`s Welcome Chair Gail Gibbs welcomed everyone to the meeting.
12/22/02	Apologies For Absence Apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr Paul Gadd
12/22/03	Declarations Of Interests None
21/22/04	Public Participation A member of the public stated that she was present to support the grant application from the Wendens Ambo Society. She asked councillors to think positively about the application. She also wanted to raise awareness of projects being carried out by Eco Wenden. She said that there were proper considered schemes in place, amongst them; specific rewilding areas in the churchyard; a twinned loo with the Congo, funding from which will help bring clean water and sanitation to the area.
12/22/05	County Councillor`s Report Cllr Gadd`s report was read out by the clerk (appendix 1). It covered the following: i)He should be notified if anyone has any schemes for the Locality Fund ii)He should be notified of any further potholes nominations as his second allocation of 18 has been received iii)The introduction of a 40mph zone west of the village is no further forward. Cllr Gadd will continue to chase. iv)Cllr Gadd will continue to liaise with his drains contact at the council regarding the issues around the Station Road junction. <i>The Parish Council has subsequently heard from Cllr Gadd to advise that the gullies have been widened and the pipe has been jetted at Station Road. This was carried out in November 2022.</i> v)Each County Council should have received £10,500 from Central Government for each Ukrainian person settled in the county. Cllr Gadd is trying to ascertain what has happened to the funding that ECC has received.
12/22/06	District Councillors` Report District Cllr Neil Gregory reported on the following: i)The withdrawal of funding (£65,000) by ECC for the highways rangers service. Two rangers are employed by UDC and are able to carry out work for Parish Councils such as cleaning and repairing road signs and repairing roadside fences. Parish Councils have been asked to contribute £1 per registered voter in order to maintain this service. Councillors raised questions regarding how many Parish Councils will contribute and whether requests will be triaged effectively. Councillors asked whether maintaining the service will be dependent on all Parish Councils contributing to it. In principle, it was considered that preserving the service could be beneficial, as long as assurance is given that if parishioners pay in, then they gain access. Chair Gibbs and the clerk will compose a response by the deadline of 20/12/22 with councillors` views. ii)Cllr Gregory advised that there is £1,000 in his discretionary budget, to be spent by 31/12/2022. He advised that he should be contacted with bids. iii)He reported that a 1 –1 ½ million pound deficit is predicted by the council. He advised that redundancies may be necessary along with the selling-off of council assets. iv)Cllr Gregory spoke about the planning application for Norton House and said that he agreed with Chair Gibbs` views on it. He offered to forward an email (and photos) on behalf of the Parish Council to UDC. Cllr Lovett felt there should be a peer review of the decision as two different officers have made two different decisions.
12/22/07	Previous Minutes Councillors agreed the minutes of the November Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate record of proceedings and Chair Gibbs signed the minutes.
12/22/08	Clerk`s Report The clerk reported that: i)The website has been updated with minutes of the November meeting ii)Precept information has not yet been received from UDC, the expected date is 7/12/22. Deadline for precept notification to district council is 20/01/23. ii)A letter has been written to the Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance regarding potential purchase of the Wick.

12/22/09	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>i)Councillors reviewed the 2022/23 pay awards recently agreed and circulated by the National Association of Local Councils. They agreed with the application of them to the Clerk's salary back dated to 1st April 2022.</p> <p>ii)The clerk circulated a statement and review of accounts and invoices for payment;</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>eSlip Ltd - monthly payroll</td> <td>17.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wendens Ambo Village Hall – hall hire</td> <td>40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PKF Littlejohn LLP - Admin charge for certificate of exemption</td> <td>48.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hardy Landscapes - grass cutting at the Wick Oct 2022</td> <td>376.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Rolfe - clerk's salary November 2022 (£81 PAYE to pay)</td> <td>324.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Rolfe - clerk's expenses November 2022</td> <td>12.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wenden & Littlebury Parish Magazine - annual contribution</td> <td>792.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Isobel Grayson - wreath and donation to poppy appeal</td> <td>20.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Invoices were authorised for payment</u></p>	eSlip Ltd - monthly payroll	17.96	Wendens Ambo Village Hall – hall hire	40.00	PKF Littlejohn LLP - Admin charge for certificate of exemption	48.00	Hardy Landscapes - grass cutting at the Wick Oct 2022	376.80	J Rolfe - clerk's salary November 2022 (£81 PAYE to pay)	324.00	J Rolfe - clerk's expenses November 2022	12.21	Wenden & Littlebury Parish Magazine - annual contribution	792.00	Isobel Grayson - wreath and donation to poppy appeal	20.00
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12/12/10	<p>Planning</p> <p>Cllrs reviewed the following planning application:</p> <p>i)UTT/22/3135/LB</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Alternative Reference</td> <td>PP-11701497</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Application Received</td> <td>Thu 17 Nov 2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Application Validated</td> <td>Mon 21 Nov 2022</td> </tr> </table> <p>Address Blythburgh House Duck Street Wendens Ambo Essex CB11 4JU</p> <p>ProposalTo restore and conserve leaded light windows by treating rusted metal frames, repairing broken hinges, re-leading as required and installing ten 'fishtail' restraint bars to strengthen bulging panes of glass.</p> <p>Status Awaiting decision</p> <p>Comments by 19/12/2022</p> <p><u>This application was supported by Councillors</u></p> <p>ii)Reference UTT/22/3181/HHF</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Alternative Reference</td> <td>PP-11708983</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Application Received</td> <td>Wed 23 Nov 2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Application Validated</td> <td>Wed 23 Nov 2022</td> </tr> </table> <p>Address 10 Station Road Wendens Ambo Essex CB11 4LB</p> <p>ProposalS73A retrospective application for front dormer and bay window. Proposed erection of two storey rear and side extension.</p> <p>Status Awaiting decision</p> <p>Comments by 22/12/22</p> <p>Cllr Butterworth advised that she has spoken to neighbours regarding this application and that there is an ongoing boundary dispute. Residents at number 8 would like the issue to be resolved before work starts.</p> <p><u>The Parish Council will comment that it has no objections to the proposal. We are aware of a boundary dispute and would request that the dispute boundary is agreed, and that the extension is built at least one meter from this boundary.</u></p>	Alternative Reference	PP-11701497	Application Received	Thu 17 Nov 2022	Application Validated	Mon 21 Nov 2022	Alternative Reference	PP-11708983	Application Received	Wed 23 Nov 2022	Application Validated	Wed 23 Nov 2022				
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12/22/11	<p>Bus Shelter Replacement</p> <p>Cllr Chris Stringer had drawn up a specification for a replacement bus shelter which he showed to councillors. It was suggested that an aperture be included in the final specification to enable approaching buses to be viewed. Cllr Stringer will contact local builders to gain three quotations to be sent to the insurance company.</p>																
12/22/12	<p>Grant Applications</p> <p>One application for £500 was received in November from The Wendens Ambo Society to continue work on the Wenden Parva Church dig. This was unanimously agreed by councillors.</p>																
12/22/13	<p>Littlebury Energy Survey</p> <p>Chair Gibbs reported that findings from this survey are very lengthy and detailed with no final conclusion. She advised that the survey would be uploaded to the PC website for the public to read at leisure.</p>																
12/12/14	<p>Church Path</p> <p>This item was not discussed as there were no residents from Church Path at the meeting. Chair Gibbs will contact residents with findings from North Essex Parking Partnerships.</p>																
12/22/15	<p>Enquires, Complaints and Correspondence</p> <p>i)An enquiry was raised concerning the closure of Rookery Lane. The closure did not meet the time frame set out in the licence and it was felt that a penalty could be imposed for not complying with the licence.</p> <p>ii)Cllr Slota-Newson informed councillors that he had been approached by a resident asking whether a flagpole could be erected in the village for the King's coronation. Councillors discussed this request and felt it might be</p>																

	controversial in deciding what sort of flag was flown. Cllr Slota-Newson will advise resident to make a formal, written application stating their preference.
11/22/18	Matters to be raised for next meeting's agenda i)Precept
11/22/19	Meeting Actions i)Chair Gibbs and clerk to reply to request for funds to preserve highways rangers ii)Cllr Chris Stringer to obtain three quotations for replacement bus shelter
	The meeting closed at 9.14pm

Residents, please note that the Village Photograph will be available from Jill Porter next week, £2.50 each, cash only please. Collect before the end of the year, thank you.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 9th January 2023 at 8pm, in Wendens Ambo Village Hall.
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Approved as accurate :

Date: