

Wendens Ambo Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 3rd April 2023

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

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

In Attendance: County Councillor Paul Gadd, District Councillor Neil Gregory, six members of the public and the Clerk Jane Rolfe

04/23/01	Chair`s Welcome Chair Gail Gibbs welcomed everyone to the meeting.
04/23/02	Apologies For Absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Kathryn Butterworth and from District Cllr Richard Pavitt
04/23/03	Declarations Of Interests None
04/23/04	Public Participation There was no participation from the public
04/23/05	County Councillor`s Report Cllr Gadd referred to his report (appendix 1). i)He reminded councillors of the £5,000 Locality Fund available for 2023/24 which can be spent on anything that improves the village. Cllr Gadd stated that this must be capital expenditure and that he proposes to allocate 10 x £500 as in previous years. ii)He advised that the in-road gully at Station Road was installed on 20/03/23, Cllrs noted that after periods of heavy rain, there were no puddles in the area.
04/23/06	District Councillor`s Report Cllr Gregory said that, due to shut down for local elections, there was nothing to report. At this stage, Chair Gibbs requested to bring forward planning application UTT/23/0739/FUL as the estate agent handling this application, plus his client, were present. The application is for a large grain store at the rear of Bromley Cottages, Royston Road. Chair Gibbs asked why the grain store is so large and where the grain had been kept until now. It was explained 3,000 tons of grains are moved offsite to four other grain stores dotted around the area. The proposed store will hold 10,000 tons of grain and consolidate everything in one place; the size will accommodate a bumper crop and is not thought to be hugely oversized. A question was raised as to why the other sites were being made redundant. It was clarified that these sites are 30/40 years old and no longer fit for purpose. A question was raised about the transporting of grain from the Bromley barns site and whether there would be more large vehicles moving through the village. It was explained that, with the process being centralised, there should be a reduction in transporting grain to different sites. There was a discussion about additional traffic movement in the village when the grain is sold and moved from the proposed site. Cllr Gregory was asked whether he expected this application to be a planning officer or committee decision. He said that it was likely to be a committee decision with a possible site visit. Cllr Gregory advised that, if the parish is concerned about additional traffic movement in the village, then they could consider supporting the application with conditions on vehicle movement (outside harvest season). <u>A sub-committee of councillors will formulate a comment to be submitted to UDC by deadline.</u>
04/23/07	Previous Minutes Councillors agreed the minutes of the March Parish Council meeting as a true and accurate record of proceedings and Chair Gibbs signed the minutes.
04/23/08	Clerk`s Report The clerk reported that: i. The website was updated with minutes from the March meeting plus the ‘Notice of Election’ document from UDC ii. A letter has been received from eSlip, our payroll provider, to confirm that they have amalgamated with TopSource Worldwide, and that in future our payments will be to TopSource and not eSlip. TopSource would like acknowledgment of this arrangement within 5 days. iii. An email has been received from Hardy Landscapes to ask for confirmation that WAPC require their services for the forthcoming season. This is at cost of £170 per month from £157 – this new cost was factored into the budget for 2023-24. iv. A VAT reimbursement has been received for £1,471.46. This covers the period April 2022 to February 2023. This was surprisingly turned around very quickly by HMRC.

04/23/09	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>The following invoices were approved for payment: eSlip – monthly payroll £19.37 Unity Trust – bank charges from Dec 2022 to March 2023 £18.00 J Rolfe - clerk's salary for March 2023 (£86.80 PAYE to pay) £347.60 J Rolfe - clerk's expenses March 2023 £14.92 HMRC - quarterly payment £260.40 Simon Rowley - reimbursement for litter pick expenses £33.37</p>
04/23/10	<p>Planning</p> <p>i)Reference UTT/23/0611/LB Alternative Reference PP-11907701 Application Received Wed 08 Mar 2023 Application Validated Mon 13 Mar 2023 Address Rookery Cottage Rookery Lane Wendens Ambo Essex CB11 4JS Proposal Repairs to 3 painted wooden window sashes on the front of the house with like-for-like replacements, re-using the existing leaded light. Status Awaiting decision <u>No objection to this application</u></p> <p>ii)Reference UTT/23/0669/HHF Alternative Reference PP-12011313 Application Received Tue 14 Mar 2023 Application Validated Thu 16 Mar 2023 Address Chestnut House Royston Road Wendens Ambo Essex CB11 4JX Proposal Single storey extension to the side and rear with an en-suite side extension at 1st floor level. Replacement of asbestos tiles and corrugated sheet roof covering with Natural & PV slates. 2 no. new dormers to existing 1 and half storey roof. Making property wheelchair accessible Status Awaiting decision <u>No objection to this application</u></p> <p>iii)Reference UTT/22/3181/HHF Alternative Reference PP-11708983 Application Received Wed 23 Nov 2022 Application Validated Wed 23 Nov 2022 Address 10 Station Road Wendens Ambo Essex CB11 4LB Proposal S73A retrospective application for front dormer and bay window. Proposed erection of two storey rear and side extension. Status Awaiting decision <u>Clrs recommend that the application for the extension is called in, to allow the dispute regarding the boundary and light to be resolved.</u></p> <p>Reference UTT/23/0739/FUL Alternative Reference PP-11965576 Application Received Mon 20 Mar 2023 Application Validated Mon 27 Mar 2023 Address Rear Of Bromley Cottages Royston Road Wendens Ambo Essex Proposal Erection of an agricultural grain store with associated machinery. Status Awaiting decision</p>
04/23/11	<p>Document Disposal.</p> <p>Chair Gibbs had received three quotations, for £40 + VAT up to 50 kilos, £35 + VAT per bag, and £12 + VAT per 17 kilo bag. The final quotation from Shred Station at Bishops Stortford was appointed.</p>
04/23/12	<p>Glebe Land Purchase</p> <p>Cllr Sam Slota-Newson has liaised with a resident, John Goodger, who has proposed that John Arkwright, a friend, may be willing to give the Parish a valuation for the Glebe Land. This valuation has been suggested by Strutt and Parker, solicitors for the Chelmsford Diocese. Cllr Slota-Newson will arrange for the valuation to go ahead.</p>
04/23/13	<p>Bus Shelter Quotations</p> <p>Two quotations have been received, one for £6,220 from LRG & Cook and one for £9,136 from Lodge and Sons. It was agreed that both quotations will be sent to the insurers, Zurich, for their reaction.</p>
04/23/14	<p>Councillors' Code of Conduct</p>

	Chair Gibbs explained that she had spoken to UDC regarding the training expectations included in the new Councillor Code of Conduct and that the training requirements do not apply to Parish Councils. The new code of conduct was adopted.
04/23/15	Tree Watering Chair Gibbs explained that she had considered several options for tree watering during the summer months. She found the purchase of a water bowser to be costly, an aqua roll to be less expensive, around £60. The location of an aqua roll will need to be decided upon, Chair Gibbs will speak to residents.
04/23/16	Enquires, Complaints and Correspondence i)A member of the public asked whether councillors would consider the installation of an internet connection at the village hall. It was considered that there would be no objections to this. ii)A member of the public asked whether a Coronation Grant intends to be applied for. Chair Gibbs explained that she aims to do this before the deadline of 17/04/23, once costs have been established. iii)A member of the public drew councillors' attention to the problem he is experiencing with diesel saturated water falling from the M11 motorway under the bridge by the viaduct. This happens when it rains. Chair Gibbs advised that this has been reported to the Environment Agency, but offered to contact them again and to report the issue to District Cllrs. iv)A member of the public requested that the Parish Council's high-vis clothing be used for marshalls during the fun-run planned for 01/05/2023. This was approved.
04/23/17	Matters to be raised for next meeting's agenda It was requested that the recent harassment incidents in the village be made an agenda item for a future meeting and that the police be invited to attend the meeting.
04/23/18	Meeting Actions i)Sub Committee to formulate a comment for the planning application UTT/23/0739/FUL ii)Old documents to be delivered to Shred Station iii)Cllr Slota-Newson to arrange valuation of Glebe Land iv)Clerk to send quotations for replacement bus shelter to insurance company v)Clerk to upload new Councillors' Code of Conduct to website vi)Chair Gibbs to liaise with residents regarding location of aqua roll
	The meeting closed at 9.35pm

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm, in Wendens Ambo Village Hall.
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