

Wendens Ambo Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting 19th April 2023

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

Present: Chair Gail Gibbs, Councillors Alan Lovett, Chris Howitt,

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

04/23/01E	<p>Chair`s Welcome Chair Gail Gibbs welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
04/23/02E	<p>Apologies For Absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Kathryn Butterworth, Simon Rowley, Sam Slota-Newson. Apologies were also received and accepted from County Cllr Paul Gadd and District Cllr Richard Pavitt.</p>
04/23/03E	<p>Declarations Of Interests None</p>
04/23/04E	<p>Public Participation Chair Gibbs recapped the background of planning application UTT/23/0739/FUL. She explained that the proposed barn is 14 metres high and that there are no pictures on the UDC website to show how the height of the store will sit in the landscape. She said that there is a transport statement on the website which shows routes that the grain lorries will use; the lorries will be 29 tons in size and 3 meters wide, the estate tracks are not suitable for these large trucks. Chair Gibbs clarified that grain from the whole estate will be stored at Bromley Barns, previously there had been 4 barns in use. She said that most of the grain grain going into storage at Bromley Barns will have to go through the village. Chair Gibbs explained that information on the UDC website indicated that 400-500 tons of grain per day may be harvested and pointed out that this would lead to many trailer loads per day being transported to the storage site.</p> <p>Members of the public raised the following questions and comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the advantage of the Bromley Barns site, why have other sites not been considered? There was a discussion about other sites, the barn at Chinnel Lane being protected due to the Roman Villa nearby. It was thought that other sites have access problems and trailers cannot be taken over the railway bridge as it is not robust enough. • What will happen to the other 4 barns? Chair Gibbs explained that she understood that these had come to the end of viable life as grain stores and that the process was being centralised. Cllr Gregory said that centralisation makes business sense and that the business plan can be viewed on the UDC website. • It was suggested that additional large vehicles in Drayton Hill will cause big problems and that perhaps there will need to be a push for a priority way – priority going up the hill will allow more room at the top. It was also proposed that a push to change the speed limit, along with clear priorities, would be advantageous. • What hours will the estate be operating? It was felt that during harvest time the operating hours would be day and night. • A reference was made to the difficulty in negotiating roads in the village when faced with large vehicles, which leads to the mounting of pavements by impatient drivers. It was felt that a right of way system would help to slow down traffic. It was pointed out that there had been no comment made by Essex Highways on the UDC website and that the traffic survey which can be viewed on the website had been carried out by Audley End Estate. District Cllr Gregory felt that County Councillor Paul Gadd should be contacted to arrange for Essex Highways to do a site visit. He said that the new Chief Inspector, Martin Richards, could be asked to do a site visit in relation to road safety. Cllr Gregory said that the weight of traffic will damage heritage assets. He explained that it was important to ensure that UDC does not make a decision before Essex Highways has visited the site. • When will the work be finished? The proposed end date is by the 2024 harvest. • Is there any mention of noise on the UDC website? Chair Gibbs explained that, within the Environmental section, there is a limit to the number of hours for which the driers can run. • District Councillor Gregory was asked whether this application would go to the Planning Committee. He said that he would check and if not, he would call it in.

04/23/05E	<p>Planning</p> <p>Planning, to agree a response to planning application</p> <p>Reference UTT/23/0739/FUL</p> <p>Alternative Reference PP-11965576</p> <p>Application Received Mon 20 Mar 2023</p> <p>Application Validated Mon 27 Mar 2023</p> <p>Address Rear Of Bromley Cottages Royston Road Wendens Ambo Essex</p> <p>Proposal Erection of an agricultural grain store with associated machinery.</p> <p>Status Awaiting decision</p> <p>The deadline for comments is 2nd May 2023</p> <p><u>CLRs will compose a comment to be submitted by the deadline. It will strongly object to the application pending clarification of transport, highways and road safety issues.</u></p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.40pm</p>

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