

Minutes of the Meeting of the Stock Parish Council held on Monday 26 September, 1988, in the School Hall

Chairman R.M. Finch

Present All Members of the Council

272. Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 July, 1988

The Minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

✓ 273. Matters Arising from the Minutes

i) Ware Pond Green to Hollin Road, Mill Road-The Clerk read a letter from Mr B.M. Everitt the owner/occupier of 23 Mill Road asking the Council to take action to prevent further erosion of the verge fronting his property. After discussion it was decided that posts should not be continued any further down Mill Road but that the Borough Council should be asked to kerb this particular section. It was reported that the existing posts had been resited as necessary.

£ 1030 ✓  
ii) Stock Village Hall-Mrs Houston reported that £129 had been raised by the recent car boot sale and that it was anticipated that a grant in the region of £250 would be forthcoming towards this work from the County Council. It was reiterated that the Parish Council would underwrite any shortfall.

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iii) Heavy Vehicles Through Stock Village-The organisation of a petition by Mrs Sellers was reported, seeking immediate action to impose a weight restriction, instal a pedestrian crossing and enforce the speed limit in the High Street more rigourously as well as instituting a long term campaign for a by-pass. After lengthy debate it was agreed that the County Surveyor should be asked to attend a public meeting in the village to discuss the problems and any possible remedial action. The Chairman emphasised that the Council had pushed for many years for a variety of measures to improve traffic conditions in the High Street. Some minor improvements had, in fact, been secured. Unfortunately the statutory requirements were not met for a pedestrian crossing, the County Council had turned down the imposition of a weight restriction as their survey had revealed too little heavy through traffic, while the construction of a By-Pass was probably not even remotely possible. Nevertheless if anything could realistically be done to improve the situation the Council would press for it to be done.

iv) Essex Heritage Year-Mr Jarvis reported that he had read the report on this subject but that there was nothing specifically applicable to Stock.

v) Street Lights-It was reported that no action had been taken to adjust the timing of street lights in the village and the Clerk undertook to write to the Director of Technical Services again, specifically mentioning light 21 in Dakyn Drive.

vi) High Street Parking etc-The Clerk reported that he had received an apology from the Police for not having written but that the wide advertising of the Hoop beer festival had not been sanctioned by the landlord of the Hoop, while the absence of "No Parking Cones" had resulted from insufficient manpower. The Clerk also read a letter from the Police responding to the points raised by Mr Seaman.

274. General Correspondence

274. Various Highway Matters

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Director of Technical Services undertaking to fill in ruts in the verges in Furze Lane and confirming that the problems at Stock Brook Bridge and Webster Place had been attended to. The Stock Hill footway would also be repaired shortly. Unfortunately MSC Labour was no longer available for footpath clearance so only well used paths could be tackled as the budget no longer went so far. Well Lane could not be improved until after the next review at the earliest because the Essex Water Company would be repairing their main in the near future.

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275. Damaged Fence, Stock Road.  
No members knew who owned the field bounded by this damaged hedge. The Clerk undertook to make further inquiries.
276. Unauthorised Kerb, 65 Mill Road.  
The Clerk read a letter on this subject from the Director of Technical Services which indicated that favourable consideration would be given to the installation of short lengths of kerbing such as this at the Highway Authority's expense.
277. Town and Country Planning Matters.
277. Decisions by the Borough Council.
- CHL/561/88 FULL - Erection of Cold Store - 20A Mill Road - REFUSED.
- CHL/1031/88 OUTLINE - 2 No. detached houses - Site of Coal Yard, Birch Lane, - REFUSED.
- CHL/350/88 FULL - Use of land and existing buildings for expansion of the existing stud to provide facilities for the stabling and training of Arabian race horses, including the construction of exercise tracks and the conversion of buildings to stables and to a racing manager's house and living quarters for 6 grooms - South Hill Farm, Ingatestone Road - REFUSED.
- CHL/1093/88 FULL - Demolition of existing garages and re-building of new garage block - Mill House, Mill Road - APPROVED.
- CHL/1309/88/LB FULL - Extension of bedroom at side, Broadmore, Madles Lane - LB/CHL/61/88 REFUSED. *See: 14/88*
- CHL/1011/88 FULL - Lounge and hall extension at front, 13 Dakyn Drive - APPROVED.
- CHL/613/88 FULL - Conversion of loft to provide additional bedroom accommodation - Louvaine, Leather Bottle Hill - REFUSED. ✓
- CHL/1478/88 FULL - Extension to front of garage - 67 Mill Road - APPROVED.
- CHL/965/88 FULL - Replacement of existing bungalow with new bungalow and integral garage (Amended Plans) - 14 Mill Lane - APPROVED.
- CHL/1021/88/LB FULL - Conversion and extension of existing shop and dwelling to a dwelling and rebuilding garage at rear - The Shop in The Square - REFUSED. ✓
278. Planning Applications Referred by the Director of Planning.
- CHL/1030/88/LB Grand Metropolitan Estates, Ltd - Extension of existing premises to include new toilets, kitchen and cool cellar - The Cock Inn P.H., High Street (Amended Plans).
- CHL/1466/86/1 N.H. Smith Esq., Removal of Condition 3 requiring demolition of conservatory and removal of condition 4 retention of trees in accessway on permission ref : CHL/1466/86(6) - Land to rear of Millthorpe, Mill Road.
- CHL/1478/88 Mr. J. Braithwaite - Extension to front of garage - 67 Mill Road.
- CHL/1511/88 Mr. P. Cottee - Convert existing 3 bedroom flat over shops 16 & 18 Mill Road into two 1 bedroom flats, including new external staircases to rear and first floor extension over store - 16 & 18 Mill Road - plus amended plans.
- CHL/1705/88/LB Mr & Mrs Makings - Conversion and extension of existing shop and dwelling to a dwelling and rebuilding garage at rear - The Shop in The Square. ✓
- CHL/1713/88 A.H.W. Wheeler - Proposed two storey extension for provision of en-suite bathroom and utility room - 34 Myln Meadow.
- CHL/1723/88/LB West Ham Central Mission - Reorganisation of fire escape at side of building - Greenwoods, High Street.
- CHL/1735/88 D. Gibb Esq., - Alterations and extensions - The Ridings, Mill Lane. ✓
- CHL/2205/87/1 (a) Mr. R. Wragg - Erection of new dwelling - Plot 2, Oakfields, Mill Lane.  
(b) S.R.S. Ltd - Erection of new dwelling - Plot 1, Oakfields, Mill Lane - Amended plans (two sheets).
- No comments were made on any of these applications except for CHL/2205/87/1.

It was felt that the properties proposed for both plots were far too large for the size of the site but it was agreed that the revised siting of the garage on Plot 1 was an improvement.

279. Appeals

The Clerk reported that Mr A. Smith had lodged an Appeal in respect of the Borough Council's refusal of applications CHL/694/88/LB and LB/CHL/42/88 (Broadmore, Madles Lane).

280. Accounts

Cheques were raised as follows :-

J.&W. Service Group - Installation of Posts, Ware Pond Green (£265:88) and Repair of 'Bus Shelter (£162:46)	£428:34
Audit Commission - Annual Audit Fee	£73:60
Council for the Preservation of Rural England - Annual Subscription	£8:00
Essex Association of Local Councils - Village Greens Conference Fee	£2:50

281. Use of Church Car Park

It was agreed that Mrs Johnson should thank the Ramblers' Association for having the courtesy to ask whether they could use the car park in front of the Parish Church but that they should be instructed to approach the Church to see if it would cause them any problems.

282. Borough Centenary Celebrations

The Chairman reported that he attended the reenactment of the receipt of the Borough Charter in the company of the Vice Chairman. The Mayor had expressed interest in attending a suitable event in the village.

283. Thornton Place Pond.

It was agreed, that, if necessary, the Council would fund the clearance of this pond as the bullrushes and other vegetation were threatening to silt it up although it was noted that Community Services assistance was being sought.

284. Telephone Box, Swan Lane

This box was damaged and in need of repair or replacement.

285. Various Highway Matters

a) Problems were still occurring with flooding at the top of Stock Hill near its junction with School Lane, while further up, near Church Green Cottage, the surface was breaking up.  
b) The footpath from Crondon Park Lane to Swan Lane had again been ploughed.  
c) Road Signs needed attention at The Square (repair), Common Road (repair), High Street at corner of Swan Lane and Crondon Park Road (replacement).  
The Clerk was instructed to write to the Director of Technical Services.

286. Willow Trees, Ware Pond Green

It was noted that these needed to be trimmed to enable people to walk under them.

287. Children's Play Area.

Mr Marriott raised this question but it was agreed that the difficulty was in identifying a suitable area of land. In the meantime one of the swings on The Common needed repair.

288. James Charity

Mr Seaman reported that the winding up of this Charity and transfer of its funds to the Tweedy Charity had been refused but on the erroneous grounds that the Tweedy Charity is restricted to men. He was pursuing the matter with the Charity Commissioners but an early decision was not anticipated.

289. 'Bus Service - Timetable

Mr Jarvis reported that he was pursuing the question of bad time-keeping by the 'buses through the village, with the County Council.

Meeting to be held on 31 October in the School Hall at 7.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- ✓ 1. Apologies for absence, if any.
- ✓ 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 September, 1988.
- ✓ 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
- ✓ 4. General Correspondence.
- 5. Town and Country Planning Matters.
- 6. Accounts.
- 7. Any Other Business.

letter from Council

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