

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26TH JUNE 2006 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.

Present: *Cllrs. Johnson, Williams, Elliott, Tully, Otter, Watling and Phillips*
In The Chair: *Cllr. Easton*
Minute Secretary: *Lorraine Green*
Also Present: *4 Members of the Public*

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1482.	<p>PRESENTATION BY JACKIE LANE, NEAT OFFICER, FROM CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.</p> <p>Jackie Lane gave a presentation on her role as Neighbourhood Environmental Action Team Officer. She advised that she worked in conjunction with the Environmental Agency, Parish Councils, Housing Partnerships, Highways, Park Services etc. Jackie Lane works on community projects so is able to obtain funding and explained that it is all about meeting the needs of residents. Every year a Children's competition is held to get them involved and to encourage them to recycle. Jackie explained that it is all about getting people to take a pride in their community. Cllr. Johnson mentioned the Pond at Thornton Place to Jackie and she said that she would be able to help and that it would make a good community project for local people to get involved with. In order to get a professional view, Jackie said that Steve Plumb, who was the Biodiversity Specialist, could get involved. Grants could also be obtained for the work to the pond. Clerk to E-mail Jackie Lane with proposal and then Jackie will arrange a site visit and arrange a project. Recycling cardboard is due to start next April in Stock.</p>	CLERK
1483.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</p> <p>Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Grundy sent his apologies as he was attending a meeting at Chelmsford Borough Council.</p>	
1484.	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND MAY 2006.</p> <p>The word 'damage' should read 'danger' in the last sentence of Minute 1472. Planning Matters.</p> <p>Fourth Paragraph of Minute 1472. Planning Matters should read 'Parish Council Forum Meeting'.</p> <p>In the last sentence of Minute 1478. Stock Village Action Plan/Village Design Statement the word 'agreed' should be replaced with 'suggested'.</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed.</p>	
1485.	<p>VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR DECLARED ON 16TH JUNE 2006 FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF CLLR. BLACKBURN.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that Cllr. Blackburn was leaving the village and as a result had resigned from the Parish Council. The Chairman said that she was sorry to see him go and that in his short time as a Parish Councillor and Tree Warden he had made a very active contribution. Keith had also been an active member of Stock Cares and The Woodland Trust. The Clerk read out a letter of resignation from Keith Blackburn. She advised that following Cllr. Blackburn's resignation as Councillor a notice was now going to be put on the noticeboard advertising that a vacancy had arisen. The Clerk would notify Chelmsford Borough Council of the vacancy and she was now following the legal procedure. An Election to fill this vacancy will be held within 60 days provided a request in writing for such an Election by ten Electors is received by the Chief Executive at Chelmsford Borough Council within fourteen days of the date of the notice. If no such notice is received then the Parish Council will be able to proceed to fill the vacancy themselves by Co-option. Clerk to put an article in Stock Press, on the website and on the noticeboard advertising the position for Tree Warden.</p>	CLERK

1486.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. Tree Warden Scheme – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Noticeboards - Clerk advised that the noticeboards would be delivered to Cllr. Johnson a week on Friday. It was agreed that one would be sited at the top of Swan Lane and the other on the boundary between the Common and Bowling Green.</p> <p>Grant from Essex County Council – Cllr. Watling advised that the Camera Club had funding to put the screen up and that he was waiting to hear from them.</p> <p>Re-tarring and Stoning Common Lane, Common Road, The Square and Birch Lane - Cllr. Grundy had received a further letter from Lord Hanningfield on the condition of the roads. He confirms the Square, Common Lane, Common Road and Birch Lane are all on the waiting list and will be reviewed later in the year to determine which schemes will be considered for the next financial year. The Square was last surfaced in around 1986.</p> <p>Doctor’s Surgery –Clerk read out a copy of a letter that had been sent from Chris Robinson of Essex County Council to Mrs Newman. Essex County Council have had some difficulties in agreeing the details of the layout and construction but Mr Robinson said he knows the Doctors are anxious to conclude the matter and their agents are dealing with the issues of detail. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in the near future. Cllr. Grundy had advised the Clerk that work will commence very soon. Cllr. Johnson said that she had spoken to the Agent who said that the matter was in hand. Clerk read out another letter received from Mrs Newman. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back advising that her letters had been read out at the meetings, discussed and minuted and that the matter continues to be discussed. Clerk to send copy of Mrs Newman’s letter to Highways.</p> <p>Tree at the zebra crossing – Mr Fox advised the Clerk that he had arranged through Chelmsford Borough Council’s Park Services for the cutting back of both the overhanging hedges/vegetation along the section of Stock High Street from Buttsbury Terrace to the Square. Also for the tree near the pedestrian crossing to be cut back and lifted clear of the crossing sightline and as far as Mr Fox is concerned this cleared the problem up. If there is still a need for a site meeting with Cllr. Elliott Mr Fox is happy to meet with her. It was agreed that the Parish Council were happy with the work carried out and the item could be removed from the Agenda.</p> <p>Stock United Football Club – Clerk read out a letter that had been received from Neil Jordan, Planning Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council giving his informal views on the siting of a recreational use area on an area of land adjacent to Crondon Park Golf Club and Greenwoods Estate. Mr Jordan stated that the site is situated some 180m from the outer boundary of Stock Defined Settlement in an area of the countryside designated as Green Belt and Special Landscape Area. One of the primary considerations in choosing an appropriate site for a recreation ground is that it be accessible for all users. The football pitches are likely to be used not only by local teams but also by visiting teams, which would require appropriate access. An increase in traffic to the area as a result of this proposal may require alteration to the highway, which may not be appropriate. Another key consideration, and one which is often overlooked, is the security of the site. The site tabled appears on first inspection to be quite isolated from neighbouring properties. Of course, being a Green Belt location, impact on countryside would be the primary planning consideration that needs to be addressed. There are numerous issues such as loss of open character, degradation of rural character, urban sprawl and prevention of further urban sprawl that would need to be assessed. Mr Jordan stressed that the distance of the site from the edge of the Defined Settlement at 180m might be inappropriate in accessibility terms and that this separation is likely to raise countryside encroachment issues, as well as increased activity concerns. It is understood that the principle of development for recreational purposes in the Green Belt is recognised by Structure Plan Policy C2 provided that on balance the impact on the character of the countryside is not unacceptable. Design of buildings, siting of buildings, pitches and car park, size of parking area, boundary treatments, landscaping and access, etc would all need to be considered further. At this stage, Mr Jordan would recommend the Parish Council look at other sites both within and adjoining the Defined Settlement boundary to determine whether this would actually be the preferred site. It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr. Grundy should pursue the matter. Cllr. Elliott suggested trying to purchase the current football field. The Chairman said that she would like to see a playing field not just a football field.</p> <p>Land At Front of Former SmithKline Beecham Site, Honeypot Lane - Nothing further to report. To be taken off Agenda.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>RW</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>SE/IG</p>
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<p>Stock Cricket Club – Clerk advised that the Play Area Sign had been erected.</p> <p>Whitening of Zebra Crossing – Cllr. Grundy had advised the Clerk that he has been asking for the crossing and poles to be repainted and can confirm inspection is taking place and a report is due shortly.</p> <p>Benches for Children’s Play Area – The new benches had been sited but Cllr. Elliott reported that the replacement seat is too high to sit on and the cement protrudes and could be a hazard. The other seat, one nut is missing at the back which bolts it to the ground, one seat bar is split, another seat bar is loose, there are no caps to cover the nuts and some washers are missing. Cllr. Williams advised that the matter is in hand. Cllr. Johnson said that she thought the benches looked extremely nice and thanked Cllr. Williams for all her hard work. The Chairman seconded this.</p> <p>Cllr. Williams had counted the benches in the village, which amounted to 20, and it was agreed that 12 should be insured. The Clerk had contacted the insurance company and the cost to insure the additional benches would be £157.25 based on a new cost of £480.00 per bench. It was agreed that the Clerk should insure the benches.</p> <p>Overgrown hedges at the T-junction at the end of Mill Road where it meets Downham Road – Mr Fox advised the Clerk that he had written to Mr Nation on 13th March but the cutting of hedgerows/vegetation at this time of the year, due to the bird nesting season, is a very sensitive matter but he will re-inspect the location and let the Clerk know of any follow-up that may be taken. Clerk to pursue matter with Mr Fox as it is now very dangerous and it is the end of the nesting season.</p> <p>Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – Please see item below.</p> <p>Footpath between Swan Lane and Dakyn Drive – The gates had been delivered to Keith Blackburn and Bob Hale had taken the instructions to read. Keith Blackburn had agreed to contact Bob Hale to see when the work was going to be carried out. Cllr. Williams to contact Bob Hale to see when installation is going to take place.</p> <p>Village Policeman – The Clerk had given P.C. Davey the dates of the following meetings and was waiting for him to confirm which meeting he would be attending. His Sergeant had offered to come to the meeting this evening but had advised the Clerk after the Agenda had been made public.</p> <p>Black and White Posts on the corner of the right hand bend of Smallgains Lane – Clerk had chased matter. No reply received to-date.</p> <p>Speed Indicator Device – Robin Murray of Essex County Council had advised the Clerk that replacement parts have now been delivered therefore the unit should hopefully be operational again soon and he will arrange for Stock to be the first visit on the Chelmsford rota.</p> <p>Post outside The Paddocks –Mr Murray of Essex County Council had advised the Clerk that this defect has already been identified by the Highways Inspectors and is logged for remedial action.</p> <p>Dirty Road Signs – Clerk had chased matter up with Essex County Council. To-date no reply received.</p> <p>Signpost at end of Swan Lane – Andy Nichols had advised that delivery was being made to the foundry today and then the castings would be made. Fitting should take place over the next few weeks. John Nicholls had asked the Parish Council to give consideration to repainting the original parts of the post once the new parts have been fitted. He would like to see the pillar back in its 1933 black and white banded livery rather than plain white. It was agreed that Andy Nichols should go ahead and paint the pillar. Clerk to organise.</p> <p>Condition of pavement/road surface in Falkner Close – Nothing further to report.</p> <p>Stumps in Birch Lane – Nothing further to report. Item to be removed from Agenda.</p> <p>Parish Litter/Refuse Clearing Days 2006 –Operational Hit Squad – Clerk had put an article into Stock Press. Clerk to send copy of article to Cllr. Watling for the website.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>JW</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
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Proposed Traffic Schemes - Reply received from Mr Murray at Essex County Council who had visited the site and believes that the proposal to alter the priority for traffic in Back Lane is unacceptable on road safety grounds. Vehicles currently have to almost stop before proceeding west along Back Lane to ensure that the way is clear. If this was not the case these vehicles would be traveling more quickly and may then be in conflict with eastbound vehicles within the narrow section. Mr Murray will arrange for an independent safety audit of the existing and proposed layouts and advise of the results in due course. Mr Murray supplied information relating to the background to the proposal. Item to be removed from Agenda.

Provision of Weekly Planning Lists - Clerk had sorted the matter out herself and Cllr. Grundy was sending her copies of the weekly lists he received from CBC. Item to be removed from Agenda.

Piece of ground between Common Road and the gatepost of the Doctors' Surgery which is Common land and needs to be added to the grass cutting schedule – Keith Blackburn had contacted Mr Williams who had apologised for inadvertently missing it and promised to do it in future.

Footpath sign missing by the pond in Mill Road – Tim Gardiner of Essex County Council advised that he had been out with the Chelmsford Rights of Way contractor and mentioned the problem to him and the fingerpost should be replaced soon. The missing post (complete with concrete!) was recovered in a ditch elsewhere in Stock.

Dip in the Ground by the Village Sign – Bob Hale had carried out the work.

Summer Play Activities - The Clerk had prepared posters to put up in the village. The Play Day is to be held on Tuesday 8th August.

Relocation of 'Unsuitable for Wide Vehicles' in Common Lane – Letters had been received from Mrs Lockwood of Essex County Council. Mrs Lockwood advised that she is unable to move the post as the verge at this location stands proud of the carriageway and varies between 600mm and 800mm. Therefore the 450mm clearance required from the carriageway means that the post would be very close to the householder's wall and indeed the 0.6m cube could undermine it; the plate would also of necessity overhang their property. The signs are located in the most suitable and most practical location at the entrance to this narrow lane. The sign arrangement encompassing the 'no through road', 'unsuitable for wide vehicles' and street nameplate are in the sightline of any driver turning in when coming from the direction of the High Street. This is the important approach that needs the driver to be fully aware of the conditions, as their visibility does not improve until they have turned the corner and actually entered the lane. From the other direction, any vehicle turning right into the lane has the ability to enter the junction centrally and see the conditions before actually committing themselves. Mrs Lockwood advises that one post would not be able to achieve total protection of the householder's wall. Additionally, other residents are coming forward with similar problems. This lane has always been narrow and awkward to negotiate for larger vehicles and in this respect Mrs Lockwood feels she has provided as many signs as possible here. As a gesture of goodwill Mrs Lockwood will be erecting some reflective hazard marker posts at the entrance to the lane. The Chairman said that she did not want reflective hazard marker posts or any more signs as this created unnecessary clutter. All agreed. Clerk to contact Mrs Lockwood advising her of the Parish Council's decision. Cllr. Johnson reported that the ditch needs clearing out which will help the pond and that the hedge needs cutting. It was agreed that Cllr. Johnson would get two quotations and then see if this was acceptable to Mr Douglas Rees, the owner of No. 2 Five Houses.

Pavement in Swan Lane – A temporary repair to the footway was carried out and a permanent repair followed. Mr Hope of Essex County Council advised the Clerk that one way of helping to prevent overrun along Swan Lane would be to install bollards however, they would need to be set back approximately 0.45m from the front face of kerb. This would reduce the effective width of footway in places from 1.8m to approximately only 1.1m (1.8 less 0.45 clearance and diameter of bollard) which would not be desirable. Mr Hope will endeavour to monitor the situation and review as necessary. Dennis Lusty reported to the Clerk that bits of tarmac had been scattered over an area about as large as that which was repaired. He had cleared the worst up himself. The Clerk had contacted Mr Hope who had sent the Supervisor of the contractors to visit the site and have it swept.

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	<p>Green in front on the Almshouses – The Clerk had contacted CBC refuse who had not reported any problems in turning into the lane. Gary Stringer had written to the Clerk advising that the CBC refuse lorry had managed to turn around in School Lane. They only managed this because the grass is so eroded and rutted and the road now widened and the edges unclear. He said that either the grass needs to be reinstated and protect the corners or redefine the road/corners and protect what is left of the green. At the moment the two corners are just a mess of churned up mud and the bench is close to being demolished. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to Highways and the Clerk would send copies of Mr Stringer’s E-mails to them. It was agreed that the Parish Council do not want any more bollards being installed but would support a large rock.</p> <p>Hedgerow outside Mrs Raeburn’s house in Birch Lane – Clerk to write to Mrs Raeburn with a copy to Highways.</p> <p>Bin on the Common by the Common Lane entrance – Cllr. Williams had looked at the bin and was happy for it to remain.</p> <p>Brickwork Crumbling on a Surface Water Drainage Pipe at the Entrance to the Pond in Mill Road – Clerk had written to Anglian Water who advised that they are not responsible and to contact Highways. The Clerk had contacted Highways who had agreed to inspect the area and then any necessary remedial works would be ordered and undertaken in due course.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
<p>1487.</p>	<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Brentwood Borough Council regarding Submission Statement of Community Involvement. Public Consultation commenced on 25th May for a period of 6 weeks. Document to be placed in black post bag. b) Mr Sawyer regarding Greenwoods field to the rear of Falkner Close. Mr Sawyer asked if the field is still owned by Greenwoods and if not does the Parish Council know who owns it? Is it still classified as agricultural/Green Belt/Conservation land? Why has it been left to go to seed? Are there any proposals etc for building on it, as there have been rumours about a small development of low cost housing? Is it up for sale? Also letter received from Mr David Jackson concerning the above. The matter was discussed and agreed that to the best of the Parish Council’s knowledge the field continues to be owned by Greenwoods Estate. The Parish Council had not seen any plans for housing and it continues to be Green Belt and agricultural land. Clerk to write to Mr Sawyer and Mr Jackson with this information and advising them to contact the Land Registry if they needed to clarify anything further. c) James Clarke, Planned and Services Manager, Chelmer Housing Partnership regarding the land to the rear of Mackie House, Dakyn Drive. Mr Clarke has been advised by the Land Registry that the land is unregistered and he would be most grateful if the Parish Council could confirm who the owner is. There is structural cracking to Mackie House and engineers have advised the trees on the adjoining land are a contributory factor. Refurbishment works are starting at Mackie House in the next few weeks. It was agreed that Mr Hedges owned the land. Clerk to pass information onto Mr Clarke. d) Jo Heynes, Project Support Officer, of Essex County Council regarding Winter Service Review. A document was enclosed explaining the current Winter Service Policy together with a Questionnaire, which had to be returned by 31st July 2006. It was agreed that the Chairman would complete the questionnaire. e) Dennis Lusty regarding footpaths. Part of Footpath 12 seems to have disappeared. Mr Lusty has walked number 2 of the walks around Stock. He walked along the track to Fristling Hall and tried to find the footpath leading off it to the back of the cottages at Tye Green. The waymark is still there but there is no sign of a footpath and any route to Tye Green is barred by a barbed wire fence. After several attempts to get through Mr Lusty was forced to go back to the track to Fristling Hall and walk down in to Swan Lane. The Clerk had reported the matter to Tim Gardiner at Essex County Council. To-date no reply had been received. f) Kelly Kusel, PCCG Secretariat, of Essex Police Authority regarding Chelmsford PCCG Extraordinary Public Meeting to be held on 13th July 2006 at 7.30pm at Chelmsford County Hall. 	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>SE</p>

	<p>g) Pat Roberts at EALC regarding Police Partnership Working re Merger between Essex, Beds and Herts Authorities. EALC has been asked to assist Essex Police with the distribution of questionnaires in relation to the Home Office proposals to amalgamate Essex, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Police Authorities. The Parish Council agreed to Option 4. Clerk to arrange delivery to Cllr. Phillips. Cllr. Phillips to organise putting the questionnaires in public places, i.e. library. Cllr. Watling asked for a PDF version of the questionnaire to go onto the website.</p> <p>h) Cllr. Maureen Moulds, Executive Member for Leisure and Community, at Chelmsford Borough Council inviting a Parish Council representative to the meeting on 24th July 2006 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm regarding Big Lottery Fund – Planning for Play Programme and Chelmsford’s Play Strategy. Cllr. Grundy had advised the Clerk that he could not attend this briefing but hoped somebody would be able to go from the Parish Council. Cllr. Phillips agreed to attend. Clerk to accept invitation and send details to Cllr. Phillips.</p> <p>i) Mrs Clair Hastings regarding the number and nature of A Boards outside the Cock Inn. On her last count there were 6 of the boards along the road from the Cock Inn Pub to the Post Office. The Chairman had replied to Mrs Hastings advising her that the Parish Council were as unhappy about the situation as she was but that they have no powers to act in this regard. The Clerk had therefore written to Paul Bohannan, Planning Enforcement Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council advising him that a couple of complaints had been received in the last couple of weeks and that the number of boards had been increased to 6 outside the Cock Inn. The Clerk asked Mr Bohannan to remind the Parish Council what the maximum permissible amount is.</p> <p>j) Cllr. Phillips suggested putting a copy of dates of Parish Council meetings in public places, i.e. library. Clerk to send Cllr. Phillips copies of the dates of meetings to put up.</p> <p>k) Chelmsford Borough Council regarding Parish Sports Programme. Cllr. Tully to ask school to use their facilities. Parish Council agreed to pay £60.00 for event to take place.</p>	<p>CP/RW/CLERK</p> <p>CLERK/CP</p> <p>CLERK/CP</p> <p>AT</p>
<p>1488.</p>	<p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised the Clerk that the Chairman and himself would be having a meeting with David Wallis of Chelmsford Borough Council to discuss planning issues on the 29th June 2006.</p> <p>Bakers Arms Car Park – Nothing further to report. Clerk to chase matter.</p> <p>Redevelopment of Service Station At The Ship Public House, Stock Road, West Hanningfield, Application No. 06/00635/FUL – Cllr. Grundy had advised the Clerk that the Planning Application had been withdrawn. Cllr. Grundy would like to acknowledge the support from everyone in highlighting the traffic dangers and threat to Stock’s village store and Post Office. He said he would like to thank the residents and Parish Council of West Hanningfield for their support.</p> <p>Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Application No. 06/00061/FUL and Enforcement No. 05/00214/ENFB – Nothing further to report.</p> <p>Parish Council Forum Meeting on 24th May 2006 – Cllrs. Otter and Phillips attended the meeting. Cllr Otter reported that the Local Development Framework procedure was explained and discussed. Chelmsford Borough Council are waiting to hear the East of England housing figures before proceeding further with the latest LDF document.</p> <p>Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Department want to put planning matters onto computer so that Parish Councils will eventually download applications and comment electronically. Some Parish Councils stated that they were having problems submitting comments by E-Mail and that they found it was necessary to submit paper/back-up copies. Apparently Appeals are to go electronic but this has not happened yet.</p> <p>Appeal by Mr & Mrs Lewis – Site 16 Common Lane – Appeal Reference APP/W1525/A/05/1196282 - The Appeal is dismissed and the Planning Inspectorate refuses planning permission.</p> <p>and APP/W1525/A/05/1196025 - The Appeal is dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Appeal by Mr S. Welch – Site at Plantation Cottage East, Mill Road – Appeal Reference APP/W1525/A/06/1197528 – The Appeal is dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>

A letter had been received from Joy Thomas of Chelmsford Borough Council advising of a Tree Preservation Order No. 2006/31 at Fristling Hall, Swan Lane which was made on 5th June 2006. The Reasons for the Order was because the Oak trees protected by this Order are considered important due to their dominance in the skyline, visual amenity (they are visible from two Public Rights of Way which run close to the property), as important wildlife habitats and as historical links to the Estate's past. A planning application that is currently being processed indicates that these fine old Oaks will be lost and/or detrimentally affected by the development of the Fristling Hall Estate. Any new plantings that are planned for the Estate will take hundreds of years to establish and reach the same size of the current Oaks. Mrs Thomas will let the Parish Council know in due course whether or not the Order has been confirmed.

The Chairman read out an E-mail received from John Pardon regarding Reports Summarising the Responses to the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies Preferred Options Document. Chelmsford Borough Council have now published their responses to the representations that were made and these can be found on their website. Many of the responses do not adequately address, or in the worst case, ignore the representations made. So far as Temple Farm is concerned, Chelmsford Borough Council seem to be ignoring the comments that this development is in the Green Belt and runs contrary to a number of Strategic Objectives and Policies. It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to Chelmsford Borough Council advising them that they wished to be consulted at all stages as West Hanningfield adjoins the Parish and any development, which the Parish Council object to in principle as it is Green Belt, would generate additional traffic on the already busy B1007 that runs through Stock village.

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Applications:-

Application No. 06/00971/FUL. Ground and first floor rear extension, removal of side porch and new pitched roofs to front porch and garage.

Location: 53 Myln Meadow, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ainsworth.

Comments due by 5th June 2006. Under the Clerk's delegated power, and after consultation with Cllrs. Johnson, Elliott and Tully, the Parish Council had no comments to make.

Application No. 06/00979/FUL. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling.

Location: 50 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs R. Hale.

Comments due by 9th June 2006. The Parish Council commented that this is in the Green Belt, outside the Defined Settlement. It is Special Landscape Area and abuts the Conservation Area. The proposal is to replace the existing wooden structure with a 4 bed, brick and render house more than twice the size of the existing farm. These are not of similar size and scale. Why is new build not in the footprint of the existing building? This building is part of the history of Stock and architectural interest in its own right – remaining unaffected since build – we recommend it should be listed. The new dwelling is not acceptable in its setting by virtue of its scale, design, siting and materials and would undoubtedly change the character of the area. Out of keeping with surrounding houses. The site is in a prominent position surrounded on 3 sides by attractive rural landscape. Footpaths 28 and 33 abut the site's southern boundary whilst 29 and 30 are in close proximity to the site. It is prejudicial to the long term objectives of the Green Belt. The application does not appear to comply with PP62, ESS RSP C2, CBC H014. If the structure is in poor condition, then the replacement should at the very least be in the same place and of the same character. The area is already spoilt by the erection of high fencing all around.

Application No. 06/00875/FUL. Single storey rear extension.

Location: 3 Cambridge Close, Stock.

Applicant: Mr and Mrs K. Horgan.

Comments due by 20th June 2006. Under the Clerk's delegated power, and after consultation with Cllrs. Johnson, Elliott and Tully, the Parish Council had no comments to make.

Application No. 06/01022/FUL. Refurbishment including roof alterations to existing rear extension and internal alterations.

Location: St. Crispins Cottage, 12 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr B. Wright.

The Parish Council commented that the flat roof is unsympathetic to the style of the original building. It detracts from the character and the Parish Council do not like the lantern details.

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<p>Amendments to Application No. 06/01022/FUL. Refurbishment including roof alterations to existing rear extension and internal alterations. Location: St. Crispins Cottage, 12 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ainsworth. The Parish Council had no comments to make on the amendment.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/01023/LBC. Refurbishment including roof alterations to existing rear extension and internal alterations. Location: St. Crispins Cottage, 12 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr B. Wright. The Parish Council commented that the flat roof is unsympathetic to the style of the original building. It detracts from the character and the Parish Council do not like the lantern details.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Amendments to Application No. 06/01023/LBC. Refurbishment including roof alterations to existing rear extension and internal alterations. Location: St. Crispins Cottage, 12 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ainsworth. The Parish Council had no comments to make on the amendment.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/01037/FUL. Single storey side extension to replace existing conservatory and first floor rear extension (revised application 04/00731/FUL). Location: Nooky, The Paddock, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs K. Nicholls. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/01020/FUL. Erection of temporary mobile accommodation for agricultural/horticultural workers. Location: Garden Nursery, Well Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs C. Whitaker. The Parish Council commented that this does not look like a mobile home but a permanent structure. There is already a large residence on the site and there is no proven need for additional accommodation for horticultural workers. This is Green Belt and a Special Landscape Area.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Amendments to Application No. 06/00474/FUL. Proposed New Classroom. Location: Stock Church of England Primary School, Swan Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs D. Turner. The Parish Council commented that they fully endorsed their previous comments regarding this application. The new Village Hall provides secure accommodation for the Pre-School with ample off street parking. There is an outdoor play area for the Pre-School at the Village Hall as well as a garden area for the children. The new Village Hall is a permanent facility specifically designed with the Pre-School in mind. Moving the Pre-School to the Primary School would increase vehicle movements in the area and affect road safety in the area. The viability of the Village Hall becomes threatened. The School playground playing fields would become a divided site with reduced potential for sports and multi sport use of the site. Sports facilities are at a premium and must be preserved.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Amendments to Application No. 06/00569/FUL. Single storey and two storey rear extension. Location: 10 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs C. Dixon The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Amendments to Application No. 06/00570/LBC. Single storey and two storey rear extension and rear dormer. Location: 10 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs C. Dixon The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/00936/FUL. New Garden Shed. Location: 1 Hereward Mount, Stock. Applicant: David Everett. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>

<p>Application No. 06/00933/CLEUD. Use of agricultural buildings for commercial use for over 10 years. Location: Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr R. Napp. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/00977/FUL. Single storey front porch, kitchen/conservatory rear extension and front and rear dormers. Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation. Location: 3 Rectory Close, Stock. Applicant: Miss Hazel Collins. The Parish Council commented that the garage is a feature and they opposed the loss of the garage as they would not like to see further development of the site or vehicles parked in the vicinity. This is in the Conservation Area, Special Landscape Area and Green Belt in a very prominent location at the entrance to the village and is clearly seen from the B1007, the church and footpaths.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/01032/CLEUD. Use of dwelling without complying with agricultural occupancy condition. Location: Oak Hall, Goatsmoor Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Peter Anderson. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/01065/FUL. First floor extension to existing bungalow to create a two storey dwelling. Location: 10 Well Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr N. Fairman. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/01068/FUL. Replacement of existing bungalow with a four bedroomed detached house. Location: 71 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs V. Tickel. The Parish Council commented that the site is in a prominent location at a high point in the village. The proposal is too high, too imposing and would urbanise the area. The South elevation to Mill Road is very imposing and faces a smaller bungalow with small houses to the West. The proposal is out of character with the area and does not reflect the local vernacular. A house of this size does not meet the sustainability criteria.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/01015/FUL. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached five bedroom house. Location: 106 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr M. Acors. The Parish Council commented that this is on a rural public footpath and the track should be maintained. The footpath is a particular rural aspect, which we have been able to maintain despite development. This is visually detrimental and intrusive to the setting of a listed building. Access is restricted. The proposed plan is too large and too visually intrusive and the Parish Council recommends a site visit.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/01187/FUL. Rear Conservatory. Location: Linacre House, 25 Hereward Mount, Stock. Applicant: Mr Tony Martin. The Parish Council referred the Planning Department to the imposed restrictions of the original planning consent.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p><u>Results:-</u></p>	
<p>Application No. 06/00585/LBC. Removal of existing boiler flue with the brickwork made good with matching brick and mortar and installation of new flue. Location: 3 Lilystone Hall, Honeypot Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr Malcolm Jacobs. Approved.</p>	
<p>Application No. 06/00713/FUL. Retrospective application for alterations to roof at rear – amendment to previous permission ref 05/02182/FUL. Location: 35 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr P. Murphy. Approved.</p>	

Application No. 06/00563/FUL. Change of use from doctors surgery to residential.
Location: The Coach House, 31A High Street, Stock.
Applicant: Drs. D.J. Acorn & J.P. Coffin. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/00850/FUL. Erection of an agricultural barn.
Location: Holes Place Farm, Downham Road, Stock.
Applicant: Mr D.L. Sporton. **Refused.**

Application No. 06/00420/ADV. Free standing non illuminated sign.
Location: 21 High Street, Stock.
Applicant: The Hoop Public House. **Refused.**

Application No. 06/00710/FUL. Garage to side.
Location: 35 Mill Road, Stock.
Applicant: Mr P. Murphy. **Refused.**

Application No. 06/00712/FUL. Erection of a garden shed.
Location: 9 Hereward Mount, Stock.
Applicant: David Beaver. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/00210/LBC. Demolition of curtilage buildings including dwelling house.
Location: Fristling Hall, Swan Lane, Stock.
Applicant: Fristling Hall Farm Ltd. **Withdrawn.**

Application No. 06/00725/FUL. Construction of sun lounge and conversion of garage to en-suite and dressing room.
Location: Plantation End, Furze Lane, Stock.
Applicant: Peter Johnson. **Withdrawn.**

Application No. 06/00855/FUL. Erection of a timber primed glazed conservatory.
Location: 2 Garden End, Stock.
Applicant: Mr Warner and Mrs Parker. **Withdrawn.**

Application No. 06/00718/FUL. Rear Conservatory.
Location: 2 Rectory Close, Stock.
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Missing. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/00851/FUL. Loosebox range for private equestrian use with feed room and tack store, outdoor riding manege for private equestrian use with floodlighting.
Location: Holes Place Farm, Downham Road, Stock.
Applicant: Mr D.L. Sporton. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/00798/FUL. Single storey rear extension.
Location: 82 Mill Road, Stock.
Applicant: Mr D.Hesketh and Ms. S. Guise. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/00971/FUL. Ground and first floor rear extension, removal of side porch and new pitched roofs to front porch and garage.
Location: 53 Myln Meadow, Stock.
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ainsworth. **Approved.**

Applications for Works to be carried out on trees in Conservation Area and trees that have Tree Preservation Orders:-

Application No. 06/05066/TPO. Cut back lateral branches that overhang 1 Bakers Field – G1 – Hornbeam (TPO/2004/53).
Location: Little Pipers, 49 High Street, Stock.
Applicant: Mr Jones.
The Tree Warden had no comments to make.

Application No. 06/05073/TPO. Reduce crown of 1 x Hornbeam in G1 and fell or Crown lift 1 x Cherry also in G1 (TPO/2004/53).
Location: Little Pipers, 49 High Street, Stock.
Applicant: Mrs Stone.
The Tree Warden had no comments to make.

	<p>Application No. 06/05076/TPO. Reduce leader on Oak tree by 2m (2001/117). Location: Moonshine, 5 Myln Meadow, Stock. Applicant: Mr W.G. Herbert. The Tree Warden had no comments to make.</p>																																	
<p>1489.</p>	<p>FINANCE.</p> <p>Insurance – Clerk had insured new benches.</p> <p>Audit of Accounts for 2005/06 – The Clerk advised that nobody had requested to look at the accounts and that the documents had been sent to Lubbock Fine.</p> <p>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101153</td> <td>£641.14</td> <td>Mrs L.J.Green</td> <td>Salary 1.06.06 – 30.06.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101154</td> <td>£242.39</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101155</td> <td>£137.28</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101156</td> <td>£521.00</td> <td>Mr. P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting for May</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101157</td> <td>£40.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting for Football Pitch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101158</td> <td>£165.70</td> <td>Mr Bob Hale</td> <td>Refurbishing Seat on Common</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101159</td> <td>£50.53</td> <td>David Ogilvie Engineering Ltd</td> <td>Underground Leg Extension For Bench</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101160</td> <td>£50.00</td> <td>Rural Community Council of Essex</td> <td>Annual Subscription Renewal</td> </tr> </table> <p>Transfer of Funds – On the 23rd May £1,400.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account. On the 26th June £1,500.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.</p>	101153	£641.14	Mrs L.J.Green	Salary 1.06.06 – 30.06.06	101154	£242.39	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101155	£137.28	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	101156	£521.00	Mr. P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting for May	101157	£40.00	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting for Football Pitch	101158	£165.70	Mr Bob Hale	Refurbishing Seat on Common	101159	£50.53	David Ogilvie Engineering Ltd	Underground Leg Extension For Bench	101160	£50.00	Rural Community Council of Essex	Annual Subscription Renewal	
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<p>1490.</p>	<p>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that there was a dead tree by the ditch on the Common on the right by the bend. Cllr. Watling to look at tree. Cllr. Elliott reported that a dead tree is laying down covered in ivy by Boundary House. Cllr. Watling to look at tree.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson reported that Dr. Coffin had seen a patient who had fallen on a syringe that had been found on the Common. Cllr. Johnson reported that drugs may be being taken in the area and that all Societies should be made aware of the fact. Clerk to report matter to P.C. Davey.</p>	<p>RW</p> <p>CLERK</p>																																
<p>1491.</p>	<p>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter advised by E-mail that Wickford High Street will be closed between 26th June for up to 25 weeks. This will affect Essex County Council contract Sunday Service 232, Basildon Hospital to Shotgate, which will operate using an alternative route. Other ECC services should not be affected by this road closure. Commercially operated services will have notices on board the vehicles indicating any variation to the route. Cllr. Otter had asked Cllr. Watling to put the information on the website and had asked Cllr. Johnson to put a notice on the noticeboard.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter had attended a transport meeting and learnt that Essex County Council are planning to put up a traffic information sign on the B1007 in Stock’s parish. The Chairman had E-mailed Julie Martyn at Essex County Council regarding the matter and told her that it was the first the Parish Council had heard of it and was it usual for these signs to be installed without consultation or planning permission. To-date no reply had been received. The Chairman showed the Councillors a picture. The Chairman advised that Cllr. Grundy thought the sign should be on the top of the A12 or before Temple Farm. It is planned for the sign to be put in place this year.</p> <p>Cllr. Watling reported that the street sign is missing at the top of Well Lane. Clerk to report to Chelmsford Borough Council.</p> <p>Cllr Otter attended a Parish Transport Evening on the 19th June 2006 where she again raised the question of bus fares for young people. She had received a written reply from Essex County Council that was read out to the meeting. Privately operated commercial bus services have absolute discretion over their fares. Whilst the County Council has direct control of fares for their bus services they must mirror commercial fares where their service forms part of, or runs, parallel to a commercial service. Competition regulations prevent the County from competing unfairly with commercial services by undercutting their prices.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>																																

	<p>The Transport Acts allow the County Council to introduce a “Concessionary Fare Scheme” for younger people but they would have to compensate bus companies for the revenue they would forego by offering the reduced fares.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation is interested in introducing such a scheme for young people and the County Council have looked at this but currently the cost without Government funding is excessive. Nonetheless there remains the possibility that a scheme will be introduced in the future.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter will be attending the Essex Strategic Rail Meeting.</p>	
1492.	<p>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy had given the Clerk the following report:-</p> <p>The timetable for the Local Development Plan is now known and needs to be noted. On the 12th July the Plan will be further considered by the Development Policy Committee including any changes following the receipt of the Draft East of England Plan. On the 19th July the Plan will be put before full Council and it is targeted to present the Plan to the Secretary of State on the 3rd August and this will start the 6 week period of consultation. It is important the Parish Council are aware of this and will need to consider the implications to our village and surrounding area on such issues as Affordable Housing, Temple Farm, Transport and Planning generally.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter advised that at the Parish Council Forum Meeting a lot of people objected to this consultation taking place during the school Summer holidays but that Chelmsford Borough Council had taken no notice.</p>	
1493.	<p>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</p> <p>Nothing further to report.</p>	
1494.	<p>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</p> <p>The Chairman and Cllrs. Grundy, Otter and Watling had had a meeting to go through the Action Plan to update various topics. The Chairman advised that a number of comments had been worked on and that something would be reported back to the next Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>On the 5th July there will be a Village Design Statement Meeting at Stock School.</p>	SE/IG/MO/RW
1495.	<p>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION.</p> <p>Cllr. Williams advised that the village did not win anything.</p>	
1496.	<p>VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.</p> <p>Cllr. Elliott reported that the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee had now retired and that he had been replaced by Mr Doug Taffs. The Vice-Chairman was now Maurice Elliott. At present the Committee has £43,000.00 surplus funds. A meeting is being held to discuss new flooring for the small hall. There will be a Mini Christmas Bazaar on the 25th November and a Quiz Night on the 10th March.</p>	
1497.	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING.</p> <p>Cllrs. Williams and Phillips had attended the meeting and Cllr. Williams gave the following report:-</p> <p>Roger Baker, the Chief Constable for Essex, spoke about the concept of Neighbourhood Policing. The motto is ‘Right up your Street’. The idea is to get back to basics with community involvement, working in partnership with the community. The aim is to achieve better contact with the public and have more officers out in the community. Our Community Officers were not there as they were both on night duty but they are P.C. Alan Davey, whose mobile number is 07970 765437, and P.C. Thomas.</p> <p>Cllr. Williams spoke to Sergeant Tim Lacey of Moulsham Lodge who inferred that P.C. Davey and P.C. Thomas would no doubt be willing to come and speak at a Parish Council meeting and may be interested in holding surgeries as P.C. Elmer did. Cllr. Williams was given the number for phoning Moulsham Lodge direct – 07974 442964. Other speakers at the presentation were the Divisional Commander, Win Bernard, and the District Commander, Craig McGarrigle. The police are obviously keen to reinstate more community involvement and want to be told of situations involving any crimes, or nuisance or anti-social behaviour.</p>	

	Cllr. Phillips said that he had been unimpressed as he felt that there is too large an area being covered by the Community Officers allocated to cover the patch which includes Stock within it.	
1498.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 31 st July 2006 at 7.30pm.	
1499.	CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS. Replacing posts and getting the chains painted outside The Hoop – Quotation discussed. Cllr. Grundy had suggested to the Chairman taking the chains off and getting them dipped as this had been done previously. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Andy Nichols and Ingatestone Forge for a quotation to remove the chains from The Paddocks up to the Square, have them stripped of old paint and dipped in white hammerite.	CLERK

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 11.00pm.

Signed (CHAIRMAN).....DATE.....