

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk – Lorraine Green

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2006 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.

Present: *Cllrs. Williams, Elliott, Tully, Otter, Watling & Blackburn*
In The Chair: *Cllr. Easton*
Minute Secretary: *Lorraine Green*
Also Present: *2 Members of the Public and Chelmsford Borough Councillor Ian Grundy*

		ACTION
1417.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson did not attend the meeting.</p>	
1418.	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30TH JANUARY 2006.</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed.</p>	
1419.	<p>PARISH COUNCILLOR CASUAL VACANCY.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the relevant notice had been put on the noticeboard and that Chelmsford Borough Council had confirmed that nobody had requested an Election. The Parish Council are therefore now able to proceed to fill the vacancy themselves by Co-option. The Chairman advised that an advertisement for the vacancy had been put on the noticeboard and on the website and that the deadline for applications would be the 10th March 2006. The Clerk would then send out a copy of the application letters to each Councillor which, once read, should be returned to the Clerk for shredding. The Chairman advised that the co-option would take place at the next meeting on the 29th March 2006. The Chairman had asked the Clerk to contact Geoff Barrow as he had applied on previous occasions.</p>	CLERK
1420.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</p> <p>Tree Warden Scheme – Cllr. Blackburn advised that the trees had been planted and that the invoices could be paid. The amount was slightly higher than originally planned as, in response to comments received from local residents and Councillors, Cllr. Blackburn has planted more trees and included 5 Flowering Cherries (which are larger, and hence more expensive, than those he thought were available as they were specially ordered for him by Kings). Lynn Cameron from Chelmsford Borough Council had confirmed that her Budget would be able to stand Chelmsford Borough Council paying 50% of the total. Clerk to organise sending the grant form to Lynn Cameron.</p> <p>The Larches – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Cleaning Road Signs, Grass Verges, Bottom of Well Lane, Black and White Posts in Smallgains Lane, Level of Traffic at the High Street End of Common Road and Roadside Obstructions in the Village – The Chairman had had a meeting with Nick Peacock and Norman Robinson of Essex County Council. The Chairman advised that Norman Robinson was no longer responsible for these matters and that he had advised the Chairman that the Parish Council would have to contact Julie Martyn, the Area Highways Manager, and re-raise the issues again. Mr Robinson said that he would brief Ms. Martyn on the matters outstanding. Robin Murray should be contacted regarding traffic related issues and John Dobinson regarding works to trees etc. Mr Robinson remarked on the terrible state of Common Road and questioned why no footpath was in place from the new Doctors Surgery. Mr Robinson was going to raise this matter with the Planning Department as he thought it should have been done before the development took place. The Chairman asked the Clerk to raise the matter with the Planning Department, as apparently there is a S106 agreement regarding access to the site. It was agreed that the Parish Council Traffic Committee should be reconvened. Cllr. Tully said that she was unable to join as she now worked full time. Cllr. Otter was therefore asked to consider joining the group. Cllr. Otter to let Parish Council know of her decision. It was agreed that John Pardon would also be asked to join the Committee as he was on the previous Committee.</p>	CLERK SE/MO/CLERK

<p>Noticeboards - The Chairman had asked the Clerk to E-mail Nick Peacock in order to obtain the details of where the noticeboards had been ordered from and when they were arriving. To-date no reply had been received. Cllr. Blackburn agreed to speak to Nick Peacock regarding the matter.</p>	<p>KB</p>
<p>Grant from Essex County Council – Clerk had checked with insurers and the computer equipment is insured whilst in her car as the policy is an all risks policy. Cllr. Watling advised that he was looking to have a meeting with Geoff Tully this Saturday if he could find an electrician.</p>	<p>RW</p>
<p>Re-tarring and Stoning Common Lane, Common Road, The Square and Birch Lane - The Clerk advised that Lord Hanningfield had written a letter advising that he was looking into the matter and a full response will follow shortly.</p>	
<p>Doctor’s Surgery – The Clerk advised that she had written to the Practice Manager regarding the issues raised at the previous meeting. To-date no reply had been received. It was reported that Cllr. Johnson had suggested to Dr. Coffin that the Gardening Society would assist with the planting scheme. Cllr. Johnson had agreed and had approached the Gardening Society. Cllr. Williams read out an article that had been put on the Doctor’s website explaining the reasons for the new telephone number.</p>	<p>SJ</p>
<p>Request for Attention to Street Nameplate outside Almshouses – Cllr. Tully advised that the sign had been erected but had been put where the Stock Road sign used to be.</p>	
<p>Doggy Bins – Clerk had written to Chelmsford Borough Council advising them of the location of the new dog bins. Cllr. Elliott advised that the new bin in Dakyn Drive was not being emptied. Clerk to write to the Environmental Services Department regarding the matter.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Tree at the zebra crossing – Mr Fox at Chelmsford Borough Council has arranged for the tree adjacent to the pedestrian crossing to be cut/lifted along with other vegetation near the crossing. With regard to the vegetation, which causes a sightline problem for the crossing, Mr Fox sent a letter to Mr Bishop of 27 The Square requesting that he cut back the vegetation. Mr Bishop replied that the Parish Council owns/maintains this strip of land adjacent to the main road and over the last 40 years have always maintained and kept it clear. Mr Fox therefore asked the Parish Council to look into the matter as it does affect the approach to the pedestrian crossing. The Clerk had also written to John Dobinson at Essex County Council requesting that the zebra crossing is re-whitened. It was reported that the overgrown vegetation was outside Chestnuts in The Square and it was agreed that the Clerk should advise Mr Fox of this in order that he could take the matter up with the owners. The Clerk was also asked to contact Mr Dobinson to see when the zebra crossing would be re-whitened.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Stock United Football Club – Cllr. Tully asked what was happening regarding the land at Greenwoods. It was agreed that Cllr. Grundy and The Chairman would make an appointment to discuss the matter with Greenwoods. It was agreed that it was important for the village to have a site. Cllr. Grundy advised that he had attended meetings with Stock Football Club.</p>	<p>IG/SE</p>
<p>Stock Cricket Club – The Clerk reported that the sign had still not been erected and that Nick Peacock had been dealing with the matter. The Chairman had asked the Clerk to E-mail Nick Peacock but to-date she had not received a reply. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact sign companies and obtain quotations.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Benches for Children’s Play Area – The matter was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr. Williams should order two benches for the play area.</p>	<p>JW</p>
<p>Overgrown hedges at the T-junction at the end of Mill Road where it meets Downham Road and Overgrown Ivy at Harvard East – The Clerk had written again to the owners but no replies had been received. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Essex County Council’s Highways Department advising them that the Parish Council had written on two occasions to the owners and that the work had still not been carried out. The Chairman stated that it is impossible to get out of the road at the end of Mill Road. It was also reported that the ivy is coming over the footpath outside Harvard East.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Parish Paths Partnership (P3) –The Chairman advised that she had spoken to Mr De’Ath who was interested in helping with the footpaths. The Chairman had given Mr De’Ath the P3 Folder and said that she would contact him to arrange a meeting to discuss the next step.</p>	<p>SE</p>

<p>Village Policeman –The Clerk had written to The Chief Constable of Police, Richard Baker. To-date a reply had not been received. The Chairman asked the Clerk to send a copy of the letter to Lord Hanningfield asking him to pursue the matter on the Parish Council’s behalf.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Footpath between Swan Lane and Dakyn Drive – The Clerk had written to Essex County Council regarding the broken “kissing gate” and a request for another gate at the end of the footpath. To-date no reply had been received. Clerk to chase the matter up with Essex County Council.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Black and White Posts on the corner of the right hand bend of Smallgains Lane –The Clerk read out a letter from Julie Martyn, Area Highways Manager, advising that the current contractors Alfred McAlpine have works programmed up to the 31st March 2006, after which a new Contractor will be taking over. Ms. Martyn’s colleague, Mr Cason, will be drawing up a Minor Maintenance list for the new contractor and she hopes that the Parish Council will be patient during this transition period. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Mr Cason on the 1st April 2006.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Speed Indicator Device – Lord Hanningfield had written advising that Speed Indicator Devices are operated by the Police and they have a programme of site visits on a rota basis. He had noted that the Parish Council had also written to Sgt. Morgan Cronin regarding this so trusted that the Parish Council would receive a positive reply from him in due course. Essex County Council staff will also raise the issue with Sgt. Cronin at the next opportunity.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Essex County Council, does, however, deploy a trailer mounted Variable Message Sign (VMS) that flashes up `Smiley or Sad Face` and the Speed Limit. Lord Hanningfield has asked the Mid Area Highways Office to add Stock to its list of locations visited. Essex County Council is also preparing to announce a policy whereby Parish Councils can purchase, possibly with Essex County Council assistance, Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) that flash up the speed limit and `Slow Down` when an approaching vehicle exceeds a predetermined speed. If the Parish Council are interested in either of these items they should contact Robin Murray at Essex County Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Murray and advise him that the Parish Council are interested in both schemes. Ideal locations suggested were Mill Road and High Street.</p>	
<p>New planks and paint for railway seat – Cllr. Williams reported that the work had been carried out.</p>	
<p>Emergency Planning Meeting – The Clerk advised that Kelvin Ward, Principal Emergency Planning Officer, would be attending the next meeting on the 29th March 2006.</p>	
<p>Summer Play Activities – Cllr. Tully had provisionally booked the 8th August 2006.</p>	
<p>Annual Just Bin It Day – The Clerk had sent all the relevant forms back to Jackie Lane at Chelmsford Borough Council and had organised the advertising. Mrs Lane had agreed to give a presentation to the Parish Council on the 26th June 2006. Cllr. Grundy suggested putting a list together of things that needed doing and then get people to help. Cllr. Blackburn agreed to produce the list and circulate to all Councillors.</p>	<p>KB</p>
<p>Essex County Council Community Initiatives Fund – Cllr. Grundy advised that the funding for 2006/07 had not yet been finalised. Cllr. Easton asked Cllr. Grundy to get an example of what sort of plan could be put together.</p>	<p>IG</p>
<p>Mayor’s Community Evening – The Clerk had sent back the nomination to the Mayor’s Office.</p>	
<p>Mobile Skateboard Park –Cllr. Tully advised that the school had thought it was a good idea and Geoff Tully said that it could also be held at the Village Hall. Cllr. Tully said she would speak to the Head at the school.</p>	<p>AT</p>
<p>The Hoop – The Clerk had written to Mr Fenwick stating that the Parish Council believe that he needs planning consent for the temporary erection of a traditional hanging sign.</p>	
<p>Post outside The Paddocks – The Clerk had written to Mr Dobinson at Essex County Council regarding the post that had been knocked down. No reply received to-date. Clerk to chase matter.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>

	<p>Leather Bottle Hill Road Sign and Gateway - The Clerk had written to Essex County Council asking them to replace the sign and repair the gateway. Cllr. Grundy advised that an inspection had taken place. The Clerk advised that completion for new signage would be 4-6 weeks.</p>	
<p>1421.</p>	<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Essex Police Authority, Police & Community Consultative Group, regarding Chelmsford Police and Community Consultative Group Public Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st March at William De Ferrers School. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not attend this meeting but wait for the next one. b) Essex County Council (Furze Lane, Stock) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2006. The Orders will come into effect on the 6th March 2006 and the restriction will last for the duration of the works. Furze Lane will be closed from its junction with Mill Road to a point 300m south of that junction - this is in order to avoid the risk of danger to the public while overhead lines are replaced. The alternative route will be via Mill Road, Whites Hill, Furze Lane and vice versa. The Clerk gave Cllr. Watling the letter to put on the website. c) Alison Creed, Community Sports Development Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council regarding Parish Sports Programme for the Easter and Whitsun holidays. Cllr. Tully advised that the Parish Council do not usually organise activities for these holidays. d) The Chairman advised that she had written to Mr Westwood regarding the War Memorial and read out his reply. The Chairman reported that she had long conversations with Dick Finch and Cllr. Johnson and said that she cannot see any reason to have a meeting as agreed by Nick Peacock. The Chairman stated that no families have approached the Parish Council about this and that she felt uncomfortable about altering historical monuments. It was therefore agreed that the matter was now closed. e) Nicola Croft, Lead Officer – Equality & Diversity – at Chelmsford Borough Council regarding A Diverse Service Users Forum for Chelmsford. To be held on Thursday 2nd March from 7pm to 9pm at The Civic Theatre. The Chairman advised that she had E-mailed back and read out the reply. Cllr. Grundy stated that he would probably attend the meeting but that it was probably more relevant to the town centre rather than rural areas. f) Susan De Val, Legal and Democratic Services Manager, at Chelmsford Borough Council regarding Licensing Policy. Mrs De Val can confirm that the Council’s Statement of Licensing Policy correctly identifies the statutory consultees, and also correctly refers to consideration of representations made by interested parties, of which Parish Councils would be one. The policy does not go into details for making representations, which is governed by regulations. Therefore Parish Councils do have a say. g) Lord Hanningfield advising that he would like to attend the meeting on the 21st August 2006. h) West Hanningfield Parish Council enclosing a copy of a letter sent to Chelmsford Borough Council regarding the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies Preferred Options. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back thanking them for their letter and advising that the Parish Council thoroughly endorse their comments, especially concerning the potential development at Temple Farm. 	<p>RW</p> <p>CLERK</p>
<p>1422.</p>	<p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the application for 10 Mill Road had been withdrawn and the application would be re-submitted at a later date.</p> <p>Letter received from Keith Holmes, Development Manager, at Chelmsford Borough advising of the Notification of Appeal by Mr S. Welch regarding Plantation Cottage East, Mill Road – First floor side extension, Application No. 05/01027/FUL. Clerk to write to Inspectorate endorsing previous comments and asking for a copy of the Appeal decision.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had received an E-mail from Paul Bohannan, Enforcement Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council regarding the Planning Enforcement Ref: 05/00542/ENFE at the Bakers Arms. Mr Bohannan advised that although progress has been slow, discussions have taken place between Mr Southgate, his Agent and the Planning Office.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>

As yet no agreement has been reached over the surfacing of this part of the car park. Mr Bohannon has recently written to Mr Southgate reminding him that formal action could be taken if this matter is not resolved shortly.

Letter received from Christine Lyons, Enforcement Team Leader, at Chelmsford Borough Council advising of a Notification of 5 Enforcement Appeals for the following:-

CLERK

Location: Broomfield Farm, Broomwood Lane, Ramsden Heath, Billericay

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Morter & Sarah Morter.

Alleged Breach: Without planning permission the material change of use of land for the siting of caravans/mobile homes & structures used for residential purposes. Breach of condition imposed with permission 01/00530/FUL; that Continued use of mobile homes for agriculture shall be removed before 31st October 2003, these remain on the land.

ENF. REF: 03/00618/ENCOU

Five appeals have been made to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the above site. These appeals follow the decision of the Council to issue two Enforcement Notices in relation to the unauthorized change of use and the breach of a condition, the case it is to be decided on the basis of an exchange of written statements by the appellant and the Council, and a site visit by a Planning Inspectorate appointed by the Planning Inspectorate. The Parish Council are to make any comments they have concerning these appeals direct to the Planning Inspectorate by 9th March 2006.

The Parish Council were strongly opposed to the development of this Green Belt site and fully supported the action of Chelmsford Borough Council.

Applications:-

Application No. 06/00196/FUL. Single storey rear extension, parking to front and new crossover.

CLERK

Location: 10 Dakyn Drive, Stock.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Day.

Comments due by 24th February 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. 06/00211/FUL. Single storey rear extension and front porch.

CLERK

Location: 12 Dakyn Drive, Stock.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Jordan.

Comments due by 27th February 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. 06/00099/FUL. Rear first floor extension.

CLERK

Location: 49 Myln Meadow, Stock.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. M. Purvis.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Application No. 05/02263/FUL. Conservatory to Southern elevation, minor amendments to all elevations.

CLERK

Location: Mackie House, 41 Dakyn Drive, Stock.

Applicant: Chelmer Housing Partnership.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Application No. 05/02420/FUL. Formation of a reservoir.

CLERK

Location: Springfield Farm, Potash Road, Billericay, Stock.

Applicant: Mr A. Argent.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

<p>Application No. 06/00061/FUL. Retention of grassed soil bund. Location: Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr Robert Napp. The Parish Council commented that the bund is highly visible from surrounding areas, being at the top of a hill in rolling open countryside. The Parish Council fail to see how this bund can act as a security device against trespassers as there is a field opening immediately adjacent to the bund. The Parish Council question whether top soil was used in the bund – please refer to the stop notice. This is inappropriate development to the Green Belt.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/00127/FUL. Erection of canopy to front of Club building. Location: The Bowling Green, Common Road, Stock. Applicant: Stock and Buttsbury Bowls Club. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Amendments to Application No. 05/02392/FUL. Rear conservatory and two garden sheds. Location: 4 Hereward Mount, Stock. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Barry Stack The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/00031/FUL. Conversion of existing garage into an office ancillary to dwelling, alteration to garage elevation. Location: 35 High Street, Stock. Applicant: Nichola Hedges. The Parish Council commented that the windows should compliment the house. The Parish Council would like conditions to retain it as ancillary to the dwelling and would not like it as a separate dwelling or commercial development.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/00272/FUL. Alterations to doors and windows. (Variation to planning permission ref. 05/00919/FUL). Location: 4 Myln Meadow, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs D. Massey. The Parish Council commented that the front elevation is visually more pleasing than the original plan.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 05/01805/FUL. Construction of coarse fishing lake, alteration to polo pitch, removal of part of hedge and creation of car park. Location: Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Stock. Applicant: Robert J. Napp. The Parish Council commented that it is unaware of polo ever being played so cannot understand the need for alteration. With regard to the construction of the fishing lake, the Parish Council are concerned as to where the extracted soil is to go. The Parish Council would strongly resist the removal of any part of the hedge. The Parish Council considers there to be enough entrances already to this property. If a further car park were to be created this would increase traffic into a particularly narrow road. The development would be visible from Billericay and this is visually intrusive. The Parish Council strongly object to the proposed bridges replacing an existing footpath. The bridges are urban in design and out of character with the rural environment.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p><u>Results:-</u></p>	
<p>Application No. 05/02123/FUL. Two storey side addition. Location: 25 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr J. Canolopez. Approved.</p>	
<p>Application No. 05/02160/OUT. Revised application for one dwelling. Location: Land Adjacent 5 Dakyn Drive, Stock. Applicant: Mr M. Campion. Refused.</p>	
<p>Application No. 05/02175/FUL. Change of use of concrete barn (Building 1) for storage of household furniture and office furniture and use of Milking Parlour (Building 2) as kitchen for small catering business. Location: Great Prestons Farm, Great Prestons Lane, Stock. Applicant: Simon Lyster. Withdrawn.</p>	

	<p>Application No. 05/02224/FUL. Retention of existing detached garage. Location: White Gables, Downham Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs D. Edghill. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 05/02237/FUL. Creation of first floor above existing bungalow with single storey side and rear extensions. Location: 90 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ringer. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 05/02182/FUL. Two storey rear and side extension. Location: 35 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr P. Murphy. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 05/02229/FUL. Two storey side extension. Location: The Gables, Mill Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs J. Harris. Refused.</p> <p>Application No. 05/02329/FUL. First floor side extension. Location: Plantation Cottage East, Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr S. Welch. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 05/02332/FUL. Replacement of existing barn with a house and garage. Location: Brook Lodge, Stock Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr P. Rotheron and Mr. W. Rotheron. Refused.</p> <p>Application No. 05/02381/FUL. Proposed single storey rear garden room extension, first floor rear extension over part of new ground floor, pitched roof dormer in existing first floor bathroom to replace existing velux. Location: 10 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr and Mrs C. Dixon. Withdrawn.</p> <p><u>Applications for Works to be carried out on trees in Conservation Area and trees that have Tree Preservation Orders:-</u></p> <p>Application No. 06/05505/TPO. Works to T1 – Sessile Oak (TPO 1987/21) Location: 9 Mill Lane, Stock Applicant: Mr Lewis. The Tree Warden had no comments to make. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 06/05505/CAT. Fell 3 x Conifer, 2 x Sycamore & 1 x Eucalyptus tree. Location: Bishops House, Stock Road, Stock Applicant: Bishop of Brentwood. The Tree Warden had no comments to make. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 06/05002/TPO. Works to T32 & T33 2 x Oaks. Location: 35 Myln Meadow, Stock Applicant: Mr Weaver. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 06/05501/CAT. Various Works to Trees. Location: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church, Mill Road, Stock Applicant: Our Lady and St. Joseph Catholic Church. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 06/05504/CAT. Works to 2 x Copper Beech trees. Location: Green South of Almshouses, Stock Road, Stock Applicant: Our Lady and St. Joseph Catholic Church. Approved.</p>																	
1423.	<p>FINANCE.</p> <p>Clerk's Salary - The Clerk was asked to leave the room whilst her salary was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would be moved to SCP22 on the salary scheme and that her hours would be increased to 20 hours per week.</p> <p>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</p> <table data-bbox="225 2011 1053 2128"> <tr> <td>101116</td> <td>£613.55</td> <td>Mrs L.J.Green</td> <td>Salary 1.02.06 – 28.02.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101117</td> <td>£104.82</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101118</td> <td>£142.08</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101119</td> <td>£43.00</td> <td>Mr. P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting January</td> </tr> </table>	101116	£613.55	Mrs L.J.Green	Salary 1.02.06 – 28.02.06	101117	£104.82	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101118	£142.08	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	101119	£43.00	Mr. P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting January	
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	<p>101120 £1,169.13 Ingatestone Forge Signpost at junction of Swan Lane and High Street</p> <p>101121 £1,217.00 Stock Village Hall Hire of Hall from 1.1.06 – 31.12.06 and yearly rental of office.</p> <p>101122 £255.25 Kings Trees</p> <p>Transfer of Funds – On the 27th February £3,500.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker to the Current Account.</p> <p>Cricket Club Contribution for 2005 – The Clerk had worked out the figure, which amounted to £193.33. The Clerk felt this was a lot lower than previous years so she said that she would go through the records again to make sure the figure was correct. Clerk then to send invoice to Cricket Club.</p> <p>Stock Press Accounts – The Clerk advised that she had received the accounts. Clerk to advise Cllr. Elliott.</p> <p>Insurance - The Clerk advised that the additional premium for adding the laptop, routers, projector and screen was £75.93, which Zurich had waived for this year.</p> <p>Office Telephone – The Clerk advised that the telephone was being disconnected on the 27th February and that she had arranged for a caller redirect to be put on the telephone at a cost of £30.00 per quarter. This would re-direct calls to the new mobile telephone. The Clerk had organised advertising the new telephone number in Stock Press, on the website and on the noticeboards.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
<p>1424.</p>	<p>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the inspection of the play equipment would be carried at the end of March.</p> <p>Cllr. Elliott asked the Clerk to contact Bob Hale to remove the old tulip litterbin.</p> <p>Cllr. Williams asked the Clerk to contact Bob Hale to paint the other green bench that backs onto the car park. Mr Hale to contact Cllr. Williams if he has any problems.</p> <p>Cllr. Williams asked the Clerk to contact Bob Hale and ask him to fill the dip in the ground by the village sign.</p> <p>Cllr. Blackburn advised that he had now received all the tree application approvals from Chelmsford Borough Council and that he would speak to Mr Williams about getting the trees cut.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>KB</p>
<p>1425.</p>	<p>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</p> <p>Cllr. Blackburn reported that drivers see the 30mph and dual restriction signs as the point to go fast outside his house in Swan Lane. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed with the Traffic Committee.</p> <p>Cllr. Williams reported how dirty the road signs were in the village. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Dobinson at Essex County Council.</p>	<p>TRAFFIC COMMITTEE</p> <p>CLERK</p>
<p>1426.</p>	<p>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that the plastic recycling had started last week and that it would be collected once a fortnight on a Friday. He reported that a spot check had been carried out in Mill Road and half of the parishioners are putting out their plastic for recycling. Cllr. Grundy advised that the brown bin collection started in the Borough today and would start in Stock on the 6th March 2006. Cllr. Grundy gave Cllr. Watling a leaflet on recycling to put on the website. It was reported that many people had not received the leaflet.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that on the 17th March 2006 a Focus Group for Strategy for Older People was being held. Cllr. Grundy advised that the Over 60's had been invited. It was also agreed that Stock Cares should be invited and Cllr. Grundy said that he would organise this.</p>	<p>RW</p> <p>IG</p>

	<p>Cllr. Grundy advised that a white paper was due to be published in the Spring on Local Government Reorganisation. Cllr. Grundy stated that this would affect Parish Councils, District Councils and County Councils. He advised that if the reorganisation took place then the Parish Council would merge with a few other Parish Councils in the area.</p>	
1427.	<p>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</p> <p>Nothing further to report.</p>	
1428.	<p>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone who came and supported the meeting. She advised that she had circulated the results to all Councillors and that she had sent additional comments late today. It was agreed that Cllrs. Grundy, Otter and Watling would have a meeting with the Chairman before the next Parish Council meeting. The Chairman stated that the grids need to be kept up-to-date as progress is made. The Chairman advised that the Village Design Statement is a separate matter and Cllr. Blackburn said that he would arrange a meeting with Michelle Gardiner.</p>	<p>SE/MO/IG/RW</p> <p>KB</p>
1429.	<p>JOINING OF AN E-GROUP.</p> <p>Cllr. Watling explained the process of an E-Group. He advised that the Group is strictly by invitation only. It was agreed that Cllr. Watling would send an invitation to all Councillors to join.</p>	<p>RW</p>
1430.	<p>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION.</p> <p>The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the village would enter this competition. It was mentioned at the Village Action Plan meeting that a Village in Bloom Competition could be held in tandem with the Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed that the judging could be done in conjunction with the Gardening Society and that it could be promoted with the Gardening Society. Cllr. Blackburn thought that this was a good plan for next year but that there was not enough time for this year as it needed a lot of planning. It was agreed that the matter should be discussed with the Gardening Society and ask them to have one of their members involved. Cllr. Blackburn said that he would write an article for Stock Press regarding the matter. The Chairman asked the Clerk to put the Village in Bloom Competition/Best Kept Village Competition on the October Agenda. Cllr. Williams to put article in Stock Press for April and May.</p>	<p>JW/CLERK/KB</p>
1431.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 29th March 2006 at 7.30pm.</p>	
1432.	<p>CLOSED MEETINGS FOR OPENING TENDERS.</p> <p>Sign at end of Swan Lane – The Chairman advised that Ingatestone Forge had been very helpful in trying to make the matter better. She advised that a request had not been made for the arms to be replaced to match the existing. The quotations were discussed and it was agreed that the work should be given to Andy Nichols who would replace both arms.</p> <p>Cllr. Watling advised that a carpenter wanted £50.00 plus VAT to install the screen in the Village Hall. All agreed and Cllr. Watling to arrange.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>RW</p>

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.22pm.

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