

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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| 1563. | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. None. | |
| 1564. | MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30TH OCTOBER 2006. The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed. | |
| 1565. | VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF CLLR. JUDY WILLIAMS. The Chairman advised that Cllr. Williams had resigned from the Parish Council and the Clerk read out Cllr. Williams' resignation letter. The Clerk had contacted Alan Battley at Chelmsford Borough Council who had advised that as the vacancy has arisen within six months of the Election the vacancy cannot be advertised and the Parish Council have to run with an unfilled vacancy. It was agreed that the Chairman should send a reply to Cllr. Williams and give the Clerk a copy in order that it could be sent to Mr Battley. | CLERK/SE |
| 1566. | MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. Tree Warden Scheme – Cllr. Phillips reported that Stock School had received 12 trees to be planted. Cllr. Phillips reported that at the Parish Council Forum he had found out that Chelmsford Borough Council were considering only notifying Parish Councils/Tree Wardens of proposals to demolish trees and not regarding cutting. Cllr. Phillips did not find this acceptable. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Chelmsford Borough Council making the Parish Council's feelings known. Cllr. Johnson advised that she had still not ordered the new trees as John Coffin had been away but would do so when he returned. Doctor's Surgery – Phil Hope had reported the following to the Clerk:- These notes were presented at the meeting with Terry Gregson, Design and Plan on Thursday 9 th November 2006 by Phil Hope and Chris Robinson, Development Control. Mr Gregson fully understood the urgency and agreed to produce revised plans and details incorporating amendments as discussed. A list of approved contractors was also given to him to help aid in the tender stage. The drawings had been received and were shown to the Parish Council. At this stage the drawing is for the Parish Council's information only but hopefully demonstrates that the matter is progressing. Further consideration of the site circumstances have resulted in a significant cost saving, although drawings need to be revised:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Posts not required, to be removed from drawing.• Two channel gullies required incorporating 150mm diameter Type Z gully leads discharging to ditch via concrete filled sandbag headwalls (ECC Folio EF121).• Typical Kerb face to be 100mm, otherwise footway detail all as per lower cross section shown on ECC Folio EB105.• Remove superseded details from footpaths details as shown on copy of 3013-111 and include new proposed section as above.• Footway to have a 1.8m minimum width, where practicable.• Show footway as a continuous lightly shaded area.• Relay radii to Drs Surgery – Straight kerbs have been used on the radius. | CLERK/SJ CLERK |

- This particularly needs to be done as it falls within the conservation area.
- Show existing layout superimposed with proposed (note inaccuracy on existing drawing: existing layout scales off approx 4m width at pinch point, but actual width on site is 4.9m i.e. drawing not to scale – pinch point not as shown).
- Drawing to show critical dimensions highlighting the carriageway widening to 5.2 metres at pinch point and 1.6 m absolute minimum footway adjacent telegraph pole.
- Drawing to show extent of works i.e. start and cut off points.
- Clean existing ditch.

All works to be laid to a good line and level – all as agreed with Council’s Clerk of Works on site.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Phil Hope reiterating for the third time the need for a risk assessment as the Parish Council are concerned about the narrowing of the road at the pinch point which is a blind corner to traffic in both directions.

Stock United Football Club – Cllr. Grundy had written to Strutt and Parker regarding obtaining a longer lease on the land or selling it to the Parish Council so that the Football Club had a permanent home. To-date no reply had been received.

Black and White Posts on the corner of the right hand bend of Smallgains Lane – Phil Hope will now be dealing with this matter and hopes to arrange for the new posts to be installed within the next few weeks

Speed Indicator Device – It was reported that the batteries had now gone flat and the Clerk was asked to arrange for the trailer to be removed. The possibility of purchasing a permanent device was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr. Grundy would contact Ramsden Heath Parish Council to ask them what system they have and how much it cost and the Clerk would contact Mountnessing Parish Council.

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Dirty Road Signs – Brian Willett of Highways at Essex County Council had spoken to the Clerk. He said that the Highways Team had looked at the roads in question and that many of the signs did not actually need cleaning and that they had taken photographs (which were circulated to the Parish Council at the meeting). Mr Willett felt that the Parish Council had basically marked every road sign in the village. Phil Hope anticipates that the signs will be cleaned within the next few weeks.

Obscured Bend Sign in Swan Lane before Fristling Hall - Phil Hope had advised that the offending vegetation is due to be cut back today/tomorrow.

Positioning a bell bollard on the corner of Swan Lane to protect the new Signpost at end of Swan Lane - Phil Hope had given the Clerk photographs, taken by his colleague, Graham Livings. Phil Hope advised that the finger post sign appears to have at least a 1 metre clearance (in excess of 3 feet) from the edge of carriageway. A bell bollard would considerably reduce the effective width of the footway at this location, which may be undesirable and lead to complaints. Also the bell bollard sited in Ingatestone was probably sited under different circumstances i.e. to protect the adjacent building, in view of this information would the Parish wish to reconsider the situation? After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should write back to Phil Hope stating that unfortunately the Parish Council fail to see how the photographs clarify matters and having discussed the matter further the Parish Council are still of the opinion that protection for this historic signpost is required. Lorries have been seen to both mount and park on this pavement and in the last few years three of the four arms have been broken. A suggestion was that Chelmsford Borough Council considers having metal bollards as in Ingatestone High Street where the pavement is as narrow as this. Clerk to request a site meeting with Phil Hope to consider this further.

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Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – Cllr. Hale had attended the Risk Assessment and First Aid courses held by Essex County Council. Cllr. Hale had not received the paperwork for the Definitive Map and Diversions Course so had not attended that course. The Clerk had contacted Essex County Council to see why Cllr. Hale had not been placed on the course.

Footpath Map for Stock – The Chairman advised that she was due to have a meeting with Jenny Berkley and Tim Gardiner on Wednesday.

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Green in front of the Almshouses and the Track – The Chairman and Gary Stringer had had a meeting with Phil Hope of Essex County Council and Jamie Cole of Chelmsford Borough Council. The reinstatement of the track back to how it was a year or two ago was discussed along with the provision of timber posts. Jamie Cole requested that proposed details/sketch plans are forwarded to him for approval. The Chairman stated that Phil Hope and Jamie Cole have not got a problem with reinstating the green where it has been eroded. Gary Stringer had agreed to obtain a plan/quotations from contractors. The Chairman and Gary Stringer had had one meeting with a contractor, who was going to produce a plan and give a quotation. As yet this had not been received. As the Clerk advised that the Parish Council needed three quotations, the Chairman asked her to contact Gary Stringer asking him to get additional quotes.

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Phil Hope has been in discussion with Brian Horley, Refuse Manager, at Chelmsford Borough Council and is pleased to advise that it is their intention to manually collect the bins from the Almshouses, no longer using the Refuse lorry to gain access along the track.

Bulb Planting/Pond in Mill Road - Cllr. Johnson advised that the event had been very successful and that a lot had been done. The school children had planted lots of bulbs – 800 bulbs had been planted near Boundary House in Common Road.

Downham Road Retexturing – Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that Downham Road does appear on the list of sites to be retextured and he understands that it is anticipated that works will be carried out this winter.

Seat by the Bakers Arms – The work had been completed. Cllr. Otter asked the Clerk to write and thank Mr Peter Hall as he had done a wonderful job and a member of the public had also commented as well.

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Police Community Support Officers – The Clerk had written to West Hanningfield Parish Council and was still awaiting a reply. Cllr. Phillips had contacted Ingatestone Parish Council but unfortunately they are under a different area for local authority and police so are unable to share. Inspector Mayes had written to the Clerk. Cllr. Mayes was unaware of any Parish Council's currently looking to share a PCSO but he said there is nothing to stop Parish Council's coming to local agreement. Writtle, Boreham, Broomfield and Great Leighs and Little Leighs have already entered into individual match funding agreements. Galleywood Parish Council have already been through to process but have yet to formally agree a start date. Negotiations are currently being held with both Springfield and Great Baddow Parish Councils. Unfortunately, the Parish Council cannot have a PCSO on a trial basis as the start up costs would be inefficient. Under the terms of the 'Special Service Agreement' (contract) either party, Police Authority or Parish Council, can walk away from the Agreement with 4 months notice in writing. The Police Authority are seeking an initial commitment of three years. Inspector Mayes advised that he was happy to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the advantages/implications of match funding, which would consist of a 10 minute briefing following by questions from Councillors. If the Parish Council wish to consider further Inspector Mayes suggests a full open public consultation meeting, chaired by the Parish Council Chairman, to which the whole village is invited. Inspector Mayes would do a 20 minute presentation followed by a question and answer session. It was agreed that Cllrs. Grundy, Otter and Phillips should pose the pertinent questions at the Neighbourhood Policing Meeting. Cllr. Elliott reported that a WPC had been seen walking around the Common last week.

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Hedge Cutting at 2 Five Houses, Common Lane – The work had been carried out.

Overgrown Footpaths – The Public Rights of Way Officer had advised that the footpaths had been surveyed and none were found to be overgrown.

Footpath 38, Back Lane past Imphy Hall – The Clerk had reported the missing footpath post to the PROW Officer.

Footpath in Swan Lane – Mr Livings of Essex County Council had advised the Clerk that the Parish Council's comments had been noted and the contractors have told him that they are sending a gang out to clear the air bricks of the asphalt that has been squeezed in. There is only a small amount in the bricks and air can still pass through them. Mr Livings feels that the material being there is as a result of the rolling process when the surface was laid. Mr Livings will check the fall on the path to ensure that it falls away from the building.

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| | <p>Chains and Posts from The Paddocks to The Square – A parishioner, Mr Deaky, had reported to the Clerk that a van being leased from Britannia had driven over the new posts that had been erected. The matter had been reported to the police who were going to investigate the matter and the Clerk had also written to the company seeking reimbursement. Cllr. Hale agreed to provide a quotation for the Clerk to send to Britannia. Cllr. Hale reported that the post outside the Doctors’ Surgery has been knocked over. Clerk to obtain quotations.</p> <p>Grinding out Stumps on Common including the one in front of The Hawthorns – The work had been completed.</p> <p>Rat-running in Smallgains Lane - Phil Hope had sent the details of the traffic survey for the Parish Council’s information. It was agreed that there was nothing further the Parish Council could do until the Government bring out the new legislation.</p> <p>Trees Outside Lilystone Hall, Honeypot Lane – The Clerk had written to Mrs Couzens and read out the reply that had been received. Mrs Couzens had also contacted Cllr. Phillips and written to him as well. Mrs Couzens advised that the residents have no intention of cutting down trees and are well acquainted with the regulations governing trees subject to Preservation Orders. Mrs Couzens had been in contact with Cllr. Grundy regarding seeking some help with cleaning up the area, as the residents have never had any assistance from Chelmsford Borough Council or Essex County Council. Mrs Couzens advised that it would be hazardous for any resident to undertake the task of cleaning up as cars use the road like a race-track. Mrs Couzens advised that two of the residents, who have been away and did not know the problems the residents have been having, were so ashamed of the state of the area that they had been out and cleared all the rubbish away. Cllr. Grundy advised that he had spoken to Mrs Couzens and had advised her that the next time the road is in a bad condition he will endeavour to get the Hit Squad to clean the area. Mrs Couzens is speaking to Countryside regarding cutting the hedge and they will split the bill. Cllr. Grundy advised that Highways have to get involved, as the road needs to be closed whilst the work is being carried out. Cllr. Grundy advised that Mrs Couzens is aware of the fence that needs reinstating. It was agreed that the Clerk should write and acknowledge Mrs Couzens’ letter advising her to contact Cllr. Grundy in future if she has any further concerns.</p> <p>Seat by the pond – Cllr. Hale advised that he work still had to be completed.</p> <p>Slope by the Footpath in Dakyn Drive to Swan Lane - The Clerk had written to Martyn Wild of Chelmer Housing Partnership who had advised that due to financial constraints the work requested could not be carried out. Mr Wild was going to write back to Mrs McAdam advising her of the situation. Mr Wild had suggested that Mrs McAdam could pay to have the work carried out herself if she wanted to.</p> <p>Post knocked to the ground by the new noticeboard in Swan Lane – The Clerk had written to Mr Oliver of the Cock Inn asking him to reinstate the post. To-date the work had not been carried out.</p> | <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> |
| <p>1567.</p> | <p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) John Symonds of Essex County Council regarding Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) – Round 3 – Funding from Essex County Council. Application deadline 25th May 2007. Funds have to be spent by 31st March 2008. The Chairman thought this was useful when considering purchasing a Speed Indicator Device or the purchase of land for the football pitch. b) Mrs Jill Hart regarding proposals to change the road at Sun Corner in Billericay. Mrs Hart advised that Essex County Council had held an Exhibition in Billericay Library giving the details of the five options being considered. Mrs Hart is very concerned that two of the options involve opening up Laindon Road and making the road a two-way road, which could enable lorries to come through Billericay High Street and then into Stock. At present the lorries cannot turn at this point, as it is too tight so they take a different route. Cllr. Grundy advised that he had attended the exhibition, which had been extremely well supported. Cllr. Grundy had personally completed a form. Cllr. Grundy advised that the Council have been granted a sum of money and if the work is not carried out they will lose the grant. After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council supported Mrs Hart and that the Clerk should write to Essex County Council and Billericay Town Council making the feelings of the Parish Council known. | <p>CLERK</p> |

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| | <p>c) Ian Clark proposing an idea to hold an annual village event around Guy Fawkes Night. After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council felt that there were enough displays around in other villages and that they did not want a display in the village.</p> <p>d) Elaine Peck of Chelmsford Borough Council regarding Parish Council Training. Two sessions have been arranged, one between 2pm –4pm on Wednesday 17th January 2007 and the other between 7pm –9pm on Tuesday 23rd January 2007. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the E-mail that had been received to all Councillors. Councillors to let Clerk know as soon as possible if they wish to attend and on which date.</p> <p>e) Extension of Consultation Period for Review of Mobile Library Servies. Cllr. Grundy advised that Stock were not affected, as they do not have a mobile library in the village.</p> | <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> |
| <p>1568.</p> | <p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p>Tree Preservation Order No. 2006/77 – Land East of Mill Lane - A Tree Preservation Order was made on 3rd November 2006. The reasons for the Order are as follows:- A planning application has been received for the redevelopment of the site adjacent to 20-26 Mill Lane for housing. The trees, the subject of this Tree Preservation Order, lie within and adjacent to the site and are an important feature in Mill Lane. They provide a backdrop to the land and add a softening effect to the adjacent residential properties. In addition, they have high amenity value in the street scene and add to the transition from residential to rural area. It is possible they may be lost or damaged during future development. It is therefore expedient to serve a new Tree Preservation Order to prevent the imminent loss of the trees, which make an important contribution to the landscape on the edge of this rural village. The Parish Council will be advised in due course if the Order has been confirmed.</p> <p>Appeal by Mr S. McIntyre – Site at 17 High Street, Stock – Appeal Reference APP/W1525/E/06/2017812/WF - The Appeal is dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Bakers Arms Car Park – Mr Bohannon had advised the Clerk that he had tried to resolve the matter with Mr Southgate without resorting to formal action. As he has had no success this way, he has now passed the matter to a colleague to issue an Enforcement Notice. James Stubbs is now the Officer responsible for this and he has advised that the report will be over with Legal Services and the Notice should be issued within a couple of weeks. The Enforcement Notice will then provide a further time period for Mr Southgate to comply before further legal action is instigated.</p> <p>Parish Forum Meeting at Chelmsford Borough Council –Cllrs. Easton, Otter and Phillips had attended the meeting. The Chairman advised that the main topic was electronic planning as Chelmsford Borough Council are under pressure from central Government to do all planning items in electronic format. With effect of 1st January 2007 the Parish Council are to submit all comments electronically. Chelmsford Borough Council are looking to improve their software specifically for plans but cannot postpone the implementation of the new system. The Parish Council had been advised to download the plans first rather than accessing them on-line. The Parish Council should no longer post their comments as well as sending by E-mail. Cllr. Otter advised that she had been extremely disappointed with the presentation regarding the LDF, as they did not go into detail about anything. Cllr. Otter was amazed that nobody complained about the amount of documents out for consultation by the 19th December 2006. Chelmsford Borough Council would like electronic replies if possible but will accept paper submissions. Cllr. Grundy said Temple Farm is the only real concern for the village.</p> <p><u>Applications</u></p> <p>Application No. 06/01922/FUL. Variation of condition 24 of consent 01/00119/FUL to allow the retention of a temporary external storage building and alter the external appearance. Location: Greenwoods Estate, Stock Road, Stock. Applicant: Greenwoods Spa and Retreat. The Parish Council had no objections.</p> | <p>CLERK</p> |

Application No. 06/01926/FUL. New timber clad garage door added to front, new door and 3 no. new windows added to rear.

Location: The Coach House, 31A High Street, Stock.

Applicant: Mr D. Watkins.

The Parish Council had no objections.

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Application No. 06/01927/FUL. Replacement of bungalow with a 4 no. bedroom detached house (revised application).

Location: 71 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs V. Tickel.

The Parish Council had no objections.

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Application No. 06/02148/FUL. Single storey rear extension. Lantern to kitchen roof and boiler inspection hatch.

Location: 19 High Street, Stock.

Applicant: Mr K. Hedges.

The Parish Council had no objections.

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Application No. 06/02149/LBC. Single storey rear extension, rebuilding boundary wall and demolishing ex rear wall of kitchen. Lantern to kitchen roof and boiler inspection hatch.

Location: 19 High Street, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs K. Hedges.

The Parish Council had no objections.

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Application No. 06/02183/FUL. Demolition of existing conservatory. New part single, part two storey extension and creation of rooms over garage with dormer windows.

Location: 93 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs P. Cottee.

The Parish Council had no objections.

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Application No. 06/01879/FUL. Single storey side extension, part two storey, part single storey rear extension to include swimming pool and gym/home office.

Location: 73 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs B. Wright . **Approved.**

Application No. 06/01700/FUL. Demolish existing single storey front and rear extension and garage/workshop rebuild two storey side and single storey front extension, new pitched roof to existing front dormer and new detached double garage.

Location: 59 Well Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Misra. **Refused.**

Application No. 06/01773/FUL. Two storey rear extension and single storey side addition (Amendment to permission ref. 05/01572/FUL).

Location: 2 Austen Drive, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs C. Taylor. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/00567/FUL. Conversion and extension of barn to form new dwelling, erection of a new garage, demolition of existing house, garage, shed and outbuildings.

Location: Elmbrook Farm, Buttsbury, Stock.

Applicant: Mr P. Cracknell. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/02177/AG. General purpose agricultural building.

Location: Holes Place Farm, Downham Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs D.L. Sporton. **Prior Approval Not Required.**

Application No. 06/01896/FUL. First floor extension plus new dormer window and porch to front and re-cladding of elevations.

Location: 31 Myln Meadow, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs I. Hands. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/01938/OUT. Residential development.

Location: Site Adjacent 20 to 26 Mill Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr P. Woodward. **Refused.**

Application No. 06/01839/LBC. First floor extension over existing ground floor.

Location: 7 Common Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Christine Daly. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/01838/FUL. First floor extension over existing ground floor dining room.

Location: 7 Common Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Christine Daly. **Approved.**

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

Application No. 06/05206/TPO. T1 – Horse Chestnut on the green at exit property – fell to ground and grind stump for health and safety.

Location: Greenwoods Estate, Stock Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Osib.

James McCarthy of Chelmsford Borough Council had advised that the issue regarding the replacement planting following the commercial development of the property would be investigated. With regard to the issue of driver safety, the Horse Chestnut will have contributed to the accidents, in which case there is a safety issue that cannot be ignored. Whilst Bleeding Canker may not be immediately fatal to the tree, it is known to cause branch drop and as the tree overhangs the road, this presents a safety issue which again cannot be ignored. The loss of the Horse Chestnut is regrettable, however, the tree when viewed from a distance forms part of a group of trees and therefore the loss of amenity will not be great. A replacement tree is to be planted (a non conker producing Horse Chestnut, specification 6-8cm in girth at 1m from ground level, a light standard) further away from the road. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back stating that the Parish Council do not want the tree to be felled. Also Clerk should ask Mr McCarthy following his investigations, what is going to be done about the tree planting that was part of the condition of the original planning consent?

Application No. 06/05213/TPO. T10 –Oak – 30% crown thin and crown lift to 4m. T11 – Oak – crown thin by 30%. 5 year management plan for removal of epicormic growth once yearly on both trees (TPO/2001/117).

Location: 6 Myln Meadow, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs Dosset. **The Tree Warden had no objections. Approved.**

Application No. 06/05212/TPO. T3 – Robinia in rear garden – reduce height by 2m, cutting to suitable growing points. T5 – Silver Birch – reduce lowest bough to secondary lateral (TPO/2004/53).

Location: Little Pipers, 49 High Street, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs Stone. **The Tree Warden had no objections. Approved.**

Application No. 06/05577/CAT. Leyland Cypress x 6 – fell to ground.

Location: Kingfishers, 21 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs Roebuck. **The Tree Warden had no objections.**

Application No. 06/05222/TPO. G3 – 1 x Oak (no. 1 on plan) in rear garden, crown reduce by 2.5m maximum, cutting to suitable growing points; G3 – 1 x Oak (no 2. on plan) in rear garden, crown reduce by 1.5m maximum, cutting to suitable growing points; G3 – 1 x Oak (no 3 on plan) in rear garden, crown reduce by 1.5m maximum, cutting to suitable growing points. (TPO/2001/117)

Location: 37 Myln Meadow, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs Gardner. **The Tree Warden had no objections.**

Application No. 06/05580/CAT. Tree of Heaven x 1 – crown reduce by 25% (2-3m) maximum, cutting to suitable growing points; Prunus x 2 – Fell to ground level and kill stump; Dead tree adjacent to Prunus – fell to ground level and kill stump; Judas tree x 1 – remove two smallest stems back to main trunk. All these trees are in the rear garden.

Location: Jasmine Cottage, 14 High Street, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs Kelsey. **The Tree Warden had no objections.**

Application No. 06/05579/CAT. 1 x Weeping Willow in rear garden on boundary with Jasmine Cottage – remove growth overhanging garden to Jasmine Cottage.

Location: 16 High Street, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs Kelsey. **The Tree Warden had no objections.**

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CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL – SUBMISSION OF TWO DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND PUBLICATIONS OF THREE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS FOR CONSULTATION.

Cllr. Grundy stated that the potential development of Temple Farm is the main concern to Stock.

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The Clerk read out the following comments that John Pardon had submitted:-

OBJECTION TO PARAGRAPH 2.55 & DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICY DC56: INDUSTRIAL AND WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

Paragraph 2.55 and DC56 propose a new designated employment area at Temple Farm, West Hanningfield. Temple Farm is situated within the Metropolitan Green Belt on a high ridge, adjacent to ancient woodland. As such, its status should be protected and enhanced. The dilapidated nature of a small minority of the site should not lead to it being classified as ‘brownfield’ and hence ripe for development. Such an approach, whilst wrong in itself, will also encourage other less scrupulous landowners to degrade the landscape to provide an entry key for future development.

In proposing Temple Farm as a new employment area the DPD is not internally coherent and consistent. Specifically it runs counter to strategic objectives MG5, EPE1, EPE2, EPE3; spatial strategy paragraphs 2.53 and 2.54; core policies CP1, CP2, CP8, CP9, CP26 and development control policies DC1, DC6, DC57.

In addition, there is no evidence that alternative sites outside of the Metropolitan Green Belt have been considered, particularly those adjacent to the railway network as well as the trunk road network (eg Boreham).

Were the development to proceed it would have an adverse effect on traffic on the local road network unless entry/exit to the site is strictly enforced as being solely via the A12. The B1007 runs south from the site to the village of Stock, a conservation area; and to Downham Road, which forms part of the National Cycle Network. Both the B1007 and Downham Road are totally unsuitable to handle further volumes of traffic; particularly goods vehicles. Essex County Council, the highway authority, have confirmed at a public meeting on 31 July 2006 that any HGV ban on the B1007 and local roads would have “little chance of being complied with” leading to “rat running” (vehicle traffic on unsuitable roads). Any increases in traffic would run counter to strategic objective QL3 and core policy CP12. It is also difficult to envisage how the transport assessment required by DC7 would be positive and equally difficult to see how the negative impacts could be reduced to acceptable levels. The intent of DC45 and DC61, para iv, would also be thwarted.

The above objection can only be resolved by the removal of the Temple Farm proposal with a view to identifying a more suitable site outside the Metropolitan Green Belt that does not run counter to the rest of the DPD.

Cllr. Otter commented that she thought there was a typing error in John Pardon’s comments and that it should read CP 1 & 2 or CP26 instead of CP12 in the fourth paragraph. Clerk to contact John Pardon to clarify matter.

It was agreed that Mr Pardon’s comments should be incorporated into the Parish Council’s objections. Cllr. Otter proposed that the third paragraph was removed. This was agreed. Cllr. Otter also proposed that the following comments be submitted which the Parish Council agreed to:-

It is well documented that the manufacturing industry is in decline. The DPD page 58 states that the Borough Council is nurturing manufacturing. Economic prosperity is essential and we commend this but in such a climate is land allocation within the Green Belt justified? Policy DC52 should not permit any change of land use from industry and warehousing to anything other than employment.

The Parish Council fully support the Borough Council’s statement that the Metropolitan Green Belt should be firmly safeguarded, and fully support the fact that options for releasing land within the Green Belt for meeting part of the Borough’s requirement for new housing have been rejected.

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| | <p>Policy DC1 Controlling Development in the Metropolitan Green Belt should fully reflect PPG2.</p> <p>The Chairman asked the Clerk and Cllr. Otter to arrange for the Parish Council's comments to be submitted by the deadline of the 19th December 2006.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1570. | <p>FINANCE.</p> <p>Annual Donations - The Chairman advised that letters had been received from All Saints' Church and Our Lady & St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church Parish Council requesting their annual grants from Stock Parish Council. It was agreed that a churchyard grant of £200.00 would be made to All Saints Church and £75.00 to Our Lady & St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church Parish Council. Letters had also been received from The Tweedy Charity and Stock Press requesting their annual donation. It was agreed that this year's donation to The Tweedy Charity would be for £200.00 and the donation to Stock Press would be for £75.00. A donation of £250.00 was also approved for Essex Air Ambulance. All of these payments were made under Section 137.</p> <p>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101195</td> <td>£641.14</td> <td>Mrs L.J.Green</td> <td>Salary 1.11.06 – 30.11.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101196</td> <td>£242.39</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101197</td> <td>£138.32</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101198</td> <td>£40.00</td> <td>Mr P.H.Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting Football Pitch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101199</td> <td>£20.00</td> <td>Stock Royal British Legion</td> <td>Poppy Wreath</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101200</td> <td>£231.00</td> <td>Mr P.H.Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101201</td> <td>£200.00</td> <td>All Saints Church</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101202</td> <td>£75.00</td> <td>Our Lady & St. Joseph R.C.Church</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101203</td> <td>£200.00</td> <td>Tweedy Charity</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101204</td> <td>£75.00</td> <td>Stock Press</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101205</td> <td>£250.00</td> <td>Essex Air Ambulance</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> </table> <p>Transfer of Funds – On the 26th November £1,000.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.</p> <p>Precept and Budget for 2007/08- The Clerk had prepared the Budget and circulated copies to the Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the Precept for 2007 should be £30,000.00. Clerk to return forms to Chelmsford Borough Council.</p> <p>Change of Bank Signatories – Following the resignation of Cllr. Williams the cheque signatories had to be amended. The Clerk advised that if the Parish Council has just three signatories banking is free but if there are more then banking will be charged for. After discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman would become the new signatory. The Appointment of Bankers Form was therefore signed and completed. Personal details forms were given to the Chairman and Cllrs. Elliott and Johnson to complete. The Clerk advised that the signatories would have to give Barclays another letter of authority to allow the Clerk to continue to deal with the bank accounts on the Parish Council's behalf. Clerk to organise for documents to be returned to Barclays.</p> | 101195 | £641.14 | Mrs L.J.Green | Salary 1.11.06 – 30.11.06 | 101196 | £242.39 | Inland Revenue Only | PAYE and N.I. | 101197 | £138.32 | Mrs L.J. Green | Expenses | 101198 | £40.00 | Mr P.H.Williams | Grass Cutting Football Pitch | 101199 | £20.00 | Stock Royal British Legion | Poppy Wreath | 101200 | £231.00 | Mr P.H.Williams | Grass Cutting October | 101201 | £200.00 | All Saints Church | Annual Donation | 101202 | £75.00 | Our Lady & St. Joseph R.C.Church | Annual Donation | 101203 | £200.00 | Tweedy Charity | Annual Donation | 101204 | £75.00 | Stock Press | Annual Donation | 101205 | £250.00 | Essex Air Ambulance | Annual Donation | <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> |
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| 1571. | <p>VILLAGE HALL.</p> <p>Following Cllr. Williams' resignation, Cllr. Elliott had offered to take over the position of Parish Council representative to attend Village Hall meetings.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1572. | <p>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION AND VILLAGE IN BLOOM.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson to speak to the Garden Society.</p> | SJ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1573. | <p>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that the sign at the Common Road end of the Common Road – Mill Lane footpath had been broken. The footpath is a historic walk called St. Peters Way. Clerk to report to Public Rights of Way Officer.</p> <p>Cllr. Elliott reported that the new railings outside the new house that has been built at 20 The Square now go further onto the Highway. Clerk to find out if planning permission was granted for this.</p> | <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>It was reported that a fence has been put up outside Moat House, 15 Mill Road, and that it goes right out to the kerb. Concern had been expressed that the owner has taken a small piece of public land. Clerk to look up plans for the curtilage of the property.</p> | CLERK |
| 1574. | <p>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that she had been notified that the 100 bus service is due to be tendered as the contract has expired. As a result of the tendering process the services may (or may not) be operated by a different bus operator with effect from September 2007. Cllr. Otter will be notified if there is a significant change.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that as a result of the concern about the cost of child fares, a matter raised at the Passenger transport meeting in November, a meeting is being arranged in the New Year to be hosted by the Essex County Council Passenger Transport Strategy Manager. There will be a presentation and discussion about concessionary fares for young people. Cllr. Otter awaits further details.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter read out the following information that she had received from Network Rail regarding the engineering works at Shenfield Station next year. The works are proposed and may be subject to change. The work is currently planned for 4 days over Easter 2007, 3 days August Bank Holiday 2007 and some 9 days over the Christmas and New Year 2007/08. It is fundamentally a like-for-like renewal of the existing layout, so there should not be any changes to current platform workings of the current timetable. There will be temporary changes while the work itself is going on, as Network Rail will be losing individual lines and routes through the station while the individual set of points or groups of points are taken out and new ones laid. Regrettably, train services will be subject to significant alteration and disruption. Details of amended timetables are currently being worked on. There will be some very significant disruption over the Christmas 2007/08 when the work at Shenfield is concentrated at the London end of the station and Liverpool Station itself will be closed for several days (all times) when Network Rail are having to demolish the whole of the viaduct outside the station which used to carry the goods lines into Bishopsgate Goods Yard and in readiness for construction of the Shoreditch to Hoxton section of the new East London line.</p> | |
| 1575. | <p>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that a press release had gone out advising that cardboard recycling would be starting in the Borough in January. Cllr. Grundy advised that residents would get another set of bags and that it would be a monthly collection to start off with which would then get reviewed. If Chelmsford Borough Council do not meet their target they will be fined. Cllr. Grundy advised that Chelmsford are one of the best in the county and in the top 20 in the country. Cllr. Grundy advised that he had passed the Parish Council's comments onto Chelmsford Borough Council regarding extending the brown bin collection for next year and the comments were being borne in mind.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that the new Tesco Homeplus Store had opened today. He also advised that the gas works site is part of the Town Centre Plan.</p> | |
| 1576. | <p>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</p> <p>Anne Bishop had advised that the Rural Housing Trust are almost at the planning stage and are due to have a meeting at Chelmsford Borough Council with housing and planning. The support document is at the printers and once they are ready Mrs Bishop will send a copy to the Parish Council. As soon as the planning application is registered at Chelmsford Borough Council, Mrs Bishop will write to the Parish Council and all people who have registered informing them that the application has been submitted and if they wish to they can write to Chelmsford Borough Council to comment on the scheme. Mrs Bishop had also supplied the Clerk with a registration form and accompanying notes for anyone else that wished to register.</p> | |
| 1577. | <p>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</p> <p>It was reported that another meeting was to be held on 6th December 2006 and the Annual General Meeting would be on 10th January 2007. Cllr. Phillips advised that there was a lack of volunteers to form the association and asked the Chairman if she would be interested. The Chairman advised that as she was the Chairman of the Parish Council she was not allowed to be on the VDS Committee.</p> | |

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| 1578. | ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. The Chairman asked for the matter to be deferred to the next meeting. | |
| 1579. | DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 18 th December 2006 at 7.30pm. Cllr. Tully sent her apologies. | |
| 1580. | CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS. None. | |

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.55pm.

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