

**STOCK PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2006**  
**AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Johnson, Williams, Tully, Otter, Watling, Blackburn and Phillips  
**In The Chair:** Cllr. Easton  
**Minute Secretary:** Lorraine Green  
**Also Present:** 13 Members of the Public and Chelmsford Borough Councillor Ian Grundy

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1433.</b>	<p><b>PRESENTATION BY KELVIN WARD, EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER, OF CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.</b></p> <p>A presentation was given to the Parish Council on Emergency Planning. The various risks were discussed together with the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, which makes Emergency Planning a statutory duty. Chelmsford Borough Council's Resilience website is <a href="http://www.chelmsfordresilience.info">www.chelmsfordresilience.info</a>. Risk assessment and the compilation of a risk register was discussed, as was the guide to developing a Community Emergency Plan. The Parish Council are to complete the Local Parish Resources Plan and maintain the Community Core Plan Folder.</p>	<b>CLERK/SE</b>
<b>1434.</b>	<p><b>VOTING AND CO-OPTION TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY OF PARISH COUNCILLOR.</b></p> <p>The Chairman advised that only one application had been received and that was from Charles Phillips. The Parish Council therefore agreed to co-opt Charles Phillips onto the Parish Council. Charles was asked to join the Parish Council and he was given the necessary documents. Cllr. Phillips then proceeded to sign the Declaration of Office form.</p>	
<b>1435.</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Elliott sent her apologies.</p>	
<b>1436.</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Otter had asked that in Minute 1422. Broomfield Farm the final paragraph be omitted together with the final sentence of the paragraph above it which read 'The Parish Council made the following comments:'.</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed.</p>	
<b>1437.</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</b></p> <p><b>Tree Warden Scheme</b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>The Larches</b> – Nothing to report. Item to be deleted from future agenda</p> <p><b>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</b> – It was agreed that a meeting had yet to be arranged so this item could be taken off of the Agenda.</p> <p><b>Noticeboards</b> - Cllrs. Easton and Johnson were going to have a meeting to finalise what was going to be ordered.</p> <p><b>Grant from Essex County Council</b> – Nothing to report.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>SE/SJ</b></p>

**Re-tarring and Stoning Common Lane, Common Road, The Square and Birch Lane** - The Clerk read out a letter that had been received from Lord Hanningfield. Lord Hanningfield advised that in previous years under investment has led to a deterioration of road conditions in Essex. In order to tackle the problem, Essex County Council have launched the Highway Maintenance Initiative, which will invest an extra £45m into highway maintenance over the next three years. In order to make the resurfacing programme as efficient as possible, the Highway and Transportation team have used the annual road condition surveys to prioritise the work that needs to be done. The roads in Essex have been classified in three ways; those in satisfactory condition are Green; those about to fail are Amber; and roads in need of critical repair are Red. In line with this classification, Red roads are targeted for urgent repair work, while Amber roads are targeted to prevent future problems. Roads that need work on them will be looked at on a cluster rather than piecemeal basis. This new strategy means that the available funds are used in the most cost effective way. That means that Essex County Council can focus a greater proportion of the budget on 'amber' roads to prevent these roads becoming 'red'. Currently 100 of these clusters have been identified. However, The Square, Common Lane, Common Road and Birch Lane do not feature in any of these, as the condition survey indicated that they are predominantly classified as green, with only a small amber area in The Square. As a result funds have not been allowed to address these particular roads in the forthcoming year. Essex County Council continues to inspect all of Essex's roads and any urgent safety related defects will be treated as a matter of priority. Those roads on the waiting list are reviewed annually and the roads that the Parish Council are concerned about have already been included on the list for consideration for the 2007/08 programme of works. The Parish Council thought it was deplorable and Cllr. Grundy agreed to speak to Lord Hanningfield and MP Simon Burns. Clerk to send a copy of Lord Hanningfield's letter to Cllr. Grundy.

**IG/CLERK**

**Doctor's Surgery** – The Clerk read out a letter that had been received from Ms. Shelley Scott-Horne, Practice Manager, at the Doctors Surgery. Ms. Scott-Horne advised that she had spoken to her builders and that this resulted in the pot-holes being filled in at the car park on the Common. If there is other damage caused by the Surgery Ms Scott-Horne would be happy to meet the Parish Council and discuss the matter further. With regard to the new pavement, the Surgery are waiting for the Council Highways Department to inform them of the specification for the new pavement and, as soon as they know, they too are keen to finish the work. Ms. Scott-Horne asked what verge needed re-instating in Common Road as the damage that is visible was caused by the construction workers at Orchard House when they recently had their driveway re-surfaced and not during the construction of the new Surgery. Cllr. Easton said that she thought the damage to the verge was done before the Orchard House work was carried out. Cllr. Johnson advised that Chelmsford Borough Council were demanding that the ditch is reinforced with a brick wall before the pavement is installed and that the Surgery did not agree with this but were very anxious to get the work completed. Cllr. Blackburn suggested that the Clerk write to the Highways Department stating that having a pavement was a priority not reinforcing the ditch with a brick wall and that the Parish Council strongly urge them to resolve the matter as the Parish Council are concerned about patients, particularly elderly patients, walking in the road to the Surgery on a dangerous bend. It was agreed that a copy of the letter should be sent to Ms. Scott-Horne at the Doctors' Surgery.

**CLERK**

Cllr. Williams suggested asking the Doctors to put up a sign saying 'Surgery' as people seem to be getting lost when trying to find it. The Parish Council were loathe to have any more signs erected.

**Doggy Bins** – Clerk had written to Chelmsford Borough Council advising them that the new bin in Dakyn Drive was not being emptied. The Chairman and Cllr. Blackburn to check that the bins are being emptied.

**KB/SE**

**Tree at the zebra crossing** – The Clerk reported that she had been in constant communication with Mr Fox at Essex County Council regarding the matter. Mr Fox had eventually agreed for a one off flail/cutback to last for a good length of time to improve the visibility approaching the crossing. Mr Bishop of The Square had advised Mr Fox that the Parish Council were responsible for maintaining this area. Cllr. Elliott had advised the Clerk that this was not the case and that the Parish Council do not own this strip of land. Due to this fact Mr Fox wanted to know why the Parish Council have erected a No Parking sign on the same strip of land that is not owned by them. Cllr. Elliott had agreed to have a site meeting with Mr Fox to discuss the matter further.

**WE**

**Stock Cricket Club** – The Clerk advised that the new sign was on order.

**CLERK**

**Whitening of Zebra Crossing** – The Clerk had written again to Mr Dobinson at Essex County Council. To-date no reply had been received. The Chairman asked the Clerk to chase the matter again sending a copy to Lord Hanningfield.

CLERK

**Stock United Football Club** – Cllr. Grundy and the Chairman had had a meeting with Mr Osib and Mr Westwood of Greenwoods where discussions had been held regarding the land that they own which is fallow farmland. It was agreed that the village needs a football pitch/playing field. Mr Osib and Mr Westwood had offered to lease the land to the Parish Council at a peppercorn rent. Greenwoods were more than happy to look at a feasibility study. A subsequent meeting had been held with Chelmsford Borough Council's Playing Fields Department who agreed that the land looked o.k. and that the next step would be to set up a meeting with Planning and Highways to get their comments. Cllr. Otter said that she would not support this. It was agreed that Cllr. Grundy should arrange the meeting. Cllr. Otter said that she thought the land at the front of the Beechams site was set aside for the Parish Council to use for recreational use and that it seemed smaller than initially envisaged. Cllr. Grundy said that the land was not big enough for the proposed football pitch/playing field. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Planning Department to find out what was agreed regarding the land for recreational use and who actually owns the land.

IG/CLERK

**Benches for Children's Play Area** – Cllr. Williams advised that she had placed the order. Cllr. Williams reported that a parishioner, Mr Lewis, had spoken to Cllr. Grundy stating that he was unhappy about any benches being placed near his property. Cllr. Tully had also received a complaint. After discussion, it was agreed that the Silver Jubilee bench would be replaced. The Parish Council agreed that when the new benches arrived a few Councillors would meet to agree the siting of the second bench.

JW

**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 advised Essex County Council about the matters. As regards the first item, Mr Fox was going to inspect the location and contact the owners in regard to this matter. As regards Harvard East, Mr Fox had written to the resident of Little Court regarding the matter on the 14<sup>th</sup> February and the owner telephoned to inform him that, although it appears to be growing in the grounds of her property, it is in fact from Harvard House and the resident forwarded the letter onto them. Mr Fox will inspect the vegetation once the given period for the owners to cut it back has elapsed.

**Parish Paths Partnership (P3)** – Nothing to report.

**Village Policeman** –The Clerk read out a letter that had been received from Inspector Ian Cummings who advised that P.C. Elmer's departure was at his own request in order to engage in another aspect of Policing. The Government require all police forces to adopt Neighbourhood Policing by 2008. A decision was made by Senior Officers a while ago, that with the imminent implementation of Neighbourhood Policing it would be counter productive in the short term to replace P.C. Elmer with a named Officer to Stock, when reorganization may mean the later removal of that Officer. It is hoped that Neighbourhood Policing will start by the end of May this year.

CLERK

The Clerk read out a letter that had been received from Chief Superintendent Divisional Commander W.N. Bernard advising that P.C. Elmer had embarked upon being a Specialist Investigator. As for a replacement he shall task Chief Inspector McGarrigle (District Commander) to reply regarding this matter and hopes that the issues can soon be resolved. Neighbourhoods will have identified Officers, and Chief Superintendent Bernard will be informing his District Commanders that this must be done by the end of April 2006.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would check in mid May to see what the situation is regarding the Neighbourhood Policing. Cllr. Grundy advised that the matter would come up at the South Hanningfield Annual Parish Meeting, which the Chief Constable of Essex would be attending.

**Footpath between Swan Lane and Dakyn Drive** – Essex County Council had advised the Clerk that the footpath belonged to Chelmer Housing. The Chairman and Cllr. Blackburn are due to have a meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> March with Tim Gardiner of Parish Paths Partnership to discuss the matter further.

SE/KB

**Black and White Posts on the corner of the right hand bend of Smallgains Lane** –Nothing further to report.

	<p><b>Speed Indicator Device</b> –A copy of the Highways and Transportation Practice Note relating to VAS’s and SID’s was currently being circulated amongst Councillors. Unfortunately Mr Robin Murray of Essex County Council cannot give a date for the deployment of the VMS trailer as certain maintenance work is currently required but Stock has been added to the rota and as a new site will take priority once the unit is functional again.</p> <p><b>Annual Just Bin It Day</b> – Cllr. Blackburn advised that he had included an article in Stock Press encouraging parishioners to tidy up outside their properties. Cllr. Blackburn could not recall being asked to produce a list of things that needed tidying and areas that needed tidying up. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Hit Squad and ask them to clear up Well Lane, Downham Road and Stock Lane/Ingatestone Road.</p> <p><b>Essex County Council Community Initiatives Fund</b> – Cllr. Grundy advised that due to the Confidentiality Act he is unable to obtain an example of plans that have already been put together. Cllr. Grundy could only obtain these once the Parish Council were ready to apply.</p> <p><b>Mobile Skateboard Park</b> – Cllr. Tully advised that the Headteacher of the School, Mr Geoff Slide, did not think that this was a good idea.</p> <p><b>Post outside The Paddocks</b> – The Clerk had written again to Mr Dobinson at Essex County Council regarding the post that had been knocked down. To-date no reply had been received. Clerk to chase matter again.</p> <p><b>Leather Bottle Hill Road Sign and Gateway</b> - It was reported that the work had been carried out.</p> <p><b>West Hanningfield Parish Council</b> - The Clerk had written to the Parish Council endorsing their comments, especially concerning the potential development of Temple Farm.</p> <p><b>Inspection of Play Equipment</b> - The Inspection had been carried out. No defects were reported. The only points raised were that the site lacks dog proof fencing and self-closing gates. Also an information sign indicating the nearest first aid point, telephone and whom to report defects to etc. should be provided (The existing signs fail to detail all of the information that should be displayed). It was reported that a fence cannot be erected as it would go onto the cricket boundary. Cllr. Johnson reported that the grass needs strimming underneath the play equipment. Cllr. Blackburn agreed to speak to Mr Williams regarding the matter.</p> <p><b>Removal of the Old Tulip Litterbin</b> – The Clerk had asked Bob Hale to deal with this.</p> <p><b>Refurbishment of Green Bench on the Common</b> – The Clerk had asked Bob Hale to carry out the work. Cllr. Williams reported that the right hand support strut is broken on the bench. Cllr. Williams to speak to Bob Hale regarding the matter.</p> <p><b>Dip in the Ground by the Village Sign.</b> The Clerk had asked Bob Hale to carry out the work.</p> <p><b>Dirty Road Signs</b> – The Clerk had contacted Mr Dobinson and he agreed to organise for the signs to be cleaned.</p> <p><b>Signpost at end of Swan Lane</b> – Mr Nichols advised the Clerk on the 12<sup>th</sup> March that the work would be carried out in about six weeks.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>KB</b></p> <p><b>JW</b></p>
<p><b>1438.</b></p>	<p><b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</b></p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <p>A parishioner, David Hesketh, of Mill Road requesting provision of a pavement extension on Mill Road. It was agreed that all of the Councillors would look at the area concerned and form an opinion for the next meeting. In the meantime the Clerk would acknowledge Mr Hesketh’s letter advising him that the Councillors were going to look at the area and that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Mrs Julie Moule, Clerk to South Hanningfield Parish Council, inviting Councillors to attend their Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in Ramsden Heath Village Hall. The Guest Speaker will be Chief Constable Baker. Clerk to write back confirming that the Chairman and Cllr. Johnson would attend the meeting.</p>	<p><b>ALL/CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>

	<p>A parishioner, Mr David Jackson, of Falkner Close regarding the current condition of the surfaces of both the road and pavements in Falkner Close. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should forward the letter to Essex County Council's Highways Department. Clerk to acknowledge Mr Jackson's letter advising him that the Parish Council had forwarded his letter to Essex County Council and that the Parish Council are as frustrated as he is. It was agreed that the Clerk should also send a copy of Lord Hanningfield's letter regarding the roads in Stock to Mr Jackson.</p> <p>Cllr. Williams had received a letter from Mr Brian Hughes of Myln Meadow asking the Parish Council to do all that they can to stop and reverse the erection of yet more stumps around the entrances to Falkner Close and Myln Meadow. The Chairman had spoken to Robin Murray at Essex County Council who advised that the stumps had been erected on one parishioner's request who had spoken to the Principal Engineer at Essex County Council and had sent him photographs of cars parking on the corner. Mr Murray had advised the Chairman that Essex County Council do not consult the Parish Council on minor works. The Parish Council suggested that Mr Hughes gets up a petition in Birch Lane/Falkner Close to have the posts removed. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should send Mr Hughes' letter to Mr Murray and also write to Mr Hughes advising that his letter had been forwarded to Essex County Council's Highways Department. The Clerk was also asked to write in her letter to Mr Murray that the Parish Council had brought up a number of other items such as resurfacing of The Square, Common Road, Common Lane and Birch Lane, the replacement of the post at The Paddocks and the re-whitening of the zebra crossing, where there has been an accident, which have not been attended to and at the request of one parishioner these posts, that the Parish Council neither want or feel necessary, are installed.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p>1439.</p>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS.</b></p> <p><b><u>Applications:-</u></b></p> <p><b>Application No. 06/00298/LBC.</b> Replacing modern front bay window, replace modern front door, replace small side window, inserting 2 No. airbricks in the front of the house to improve ventilation and reduce current damp/condensation problems.  <b>Location:</b> 1 Mill Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Johanna Lee  Comments due by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006. The Parish Council commented that they agreed with adding matching airbricks to reduce the damp and would hope the replacement window is in keeping with the surrounding area otherwise the Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><b>Application No. 06/00381/FUL.</b> Alterations and repairs to front elevation, including replacement of render with weather boarding and repair/replacement of existing windows.  <b>Location:</b> 10 The Square, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mrs S. MacFarlane.  The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><b>Application No. 06/00283/FUL.</b> Single storey rear extension and rear conservatory.  <b>Location:</b> 35 Mill Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr. P. Murphy.  The Parish Council commented that this is over development of the site. It more than doubles the footprint of the original property. The loss of garage and size of the building gives rise to serious concern about parking.</p> <p><b>Application No. 06/00227/FUL.</b> Use of milking parlour as a kitchen for small catering business.  <b>Location:</b> Great Prestons Farm, Great Prestons Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Simon Lyster.  The Chairman read out a letter of objection that had been received from Mr and Mrs Cansick. The Parish Council commented that they had received the enclosed letter of objection from Mr &amp; Mrs Cansick and fully endorse the objections made therein. The Parish Council are concerned about the adverse change to the locality, the urbanisation of the area and the increased traffic down a single track rural lane which would be dangerous, particularly to children and elderly residents who live in the area.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>

**Application No. 06/00474/FUL.** Proposed new classroom.  
**Location:** Stock Church of England Primary School, Swan Lane, Stock.  
**Applicant:** Stock Pre-School C/o. Mr and Mrs D. Turner.  
The Parish Council commented that the site is completely land locked with no vehicle access and no parking provision for teaching staff or parents. The Parish Council suspect that parking will occur in Dakyn Drive which is accessed by a one-way bottle neck at Back Lane or a really narrow School Lane, both of which are used by elderly residents. It is a short term approach to use a portacabin to replace a permanent building in the Village Hall and therefore stirring up long term problems. The Village Hall, the current venue, was recently built to the highest specifications, particularly for the demands of the Pre-School. The Village Hall has more than adequate parking. The Parish Council note the comments of the Governors on the educational advantages of the proposal.

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**Application No. 06/00468/FUL.** Extension to side dormer, insertion of dormer at rear and additional window to gable.  
**Location:** 39 Birch Lane, Stock.  
**Applicant:** Miss P. Sabine.  
The Parish Council had no comments to make.

CLERK

Cllr. Blackburn read out a letter that had been received from Mrs Jennifer Berkley regarding Fristling Hall, Swan Lane enclosing a copy of an article written by L. Donald Jarvis and published in Stock Press in 1976. Cllr. Phillips stated that this is the only manor mentioned in the Domesday Book.

**Results:-**

**Application No. 05/02411/FUL.** Single storey front conservatory.  
**Location:** Mackie House, 41 Dakyn Drive, Stock.  
**Applicant:** Mr James Henderson – Chelmer Housing Partnership. **Approved.**

**Application No. 05/02327/FUL.** Provision of early years classroom play area including erection of shed and provision of hardstanding.  
**Location:** Stock Church of England Primary School, Swan Lane, Stock.  
**Applicant:** The Governors and Head Teacher of Stock C of E School. **Approved.**

**Application No. 06/00006/FUL.** Amendment to part two storey, part single storey extensions (permission ref 04/02662/FUL) including the addition of fire escape and increase in size of window.  
**Location:** The Hoop Public House, 21 High Street, Stock.  
**Applicant:** Lingwell Services Ltd. **Approved.**

**Application No. 06/00007/LBC.** Amendment to part two storey, part single storey extensions (permission ref 04/02663/LBC) including the addition of fire escape and increase in size of window.  
**Location:** The Hoop Public House, 21 High Street, Stock.  
**Applicant:** Lingwell Services Ltd. **Approved.**

**Application No. 06/00072/FUL.** Erection of agricultural barn for agricultural storage.  
**Location:** Holes Place Farm, Downham Road, Stock.  
**Applicant:** Mr D.L. Sporton. **Withdrawn.**

**Application No. 06/00074/FUL.** Erection of loosebox range for private equestrian use with feed, shavings and tack room store, outdoor open air riding manege for private equestrian use.  
**Location:** Holes Place Farm, Downham Road, Stock.  
**Applicant:** Mr D.L. Sporton. **Refused.**

**Application No. 05/02392/FUL.** Rear conservatory and two garden sheds.  
**Location:** 4 Hereward Mount, Stock.  
**Applicant:** Mr and Mrs Barry Stack. **Approved.**

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

**Application No. 06/05025/TPO.** Works to T12 –Oak (TPO/2001/117).  
**Location:** 14 Myln Meadow, Stock  
**Applicant:** Mr Jone Joslin. The Parish Council had no comments to make.

	<p><b>Application No. 06/05027/TPO.</b> Works to T1 –Oak (TPO/1994/03).  <b>Location:</b> Old Pump House, Downham Road, Stock  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr R. Curry. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>																													
1440.	<p><b>FINANCE.</b></p> <p><b>Parish Councillor Allowances</b> – The Chairman suggested that Councillors claim the annual Parish Councillor Allowance to cover the cost of Councillors using their P.C.'s, paper, print cartridges etc for receiving items via E-mail. It was agreed that this would take effect from the new financial year. Clerk to find out what the new rate is. It was agreed that the Clerk would type a letter for all Councillors to sign saying that they now wished to receive their allowances which would then supercede their earlier letters stating that they did not wish to claim it. The Clerk advised that she would have to advertise the payments made for the current financial year.</p> <p><b>Cricket Club Contribution for 2005</b> – The Cricket Club had settled their invoice for £193.33.</p> <p><b>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101123</td> <td>£20.81</td> <td>British Telecommunications Plc Office Telephone</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>101124</td> <td>£664.37</td> <td>Mrs L.J.Green</td> <td>Salary 1.03.06 – 31.03.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101125</td> <td>£139.63</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101126</td> <td>£184.52</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101127</td> <td>£400.70</td> <td>Mr Bob Hale</td> <td>Siting and Erecting dog and litter bins and posts and refurbishing seat on common.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101128</td> <td>£37.80</td> <td>NALC</td> <td>Local Council Review Three Yearly Subscription</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101129</td> <td>£47.00</td> <td>Wicksteed Leisure</td> <td>Play Area Safety Inspection</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Transfer of Funds</b> – None carried out.</p>	101123	£20.81	British Telecommunications Plc Office Telephone		101124	£664.37	Mrs L.J.Green	Salary 1.03.06 – 31.03.06	101125	£139.63	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101126	£184.52	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	101127	£400.70	Mr Bob Hale	Siting and Erecting dog and litter bins and posts and refurbishing seat on common.	101128	£37.80	NALC	Local Council Review Three Yearly Subscription	101129	£47.00	Wicksteed Leisure	Play Area Safety Inspection	CLERK
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1441.	<p><b>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Williams reported that the wooded bit on the corner of the Common looked a bit of a mess and that a tree was down that needed clearing away. Cllr. Watling said that he would look and see if he could cut the tree down and if not he would contact Cllr. Blackburn in order that Mr Williams could be asked to submit a quotation for the work.</p>	RW/KB																												
1442.	<p><b>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>																													
1443.	<p><b>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that the plastic collection had started but no yoghurt cartons or margarine cartons should be put out, as they are a different type of plastic. Cllr. Grundy advised that Stock are participating well. Cllr. Grundy advised that experiments on cardboard collection is being carried out in three areas and will come to Stock later in the year.</p>																													
1444.	<p><b>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</b></p> <p>Two parishioners from Back Lane had attended the meeting objecting to the Affordable Housing Scheme being placed on green belt land in Back Lane. The Chairman advised that a need for Affordable Housing had been identified about 5 years ago, before the Millennium Survey had come out. The Chairman explained that The Rural Housing Trust had taken over the project and the Parish Council had had no involvement in deciding where the development would be placed. As no brown field site had been available the development reluctantly had to be put on green field. Unfortunately, the two demands were in conflict and the Chairman said that she expects to see such strong resistance at the Open Day. The Parish Council are very supportive of parishioners wishes regarding green belt.</p> <p>The Village Information Day is to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April between 2.30pm and 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p> <p>The Clerk had received an E-mail from Anne Bishop of The Rural Housing Trust advising that the Stock scheme had been allocated funding and that she would be in touch when the drawings are ready. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to The Rural Housing Trust saying that the Parish Council were somewhat embarrassed to have a couple of parishioners attend the meeting with the plans when the Parish Council have not even seen them and why has happened.</p>	CLERK																												

1445.	<p><b>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN.</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
1446.	<p><b>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Williams advised that she had entered the village into the competition and had placed an article in Stock Press. Cllr. Williams to give an article to Cllr. Watling for the website.</p> <p>Cllr. Williams suggesting speaking to the pubs asking them not to have beer crates on view outside the pubs.</p> <p>Cllr. Williams advised that she had had to complete a section on areas that were a current eyesore that the Parish Council could not do anything about. Cllr. Williams had written down the various building sites in the village and the unfinished Doctors' Surgery.</p>	<p><b>JW/RW</b></p>
1447.	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</b></p> <p>The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at 7.30pm, which will also consist of the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>	
1448.	<p><b>CLOSED MEETINGS FOR OPENING TENDERS.</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	

**The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.27pm.**

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