

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 31ST JULY 2006 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.

Present: *Cllrs. Johnson, Williams, Elliott, Tully, Otter, Watling and Phillips*
In The Chair: *Cllr. Easton*
Minute Secretary: *Lorraine Green*
Also Present: *6 Members of the Public and Chelmsford Borough Councillor Ian Grundy*

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1500.	<p>PRESENTATION BY JULIE MARTYN MID AREA HIGHWAYS MANAGER, AND BRIAN WILLETT, CHELMSFORD DISTRICT MANAGER, FROM THE MID ESSEX AREA OFFICE OF ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Julie Martyn and Brian Willett to the meeting. The Chairman reported that traffic volume and speed in the village were major issues. Only last week there had been an accident resulting in two fatalities. HGV traffic passing through the village was also a problem. Many meetings had been held and suggestions turned down by Chelmsford Borough Council/Essex County Council. The Chairman advised that the signage had been changed and that the gates had been put up. The reduction in volume has not happened since the opening of the new A130. A request for a weight restriction to be put on the B1007 was made to Julie Martyn.</p> <p>The telephone number for reporting problems to Essex County Council is 01245 240000. Julie Martyn explained that within the Mid Essex Area Office there are five teams. These are Development Control, Major Projects and the three Teams covering the Districts of Chelmsford, Braintree and Maldon. She advised that all contracts had been revamped and that RCS had received the new 5 year contract. McAlpine had previously had the contract. Julie Martyn advised that the other contracts are held with Rainsway Construction South, Beech, Bagnall & Morris, who deal with gullies, and Cartledge, who deal with lighting. Julie Martyn advised that Phil Hope would be attending the next Parish Council meeting. She advised that the work on the road stays the same but that the administering had been changed. Phil Hope (Engineer) is the contact for maintenance who reports to John Dobinson the Highway Maintenance Manager. Robin Murray, Principal Engineer is your contact for Traffic and Chris Fox for Overgrown Hedges. Julie Martyn advised that the Council are prioritizing where the money is spent and there is not enough funding. Therefore Essex County Council are concentrating on dangerous defects. Essex County Council aim to respond to complaints within 20 days and each complaint has a risk assessment and category. The priority is safety and faults in the Highway. Cllr. Otter mentioned the map at County Hall indicating that electronic signing was going to be put on the B1007. Julie Martyn was unaware of this.</p> <p>It was reported that the footpath between Stock and Billericay (School Lane and Honeypot Lane) is unsafe if you are trying to cross and a suggestion was made that the footpath be put on the other side as both ends of the footpath are on a bend. Julie Martyn agreed to look into this matter.</p> <p>It was reported that the surface in Downham Road/Leather Bottle Hill was like a sheet of glass and needed retexturing. The white lines need to be taken out to prevent a collision, as the width is not two vehicles wide. Mr Willett agreed to look into the matter. The matter of rat-running was also mentioned in Downham Road, particularly HGV's. An accident had occurred on the 8th July between a car and HGV due to excessive speed and the road being too narrow.</p> <p>Rat-running in Smallgains Lane was mentioned. A speed survey had been requested which had been done. It was reported that the loop had only been there for three days and not for a week. It was reported that a speed restriction was needed in the Lane. The grass verges also need to be reinstated. Mr Willett to look into matters.</p> <p>It was reported that the stumps in Birch Lane are an eyesore and a hazard to pedestrians as they are on the pavement. Mr Willett to look into matter.</p>	

	<p>It was reported that a section of the B1007, approaching the village from Chelmsford, is an unrestricted speed limit and that the Parish Council would like to see the 40mph speed limit extended to cover that area. Julie Martyn advised that there is a speed policy and there are criteria for each level of speed limit. She agreed to look at the matter and check the criteria. She advised that Essex County Council are working with the police on Community Speeding and Speed Watch. Julie Martyn advised that the commitment campaign had just been launched encouraging individuals to stick to the speed limit.</p>	
1501.	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING.</p> <p>P.C. Graham Thomas and PCSO Ian Hilton introduced themselves to the Parish Council. PCSO Hilton is partly funded by Writtle Parish Council and therefore 70% of his time is committed to Writtle village. It was reported that to part fund a PCSO costs the Parish Council £15,000.00 a year. It is possible to share the PCSO with another Parish and share the cost. There is another PCSO called John Gibson and another is being employed. The PCSO is in constant contact with the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch. The matter of surgeries in the village was discussed and P.C. Thomas advised that the police were trying to get a mobile police station up and running. The Parish Council felt that the surgeries that P.C. Elmer had held in the tearoom had been successful and P.C. Thomas therefore agreed to look into the matter.</p> <p>P.C. Thomas has just come off of the Response Team (999) and prior to that he had been in the Town Unit. He advised that there was now a new style of policing, which was called Neighbourhood Policing. The drug problem and use of syringes on the Common was mentioned. P.C. Thomas advised that he can report problem areas to the traffic police and they can be put on SARA so that the village gets extra attention. The Parish Council reported that visible police presence is needed. The Parish Council agreed to discuss the matter of funding a PCSO at another Parish Council meeting.</p>	
1502.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</p> <p>None.</p>	
1503.	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH JUNE 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>	
1504.	<p>VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR.</p> <p>Mr Battley of Chelmsford Borough Council had advised the Clerk that he had received no request that an Election be held to fill the vacancy. The Parish Council are therefore free to fill the vacancy by Co-option. The Clerk had put a notice advertising the position on the noticeboard and website. All applications should be sent to the Clerk by the 11th August 2006 and applicants will then be invited to attend the meeting on the 21st August when the Co-option will take place.</p>	
1505.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</p> <p>Tree Warden Scheme – Cllr. Phillips had kindly offered to take on the role of Tree Warden.</p> <p>Noticeboards - Clerk advised that the noticeboards had arrived and had been erected. A letter of complaint had been received from Dennis Lusty who described the new noticeboard at the top of Swan Lane as an obtrusive monstrosity. He advised that the noticeboard is already in use but being abused by the type of notices being erected. The Chairman had replied advising that the Parish Council have been very short of noticeboards for the last couple of years to put up all the notices that need to be displayed. Accordingly the Parish Council felt obliged to put up sizeable boards to resolve this long-standing problem. The Chairman felt that although Mr Lusty felt it is over large, she is sure that in time it will blend into the scenery. It is unfortunate that it is being abused at present but the handyman has been unable to complete putting up the board due to a family bereavement and injury. Cllr. Williams had received some favourable comments regarding the noticeboards.</p> <p>Doctor's Surgery – Chris Robinson of Essex County Council's Highways Department advised the Clerk that he has had discussions with both Dr Acorn, his design consultant and his contractor over a number of months but it was not until 18th July that it became clear that a detailed letter sent by him at the end of March had not apparently been received at the consultants. Mr Robinson's letter contained a number of matters of detail that do need to be resolved before the doctors can implement the obligation to provide the footway. Mr Robinson has today spoken with the consultant who has assured him that the information and details requested in his last letter of 31st March will be with him later this week. Mr Willett of Essex County Council to look into matter.</p>	

Grant from Essex County Council – Cllr. Elliott advised that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Village Hall were going to get someone to put the screen up. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay the bill. Once the screen was up the electrician could come.

Stock United Football Club – Nothing further to report.

Whitening of Zebra Crossing – Cllr. Grundy advised that the zebra crossing had been re-whitened but the poles had not been painted.

Benches for Children’s Play Area – Cllr. Williams to chase Bob Hale regarding the missing plank off the seat. **JW**

Overgrown hedges at the T-junction at the end of Mill Road where it meets Downham Road – Mr Fox was writing again to Mr Nation requesting that he cut his hedge.

Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – Please see item below.

Footpath between Swan Lane and Dakyn Drive – The gates had now been erected.

Black and White Posts on the corner of the right hand bend of Smallgains Lane – Mr Willett of Essex County Council said that he would look into the matter.

Speed Indicator Device – Clerk to chase matter with Mr Murray. **CLERK**

Post outside The Paddocks – The post is still missing.

Dirty Road Signs – Nothing further to report.

Signpost at end of Swan Lane – Andy Nichols has now removed the sign and dismantled it.

Condition of pavement/road surface in Falkner Close – Clerk to chase matter with Highways. **CLERK**

Parish Litter/Refuse Clearing Days 2006 –Operational Hit Squad – Clerk to E-mail Councillors to see who is available to meet Hit Squad on the 20th September. **CLERK**

Footpath sign missing by the pond in Mill Road – Work has been completed.

Summer Play Activities - The Play Day is to be held on Tuesday 8th August.

Green in front of the Almshouses – The Clerk had sent copies of Mr Stringers’ E-mails to Highways to deal with. Clerk to chase matter with Julie Martyn at Essex County Council. **CLERK**

Hedgerow outside Mrs Raeburn’s house in Birch Lane – Clerk had written to Mrs Raeburn who had said that the hedges were not on her land. Clerk had contacted Mr Fox at Chelmsford Borough Council who was going to look at Council maps and take a look at the hedges in question. Cllr. Grundy agreed to speak to Anthony Raeburn about the matter. **IG**

Brickwork Crumbling on a Surface Water Drainage Pipe at the Entrance to the Pond in Mill Road – Clerk to chase matter with Highways. **CLERK**

Dead tree by the ditch on the Common on the right by the bend – Cllr. Watling to remove. Cllr. Otter reported that there are tree stumps that need to be professionally drilled out and replanted. Cllr. Phillips to look at. **RW**

Dead tree laying down covered in ivy by Boundary House – Cllr. Watling to look at. **RW**

Syringe found on the Common – The Clerk had contacted P.C. Thomas who was going to put out an alert to all patrol cars and arrange for extra cars to visit the village.

Missing Street Sign at the top of Well Lane – Clerk had arranged with Jane Howard of Chelmsford Borough Council for a replacement sign which would take up to 6 weeks to complete.

A Boards Outside Pubs in the Village - No reply received to-date. Clerk to chase matter with Mr Bohannan. **CLERK**

	<p>Footpath 13, Swan Lane – Tim Gardiner had looked at Footpath 13 that runs from Fristling Hall to the back of Tye Green Cottages on Swan Lane. It seems that the path is not obstructed by a barbed wire fence as Dennis Lusty suggests (although there are barbed wire fences near the path) but is very overgrown by brambles and nettles in one place that prevents walkers from getting through as there is fence on either side. The path is also not waymarked in three places so could benefit from the installation of signposts, which could help sort out the confusion to the walker. The jobs to be undertaken could be done by a small work party of volunteers to clear the vegetation with hand tools and put the waymark posts in – P3 would supply the posts and waymark discs. The Chairman had spoken to John Surgenor who had agreed to be the P3 representative for the village. 4th October had been the date set to carry out the work. Mr Surgenor had agreed to attend the first aid course and risk assessment course in November. The Clerk had checked with Zurich regarding insurance and the Parish Council are covered for £5 million Public Liability Insurance. It was agreed that the Parish Council should advertise for volunteers to help on the 4th October to clear the footpath.</p> <p>Pond in Mill Road – Mr Williams of Blackwater Landscapes had asked to carry out pond maintenance once a month during the Spring and Summer as the pond requires more attention. The build up of duckweed on the pond appears to be becoming a problem. Mr Williams is trying to clear the pond as much as he can using a net but the use of chemicals would do a much more thorough job and would in no way harm any of the flora or fauna within the pond, they are designed not to. Cllr. Johnson had spoken to Mr Williams and had agreed that he could carry out the work. Cllr. Johnson stated that Mr Williams had done a very good job and that the debris had been left on the side because it was too heavy but it will be removed in due course. Cllr. Johnson advised that the chemical Mr Williams had suggested using had been taken off the shelf and that there were no other chemicals which could be used to deal with the duckweed. Mr Williams had therefore cleaned the pond with a large net. It was agreed that Mr Williams could carry out the work once a month. Jackie Lane is going to contact Cllr. Johnson when she returns from holiday.</p> <p>Parish Sports Programme - Cllr. Tully advised that building work was being carried out at the school so the event could not be held this year.</p> <p>Big Lottery Fund: Planning for Play Programme and Chelmsford’s Play Strategy Meeting – Cllr. Phillips had attended the meeting. Cllr. Phillips reported that David Archer, Play Services Manager, at Chelmsford Borough Council had allocated £285,666.10 to 27 parishes to provide facilities free of charge to children but the children have to be involved in the decisions. Mr Archer needed applications by 1st September and needed to know what there was a desperate need for in play facilities in the village and what facilities there are and are not in the village. It was decided that this was not a feasible idea to do in the timeframe. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Phillips for attending the meeting.</p>	<p>SE</p> <p>CLERK/SJ</p>
<p>1506.</p>	<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mr James Webb regarding the pavement opposite All Saints Church leading to the village being taken up by Church Green Cottages’ roadside hedge. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Beryl Woodward and Mr Thomasin-Forster asking them to cut the hedges. b) Mr Williams of Blackwater Landscapes had written about the new advertising board outside The Baker’s Arms on the grass verge along the High Street. The new sign seems to be made out of cast iron and weighs a tonne. One of Mr Williams’ colleagues nearly put her back out trying to move it. The Clerk had written to Mr Southgate, the owner of the Bakers Arms, enclosing a copy of Mr Williams’ letter pointing out the difficulties that the grass cutters were having and asking him to put the sign in a place that does not cause a problem for the grass cutters. The Clerk had given Mr Southgate Mr Williams’ telephone number. Cllr. Otter said that the sign obstructs the vision as you turn out of Common Lane and that it should be moved out of the sightline. c) Nick Peacock advising that the litter bin in Swan Lane (opposite Swan Woods) needs repairing or replacing. Clerk to order new bin and have it delivered to Cllr. Elliott who would arrange to obtain a quotation for erecting the bin. d) Mr Cribb of Harvard House East, High Street, regarding the zebra crossing ‘flashing light’ illuminating into his lounge and asking for the procedure in having a guard installed around the light. The Clerk had contacted Julie Martyn at Highways who was sending someone from the Street Lighting team to investigate. 	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>

	<p>e) Tim Coleman regarding the speed people travel through Leather Bottle Hill and pointing out the amount of accidents that have occurred in the past couple of weeks. The Clerk had sent a copy of the E-mail to P.C. Davey and Julie Martyn at Essex County Council Highways Department. A reply had been received from P.C. Adam Pipe advising that the high number of collisions had been at the junction with the main B1007 but very few, if any, reported injury collisions on Downham Road and Leatherbottle Hill. About three years ago the police met with local residents and representatives of the Highway Authority. Various ideas were put forward including a reduction to the existing de-restricted speed limit. However, it was decided that a lowering of the limit would be seen by most drivers as inappropriate due to the nature of the road and a lack of visible properties which would in turn give them a real enforcement problem. A decision was made to enhance the community of Leather Bottle Hill by erecting signs giving Leatherbottle Hill an identity in an effort to adapt drivers' behaviour through the location. P.C. Pipe felt that the main concern for locals is not actually vehicle speed but volume as the two often get confused. It is highly unlikely that the Highway Authority will take any additional action on the route as there has been too few reported injury collisions. However, P.C. Pipe will raise at the next Police Liaison Meeting as a priority neighbourhood concern. Mr Willett had agreed to arrange for the road to be retextured and to have the white lines removed.</p> <p>f) Gary Stringer regarding Bishop of Brentwood's letter to the Parish Council last month suggesting that rumble strips be installed. Mr Stringer enclosed a copy of the letter that he had sent to Julie Martyn in Essex County Council Highways Department. Whilst Mr Stringer supports the need to slow the traffic, the method has to be chosen carefully to ensure the situation is not made worse for those close to the road. Mr Stringer feels that rumble strips may be a solution that suits those set back from the road or living elsewhere in the village but would be a horrific solution to his family as they live just a few metres from the road.</p> <p>g) The Chairman had been contacted by Jack Lord, a researcher, from the BBC regarding research on traffic problems in the village. Mr Lord is putting together a new television series called One Show, which will be a half hour factual programme of things of local interest in East Anglia. For example, villages being blighted by traffic. The Chairman had discussed the history of Stock and the protests etc with Mr Lord. Mr Lord had asked for photographs, which Cllr. Watling had provided him with.</p> <p>h) John Surgenor advising that the Tarmac Footpath between Swan Lane and Dakyn Drive needs attention. There is a big shrub and other shrubbery obstructing the path and it would appear that some, if not all, is growing through from the bungalow adjacent. It was agreed that the bungalow in question was 13 Swan Lane owned by Mr and Mrs Underwood. Clerk to contact Chelmer Housing.</p>	CLERK
1507.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p>Appeal by Mr & Mrs J. Harris – Site at The Gables, Mill Lane, Stock – Appeal Reference APP/W1525/A/06/2011430 - The Appeal is dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Appeal by Mr L. Kasparian – Site at The Paddocks, Stock Lane, Stock – Appeal Reference APP/W1525/A/05/1174400 - The Appeal is dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Notification of Appeal by Mr S. McIntyre of 17 High Street, Stock – Replacement of windows and doors to rear elevation. Application No. 06/00530/LBC, Appeal Ref. No. APP/W1525/E/06/2017812/WF. Clerk to write to Inspectorate asking for a copy of the Appeal decision.</p> <p>Notification of Six Enforcement Appeals by Mr N. Staves, Mr G. Poel, Mrs J. Williams, Ms. S. Williams, Mr. F. Clements, Mr A.R. Webb of 41 Birch Lane, 43 Birch Lane, 45 Birch Lane, 47 Birch Lane, 49 Birch Lane and 57 Birch Lane, Stock. Enforcement Cast Nos. 05/00489/ENFB, 05/00490/ENFB, 05/00491/ENFB, 05/00492/ENFB, 05/00494/ENFB, 05/00495/ENFB. Appeal Ref. Nos. APP/W1525/C/06/2015797, 2015813, 2015791, 2015553, 2015816 & 2015797. Cllr. Otter objected to Cllr. Williams remaining in the meeting as she has a prejudicial interest in this matter. Cllr. Williams was however allowed to remain in the meeting without speaking. After consultation with all Councillors, apart from Cllr. Williams, the Clerk had written to the Planning Inspectorate endorsing previous comments and asking for a copy of the Appeal decision.</p>	CLERK

Bakers Arms Car Park – Mr Southgate did submit an alternative plan (but not a planning application) for the replacement car parking spaces, this was considered by the Planning Officer and been refused. Following that, Mr Bohannon has requested that Mr Southgate now goes ahead with the tarmacing of the area as he seems to have exhausted all his alternatives. If Mr Southgate now fails to do this the Enforcement Team will issue a Breach of Condition Notice and resolve the matter that way.

Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Application No. 06/00061/FUL and Enforcement No. 05/00214/ENFB – Nothing further to report.

Applications:-

Application No. 06/01281/FUL. Construction of sun lounge and conversion of garage to ensuite and dressing room. **CLERK**

Location: Plantation End, Furze Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Peter Johnson.

The Parish Council commented that this is out of character and infringing into a Conservation Area. Is there enough room for off street parking? This is on a bend of a single track, grade 2 listed lane that is in the Green Belt, Nature Conservation Area and Special Landscape Area.

Application No. 06/01269/FUL. Garden gazebo/summerhouse. **CLERK**

Location: Fitzwilliam House, Ingatestone Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr D. Regan.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Application No. 06/01290/FUL. Erection of a garden shed. **CLERK**

Location: 6 Hereward Mount, Stock.

Applicant: Stephen DaCosta.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Application No. 06/01311/OUT. Erection of a new dwelling and garage (includes access – all other matters reserved). **CLERK**

Location: Land South of 52 Well Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr D. Pitts.

The Parish Council commented that they strongly object to development within the Green Belt. It would be encroachment into the countryside.

Application No. 06/01339/FUL. Alterations and extensions to create two storey dwelling with integral garage. **CLERK**

Location: 48 Well Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs S. Lecomber-Clark.

The Parish Council commented that they were concerned that the proposed garage is further forward than the footprint of the existing property. It is out of character and inappropriate. It is being turned into an executive dwelling with resultant loss of a small affordable property that may have been of benefit to an elderly or physically impaired person. The Parish Council wish to preserve the mature Oak tree.

Application No. 06/01157/FUL. Proposed kitchen ventilation system. **CLERK**

Location: 20 The Square, Stock.

Applicant: Mr P. Magliola.

The Parish Council commented that they are concerned that this is unsightly in the Conservation Area.

Application No. 06/01282/FUL. First floor rear extension. **CLERK**

Location: 36 Well Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Richard Dunlop.

The Parish Council commented that this is over development of the size of the plot.

Application No. 06/01442/FUL. Single storey side and rear extension. **CLERK**

Location: The Nook, 18 Common Road, Stock

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Silvester.

The Parish Council commented that this is in the Conversation Area. It is over development. It does not meet the guidelines for side extensions. The trees to the front of the property form part of the character and the Parish Council hope they will be retained.

Amendments to Application No. 06/00977/FUL. Single storey front porch, kitchen/conservatory rear extension and front and rear dormers. Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation.

Location: 3 Rectory Close, Stock.

Applicant: Miss Hazel Collins.

The Parish Council commented that the amendment does not address the fact that the garage is a feature and the Parish Council oppose the loss of the garage as they would not like to see further development of the site or vehicles parked in the vicinity. This is in a Special Landscape Area and Green Belt in a very prominent location at the entrance to the village and is clearly seen from the B1007, the church and footpaths.

Application No. 06/01446/FUL. Single storey rear extension.

Location: Chamwood House, 4 High Street, Stock.

Applicant: Mr S. Elgar.

The Parish Council commented that this is development in the Green Belt.

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Application No. 06/01037/FUL. Single storey side extension to replace existing conservatory and first floor rear extension (revised application 04/00731/FUL).

Location: Nooky, The Paddock, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs K. Nicholls. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/01020/FUL. Erection of temporary mobile accommodation for agricultural/horticultural workers.

Location: Garden Nursery, Well Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs C. Whitaker. **Refused.**

Application No. 06/00474/FUL. Proposed New Classroom.

Location: Stock Church of England Primary School, Swan Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs D. Turner. **Approved.**

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

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

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

Application No. 06/01023/LBC. Refurbishment including roof alterations to existing rear extension and internal alterations.

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

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

Application No. 06/00936/FUL. New Garden Shed.

Location: 1 Hereward Mount, Stock.

Applicant: David Everett. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/00832/FUL. Two storey side extension and pool enclosure.

Location: Robins Wood, 36 Birch Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs S.W. Harragan. **Withdrawn.**

Application No. 06/01032/CLEUD. Use of dwelling without complying with agricultural occupancy condition.

Location: Oak Hall, Goatsmoor Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Peter Anderson. **Approved.**

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

Location: 3 Cambridge Close, Stock.

Applicant: Mr and Mrs K. Horgan. **Approved.**

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

Location: 50 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs R. Hale. **Approved.**

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Application No. 06/01065/FUL. First floor extension to existing bungalow to create a two storey dwelling.

Location: 10 Well Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr N. Fairman. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/01068/FUL. Replacement of existing bungalow with a four bedroomed detached house.

Location: 71 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs V. Tickel. **Approved.**

Application No. 05/01765/CLEUD. Use of dwelling without complying with agricultural occupancy condition.

Location: Crossways, Downham Road. **Invalid. No Further Action.**

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

Application No. 06/05088/TPO. T1 –Oak (TPO/2005/23). Crown lift to lowest lateral branches, crown reduce by 2.5m and clean out dead wood.

Location: 48 Well Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Lecomber-Clark . **The Tree Warden supported this application and commented that this improves access to the telephone lines.**

Application No. 06/05103/TPO. Fell T1 – Oak in front garden (TPO/1975/28).

Location: 36 Well Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Cameron. **The Tree Warden commented that the application should be refused. There is no evidence that the Oak tree has caused the damage to the house. There is no damage to the house in the grounds the tree is situated. Oak trees do not absorb water, which can lead to subsidence unlike willows (now removed). The loss of the tree would be the loss of a valuable amenity to the area.**

Application No. 06/05076/TPO. Reduce leader on Oak tree by 2m (2001/117).

Location: Moonshine, 5 Myln Meadow, Stock.

Applicant: Mr W.G. Herbert. **Refused.**

Application No. 06/05089/TPO. Crown lift to 4m and crown thin by 10% to T8 - Oak (2001/117/TPO) to allow light into property.

Location: Moonshine, 5 Myln Meadow, Stock.

Applicant: Mr W.G. Herbert. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/05113/TPO. Fell to ground and remove stump T1 – Rowan (TPO/2004/53).

Location: 49 High Street, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs B. Stone. **Approved.**

1508.

FINANCE.

Donation to Village Design Statement Working Group – It was agreed that the Parish Council would give a donation of £250.00.

CLERK

Audit of Accounts for 2005/06 – Lubbock Fine have requested further information regarding the reserves held at 31st March 2006, as they are over 1.75 times the annual precept. Clerk to supply details (narrative and amounts) of any earmarked reserves as at 31st March 2006 and how these have been applied since. It was agreed that the Clerk should advise Lubbock Fine that approximately £30,000.00 has been earmarked as the Parish Council are trying to purchase recreational land for a playing field.

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Transfer of Funds – On the 31st July £4,500.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.

Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:

101161	£641.14	Mrs L.J.Green	Salary 1.07.06 – 31.07.06
101162	£242.39	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.
101163	£122.46	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses

	<p>101164 £350.00 Mr Bob Hale Erecting Play Area Sign, removing old concrete seat, siting two new seats on common, removing and resiting new seat and leveling depression by Stock Sign.</p> <p>101165 £432.00 Mr P.H. Williams Grass Cutting June</p> <p>101166 £2,562.33 Fitzpatrick Woolmer Noticeboards</p> <p>101167 £192.15 Zurich Insurance Company Additional Insurance Premium for benches and noticeboards</p> <p>101168 £25.00 Essex Playing Fields Association Annual Subscription 2006/07</p> <p>101169 £18.50 Stock Village Hall Hire of Hall on 23/6/06</p>	
1509.	<p>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</p> <p>Cllr. Phillips suggested that the Parish Council apply to Chelmsford Borough Council to plant some more trees. He thought about half a dozen on the Common of varying sorts. It was agreed that the Common would be considered. Cllr. Phillips suggested one by the entrance to the Village Hall Car Park. It was reported that this would be disastrous due to a drainage problem. Cllr. Phillips would also like to plant a couple of trees in Brookmans Road. Cllr. Phillips suggested an additional Copper Beech tree on the grass in front of the Almshouses. It was suggested that the middle tree had been diseased and removed due to overcrowding. Cllr. Phillips also suggested a fourth Willow tree on the open space of ground to the side of the old Weir Pond, opposite Hope Farm in Mill Road. Cllr. Johnson advised that this tree had been removed because of overcrowding and that the Parish Council had been advised not to replace the tree. Cllr. Otter asked Cllr. Phillips to check with Lynn Cameron to see if trees could be planted at the Almshouses and the Old Weir Pond sites. Cllr. Phillips to get quotations.</p> <p>Cllr. Phillips had met with Jackie Lane to look at potential sites for bulb planting. Mrs Lane will prepare some maps, check ownership, and approval from Parks Services, and then forward these maps onto the Parish Council for their approval. Mrs Lane suggests that the Parish Council go with two sites this year and if it is successful it can be extended next year.</p> <p>A letter had been received from Terry Wilson, the Chairman of Stock Cricket Club, regarding their dissatisfaction with the quality of the grass cutting. The Clerk had contacted Mr Wilson offering to arrange a meeting with the Chairman of the Parish Council, Stock Cricket Club and the grass cutters. Mr Wilson had not replied to the Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson reported that the seat by the pond is in need of repair as the slats are bad. Cllr. Williams to contact Bob Hale.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that the seat by the Bakers Arms is green. Cllr. Otter to check.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter advised that Essex County Council are giving grants on bus shelters. She had looked at all the shelters in the village but they are all in a good state of repair. It was agreed that the matter would be looked at in the future.</p>	<p>CP</p> <p>JW</p> <p>MO</p>
1510.	<p>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter advised that she had received a feed back form, which she intends to fill in regarding the traffic information meeting held on 19th June 2006.</p>	MO
1511.	<p>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that the Local Development Plan and Town Centre Plan had been approved. The public consultation will be later in August. Parish Councils will be briefed and can make comments. Cllr. Grundy advised that there had been a change of Chairman at Ramsden Heath Parish Council and that Ramsden Heath had asked if Stock Parish Council wanted to join them in getting a PCSO. It was agreed that the item would be put on a future Agenda. Cllr. Grundy thought the Parish Council should take the views of the parishioners and consult Neighbourhood Watch for their views. Cllr. Johnson agreed to look into the matter.</p>	SJ

<p>1512.</p>	<p>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</p> <p>Anne Bishop had advised the Clerk that following the Village Information Day, Essex Rural Housing Trust have tweaked the proposed layout a little so that there is not so much parking in the area next door to the neighbouring house. They have also had a traffic census carried out which has shown that the proposed scheme would have minimal effect on the junction of Back Lane/High Street. This means that the Trust can progress towards submitting the planning application hopefully in August, possibly in September. Anne Bishop will let the Clerk know when the application is put in.</p> <p>As regards Chelmsford Borough Council deciding that no affordable housing was required in Stock when the development was approved of the Beecham site. The following information has been received by Chelmsford Borough Council’s Housing Department.</p> <p>“I believe that Havard Grange referred to by the PC is a development consisting of 21 large detached dwellings built on the former SmithKline Beecham Research Complex located to the south west of the village off Honeypot Lane / Ingatestone Road. A planning application for approval of reserved matters relating to the erection of 17 detached dwellings and related development was presented to Planning Committee in Jan 03 (02/01593/REM) where members authorised the Head of Town Planning Services to approve the application subject to a s106 Agt. This S106 was subsequently completed and a decision notice issued in June 03. A financial contribution to a RSL by way of a planning obligation was sought in lieu of the provision of affordable housing within the development as agreed at time of outline application. Subsequently 6 x properties were purchased throughout the borough with this contribution.</p> <p>At the time of outline application (97/01410/OUT Dec 98) the applicant company did not consider this site as an acceptable location for affordable housing as the applicant felt it was relatively isolated from schools and other facilities. In addition the applicant considered the low density as being appropriate to the site and the inappropriateness for affordable housing as envisaged in CBLP Policy HO2ii. CBC planning and housing officers remained of the view that policy HO2 CBLP was of relevance to the site and that it would <u>not</u> be inappropriate to seek affordable housing provision on site. Although officers considered the site suitable in location terms for affordable housing, on the basis of para 22of Circ 6/98 set out below, officers were prepared to consider provision elsewhere by way of commuted sum payment providing this would be sufficient to actually purchase a site to enable 6 x family homes to be built and be situated where access to services is available. A recommendation was made to Environment Committee that application be refused for various reasons including the absence of proposals for onsite provision or an agreed commuted sum in lieu thereof, the Committee resolved that planning application be refused. An appeal was lodged and a Public Inquiry was held in July 99. The appeal was allowed by the Inspector in Sept 99. (These discussions predated the Housing Needs Survey carried out in July 2002)</p> <p><i>Circ 6/98 '22. However, if the local planning authority and the developer both consider that, on particular sites where a requirement for an element of affordable housing would be appropriate, it is nonetheless preferable that a financial or other contribution should be made towards the provision of the element of of affordable housing on another site in the Local Planning Authority's area, they should ensure that such arrangements would actually result in the provision of affordable housing (whether via new build or conversions), that would not be otherwise provided, in the local planning authorities area. These arrangements should not be used in respect of application sites which are inherently unsuitable for the provision of an element of affordable housing, such as those below the site threshold and other criteria set out in paragraph 10 above.'</i></p> <p>No doubt you are aware that Chelmsford Borough Council will only consider off site provisional in exceptional circumstances and when an alternative site has been identified that would enable a more appropriate output that could not be achieved through on-site provision”.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk should write back to Anne Bishop stating that the Parish Council understood that any planning application was going to be submitted jointly with the Parish Council and that if the Parish Council did not support the application then the Rural Housing Trust would withdraw it. The Parish Council are surprised to hear that the application is being submitted in August/September without the Parish Council’s input. The Clerk should ask Mrs Bishop to clarify the matter.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>1513.</p>	<p>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	

1514.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 21st August 2006 at 7.30pm.</p>	
1515.	<p>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</p> <p>Replacing posts and getting the chains painted outside The Hoop – The quotation from Andy Nichols was discussed. Mr Nichols would decline to quote for cleaning up the existing chain and dipping them as he considers that they will rust very quickly. He therefore offered to replace the chain with new galvanized chain which would then be powder coated after being lightly gilt blasted to improve adhesion. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain further quotations.</p> <p>Swan Lane Signpost - Andy Nichols advised the Clerk that having looked at the condition of the other parts, he would suggest that whilst the sign is in bits, that the whole thing be grit blasted back to bare metal and the whole thing refinished. The new arms will show up the old, which are going green and were already chipped and are rusting. It was agreed that the Clerk should tell Mr Nichols to go ahead with the work.</p> <p>2 Five Houses, Common Lane/Mill Road - Quotations had been received from Acorn Arboriculture Tree Surgeons and Green Man. The quotations were discussed and it was agreed that copies of the quotations should be sent to Mr D. Rees together with a covering letter. Cllr. Johnson said that the job would be best done at the end September/October and not before. Cllr. Johnson said there had been a doubt as to how far back to cut the hedge on the Common Lane side as it could encourage cars to speed.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 11.10pm.

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