

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26TH MARCH 2007 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllrs. Johnson, Elliott, Watling, Tully, Otter, Phillips and Hale
In The Chair: Cllr. Easton
Minute Secretary: Lorraine Green
Also Present: 1 Member of the Public and Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Ian Grundy

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| 1638. | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. There were no apologies. | |
| 1639. | MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH FEBRUARY 2007. The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed. | |
| 1640. | PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2007. Mr Battley had sent the Clerk a supply of revised candidates' consent forms, which should replace the ones sent earlier. The need for replacement arises from the fact that it is now necessary for candidates on their consents to state their dates of birth and the revised form provides for this. The Clerk circulated these to Councillors. | |
| 1641. | POLICE MATTERS. The Clerk read out the following report prepared by PCSO Carey:- <u>Crimes/ incidents reported to Police:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Burglary at the Post Office on 02/03/07. A blue fiesta was seen as well as 3 males. They cleared out the cigarette cabinet but dropped them and also left their bag behind. Forensics at the scene has flagged up possible suspects.• Criminal damage occurred in Dakyn Drive on 07/03/07. A window was broken believed by stones. Young youths were seen running away. Due to this PC Thomas will be visiting Stock primary school tomorrow morning and explaining the consequences of crime.• Suspicious vehicle was reported on 14/03/07. It was believed that this vehicle may be collecting charity bags that the informant was delivering. Once this vehicle was stopped the occupants were charity workers and no further action was taken.• Burglary at Stock Bowling Club on 21/03/07. No suspects were seen. Enquiries still on going.• A vehicle causing obstruction that has been parked there a week has been reported in Cambridge Close. PCSO Carey will be taking a look at this vehicle tomorrow. <u>Mobile Police Station</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This was very well attended last month. Most of the complaints were traffic related such as speeding and parking issues. Most of the parking issues were those that the Police dealt with the other month with the Parish Council. The Police will be back on Wednesday 4th April between 3pm-6pm.• PC Thomas is currently setting up the mobile police station to visit schools for both the parents and children's benefits. It will be at Stock Primary School on 23/04/07 8.45-11am. <u>Outstanding issues from the site visit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PCSO Carey has visited Virginia Henderson regarding Smallgains Lane. She visited with PC Thomas. Apparently it was a very quiet day when they visited however they did witness some cars driving very fast for the road. PCSO Carey gave Mrs Henderson information regarding quiet lanes that Adam Pipe (Traffic Management) recommended on their site visit. If the Parish Council wishes to have some information on quiet lanes please contact PCSO Carey or Adam Pipe. | |

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| | <p>PCSO Carey has spoken with Mary Couzens whose wall keeps being knocked down. She is still recovering from a knee operation so would like to see the Police when she is feeling better.</p> | |
| <p>1642.</p> | <p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</p> <p>Tree Warden Scheme – Mr Condren had advised Cllr. Phillips that the Willow Trees by Weir Pond in Mill Road should have Preservation Orders put on them. They are a feature in the Conservation Area as well as acting as soakers for the springs in the area. Cllr. Phillips had been in liaison with Lyn Cameron regarding the matter. After discussion, it was agreed that the trees were sufficiently covered under the Conservation Area. Cllr. Phillips agreed to advise Lyn Cameron and Mr Condren of the Parish Council’s decision.</p> <p>Doctor’s Surgery – Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that he had spoken to Terry Gregson of Design and Build and they propose to commence works on site in about two weeks time.</p> <p>Stock United Football Club – Clerk had written to Mr Howell but had not heard anything further. Cllr. Grundy advised that the Chairman and himself were due to attend a meeting with Strutt and Parker on the 10th April 2007 at Strutt and Parker’s request.</p> <p>Black and White Posts on the corner of the right hand bend of Smallgains Lane – The work had still not been carried out. Clerk to chase matter up with Phil Hope.</p> <p>Speed Indicator Device – Inspector Callow had advised that the cost of a small mobile Speed Indicator was £3,500.00 and if the Parish Council wishes to proceed Rosemary Wilkins at Essex County Council is able to give further advice. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Inspector Callow to talk about the devices at the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>Positioning a bell bollard on the corner of Swan Lane to protect the new Signpost at end of Swan Lane – The bollard has now been installed. It was reported that the bollard outside Serge Pervez’ has still not been replaced. Clerk to chase matter up with Phil Hope.</p> <p>Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – Tim Gardiner had advised that he had a very positive meeting with Stuart Fox from Crondon Park Golf Course and he is very keen to work with the local community to get his footpaths up to scratch where they cross the course. He is also concerned about the dangers to walkers crossing fairways on footpaths and hopefully is going to put up some signs for walkers and golfers to warn them of the dangers of flying balls. Mr Fox is also going to re-word the massive danger signs that are intimidating to walkers in the area. Tim Gardiner suggests organising a couple of work parties for the year ahead (May/June/July) to put in some waymark posts to help walkers across the course safely. Due to health and safety reasons there would be a limit of 4 to 5 volunteers. Cllr. Hale had agreed to organise the work parties with Tim Gardiner. Cllr. Phillips had volunteered to help and Jenny Berkley said that she may be able to get some volunteers together. Cllr. Hale said that he would organise the work parties with Tim Gardiner.</p> <p>Footpath Map for Stock – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Downham Road Retexturing – Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that due to budgets, Downham Road would not be retextured until the new financial year. It had been hoped that the road would be done in the Autumn/Winter but the Highways Department have been told they cannot spend any more money on this type of matter.</p> <p>Footpath 38, Back Lane past Imphy Hall – It was agreed that this item could be taken off the Agenda.</p> <p>Post knocked to the ground by the new noticeboard in Swan Lane – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Chains and Posts from The Paddocks to The Square – The Clerk had spoken to Mr Nichols who had advised that he would be checking the dimensions today and then placing the order for the chains. Once received the chains would be sent to the finishers to be powder coated and then he will fit the chains. Mr Nichols intends for the work to be completed by the end of April.</p> <p>Broken Sign on Footpath from Common Road – Mill Lane – The sign has been replaced.</p> <p>Proposals for changing road at Sun Street, Billericay - Nothing further to report. It was agreed that this item could be removed from the Agenda.</p> | <p>CP</p> <p>SE/IG</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>BH</p> |

Proposal for Allotment Site Development – Shaftesbury Housing had advised the Clerk that their Interim Head of Investment at Head Office were looking into the matter.

Green in front of the Almshouses and the Track – The work has now been completed. Gary Stringer had advised that the Contractors had worked very hard and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to them. Since the area was seeded there has been a lot of wind and rain so some more seed may be needed later. Mr Leone of Maple Landscapes had asked the Clerk if he could put a small advertising board on the grass. He said he had spoken to local residents who said they were happy with that. The Parish Council agreed that this was totally inappropriate as the area was in a Conservation Area. For historical reasons, Mr Leone would also like to provide a small timber plaque by the memorial bench providing a small paragraph explaining how the timber posts have been installed and the area has been reinstated back to how it was 100 years ago. The Parish Council agreed to this idea providing they approved the size and wording of the plaque. It was also agreed that a small company logo could be put on the plaque. Clerk to write to Mr Leone.

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Resurfacing of Common Lane - Clerk to chase matter up in new financial year.

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Erection of Guardrails Outside Stock Primary School - Inspector Callow advised the Clerk that the meeting at Stock Primary School went very well and that they are supporting rails be put in. Inspector Callow is just waiting to hear from Adam Pipe that this is going to be done for sure. Inspector Callow talked at length about every child matters and what the police can offer up to get into schools and at the moment P.C. Graham Thomas is working out a route for the mobile bus that will take in the schools from after Easter to July. Inspector Callow hopes to be able to publish this when it is at Stock School. The Clerk had spoken to Geoff Slide, The Headteacher, at Stock Primary School. Mr Slide advised that the police are supporting the school and he would like the support of the Parish Council. A meeting is being held on 19th April 2007 at 1.15pm at the school and Mr Slide would like to invite the Parish Council to attend. The meeting is with Liz Powell of Essex Safer Journeys to School. The Chairman and Cllrs. Otter, Johnson, Phillips, Watling and Hale agreed to attend. Clerk to contact Mr Slide.

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Annual Just Bin It Campaign – The Clerk had organised a 4 yard skip with Ash Skip Hire at a cost of £95.00 including VAT. The skip would be delivered at 9.00am on Saturday 21st April. It was agreed that Cllr. Grundy would meet the driver of the Skip lorry so that the skip could be positioned correctly. The skip would be collected some time during the morning of Monday 23rd April. Jackie Lane of CBC had agreed to arrange a grant towards the skip hire.

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Proposed Changes to The East of England Plan – The Chairman had submitted the Parish Council's comments, which had been circulated.

The Post Office Network Consultation – Cllr. Phillips had submitted the Parish Council's response, which had been circulated.

Broken Kissing Gate on Footpath at the back of The Catholic Church where Footpaths 28,29 & 30 meet - Cllr. Hale was dealing with the matter.

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Reinstatement of Verge and Post in Mill Lane – Cllr. Hale agreed to look at the area and reinstate the posts.

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Keep Clear Sign Outside The Hoop and Post that has been knocked down outside The Paddocks - Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that the Keep Clear sign and post replacement are being arranged. Clerk to chase matter up with Phil Hope.

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World Scout Jamboree - The Clerk had spoken to Dennis Andrews who had passed the information on to various people at The Woodland Trust.

Parish Sports Programme – Cllr. Tully advised that the School are having work carried out to the driveway so are unable to hold any events at Easter. Cllr. Tully advised that the School would be interested in the Summer Parish Sports Programme.

Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members – No comments were submitted.

Metal Grip under Willow Tree outside 21 Mill Road – Cllr. Hale had carried out the work.

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| | <p>Leaves on Footpath along Mill Road - The Clerk had reported the matter to Chelmsford Borough Council. It was agreed that the item could be removed from the Agenda.</p> <p>Wicksteed Leisure Annual Safety Inspection - The Clerk was still waiting to hear from the EALC.</p> <p>Ditch on Footpath 26 - The Clerk had reported the matter to the Public Rights of Way Officer.</p> <p>Litter on Stock Hill - The Clerk had reported the matter to the Hit Squad. It was agreed that the item could be removed from the Agenda.</p> <p>Tree fallen down on Footpath 26 – The Clerk had reported the matter to the Public Rights of Way Officer.</p> <p>Planting of Trees Around The Common – It was agreed that Cllr. Phillips should obtain quotations and to co-ordinate with Cllrs. Johnson, Grundy and Hale to plant the trees. Cllr. Johnson agreed to get the posts.</p> <p>Park and Ride Bus Fare Increase - The Clerk had written to Rodney Bass at Essex County Council.</p> <p>Grants from CHP Charitable Trust – The request needs to come from the Village Design Statement, as it is not a Parish Council matter. It was agreed therefore that the Clerk should give the details to the Chairman of the Village Design Statement.</p> | <p>CP/SJ/IG/BH</p> <p>CLERK</p> |
| <p>1643.</p> | <p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Keith Holmes, Development Manager, at Chelmsford Borough Council inviting the Parish Council to the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 18th April 2007 at 7pm. It was agreed that Cllr Otter would attend and the Chairman would check her diary and let the Clerk know if she could attend. b) Jenny Berkley enquiring as to whether Stock Heritage Society could borrow the projector for their meetings. The Parish Council agreed to this and Cllr. Watling offered to help the Society at their first meeting if he was available. It was agreed that Cllr. Elliott could get another key cut for the projector screen and give to Jenny Berkley. Clerk to pass the information onto Jenny Berkley. c) Copy of a letter sent to Cllr. Grundy from Cllr. Bass at Essex County Council regarding The Department of Transport’s recently published circular entitled Setting Local Speed Limits. The County Council’s Speed Management Strategy and Policy is currently being revised to reflect this new advice. Any request for an alteration of an existing speed limit will be considered on its merits in the light of this new advice and will incorporate a full consultation process with Stock Parish Council, local residents, Essex Police and all other interested parties. In the interim an engineer will inspect the section of Ingestone Road, where a parishioner has requested that the speed limit is altered, to establish whether any alterations to the existing signing and lining would be beneficial. | <p>CLERK/SE</p> <p>CLERK/WE</p> |
| <p>1644.</p> | <p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p>38A High Street - Cllr. Phillips had made enquiries and had drafted a letter for the Clerk to send to the Heritage Protection Operations Department to ask that the property be listed.</p> <p>Replanting at Greenwoods - James McCarthy, Tree Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council had advised that following a site meeting he can confirm that apart from the replacement for the dead Horse Chestnut recently felled, there are no other outstanding replacements to be planted on the Estate.</p> <p>Tree Preservation Order No. 2007/011 – 1 Rectory Close - The Order was confirmed without modification on 19th March 2007.</p> | <p>CLERK</p> |

Moat House, 15 Mill Road, Stock - Cllr. Elliott advised that the owner had moved the fence back and that the bricks had been removed. Cllr. Johnson advised that the owner was very ill and had apologised and said that he will get on with the work once he is better. The owner said that he will turf the area temporarily.

Bakers Arms Car Park – The work has been carried out.

18 The Square, Stock - Nothing further to report. Clerk to chase matter.

Posts standing up in the open space at the back end of the old newsagents – Cllr. Elliott reported that the area was getting worse. It was getting very overgrown and the posts are still remaining from the original fence. Clerk to write to owner advising them that the property is in a Conservation Area and asking them to reinstate their boundary fence and remove the litter and weeds on a regular basis.

Appeal by Mr Robert Napp – Site at Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road – Appeal Ref. APP/W1525/A/06/2026121/NWF. Christine Lyons had advised that Chelmsford Borough Council are to take action against this and other unauthorised developments on this site, so there have been no notices issued to-date.

Applications

Application No. 07/00335/FUL. New outbuilding to form garden room and log store.

Location: 106 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Acors.

The Parish Council commented that the height and chalet style appearance of this building are of concern. The character of the building does not reflect the character of the local vernacular. This is detrimental to the setting of the adjacent listed building.

Application No. 07/00223/FUL. Two storey side and single storey front extensions, new pitched roof to existing front dormer and demolition of existing front single storey extension and single storey garage and workshop.

Location: 59 Well Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Misra

The Parish Council submitted objections including comments on topology, visibility, character and height of the proposed building.

Application No. 07/00325/FUL. Two storey front extension and enclosed front porch.

Location: 32 High Street, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs L. Perone.

The Parish Council submitted objections regarding visibility, character, architecture of the proposal and its effect on the Conservation Area.

Application No. 07/00053/FUL. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling (amended application 06/00979/FUL relocation of dwelling and addition of chimney).

Location: 50 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr R. Hale.

The Parish Council submitted objections regarding size and character of proposed dwelling, its new siting, the effect on the trees and the harm caused to the Metropolitan Green Belt.

Application No. 07/00251/FUL. Single storey rear/side extension to create a residential annexe.

Location: 43 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs D. Adams.

The Parish Council commented that this is too high and too large for an elevated site in a prominent position. This is going to consolidate built form on the West side of Common Lane.

Application No. 07/00515/FUL. Erection of entrance gates and metal railings boundary fence.

Location: Kings Head Farm, Stock Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Turner

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

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Application No. 07/00503/FUL. Single storey front extension.

Location: 6 Myln Meadow, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Dossett

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

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Application No. 07/00469/CLOPUD. Use of store room to a physiotherapy clinic maximum use up to 10 hours per week.

Location: Whiteholme, Furze Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr P. Lovewell.

Although the Parish Council are not consulted on CLOPUD applications, the Clerk wished to make the Parish Council aware that the application had been made.

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Application No. 07/00522/SCOPE. Employment Development.

Location: Temple Farm, Ship Road, West Hanningfield.

Applicant: Peter Brett Associates on behalf of Wharf Land Investments Limited.

It was agreed that the Clerk should make enquiries about getting an independent professional body to help the Parish Council and also to join forces with West Hanningfield. Clerk to contact the Clerk at West Hanningfield, EALC and Stop Stansted. The Parish Council commented that they believe serious investigation would need to be made of how traffic on the B1007 would increase and the environmental impact of this. A comprehensive analysis of all planning designations and all planning policies that relate to this land and a full analysis of the grading of the land is required.

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Application No. 07/0087/CLEUD. Use of dwelling without complying with an agricultural occupancy condition in excess of 10 years.

Location: Magpies, Smallgains Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Bruce Henderson. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/02554/FUL. Pool enclosure for private use.

Location: Bellmans Farm House, Stock Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Paul Fenwick. **Refused.**

Application No. 07/00125/FUL. Two storey rear extension, replacement single storey extension and new double garage.

Location: Kings Villa, Stock Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs P. Healey. **Refused.**

Application No. 07/00162/FUL. Demolish outbuildings, convert existing property to 3 no. 2 bed units with minor first floor additions. Construct new 1 no. 2 bed unit to rear together with new carport area.

Location: 38A High Street, Stock.

Applicant: Mr G. Heley. **Withdrawn.**

Application No. 06/02306/CLOPUD. The completion of the extensions and alterations permitted by Planning Permission CHL/1459/79 – Construction of first floor to bungalow (raising the roof and inserting two dormers to front elevation) and new pitched roof over garage.

Location: 16 Common Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr D. Lewis. **Refused.**

Application No. 06/02549/CLEUD. Construction and equestrian use of the stables, trotting track and exercise area for in excess of ten years whilst being non-compliant with planning regulations.

Location: Birch House, Broomwood Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Clive Amos. **Withdrawn.**

Application No. 06/02454/FUL. Part two storey and part single storey rear extension.

Location: 18 Cambridge Close, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs I. Wall. **Withdrawn.**

Application No. 06/02515/FUL. Erection of affordable rural housing and access road (5 flats and 5 houses).

Location: Land At Junction With School Lane/Back Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Stock Parish Council/The Rural Housing Trust. **Approved (S106).**

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

Application No. 07/05508/CAT. Pine x 1, beside Village Hall (T1 on plan), fell to ground level.

Location: Village Hall, Common Road, Stock.

Applicant: Stock Village Hall Management Committee. The Tree Warden had no objections provided a suitable replacement tree is replanted.

Application No. 07/05521/CAT. Poplar x 4 on boundary with Common Road – reduce to previous points and reduce laterals by up to 30%

Location: Orchard House, Common Road, Stock.

Applicant: Pam Taylor (Shaftesbury Housing Trust). The Tree Warden had no comments to make.

Application No. 07/05047/TPO. T2 – Silver Birch, in front garden – fell to ground. (TPO/1990/02)

Location: 53 Birch Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs B. Sayer. **Approved.**

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FINANCE.

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

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| 101225 | £587.50 | Maple Tree Surgery and Landscapes Ltd | Deposit for Reinstating Track Outside Almshouses. |
| 101226 | £863.78 | Mrs L.J.Green | Salary 1.03.07 – 31.03.07 |
| 101227 | £394.67 | Inland Revenue Only | PAYE and N.I. |
| 101228 | £111.17 | Mrs L.J. Green | Expenses |
| 101229 | £2,549.75 | Maple Tree Surgery and Landscapes Ltd | Reinstatement of Almshouses Track |
| 101230 | £25.00 | Essex Playing Fields Association | Annual Subscription |
| 101231 | £29.71 | Mrs L.J. Green | Photocopying for APM |
| 101232 | £28.00 | J.E. Todman | Frames and Mounts for List of Parish Council Chairmen |

Transfer of Funds – On the 26th March 2007 £5,000.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.

Cricket Club Contribution for Grass Cutting 2006 – A cheque had been received for £273.33.

Clerk's Salary – The Clerk read out an Employment Briefing received from the NALC. The Local Government Employers' have advised that a claim for a 5% increase has been received from the Trade Unions. The Employer Representative will now consider the claim and expect to respond during the course of March. Accordingly, nothing has been agreed as yet.

Audit Commission – A letter had been received from the Audit Commission regarding the Appointment of External Auditor. They were proposing the appointment of Lubbock Fine as Auditor to Stock Parish Council for the financial year 2006/07. The Commission has also approved new fees to operate from 2006/07.

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VILLAGE HALL.

Cllr. Elliott reported that a meeting had been held and that a Fire Officer had talked about the Fire Regulations. All electrical appliances need to have a Test Certificate. Two trees are to be removed as one is dead and one is dying. It is not intended that the trees will be replaced. The lights have been repaired in the car park. All rents are to go up at a rate of 2½% for village organisations and 5% for people outside the village.

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| 1647. | <p>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION AND VILLAGE IN BLOOM.</p> <p>Cllrs. Johnson and Elliott had completed the Best Kept Village Competition Entry Forms. Clerk to send forms in. Cllr. Johnson advised that the Garden Society are quite happy to take the Village in Bloom Competition on. The Parish Council would sponsor the competition and the Garden Society would put out a brief and application forms. It was suggested that the competition should be judged and the winners announced on the 2nd Saturday in July at the Garden Society Summer Show. The Categories need to be defined. Cllr. Johnson advised that there is a Committee meeting in April and the matter will be discussed further. Cllr. Johnson to report back at the next meeting. The Chairman said that the event should be advertised. It was reported that the bulbs that have recently been planted look beautiful in the village at the moment.</p> | CLERK/SJ |
| 1648. | <p>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</p> <p>Cllr. Phillips reported that there is a piece of wood near Boundary House that needs removing. He had spoken to Chelmsford Borough Council who had no objections to it being taken away. Cllr. Watling agreed to have a look at it.</p> | RW |
| 1649. | <p>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter read out a letter received from Essex County Council regarding Rail Seminar and read out her reply.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter had received an invitation to a Passenger Transport Meeting on the 10th May 2007.</p> <p>Cllr. Phillips asked that the bus services to Billericay to Chelmsford are improved. Cllr. Otter advised that this is a matter for the bus company and not Essex County Council.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter had received an invitation to a Transport Information Day on the 19th June 2007.</p> | |
| 1650. | <p>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that Neighbourhood Watch are going to replace the signs at the entrances to the village. The organisation is struggling trying to revitalise the group. There is a lack of co-ordinators to cover the whole village. Money is not a problem. The Neighbourhood Watch are in touch with the Police on a regular basis and get feedback on crime. They have a private distribution list to get information to parishioners.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that it is 95 days away from the Smoke Free Legislation and that the Parish Council may need to put up signs in bus shelters. If they fail to do so they could be fined. Cllr. Grundy said that he would try and get someone from Chelmsford Borough Council to come to a Parish Council meeting to talk about the matter further.</p> | |
| 1651. | <p>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</p> <p>The planning application was approved at a Committee Meeting at Chelmsford Borough Council.</p> <p>Robin Hosegood has now raised the question of the use of the commuted sum payment towards off site strategic public open space and whether this could be targeted at facilities within Stock village.</p> <p>The sum in this case is £4160-00. The contribution or part of it could be put towards outdoor pitch improvements in Stock subject to there being wider community benefit, or coaching initiatives through the council's sports development team.</p> <p>Pitch improvements could be for example, to improve drainage at the Stock United football pitch in Mill Lane. Another thought is to contribute towards providing a further junior football pitch either in Stock or the combined area of South Hanningfield, Stock and Margaretting, where a shortfall has been identified. a further possibility is looking at public access to school pitches within the village, although I am not sure what facilities the school has.</p> <p>The Borough Council would probably need to agree a proposal from the Parish that would secure general public benefit in the locality.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy suggested that the Parish Council acknowledge that the Parish Council have received this sum. Clerk to write to Mr Hosegood at Chelmsford Borough Council. Cllr. Otter suggested planting trees on the public land owned by Chelmsford Borough Council opposite the new development in Honey Pot Lane.</p> | CLERK |

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| 1652. | <p>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</p> <p>It was reported that the next meeting will be held on 18th April and a photo shoot is arranged for 19th May at 10.00am at All Saints Church. Stock Primary School are also going to get involved. A photo session will also be held on the 23rd and 24th June, which will coincide with the Flower Festival. Mill Camera Club will undertake the photographs. Jenny Seaman is going to be asked if her post card collection of views of the village can be used for the Village Design Statement.</p> | |
| 1653. | <p>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that due to ill health she would be unable to distribute Chairman's Reports this year and the Parish Council was down one member, which would make the distribution very onerous for the remaining Councillors, given the size of the parish and the remoteness of many houses. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would print 100 copies of the Report which Cllr. Johnson would distribute in the Doctors Surgery, Library, Post Office and The Four Vintners. A further 40 copies would be printed together with copies of the Agenda and last years Minutes for distribution at the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> | CLERK/SJ |
| 1654. | <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>The Annual Parish Meeting is on Thursday 19th April and the next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 30th April 2007 at 7.30pm.</p> | |
| 1655. | <p>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</p> <p>No tenders to discuss.</p> | |

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

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