

# STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.

**Present:** Cllrs. Millernas, Elliott, Phillips, Woodward and Otter  
**In The Chair:** Cllr. Johnson  
**Minute Secretary:** Lorraine Green  
**Also Present:** 6 Members of the Public, Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Ian Grundy, Sgt. Neil Marshall and PCSO Tony DeVries

		ACTION
1805.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b>  Cllrs. Finch, Watling and Cottey sent their apologies.	
1806.	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2007.</b>  The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed.	
1807.	<b>POLICE MATTERS.</b>  Cllr. Grundy suggested that the Mobile Police Station would be better positioned in the centre of the village rather than in the Village Hall Car Park. One suggestion was to ask the owner of the Cock Inn whether it could be parked in their car park. Chairman to liaise with the Police over the matter.  PCSO DeVries advised that PCSO Gipson had made enquiries with Julie Ebbage at Essex County Council regarding obtaining information on Solar Powered Speed Indicator Devices. The prices start at £5,500.00 and go up to £66,000.00. PCSO DeVries recommended that the Clerk call Julie Ebbage to discuss further.  PCSO DeVries advised that Adam Pipe was investigating the parking issues in Mill Road and Stock Road. Apparently the lines have faded and the Police are not sure whether they are for traffic directions or traffic restrictions. Cllr. Woodward reported that there is a problem at the junction of Mill Road and Common Road where builders' vans are blocking the road. He said it is dangerous, as you cannot see to pull out of the junction. Cllr. Otter stated that this is an obstruction issue and not a lineage problem. Sgt. Marshall said that the builders had been spoken to and that he would send an Officer to speak to them again.  PCSO DeVries reported that the lead was stolen from the Village Hall roof at the weekend and that all areas are currently being targeted. If anyone sees any suspicious vehicles they should get the index numbers of the vehicles and call the Police.  PSCO DeVries advised parishioners not to have Satellite Navigation Systems, Laptops etc on show, as the vehicle was likely to get broken into. It was also recommended that the Satellite Navigation cradles were removed as well.	<b>SJ</b>  <b>CLERK</b>  <b>SNM</b>
1808.	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</b>  <b>Tree Warden Scheme</b> – Cllr. Phillips advised that he had been offered a 1ft Horse Chestnut Tree. A place had been found for the tree that had been kindly offered by the parishioner in Back Lane. It was agreed that this would be planted where a Horse Chestnut is being felled. Cllr. Phillips agreed to contact King and Co regarding obtaining the trees they are storing in order that they could be planted after Christmas.  <b>Parish Paths Partnership (P3)</b> – The Chairman advised that Cllr. Finch had looked at all the footpath sites where problems had been raised at the previous meeting. Cllr. Finch dealing with matters.  <b>Footpath Map for Stock</b> – Cllr. Millernas advised that there had been no meeting to-date.	<b>CP</b>  <b>CF</b>

**Downham Road Retexturing** – Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that retexturing work is scheduled to be carried out on Wednesday/Thursday this week.

**Erection of a Small Timber Plaque by Memorial Bench on Green in front of the Almshouses and the Track** – Nothing to report. Clerk to chase matter.

**CLERK**

**Erection of Guardrails Outside Stock Primary School** – Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that drawings and estimates have been forwarded to Liz Powell (ECC Traffic and Road Safety Section).

**Wicksteed Leisure Annual Safety Inspection** – Cllr. Cottey dealing with matter.

**Water Running Out of Ditch at Junction of Mill Road/Downham Road** – Phil Hope advised that he has inspected this during moderate rainfall but this did not highlight a particular problem. He will re inspect this during a period of heavier rainfall.

**Lights in Bus Shelters** – Clerk awaiting quotation from Cartledge.

**Surface of the footpaths in The Valentines** – Phil Hope advised the Clerk that safety repairs to the worst areas have now been undertaken. It was agreed that the item could be removed from the Agenda.

**CLERK**

**Litterbin Outside The Almshouses** – The bin had been delivered and the Clerk advised that Bob Hale would install it.

**Listing of War Memorial** – Nothing further to report.

**Signs which are positioned along the footpath at Crondon Park Golf Course** – Cllr. Finch dealing with matter.

**CF**

**Pot Holes in The Square** – Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that safety repairs have now been completed. It was reported that the road is appalling and it is hazardous on a bicycle. The area was also a Conservation Area. Clerk to write to Samir Pandya, Acting Highways Manager, at Essex County Council.

**CLERK**

**Projector Screen** – Cllr. Elliott advised that the manufacturer that Thomsons use have gone into voluntary liquidation so they were unable to fulfill the order. Cllr. Otter gave a card to the Clerk from Chelmsford Borough Council's Technical Services which she thought might be of assistance. Cllr. Elliott agreed to telephone them.

**WE**

**Ownership and Maintenance of the land North of Hereward Grange between Honeypot Lane and the Stock Road** – Cllr. Grundy had received an acknowledgement from the Land Registry. At present there is another application going through and the Parish Council's query cannot be answered until the other case is confirmed. Cllr. Otter advised Cllr. Grundy to speak to Chelmsford Borough Council about the land.

**Sign at The Cock Inn** – The Chairman advised that she was going to meet the landlady to discuss various matters. The Clerk had received a letter from Karen Merricks, the Licencee, asking for the noticeboard to be removed from the Cock Inn's property as no permission had been given for it to be placed there. The Chairman advised that the previous landlord had granted permission.

**SJ**

**Obscured Speed limit signs up Stock Hill from Billericay** – The Clerk had reported the matter to Highways.

**Chelmsford Borough Council's Mobile Information Service** - Nothing further to report.

**Parish Open Evening** – Cllr. Phillips found the meeting very useful and advised that there was a lot of useful information available. Cllr. Otter stated that the two speakers gave good information on plans for the future. A copy of the Corporate Plan was given to Cllrs. Phillips and Otter. Cllr. Otter advised that the meeting had been told how well Chelmsford are doing which was extremely well. Chelmsford Borough Council were promoting lots of shopping and John Lewis were being brought to Chelmsford. Oaklands was also due to be increased in size.

	<p><b>Parish Forum Meeting</b> – Cllrs. Millernas, Phillips and Otter to attend on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007 in the Council Chamber at Chelmsford Borough Council.</p> <p><b>Fence that abuts Lilystone Hall</b> – Cllr. Grundy had spoken to Mrs Couzens who confirmed that the fence is nothing to do with Lilystone Hall but thought the land was owned by the Woodgate family. Cllr. Grundy was making enquiries with Chelmsford Borough Council to see if they could assist. It was agreed that Cllr. Grundy would speak to Gary Stringer to see if he could get a contact number for Mr Woodgate. The Clerk had notified Andrew Vale at Essex County Council of the current situation.</p> <p><b>Pond at Thornton Place</b> – Chairman to speak to Jackie Lane.</p> <p><b>Removal of the large wooden staircase on Footpath 7 between the Golf Club and Swan Wood</b> – Cllr. Finch dealing with matter.</p> <p><b>Car Park on the Common</b> – Cllr. Woodward, Phil Cottee and Colin Tant had met to discuss the present condition and the best way to bring it back to a good state. They had met a contractor and a plan had been drawn up. Colin Tant advised that in the last year or so the car park is now used continually for the Nursery School, the dog walkers, Doctors’ patients, pub customers, bowls people and so on. If the Village Hall car park was available then this would alleviate the heavy use of the Common car park. It was stated that it is a parking area and not a car park. Cllr. Otter opposed the proposal stating that it was urbanising the area and it was not a car park and planning permission was needed to carry out any work. The majority of the Parish Council agreed that Cllr. Woodward should speak to Lord Petre and then obtain quotations.</p> <p><b>Asbestos, alcohol, condoms and needles on the footpath by the chicken hut in Back Lane opposite Makins</b> – The Clerk had reported the matter to Environmental Health who were looking into the matter. Cllr. Millernas had been contacted by them for information. Environmental had agreed to come back to the Parish Council once the matter was resolved.</p> <p><b>Bus Shelter Signs</b> – Cllr. Millernas now had the new signs to put up.</p> <p><b>Speed Indicator Signs</b> – Cllr. Grundy and the Clerk had spoken to Highways. Cllr. Grundy advised that there were two different types of sign which recorded the amount of cars and memorising speed of cars in different bands. The cost was approximately £4,000.00. The Chairman suggested installing a device between Cherry Cottages and the bus stop in Stock Road. Cllr. Grundy advised that Highways would come to Stock and carry out a survey. It was agreed that a 30mph flashing sign should be requested. Cllr. Grundy advised the Clerk to write to John Dobinson at Essex County Council in order that he could start the process for a Solar Powered Speed Indicator Device to be installed.</p> <p><b>Stock United F.C.</b> – Cllr. Woodward reported that there was a possibility of a football pitch at Peachey’s in Downham Road towards the Reservoir. Apparently boys used to play football here many years ago. The owner is very willing to start the football off again. Cllr. Woodward had arranged to meet the owner on Tuesday morning and agreed to report back at the next meeting. Cllr. Grundy also to attend the meeting. Cllr. Woodward advised that another possible site was the land opposite the existing field but somebody would need to speak to the landowner. Cllr. Grundy had met with Mr Fox of Crondon Park Golf Club to look at the land he had available. Unfortunately it was covered in stones and rutted and was not suitable land. Cllr. Grundy had also contacted Ramsden Heath but there were no pitches available.</p>	<p><b>JM/CP/MO</b></p> <p><b>IG</b></p> <p><b>SJ</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p> <p><b>PW</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>PW/IG</b></p>
<p><b>1809.</b></p>	<p><b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</b></p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <p>a) Mr and Mrs Marett regarding vehicular entrance to and exit from their home at Compass Green, High Street. The access is via a short shared driveway which cuts through the small village green between the busy road and their property. Since the road was modified, effectively reducing the parking space for The Hoop customers, Mr and Mrs Marett have had a higher incidence of vehicles partially or completely blocking their entrance. Mr and Mrs Marett request that the clear road markings and posts, similar to those at the entrance to The Paddocks may be effective and economical. The Clerk had sent a copy of the letter to Phil Hope at Essex County Council Highways asking him to look into the matter.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>

Michelle from The Hoop had advised that both the residents of Compass Green and herself would like signs put up as in the dark customers do not realise that they cannot park in this area. Many parishioners were also asking the question as to why they are not allowed to use the Village Hall Car Park. The Chairman said the Parish Council would appreciate it if someone from The Hoop could write to the Village Hall Management Committee regarding this matter.

b) Lynn Roberts of Chelmsford Borough Council advising that the owners of Croyde Lodge, Whites Hill wish to rename the property Longwood Lodge.

c) Samir Pandya of Essex County Council regarding the temporary closure of Birch Lane. In order to avoid the risk of danger while resurfacing is undertaken Birch Lane will be closed from a point 95m east of its junction with Faulkner Close to a point 125m east of its junction with Faulkner Close. The closure will begin on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and will be in force between the hours of 9am to 4pm for 3 consecutive days. Clerk to send notice to Cllr. Watling to put on website and Chairman to put on noticeboard.

**CLERK**

d) Samir Pandya of Essex County Council offering to attend a Parish Council meeting between January and April to present area office functions. It was agreed that Mr Pandya should be invited to a meeting. Cllr. Grundy advised that Mr Pandya was currently putting together a survey of pavements in the area.

**CLERK**

e) Ms. Shelley Scott-Horne, Practice Manager, of Stock Surgery enquiring as to whether the Parish Council can give any financial support now that the pathway is completed and whether the grass areas at the entrance to the premises can be maintained by the Parish Council in their regular grass cutting duties. The Chairman advised that she had spoken to Dr. Coffin who advised that the Surgery had to pay £25,000.00 for the pavement. Cllr. Otter strongly objected and said she would not support giving Parish Council money to a commercial development and private business. The rest of the Parish Council thought the Doctors' Surgery should be supported and agreed to donate £5,000.00. Cllr. Elliott said that she would like to see street lights but the Parish Council did not agree with this proposal. It was agreed that once the entrance to the Doctors' Surgery is turfed the Parish Council would include it in the grass cutting schedule.

**CLERK**

f) Phil Hope advising that there is an area in the vicinity of Furze Lane junction at the southern end of the Lane, which requires regular maintenance works to remedy potholes and subsidence and is quite a maintenance liability. The existing surface is unbound (old road planings) and is therefore susceptible to damage being caused from turning vehicles using the lane at this location. To address this problem it would be advantageous to strengthen this area with a bound material e.g. black top surface, which is far more resistant to the stresses of vehicular turning movements. Before pursuing this line Phil Hope thought it prudent to seek the Council's views on this matter and would be pleased to receive comments on this proposal. The matter was discussed but the Parish Council were not happy with the proposal. Clerk to advise Phil Hope.

**CLERK**

g) Mr Barclay expressing his displeasure at the comments registered by the Parish Council with regards to planning application 07/05276/TPO. Mr Barclays advised that the tree has been suffering from bleeding canker for some while and was assessed by Chelmsford Borough Council who recommended that the tree be felled and it is indeed dying. It is not being felled on aesthetic grounds. The Clerk had replied to Mr Barclay's letter.

	<p><b>h)</b> Claire Cornwell, Community Sports Development Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council regarding meeting the Parish Council to discuss the Parish Sports Programme. The programme will be running for 2 weeks in Easter holidays, 1 week in Whitsun Half Term and 3 weeks in Summer holidays. It was agreed that the letter should be passed to Cllr. Cottey to deal with.</p> <p><b>i)</b> Stock Cricket Club's Committee requested that a high fence be erected between the Children's Play Area at the bottom of the Common and the boundary line as the number of times there have been near misses is becoming very worrying. It was suggested that a notice be put up to make people aware of the dangers of stray cricket balls rather than erecting a fence. It was agreed that the Clerk should consult with Susan De Val in the Legal Department at Chelmsford Borough Council.</p> <p><b>j)</b> Stephen Da Costa regarding the path along Ingatestone Road near Stock Road and Grass Cutting by Chelmsford Council. Mr Da Costa is of the opinion that there should be a footpath along Ingatestone Road near Stock Road. There are houses on both sides of the road and it is very dangerous walking along this section of road. Mr Da Costa asked the Parish Council to confirm if Chelmsford Borough Council has a legal obligation to provide a footpath. Mr Da Costa advised that the grass needs cutting in the area of land between Honeygot Lane and Stock Road to bring it back to its original condition. This area was the responsibility of Countryside Properties, however Mr Da Costa believes this has now been passed back to Chelmsford Borough Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should refer Mr Da Costa to Highways regarding the footpath and advise that the matter was being looked into regarding the land between Honeygot Lane and Stock Road.</p>	<p><b>LJC</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>1810.</b></p>	<p><b>CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK.</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>1811.</b></p>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS.</b></p> <p><b>Appeal by Mr and Mrs P. Cottee of Yew Tree Cottage, 93 Mill Road, Appeal Reference No. APP/W1525/A/07/2047944/WF.</b> The Planning Inspectorate had advised that the appeal is dismissed.</p> <p><b>Notification of Appeal by Mrs L. Perone of 32 High Street, Application No. 07/00325/FUL, Appeal Reference No. APP/W1525/A/07/2058132/WF. Two storey front extension and enclosed front porch.</b> Clerk to write to the Planning Inspectorate endorsing the previous comments made and asked for a copy of the Appeal decision.</p> <p><b>18 The Square, Stock -</b> Nothing further to report. It was agreed that the item could be removed from the Agenda.</p> <p><b>Gardenfields House, Downham Road -</b> Nothing further to report.</p> <p><b>Temple Farm -</b> The Clerk had received an E-mail from Mr David Beever asking where he should send his thoughts/suggestions to in relation to Temple Farm and asking for a copy of the Parish Council's comments. Having discussed the matter with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Grundy, the Clerk had advised Mr Beever that there is no application at the moment and it is purely a consultation exercise by Wharf Land Investments. The Clerk had suggested that Mr Beever passes his comments onto Temple Farm Action Group and Chelmsford Borough Council or await the formal planning application. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had commented on the Scoping Opinion and gave Mr Beever a copy of the comments. Mr Beever had then sent the Clerk a copy of the E-mail he had sent to Temple Farm Action Group regarding the Temple Farm development. A copy of all E-mails was sent to all Councillors. Cllr. Otter said that the Clerk should never have responded to Mr Beever's original E-mail, the Parish Council's comments should not have been given to him and that his original request should have been discussed at a Parish Council meeting or the Clerk should have referred the matter to Chelmsford Borough Council or West Hanningfield Parish Council. The Parish Council totally disagreed with Cllr. Otter and felt that the Clerk had taken the right course of action.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>

A letter had been received from Richard Allan expressing his concerns regarding the Temple Farm development. Mr Allan had attended the recent exhibition. Clerk to acknowledge Mr Allan's letter.

**CLERK**

**Online Planning** - Cllr. Watling was in discussions with Cllr. John Turkentine of Galleywood Parish Council. Cllr. Otter stated that after notification plans were taking days before showing on the system.

**Notification of Appeal by Fristling Hall Farms Ltd regarding Fristling Hall, Swan Lane, Planning Application No. 07/00353/FUL, Appeal Reference No. APP/W1525/A/07/2054050/NWF. Demolition of Fristling Hall and replacement new dwelling.** Chelmsford Borough Council had advised the Clerk that it could be a year before the hearing is held.

**3 The Square** – A parishioner had reported that in the Essex Chronicle it stated that the property was to be demolished. Clerk to contact Planning Department.

**CLERK**

**Applications**

**Application No. 07/02070/FUL.** Garden shed.

**Location:** 35 Mill Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr P. Murphy.

The Parish Council commented that this is a retrospective planning application and the wood felt covering roof is actually a clay tile roof.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/01972/FUL.** Single storey porch and garage extension. Single storey rear extension.

**Location:** 1 Common Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr. & Mrs Taylore.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/02092/FUL.** Demolition of existing building and erection of new dwelling.

**Location:** 48 Well Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs S Lecomber-Clark.

The Parish Council commented that whilst they note the changes to reduce the impact of this proposed development, they remain strongly opposed. The sheer bulk of the built form and its imposing design are totally out of character with this edge of village location. No other dwelling in the area is of similar character.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/02087/FUL.** Re-roofing of existing rear extension.

**Location:** 3 The Square, Stock.

**Applicant:** Ms A Kirby.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/02213/FUL.** Alterations to garage roof (approved ref: 07/00989/FUL).

**Location:** Kings Villa, Stock Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs P. Healey.

The Parish Council had no comments to make..

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/02217/FUL.** Formation of additional accommodation in roof space.

**Location:** Buttsbury Lodge Cottage, Stock Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr Jeremy Ray.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/02231/FUL.** Demolition of existing conservatory and existing addition. Construction of single storey rear extension.

**Location:** Brocklands, Ingatestone Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs M Pykerman.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/02133/FUL.** Retention of conservatory.

**Location:** Hillside Farm, Whites Hill, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr J. Lewis.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/02134/FUL.** Retention of decking.

**Location:** Hillside Farm, Whites Hill, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr J. Lewis.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**Results**

**Application No. 07/02008/AG.** Extension to existing lake.

**Location:** Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr Napp. **Prior Approval Will Be Required.**

**Application No. 07/01873/FUL.** Erection of a building for a temporary period of 10 years to be used for domestic storage.

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

**Applicant:** Mr A. Argent. **Refused.**

**Application No. 07/01737/FUL.** Development of the existing courtyard car park to form 11 no. overnight guest lodge suites ancillary to the wedding functions hosted in the adjacent baronial hall, together with the creation of a soft landscaped garden and additional planting.

**Location:** Crondon Park Golf Club, Stock Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr S. Fox. **Refused.**

**Application No. 07/01715/FUL.** Pitched roof to replace existing single storey flat roof and replace slated roof with clay tiles.

**Location:** 17 The Square, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr. J. Payne. **Approved.**

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

**Application No. 07/05289/TPO.** G1 – Oaks x 2 in rear garden on roadside boundary – remove epicormic growth, reduce lowest laterals by 40%, cutting to suitable growing points (TPO/2003/71).

**Location:** Foxborough Cottages, Stock Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs J Carter. **The Tree Warden had no comments to make. Approved.**

**Application No. 07/05288/TPO.** W1 – Oaks x 5 adjacent to Chyrose, Furze Lane – selectively prune laterals to achieve up to 1m clearance from service cables, cutting to suitable growing points (TPO/2007/130).

**Location:** The Plantation, Mill Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Leonard Gray (Clive Burrell). **The Tree Warden had no comments to make. Approved.**

**Application No. 07/05276/TPO.** Horse Chestnut (A1 1997/02) – within curtilage of property – fell to ground and grind stump.

**Location:** 8 Hereward Mount, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs Zena Barclay. **The Tree Warden objected on the grounds that bleeding canker is not necessarily fatal and that according to established tree practice, the tree should be examined again next year. The Tree Warden suspects the real reason for wanting to fell the tree is aesthetic grounds. Approved.**

**Application No. 07/05273/TPO.** T1 – Deodar Cedar on frontage of Caer Luel on boundary with Shires – trim back branches overhanging Shires driveway – the 3 lower branches by 3m maximum and give clearance to Irish Yew which is being restricted – higher branches by 1m maximum, all cuts to suitable growing points (TPO/2004/34).

**Location:** Caer Luel, The Paddock, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs Monro. **The Tree Warden had no comments to make.**

**Application No. 07/05268/TPO.** W1 –Oak x 1 in front garden close to new extension – reduce lateral overhanging new extension by 30% (2.5m), cutting to suitable growing points.

**Location:** Robins Wood, 36 Birch Lane, Stock. **Approved.**

1812.

**FINANCE.**

**Clerk's Salary** – The EALC had now confirmed the new rates as of the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007. The Clerk's hourly rate would be increased from £9.589 to £9.827, which would be backdated to the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007. All agreed except for Cllr. Otter.

	<p><b>Audit of Accounts for 2006/07</b> – Lubbock Fine had now signed the accounts off. Clerk to prepare a notice advertising the closure, which would be put on the noticeboard.</p> <p><b>Annual Donations</b> – The Chairman advised that letters had been received from All Saints’ Church, Our Lady &amp; St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church Parish Council, The Tweedy Charity, Stock Press, Stock Cares and Essex Air Ambulance requesting their annual grants from Stock Parish Council. It was agreed that a churchyard grant of £200.00 would be made to All Saints Church and £75.00 to Our Lady &amp; St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church Parish Council. A grant of £200.00 would be given to the Tweedy Charity, £75.00 to Stock Press £200.00 to Stock Cares and £250.00 to Essex Air Ambulance. All of these payments were made under Section 137.</p> <p><b>Precept and Budget for 2007/08</b> - The Clerk had prepared the Budget and circulated copies to the Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the Precept for 2008/09 should be £30,000.00. Cllr. Otter did not approve. Clerk to return forms to Chelmsford Borough Council.</p> <p><b>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101302</td> <td>£1,026.98</td> <td>Mrs L.J.Green</td> <td>Salary 1.11.07 – 30.11.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101303</td> <td>£510.73</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101304</td> <td>£13.00</td> <td>Stock Village Hall</td> <td>Hire of Hall on 15/10/07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101305</td> <td>£180.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting Churchyard October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101306</td> <td>£101.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101307</td> <td>£293.82</td> <td>Wybone Limited</td> <td>Litter Bin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101308</td> <td>£334.88</td> <td>Lubbock Fine</td> <td>Audit Fee 2006/07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101309</td> <td>£187.6</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Backdated Pay Increase to 1.4.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101310</td> <td>£101.80</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses 30.10.07 – 26.11.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101311</td> <td>£129.19</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I. on Backdated Pay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101312</td> <td>£200.00</td> <td>All Saints Church</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101313</td> <td>£75.00</td> <td>Our Lady &amp; St. Joseph R.C.Church</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101314</td> <td>£200.00</td> <td>Tweedy Charity</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101315</td> <td>£75.00</td> <td>Stock Press</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101316</td> <td>£250.00</td> <td>Essex Air Ambulance</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101317</td> <td>£200.00</td> <td>Stock Cares</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101318</td> <td>£20.00</td> <td>Stock Royal British Legion</td> <td>Poppy Wreath</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Transfer of Funds</b> – On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2007 £4,000.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.</p>	101302	£1,026.98	Mrs L.J.Green	Salary 1.11.07 – 30.11.07	101303	£510.73	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101304	£13.00	Stock Village Hall	Hire of Hall on 15/10/07	101305	£180.00	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting Churchyard October	101306	£101.00	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting October	101307	£293.82	Wybone Limited	Litter Bin	101308	£334.88	Lubbock Fine	Audit Fee 2006/07	101309	£187.6	Mrs L.J. Green	Backdated Pay Increase to 1.4.07	101310	£101.80	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses 30.10.07 – 26.11.07	101311	£129.19	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I. on Backdated Pay	101312	£200.00	All Saints Church	Annual Donation	101313	£75.00	Our Lady & St. Joseph R.C.Church	Annual Donation	101314	£200.00	Tweedy Charity	Annual Donation	101315	£75.00	Stock Press	Annual Donation	101316	£250.00	Essex Air Ambulance	Annual Donation	101317	£200.00	Stock Cares	Annual Donation	101318	£20.00	Stock Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>
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<p><b>1813.</b></p>	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Woodward had attended the Village Hall Management Committee Meeting. The Parish Council’s letter regarding use of the Village Hall Car Park was read out at the end of the meeting. Some people had stated that it would not work. It was agreed that the matter has got to be discussed as it is becoming more of a major issue. Cllr. Elliott said the matter would be discussed at the next Village Hall meeting in January. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman agreed to attend this meeting.</p> <p>The Village Hall were getting ready for the Christmas Fayre.</p>	<p><b>SJ/JM</b></p>																																																																				
<p><b>1814.</b></p>	<p><b>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</b></p> <p><b>Grass Cutting</b> – A meeting will be held with the Parish Council, Cricket Club and Mr Williams in the Spring. Stock Cricket Club had requested that the last cut of the Common is required before winter sets in. The Clerk had spoken to Mr Williams and he would do the work once he gets his mower back from being repaired. A fixture list will be produced for Saturday am Junior fixtures but sometimes extra matches are arranged at the last minute. It was also felt that if the common was not fit to cut on a Friday, then it would not have dried up much to cut on Saturday am.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward reported that the bin at the wooden bus shelter is in the wrong position as you cannot see the buses coming. It was agreed that Cllr. Woodward would look at the bin.</p>	<p><b>PW/CLERK</b></p> <p><b>PW</b></p>																																																																				

	<p>Cllr. Millernas reported that there is a large hole on the bend in School Lane which is very dangerous. Clerk to report to Highways.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward reported that that gate posts with big hinges are currently being put in at the new house in Common Road. The posts are 4 feet from the highway. Cllr. Woodward agreed to speak to planning regarding the matter. It was reported that there is also a house in Mill Road. It was reported that lighting is going in to a new house in Well Lane.</p> <p>A parishioner had stated that it would be interesting to see whether the litter diminished whilst the Service Station was shut for refurbishment.</p> <p>A parishioner had reported that Ramsden Heath had got permission to put in yellow lines to stop parking.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>PW</b></p>
<b>1815.</b>	<p><b>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Otter had attended a Passenger Transport Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. The 53 bus has had severe problems, which are hopefully now remedied. Child fares were raised by someone new. The matter is being looked into but it is an on-going problem. Essex County Council have responded to a Transport Bill but no further details have been given. Increase of telematics are not going to be considered until the ones that are already installed are working properly.</p>	
<b>1816.</b>	<p><b>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that concessionary fares were introduced by National Government. Chelmsford Borough Council currently have a deficit of £1m and the Government will not pay anything back. There will be a bigger problem next year as the scheme goes national. At present the bus companies put their claims in. Cllr. Grundy asked any person who has a bus pass to check their bus ticket and make sure that what is on the ticket is for the correct destination. It was agreed that Cllr. Grundy should give Cllr. Watling a note to put on the website. The Parish Council are now receiving press releases from Chelmsford Borough Council. The newly elected Mayor is Nicolette Chambers. Cllr. Grundy reported that there has been a loss of bronze plaques from Chelmsford Crematorium. Chelmsford Borough Council are awaiting to see if the LDF is cleared by the Inspector. The details will probably be available at the end of the year/beginning of next year.</p>	<p><b>IG/RW</b></p>
<b>1817.</b>	<p><b>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</b></p> <p>Nothing further to report.</p>	
<b>1818.</b>	<p><b>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</b></p> <p>It was reported that a questionnaire would be going out to the whole village in January.</p>	
<b>1819.</b>	<p><b>RISK ASSESSMENT.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Phillips had carried out an assessment.</p>	
<b>1820.</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</b></p> <p>The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 7.30pm.</p>	
<b>1821.</b>	<p><b>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</b></p> <p>Blackwater Landscapes had submitted a quotation to prune the trees, which directly affect Mr Williams' cutting of the grass around the Parish. It was agreed that the suckers growing around the base of the trees could be removed and all the low hanging branches to head height cut back. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Williams and tell him to go ahead with the work.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>

**The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.17pm.**

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