



	<p>The Chairman reported that following a request from Inspector Callow, PCSO Carey was organising for a mobile police bus to come to the village once a month for the next year. P.C. DeVries agreed to let the Parish Council know the dates in order that they could be put on the website and on the noticeboard.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr. Watling would put a notice on the website advertising that fact that the village now had a PCSO.</p> <p>Cllr. Elliott and Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Grundy reported that they had attended a meeting with Inspector Callow and Adam Pipe, Senior Traffic Management Officer, and had walked around the village to look at problem areas. One suggestion that was made was to have yellow lines painted in Common Road and The Square. Cllr. Elliott advised that the Parish Council notices around The Square have no authority and that is why people are ignoring them. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council have resisted having yellow lines for a very long time but that the village does have a parking problem. It was therefore agreed that the matter would be brought up at the Annual Parish Meeting to see what the public opinion is.</p>	<p><b>P.C. AD</b></p> <p><b>RW</b></p>
<p><b>1604.</b></p>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</b></p> <p><b>Tree Warden Scheme</b> – Cllr. Phillips advised that he had received an enquiry about the trees near the school as ivy was growing up the oak tree. The matter had been referred to the owners who were Chelmer Housing Partnership.</p> <p><b>Doctor’s Surgery</b> – Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that Terry Gregson, Design and Build, is currently undertaking the tendering and quotation process and arranging for the clients to provide the supervision fee. Once this has been done one would hope a start could be made on the site.</p> <p><b>Stock United Football Club</b> – A letter had been received from Mr Keith Howell, Secretary of Stock United F.C thanking the Parish Council for their support by paying for the cutting of the football pitch during the Summer and at the start of the season. Mr Howell asked whether the Parish Council could fund the pitch cutting, which will be required from about March through until the end of the current season in May. Also Mr Howell asked for confirmation as to who would be cutting the grass in the village this coming year as unfortunately Blackwater Landscapes did not provide the level of pitch maintenance that the club requires and therefore Mr Howell will be looking for another company to manage the pitch for the club going forward. This season the club has an under nines boys team playing in a local league and the senior side, which is playing in division one of the Mid Essex League, has signed on some local youngsters. In September the club held a quiz night, which raised over £500.00 for club funds, and they plan to hold a similar event this year. The matter was discussed. It was reported that more Stock people are now playing. The Chairman felt that the Parish Council helped fund the Cricket Club and Church grass cutting. The Football Club had raised some money themselves and it was agreed that the Parish Council should support them. A parishioner, Mrs Rae, had advised that the boys were currently playing at the school field, which was not suitable. It was agreed that the Community Initiatives Fund should be borne in mind and that the deadline for applying is May. The Judging Meeting is then held in July. Cllr. Grundy said that he would find out about the Fund. A parishioner, Mrs Rae, advised that Stock United Boys were trying to buy some land to make a football pitch for the boys’ team as there was no room to put a children’s pitch on the adults pitch. Cllr. Grundy advised that he had not received a reply from Strutt and Parker about purchasing the current football pitch. Stock United Boys are part of Stock United F.C. and are registered with the F.A. Mrs Rae advised that the Club have applied for various amounts of funding. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr. Watling advised Mrs Rae to advertise the Under 9’s Football Team on the website.</p> <p><b>Black and White Posts on the corner of the right hand bend of Smallgains Lane</b> – Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that he had recently spoken to Mrs Henderson and informed her that he will be arranging this work shortly and apologises for the delay.</p> <p><b>Speed Indicator Device</b> – Cllr. Elliott advised that the matter had been discussed at the meeting with Inspector Callow and that Inspector Callow had agreed to look into the matter and send prices in due course.</p> <p><b>Obscured Bend Sign in Swan Lane before Fristling Hall</b> - Cllr. Elliott agreed to check to see if the work had been carried out.</p>	<p><b>IG/RW</b></p> <p><b>INSP. CC</b></p> <p><b>WE</b></p>

**Positioning a bell bollard on the corner of Swan Lane to protect the new Signpost at end of Swan Lane** – Cllr. Easton and Phil Hope had had a site meeting. Further to this meeting, Phil Hope had arranged for a bollard to be installed in the footway to protect the sign. The bollard will be of a similar type to the one adjacent to the Post Office, as agreed with Cllr. Easton. The works order has been raised by Phil Hope's colleague, Graham Livings, and this work should be carried out shortly.

**Parish Paths Partnership (P3)** – Essex County Council had now returned the cheque for £20.00, which was the holding fee for the Courses that Cllr. Hale had attended.

Tim Gardiner, Public Rights of Way Officer, from Essex County Council had E-mailed the Clerk. He had been out with the Chelmsford Rights of Way Officer, Shirley Lucas, and had a look at several footpath problems reported by Jenny Berkley (who spotted them whilst out checking the walks for the walking book). Mr Gardiner has found a nice little job across Crondon Park Golf Course where Footpath 5 leaves Footpath 7. The footpath through here (across course and through woodland) is very unclear and 3 waymark posts need to be installed and some clearance of brambles etc. Mr Gardiner reckons this would be a nice little job for 4-5 volunteers working with himself. It would probably take 2-3 hours to do the work and Mr Gardiner could bring the tools and posts in a van. Ms. Lucas is going to contact the Golf Course owner to see what he thinks about the footpath and the proposed works. Cllr. Hale agreed to liaise with Tim Gardiner regarding the matter.

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**Footpath Map for Stock** – Nothing further to report.

**Downham Road Retexturing** – The work was still to be done.

**Police Community Support Officers** – The Clerk had received a reply from the Clerk at West Hanningfield Parish Council who advised that the matter of sharing a PCSO had been discussed at their meeting and had been agreed that it was not something the Parish Council wished to pursue at this time but thanked Stock Parish Council for approaching them. Following the meeting with Chelmsford Police a local P.C. is going to attend West Hanningfield Parish Council's next meeting to discuss their concerns, one of which is that they now come under Woodham Ferrers rather than the same area as Stock.

**Footpath 38, Back Lane past Imphy Hall** – Ms. Lucas, Rights of Way Officer, had advised the Clerk that the work will be carried out in due course.

**Post knocked to the ground by the new noticeboard in Swan Lane** – Clerk had written to Mr Oliver again. To-date no reply had been received. It was agreed to wait until the new landlord arrived and then contact them regarding the matter.

**Chains and Posts from The Paddocks to The Square** – Cllr. Hale had now painted all of the posts and replaced the posts that had been knocked down. Cllr. Hale agreed to speak to Andy Nichols to try and get a firm date of when the chains would be replaced. Cllr. Hale reported that both chains from the corners had been shortened.

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**Post knocked down on the green outside Hoop Public House** – The Clerk had now received payment from Britannia Adhesives.

**Broken Sign on Footpath from Common Road – Mill Lane** – Nothing further to report.

**Parish Councillor Training** - Cllrs. Phillips, Otter and Hale had attended. Cllr. Phillips felt that the problems of the Parish Councils were not addressed. Cllr. Otter said that the training was interesting but that Chelmsford Borough Council had tried to cover too much and that the Councillors had been told what they could not do but not what they could do. Cllr. Phillips had written on a personal basis stating that he thought the training would be better held over a whole day. Cllr. Hale agreed with the comments made. He felt that the training would be more to do with what the Parish Council could do and the rights and responsibilities of a Councillor but the training was mainly regarding planning.

**Proposals for changing road at Sun Street, Billericay** - A meeting had been held at Essex County Council last week to discuss the matter further.

**Green in front of the Almshouses and the Track** – Maple Tree Surgery & Landscapes had arranged a further site meeting with Cllr. Johnson and Gary Stringer. Work will hopefully commence in the next couple of weeks. A letter had been received from Jamie Cole, Public Realm Planner, from Chelmsford Borough Council advising that works should be minimal with the aim to enhance the character of this space. The following observations had been made:-

Number of posts – apart from the new posts on the corner minimize amount of posts along the rest of the track.

Height of posts above ground level – no higher than that of existing posts.

Existing bench – if works mean this has to be moved ensure this is put back to its initial position.

Mr Cole also asked that the Parish Council gave notice to the owner of the land and to consult with emergency services and with the surrounding properties before commencing works. Following this Mr Cole would be happy to meet the contractor on site. The Clerk had written to the surrounding properties and had contacted Lord Petre regarding the land.

**Proposal for Allotment Site Development** – The Clerk had written to Mr Barker of The Tweedy Charity and Shaftesbury Housing Trust. Mr Barker did not feel that the Almshouses site was suitable. The Chairman advised that she had spoken to Mr Barker who felt that the residents would not really approve of an allotment and therefore the proposal was not acceptable. Mr Barker also stated that the access would be difficult. No reply had been received to-date from Shaftesbury Housing Trust. The Clerk had also written to The Allotment Officer at Chelmsford Borough Council advising her of the steps that were being taken. Cllr. Grundy stated that there had been a surge of interest in allotments but water is needed. Cllr. Otter advised that Chelmsford Borough Council were building on allotment sites in Chelmsford.

**Drainage in Common Lane** - Cllr. Easton had had a site meeting with Phil Hope who agreed to get the lane surveyed for drainage problems. The Clerk had subsequently spoken to Mr Peter Bowden who advised that the work would be very expensive to carry out and could take many years. The lane was due to be resurfaced, which would make the lane safer and look better and may help the drainage problem. It was therefore suggested that the residents of the lane petition for the drainage system and press Cllr. Grundy for action. The residents of Common Lane had received letters regarding the resurfacing but the Parish Council had not been notified. Cllr. Watling felt that the situation had been made worse as the new surface was a bit higher than the original surface and the extra height would exacerbate the flooding because the small drain that exists cannot cope with heavy rainfall. Cllr. Watling reported that the resurfacing has not been finished as the machines are not small enough to finish the top half of the Lane and he had been advised that this part of the Lane can only be patched up.

**Wheelie Bins on the Pavement on the Corner of Mill Road/High Street** - The Clerk had written to the residents of 2 and 2A Mill Road and the landlord. Mr Jennings, the resident of 2 Mill Road, telephoned the Clerk and advised that his bins are always kept at the back of his property but advised that bins from other properties are always outside. The resident of 2A Mill Road no longer lives in the property. Cllr. Elliott agreed to find out the other bin numbers in order that the Clerk could write to the residents.

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**Erection of Guardrails Outside Stock Primary School** - Cllr. Easton and Phil Hope had had a site meeting regarding the possible erection of a guardrail outside the School along the footway to help prevent children running straight out into the road. This matter is currently being assessed by Robin Murray. A parishioner, Mr Sawkins, had attended a meeting with Inspector Callow, two Police Officers and Cllrs. Elliott and Grundy. A meeting had been arranged with the Governors of the School in which Inspector Callow would attend. A copy of the plan had been given to the School. The School are 100% behind the idea. Mr Sawkins reported that trucks have started parking in the car park rather than Swan Lane, as the pub have given a concession, which has made a big difference.

	<p><b>Democratic Time at Meetings and People With Disabilities -</b> Cllr. Phillips had suggested that a sign is made to show at the beginning of meetings to the public in order that anyone with a disability can make themselves known. The Clerk had forwarded the notice to the Democracy Team Manager at Chelmsford Borough Council who had also sought the views of the Corporate Communications Staff. The only comment made was that the third paragraph should be changed as there are some people with disabilities who would not need any special treatment to allow them to take part in Democratic Time. It was agreed that the paragraph should be changed and sent to Alan Battley for approval. Cllr. Watling agreed to laminate the notice once approved.</p>	<p><b>CLERK/RW</b></p>
<p><b>1605.</b></p>	<p><b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</b></p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Jackie Lane, NEAT Officer, of Chelmsford Borough Council regarding the Annual Just Bin It Campaign 2007. It was agreed that the event would be booked for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2007. Clerk to send back forms and arrange skip, which Mrs Lane can arrange a grant towards the provision of, and arrange for advertisement to be put on website, noticeboard and in Stock Press. The Chairman agreed for the equipment to be delivered to her house. Clerk to make enquiries regarding the skip.</li> <li>b) Mr White regarding having an allotment in the village. Clerk to write back advising that investigations are currently being made to find a suitable allotment site.</li> <li>c) Michael Hargreaves, Head of Regional Planning, from GO-East regarding the proposed changes to the East of England Plan. Consultation period ends on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2007. Cllr. Otter had looked at the document and advised that 2,000 extra homes are to be built in Chelmsford. Cllr. Grundy and Cllr. Otter to liaise and report back at the next meeting.</li> <li>d) Cllr. Gerard McEwen, Chairman of the Council, at Essex County Council inviting the Parish Council to a Service for Local Government on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at 7.30pm at Chelmsford Cathedral. Nobody wished to attend.</li> <li>e) Mrs Anne Ellis thanking the Parish Council for nominating her to attend the Mayor's Community Evening and suggesting that Dr. Coffin is considered to be chosen on a subsequent occasion who cares for his patients beyond the call of duty. Cllr. Grundy advised that he was at the event this year and that it had been extremely good. Cllr. Grundy had invited Cllr. Easton who unfortunately was unable to attend. Cllr. Grundy had received a certificate, which The Chairman agreed to pass onto her.</li> <li>f) Lord Petre regarding a letter he had received from Mr Hedges, the owner of Bay Cottage in the High Street. Mr Hedges was requesting permission to park a skip sporadically outside, or as near as possible, to his dwelling. The skip would be parked for perhaps 2-3 day periods. Mr Hedges also advised that his Solicitors had informed him that he had permission to park two small cars outside on the gravel pathway. Lord Petre had no reason to believe that Mr Hedges has a legal right to park outside. He advised that the situation is complicated these days by County Highway's view that all unfenced land contiguous to a public road is part of the vehicular highway. Lord Petre was requesting the Parish Council's views about the matters raised. After discussion, it was agreed that cars parking in this area made it impossible to get by even by bicycle. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Lord Petre advising that people must be able to have a free passageway between the skip and the grass and that further enquiries were being made regarding the parking situation. The Chairman agreed to speak to Paul Fenwick regarding the boundary and parking outside the property.</li> <li>g) Steve Packham, Chief Executive Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council regarding the Government Proposals for The Post Office Network urging the Parish Council to respond to the consultation and to lobby the Secretary of State, as Chelmsford Borough Council are doing. Cllr. Phillips reported that Mr and Mrs Pervez were very concerned. It was agreed that the Post Office was a great asset to the village. Cllr. Phillips agreed to look at the documents and put forward ideas in order that the matter could be discussed at the next meeting. The Chairman said that the Parish Council needed to write a forceful reply.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>IG/MO</b></p> <p><b>SJ</b></p> <p><b>CLERK/SJ</b></p> <p><b>CP</b></p>

	<p><b>h)</b> Dr. Charles Winstanley, Chairman of Postwatch East of England, regarding the Post Office Network Consultation urging the Parish Council to contribute their thoughts on this important issue. Comments should be submitted by 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007. Again Cllr. Phillips agreed to look at the documents and put forward ideas in order that the matter could be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>i)</b> Lucy Dentice, Recycling Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council advising that the Recycling Team are keen to get out to parishes and help to promote recycling and environmental topics. She would appreciate if the Parish Council could let her know of any events, fairs, or family days in the Parish who may be interested in having the Recycling Team come along with their promotional trailer. After discussion, it was agreed that the only possible event would be the Flower Festival. Clerk to tell Lucy Dentice to contact Rector Nick Dekeyser.</p> <p><b>j)</b> The Clerk advised that Lord Hanningfield would like to attend the meeting to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2007.</p> <p><b>k)</b> Cllr. Grundy and Cllr. Phillips had attended the Stock and Buttsbury Heritage Society Meeting at which Jenny Berkley had been appointed as Chairman. The meeting had been well attended and the new projector screen had been used. It was agreed that the Clerk should write on behalf of the Parish Council welcoming the new Society and saying how pleased the Parish Council were that the Society had been started.</p> <p><b>l)</b> Cyril King of Essex County Council Highways Department, advising of a temporary speed regulation on B1007 Stock Road from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007 for two weeks while resurfacing works is in progress. Traffic shall be prohibited from travelling at a speed exceeding 10mph over the following length of road - B1007 Stock Road from its junction with Foxborough Chase to a point 350m North of that junction and B1007 Stock Road from its junction with Common Road to a point 500m North of that junction. From B1007 from a point 500m North of its junction with Common Road to a point 600m North of that junction traffic shall be prohibited from travelling at a speed exceeding 40mph. Notices had been put on the website and noticeboard.</p> <p><b>m)</b> Cllr. Otter had been asked to look at the Essex County Council Essex and Minerals Waste Framework Consultation. Cllr. Otter advised that Ruth Kelly was possibly going to make changes that might affect waste and asked that the Clerk obtain a written copy of the consultation document. Cllr. Otter to read the document and report back at the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>CP</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>1606.</b></p>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS.</b></p> <p><b>Tree Preservation Order No. 2006/77 – Land East of 26 Mill Lane -</b> The Order was confirmed without modification on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2007.</p> <p><b>Tree Preservation Order No. 2006/67 – 59 Well Lane -</b> The Order was confirmed with modification on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2006. The modification is that this Tree Preservation Order is varied to show the correct location on the plan of T2 and to amend the description of the location on Schedule 1.</p> <p><b>Tree Preservation Order No. 2007/11 – 1 Rectory Close -</b> A Tree Preservation Order was made on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007. The reasons for the Order were because a planning application (06/02182/FUL) had been made for the development of a large garage and this Tree Preservation Order is being made to safeguard the future of trees currently surrounding the location of the potential garage. The trees are visually prominent and dominant within the street scene and as such have a high visual amenity value, adding to the village feel of High Street and Rectory Close. They provide a softening effect for the existing residential properties in this location and act as a screen to the existing property, as well as providing a valuable wildlife habitat. Neither a method statement, nor basic tree report were submitted as part of the planning application to support the application or demonstrate how the garage could be built without the loss or serious damage to the trees. It should be noted that a second Horse Chestnut in the group has not been included in this Tree Preservation Order as it is believed that the tree is in decline and will need to be felled within the next 5 years for safety reasons.</p>	

**Moat House, 15 Mill Road, Stock** - Kevin Chitty of Chelmsford Borough Council had carried out a site visit. Mr Kress, the owner, advised him that the enclosed land is his. Mr Chitty advised that there is no planning issue involved in the act of enclosing this residential land. Once the fence posts have been trimmed down the fence will be at 1 metre in height or thereabouts so either not requiring planning permission or not pursuable as an enforcement matter if fractionally higher than 1 metre. A parishioner, Mr Condren, had found the plans to be inadequate and had contacted the Land Registry. Mr Condren advised that the fence has encroached 2 or 3 feet. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back to Mr Chitty advising that further investigations had been made and that the owner's information had been found to be incorrect. A parishioner had provided a copy of a Land Registry document which showed the boundary and a copy of this should be sent to Mr Chitty. The Clerk was also asked to write to the owner of the property asking them to remove the pile of bricks, timber and sack from outside their property.

**CLERK**

**Bakers Arms Car Park** – Nothing further to report.

**18 The Square, Stock** - Neil Marshall, Enforcement Officer, has carried out a site visit and a full investigation is now being carried out.

**MO/IG**

**36 Birch Lane, Planning Application No. 06/02362/FUL** – Sarah Hill Sanders, Principal Planning Officer, of Chelmsford Borough Council advised that the previous application 05/00832/FUL, proposed a two storey side extension and pool enclosure. The dwelling and its immediate curtilage is located within the defined settlement. The boundary line of the Green Belt follows the edge of the wooded area to the east and therefore part of the site also lies within the Green Belt. The design of that extension indicated that it would encroach into the wooded area by about 2m. Officers' raised concerns with the applicant about the relationship between the extension and the trees and were minded to refuse the planning permission in this regard. To this end the applicant decided to withdraw the application. As is the case with all development proposals, the Planning Officer will offer advice as to how to overcome concerns raised. The concern with the scheme related primarily to the possible harm to trees. The house and the majority of the extension were within the defined settlement where extensions are acceptable in principle. A minor overstepping of the Green Belt boundary in these circumstances is unlikely, in Ms. Sanders' view, to have been justification on its own to refuse the extension. Such an argument could be used however as a tool to persuade an applicant to revise a scheme. The application has been resubmitted and as part of the new application the applicant chose to submit his earlier correspondence with the Council. This letter points out the concern with trees. It also points out as a matter of fact that the extension encroached into the Green Belt. The suggestion in this letter is that in seeking to overcome the tree relationship issues an encroachment of the Green Belt could be avoided, i.e. if the extension were smaller. Ms. Hill-Sanders cannot agree with the Parish Council's interpretation of the Planning Officer's letter that it is in someway trying to give advice to circumnavigate Green Belt policy. The letter is seeking to give guidance to the applicant to overcome concerns regarding the possible harmful effect on the trees whilst at the same time pulling the extension back across the Green Belt boundary. The Parish Council were not happy with the response received and the fact that it had not been sent by Mr Green. It was agreed that Cllr. Otter would brief Cllr. Grundy on the matter and then he would speak to Mr Green and ask him to comment.

**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 Case 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 & 2015806.** - The Appeals are dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate and the Enforcement Notices upheld with corrections and variations.

**Notification of an Enforcement Appeal by Mr B. Radley of 59 Birch Lane, Application No. 05/00467/ENFB, Appeal Ref. No. APP/W1525/C/06/2032371.** Clerk to write to Inspectorate asking for a copy of the Appeal decision and endorse previous comments apart from the last two sentences.

**CLERK**

**Applications**

**Application No. 06/01883/FUL.** Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached five bedroom house.

**CLERK**

**Location:** 106 Mill Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** M. Acors

Comments due by 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007. The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**Application No. 06/02516/FUL.** Alterations, roof extension, including dormers and construction of new chimney stack.

**CLERK**

**Location:** The Ramblers, Furze Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr. B. Cuthbert

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

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

**CLERK**

**Location:** 18 Cambridge Close, Stock.

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

Comments due by 17<sup>th</sup> January 2007. Under the Clerk's delegated power, the Parish Council had no comments to make.

**Application No. 06/02437/FUL.** Remove roof to part of dwelling and construct replacement second storey with new hipped roof and front gable.

**CLERK**

**Location:** 4 Rectory Close, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs J. Houlder.

The Parish Council commented that the scale of the development impacts on the area, which is a Conservation Area and Green Belt and is in close proximity to a listed building. As you look up from Footpath 28 the property is highly visible and the proposed dwelling would have an overbearing appearance and dominate the skyline. It would be visually intrusive and harmful to the openness of the Green Belt. The character of the development does not suit the vernacular.

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

**CLERK**

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

**Applicant:** Stock Parish Council/The Rural Housing Trust.

Letters of objection had been received from Mr and Mrs Boutillier and Peter Lawrence. The Clerk had sought advice from Chelmsford Borough Council, and as the Parish Council are joint applicants they cannot comment on the application. Cllr. Grundy advised that the application was going to Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

**Application No. 06/02449/FUL.** Garden Shed.

**CLERK**

**Location:** 3 Hereward Mount, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mark Bailham

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**Application No. 06/02402/CLEUD.** Change of use of land and buildings from agricultural to equestrian.

**CLERK**

**Location:** Imphy Hall, Back Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Eileen Ward.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

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

**CLERK**

**Location:** Magpies, Smallgains Lane, Stock.

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

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

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

**CLERK**

**Location:** Bellmans Farm House, Stock Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr Paul Fenwick.

The Parish Council commented that their main concern is that it does not meet the requirements of the Green Belt policy.

	<p><b>Results</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 06/02148/FUL.</b> Single storey rear extension. Lantern to kitchen roof and boiler inspection hatch.  <b>Location:</b> 19 High Street, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr K. Hedges. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 06/02149/LBC.</b> Single storey rear extension, rebuilding boundary wall and demolishing ex rear wall of kitchen. Lantern to kitchen roof and boiler inspection hatch.  <b>Location:</b> 19 High Street, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs K. Hedges. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 06/02032/FUL.</b> Conversion of existing ancillary building into a self contained residential unit.  <b>Location:</b> Birley Cottage, Stock Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs B. Barnes. <b>Refused.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 06/02182/FUL.</b> Demolish 2 no. existing detached garages and shed and construct new detached double garage.  <b>Location:</b> 1 Rectory Close, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs M. Small. <b>Refused.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 06/01883/FUL.</b> Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached five bedroom house.  <b>Location:</b> 106 Mill Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> M. Acors. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b><u>Applications for Works to be carried out on trees in Conservation Area and trees that have Tree Preservation Orders.</u></b></p> <p><b>Application No. 06/05244/TPO.</b> A1 – Horse Chestnut in side front garden, 20% crown reduction. (TPO/1997/02) (In addition to application 06/05240/TPO).  <b>Location:</b> 3 Hereward Mount, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Lena Bantham. The Tree Warden had no comments to make. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 07/05009/TPO.</b> A1 – Horse Chestnut in rear garden, crown reduce by 20% maximum to tidy, balance and re-shape. A1 – Acer in rear garden, sever ivy, remove odd dead stem and lightly prune to re-balance. A1 – 1x London Plane, 1 x Acer and 1 x Horse Chestnut in front garden, crown reduce by 20% maximum (2m), cutting to suitable growing points, clean out dead wood, shape over to leave a natural profile. (TPO/1997/02)  <b>Location:</b> 5 Hereward Mount, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Hughes. The Tree Warden had no comments to make.</p>	
<p>1607.</p>	<p><b>CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL – SUBMISSION OF TWO DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND PUBLICATIONS OF THREE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS FOR CONSULTATION.</b></p> <p>Following Cllr. Easton and the Clerk submitting the Parish Council’s comments on the documents to Chelmsford Borough Council they received a telephone call on the 19<sup>th</sup> December advising that there had been a problem with the system and the Parish Council’s comments had not been received. Cllr. Easton and the Clerk were therefore asked to submit the details again by the close of business that day. Eventually, after many telephone calls, Chelmsford Borough Council agreed to give the Parish Council until the 22<sup>nd</sup> December to send in the comments again. Cllr. Easton re-submitted the documents and the Clerk read out her covering letter expressing her great anger at how the process had been handled and protesting in the strongest terms at the pressure that had been put on her and the Clerk to recreate the responses in such a short time frame. Cllr. Otter congratulated Cllr. Easton and thanked Cllr. Grundy and the Clerk for their input.</p>	
<p>1608.</p>	<p><b>FINANCE.</b></p> <p><b>Stock Village Design Statement</b> – A letter had been received from the Treasurer, John Pye, requesting the initial grant of £250.00 that the Parish Council had approved at a previous meeting. Clerk to organise cheque.</p> <p><b>Bank Interest</b> – The Clerk advised that interest amounting to £349.23 had been received on the Base Rate Tracker Account.</p>	

	<p><b>The Parish Councillor Guide from Shaw &amp; Sons</b> – It was agreed that the Clerk should order a copy of the Guide.</p> <p><b>Clerk's Working Hours</b> – The Chairman stated that she was concerned at the amount of work the Clerk was doing and felt that her hours should be increased. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk's hours would be increased to 28 hours a week backdated to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007.</p> <p><b>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101210</td> <td>£641.14</td> <td>Mrs L.J.Green</td> <td>Salary 1.01.07 – 31.01.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101211</td> <td>£11.00</td> <td>All Saints Church</td> <td>Hire of Rectory Hall on 23/2/06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101212</td> <td>£463.30</td> <td>Mr R.S. Hale</td> <td>Siting Waste Bin at Swan Lane, Repairing Seat by Pond and painting and replacing posts on High Street</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101213</td> <td>£242.39</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101214</td> <td>£123.25</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101215</td> <td>£250.00</td> <td>Stock Village Design Statement</td> <td>Grant to Stock Village Design Statement</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101216</td> <td>£14.50</td> <td>Shaw &amp; Son Ltd</td> <td>Parish Councillors Guide</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101217</td> <td>£222.64</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Backdated hours for January 2007</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101218</td> <td>£152.28</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Transfer of Funds</b> – On the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2007 £1,000.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.</p> <p><b>Computer Back-Up Service</b> – Cllr. Watling had looked at the situation and advised that Barclays were providing the best service. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to the other Parish Councils she worked for to see if they wished to share the cost.</p>	101210	£641.14	Mrs L.J.Green	Salary 1.01.07 – 31.01.07	101211	£11.00	All Saints Church	Hire of Rectory Hall on 23/2/06	101212	£463.30	Mr R.S. Hale	Siting Waste Bin at Swan Lane, Repairing Seat by Pond and painting and replacing posts on High Street	101213	£242.39	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101214	£123.25	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	101215	£250.00	Stock Village Design Statement	Grant to Stock Village Design Statement	101216	£14.50	Shaw & Son Ltd	Parish Councillors Guide	101217	£222.64	Mrs L.J. Green	Backdated hours for January 2007	101218	£152.28	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>
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<p><b>1609.</b></p>	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Elliott reported that the small hall had been decorated and that the main hall was due to be decorated during the first week of August when the hall would be closed. A new boiler has had to be installed. A Fire Officer is due to attend the next meeting. Fire Drills are to be carried out and Cllr. Elliott passed around a notice explaining the procedure. A Fire Drill Register will have to be kept of all people in the building. Clerk to get a book for people to sign in at future meetings.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>																																				
<p><b>1610.</b></p>	<p><b>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION AND VILLAGE IN BLOOM.</b></p> <p>The Chairman read out the results of the 2006 Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed that the results should be advertised on the noticeboard and on the website.</p>	<p><b>SJ/RW</b></p>																																				
<p><b>1611.</b></p>	<p><b>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that the kissing gate is broken on the footpath at the back of the Catholic Church where footpaths 28,29 and 30 meet. The Chairman advised that she has the matter in hand.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that various footpaths in the village are being lined with trees/shrubs which are surrounded by plastic. In particular the problem is on Footpaths 30 and 33. The paths of plastic look appalling and when the trees/shrubs grow up the paths will be very dark, damp and claustrophobic, creating walking and safety difficulties. Clerk to refer matter to the Public Rights of Way Officer.</p> <p>Cllr. Elliott reported that a post is missing at Weir Pond. There is also a post missing by the football field. The police have been informed and are taking photographs. Cllr. Elliott asked the Clerk to write to Mr May of 33 Mill Lane asking him to reinstate the verge and the post by the doggy bin.</p>	<p><b>SJ</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>																																				

1612.	<p><b>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</b></p> <p>Phil Hope of Essex County Council Highways advised the Clerk that it had been brought to this attention that there is an alleged problem with parking obstructing the access to The Paddocks near to The Hoop Public House in Stock Road. Drivers visiting The Hoop have allegedly been parking on the access. One possible measure to help would be to add a 'KEEP CLEAR' to reinforce the existing dog bone lining at this location. Phil Hope had supplied a photograph. Mr Hope would appreciate the Parish Council's comments before proceeding with this proposal. It is difficult to introduce any physical form of deterrent as this may impede vehicular access to The Paddocks and adjacent properties. The Parish Council agreed to the proposal. Clerk to write back to Mr Hope.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that she had been invited to attend the opening of the new Chelmsford Bus Garage but unfortunately she could not attend and asked Cllr. Phillips to attend. Cllr. Phillips advised that the garage is well designed.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that the 100 bus that operates from Basildon to Lakeside is under the new management of Arriva Southend. The bus will be re-numbered 150 and there will be a new timetable. The timetable from Monday to Friday of the 100 bus from Chelmsford to Lakeside will be revised as from the end of the month. It was agreed that Cllr. Watling would put the information onto the website and The Chairman would put it on the noticeboard.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter advised that she had attended a Parish Representatives Passenger Transport Meeting in Chelmsford. Children's fares had been discussed which had been a very lively debate. There was not a lot that could be done about the fares as the fare operators can do what they like. Cllr. Otter advised that the matter was being taken higher. Telematics had been discussed and the system explained. Cllr. Otter advised that there were lots of problems and another meeting would be held in two months time.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>SJ/RW</b></p>
1613.	<p><b>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that permission had been given to remove the two unauthorised portacabins at the Land South of Woodholme, Goatsmoor Lane.</p> <p>Two residents had contacted Cllr. Grundy regarding getting a speed limit put in from Honeypot Lane to Ingatestone Road. Essex County Council had been contacted and the matter was being looked into. Cllr. Grundy said that the suggestion was to put a 30mph limit somewhere by the bend or prior to the bend.</p>	
1614.	<p><b>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</b></p> <p>The Planning Application had now been submitted.</p>	
1615.	<p><b>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</b></p> <p>The next meeting is to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 7.30pm in Stock Primary School. The Chairman advised that there had been a poor attendance at the last meeting. A parishioner, Mr Trower, had volunteered to join the Committee.</p>	
1616.	<p><b>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.</b></p> <p>Nothing further to report.</p>	
1617.	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</b></p> <p>The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 7.30pm. Cllr. Elliott said that she would send the dates of the meetings to Stock Press.</p>	
1618.	<p><b>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</b></p> <p><b>Grass Cutting Tenders</b> – Quotations had been received from Blackwater Landscapes and M.D. Landscapes. Mark Henderson had been unable to quote. After discussion, it was agreed that the three year contract would be given to Blackwater Landscapes. Clerk to write to Contractors advising of Parish Council's decision.</p> <p><b>Maintenance of All Saints Churchyard</b> - Quotations had been received from Blackwater Landscapes, M.D. Landscapes and Mark Henderson. After discussion, it was agreed that the three year contract would be given to Blackwater Landscapes. Clerk to write to Contractors advising of Parish Council's decision.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>

**The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 11.00pm.**

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