

# STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2007 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.**

**Present:** *Cllrs. Millernas, Elliott, Phillips, Watling, Finch, Cottey, Woodward and Otter*  
**In The Chair:** *Cllr. Johnson*  
**Minute Secretary:** *Lorraine Green*  
**Also Present:** *6 Members of the Public, Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Ian Grundy and PCSO Jo Harcourt*

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1781.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b>  Inspector Callow sent her apologies – she had hoped to attend the meeting but had Police matters to attend to.	
<b>1782.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007 AND 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2007.</b>  Cllr. Woodward asked for the word ‘once’ to be changed to read ‘twice’ in the first line of the second paragraph of Minute 1767. Planning Matters.  Cllr. Otter reported that the word ‘CPRE’ should read ‘Clerks and Councils Direct in the eighth line of the second paragraph of Minute 1767. Planning Matters.  Cllr. Woodward asked for the word ‘have’ to be amended to ‘not’ in the third line of the third paragraph of Minute 1771. Village Environment.  Cllr. Otter did not agree the Minutes of 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2007.  The Minutes of the Meetings, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed.	
<b>1783.</b>	<b>POLICE MATTERS.</b>  The Chairman asked PCSO Jo Harcourt to report back to Inspector Callow regarding the speeding in Smallgains Lane. PCSO Harcourt advised that Inspector Callow was still awaiting an answer from Adam Pipe in traffic.  The Chairman reported that the Speed Indicator Device had not been put in the right area. She advised that the Parish Council were considering purchasing a solar panel device. PCSO Harcourt agreed to obtain information on the signs. It was reported that the signs in Mountnessing are very good.  Cllr. Woodward advised that in Norfolk some speed limits have been reduced from 30mph to 20mph and that it works very well. Cllr. Woodward had not heard of this scheme in Essex. Cllr. Finch felt that the centre of the village would be a good place to have a 20mph speed limit.  Cllr. Grundy asked PCSO Harcourt for the rules of fireworks. PCSO Harcourt advised that there would be PCSO’s and PC’s in Stock over the weekend.  Cllr. Woodward reported that vehicles are parking on the greensward on the junction of Mill Road/Common Lane which is causing an obstruction. Cllrs. Millernas and Grundy stated that this is a temporary problem whilst building work is carried out. Cllr. Watling reported that vehicles are parking on the hatched areas on the corner of Mill Road making it extremely dangerous to pull out. Cllr. Elliott said that the residents are parking on this area. PCSO Harcourt agreed to look into the matter.	<b>PCSO JH</b>  <b>PCSO JH</b>  <b>PCSO JH</b>

**Tree Warden Scheme** – Cllr. Phillips had attended two Tree Warden courses, which he found exceptionally useful and helped him make a decision on a recent tree planning application. It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllrs. Watling, Woodward and Finch would make a date with Cllr. Phillips to decide where to plant the trees that were being held by King and Co. A parishioner, John Foster, of Back Lane had offered the Parish Council a three year old Ribinia tree. The tree will grow to over 40ft and is close to Mr Foster and Cllr. Millernas' boundaries. Mr Foster agreed to pay for the removal of the tree and replanting somewhere else in Stock. It was agreed that Mr Foster would liaise with Cllr. Phillips to find a suitable locations.

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**Parish Paths Partnership (P3)** – Cllr. Finch reported that the Ford is now non-existent on Footpath 45 just past Ramsay Tyrrells. Essex County Council have promised a bridge in the fullness of time. Cllr. Finch had reported the missing signpost on Footpath 61 to Essex County Council. A complaint had been received regarding a parishioner removing a hedge replacing it with brickwork and putting gravel on the path on Footpath 22. The Footpath had been checked and it was o.k. A parishioner reported that a pole is in the ditch on Footpath 32 by Brook Farm. Cllr. Finch agreed to look into this matter and look at Footpath 28 by Churchfields.

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

**Downham Road Retexturing** – Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that the outstanding retexturing works will be undertaken during November. Once Mr Hope has been notified of a start date he will let the Clerk know.

**Post knocked to the ground by the new noticeboard in Swan Lane** –Cllr. Millernas advised that there is a post on the right hand side of the Parish Council noticeboard and if a hedge is put in the Parish Council will not be able to access the noticeboard as it is on the Cock Inns' land. It was agreed to remove the item from the Agenda.

CLERK

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

**Erection of Guardrails Outside Stock Primary School** - Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that drawings and estimates have now been produced and are being forwarded to Liz Powell (ECC Traffic and Road Safety Section) and she will be in contact with the Parish in due course.

**Wicksteed Leisure Annual Safety Inspection** - Cllr. Cottey advised that the next inspection is due in May 2008. Cllr. Cottey had drawn up a spreadsheet in order that she could check the equipment each week. The parts and keys can be ordered from Wicksteed and a handyman can do the work. This is acceptable to Wicksteed. Cllr. Cottey advised that a new sign is needed and she will organise that. As regards the Disability Act, as Stock does not have any disabled children it is acceptable not to pursue the matter but if the situation changes then the Parish Council would have to implement the changes. It was agreed that Cllr. Cottey should find out if Bob Hale has Public Liability Insurance and obtain a quotation for the work.

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**Barbed Wire on Footpath 28 From All Saints Church to Catholic Church** – Cllr. Finch to deal with.

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

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

**Surface of the footpaths in The Valentines** – The Clerk advised that safety repairs to the worst areas have been ordered and Phil Hope anticipates that these will be carried out within the next week.

**Litterbin Outside The Almshouses** – The Clerk had ordered the litterbin and was awaiting delivery.

	<p><b>Hedges from Greenwoods to Copt Hall and hedge opposite Crondon Park</b> – A parishioner had spoken to a local farmer and the work had been carried out. It was agreed that the item could be removed from the Agenda.</p> <p><b>Listing of War Memorial</b> – Nothing further to report.</p> <p><b>Signs which are positioned along the footpath at Crondon Park Golf Course</b> – Cllr. Finch had nothing further to report.</p> <p><b>Footpath at Bottom of Birch Lane</b> – Cllr. Finch advised that the landowner and Essex County Council had carried out the work and had done a good job. It was agreed that the item could be removed from the Agenda.</p> <p><b>Pot Holes in The Square</b> – This work has been ordered and Phil Hope anticipates that this will also be undertaken within the next week. Cllr. Elliott said that some of the potholes have been done.</p> <p><b>Projector Screen</b> – Cllr. Elliott advised that the screen that Thompson’s had ordered did not fit and they have had to re-order another one.</p> <p><b>Corporate Aid Scheme 2008/09 Funding Round</b> – The Clerk had notified the relevant organizations of the grant. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had looked at the documentation. A copy of the annual accounts and audit documents were required to be submitted with the grant application. As there were considerable funds in the bank at present it was felt that the grant would probably be refused. It was felt that the Parish Council could afford to purchase the Speed Indicator Device themselves.</p> <p><b>Ownership and Maintenance of the land North of Hereward Grange between Honeypot Lane and the Stock Road</b> – The Clerk had asked Cllr. Grundy to look into the matter. Having had an initial discussion with Chelmsford Borough Council, and yes they are aware of certain ownership issues within Chelmsford Borough Council, it is complicated and involved because of Highways, Essex County Council etc. Cllr. Grundy has therefore written to the Land Registry requesting their confirmation of ownership. Cllr. Grundy advised that he had not sent in a large scale Ordnance Survey map of the site and that he also needed to complete form OCI and send a cheque for £6.00. Cllr. Grundy thought that the land is owned by Countryside. Cllr. Grundy advised that there is no registered footpath, it is purely a field.</p> <p><b>Sign at The Cock Inn</b> – The Clerk had written to the landlady. To-date no reply had been received.</p> <p><b>Obscured Speed limit signs up Stock Hill from Billericay</b> – Chelmsford Borough Council had agreed for the foliage to be cutback and cleared. Cllr. Watling advised that the first sign still needs to be cut back further. Clerk to report matter to Essex County Council.</p> <p><b>Knocked down sign on Downham Road, at the end of Mill Road</b> – Cllr. Elliott advised that the new sign had been replaced. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p> <p><b>The Plantation, Mill Road</b> – Tahir Sharif advised that he had pursued the matter with a couple of tree people he knew and they indicated that the TPO’s were indeed the most sensible option, although all the other stuff he mentioned is also relevant. Mr Sharif is more than happy to help if required as he knows quite a lot of tree/orchard people as he has spent the last couple of years planting 1000’s of trees.</p> <p><b>Chelmsford Borough Council’s Mobile Information Service</b> - Cheryl Blake advised the Clerk that once definite dates are booked she will contact her. The dates will be advertised on the Borough website and posters will be printed and sent to the Parish Council for advertising the event.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>IG</b></p> <p><b>RW</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>1785.</b></p>	<p><b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</b></p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <p>a) Invitation from Elaine Peck of Chelmsford Borough Council for the Parish Council to attend Parish Council Forum on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007 in the Council Chamber at 7pm. Cllrs. Otter, Phillips and Millernas had requested to attend.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>

	<p>b) Invitation from Steve Packham of Chelmsford Borough Council for the Parish Council to attend Parish Open Evening on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007. Cllrs. Otter and Phillips to attend.</p> <p>c) E-mail from Mrs Gudgeon reporting that she has noticed someone is tipping rubbish (soil, concrete etc) into the ditch next to Orchard Cottage at the end of Birch Lane. If there is a lot of rain this will obviously cause problems. Clerk to report matter to Hit Squad.</p> <p>d) Mrs Bailham advising that she is a resident of Hereward Mount and that she has been advised that Countryside is no longer responsible for the maintenance of the open space behind the estate, which has the boundaries of Honeypot Lane/Stock Road/Hereward Mount and Ingatestone Road. Mrs Bailham would like to know who to contact to get the weeds, nettles and brambles cut. The land is supposed to be mowed about twice a year but this year has been a disappointment. Because of the overgrowth nobody can access the land and that garden bench cannot be used. Clerk to advise Mrs Bailham that the matter is being looked into.</p> <p>e) Samir Pandya of Essex County Council regarding the temporary closure of School Lane. In order to avoid the risk of danger while overhead cabling is undertaken School Lane will be closed for its entire length. The closure will begin at 9am on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and will remain for five consecutive days from 9am to 4pm. Traffic will be diverted via Back Lane and Stock Road and vice versa. Clerk to send notice to Cllr. Watling to put on website and Chairman to put on noticeboard.</p> <p>f) Sharon Davies of Chelmsford Borough Council regarding providing residents with more information of promotions and events that the Borough Council is planning in terms of recycling. The Clerk had provided Ms. Davies with the dates of the Parish Council's meetings and had also given her the website address and Stock Press' details.</p> <p>g) Claire Turner of Chelmsford Borough Council regarding the temporary road closure of Common Road and High Street on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2007 for the Remembrance Day Parade. The closure is from 10.40am to 11.20am and from 12.15pm to 12.30pm. Clerk to send notice to Cllr. Watling to put on website and Chairman to put on noticeboard.</p> <p>h) Andrew Vale of Essex County Council regarding the fence which abuts Lilystone Hall and is beginning to fall down the embankment. Mr Vale can of course write to the residents of Lilystone Hall but would like to know if there is a maintenance company or specific person responsible for the upkeep. Cllr. Grundy agreed to contact Mary Couzens of Lilystone Hall.</p> <p>i) Keith Howell, Secretary to Stock United F.C., asking for the support and encouragement from Stock Parish Council in helping to get funding for the future development of Stock United Football Club. It was agreed that the Parish Council are in full support but are stuck, as they do not have a facility to support the Club. Cllr. Woodward suggesting hiring a pitch from Ramsden and Downham or Chelmer Park. Cllr. Grundy advised that Strutt and Parker had told him that in the Autumn the Trustees would decide what to do with the land in Mill Road. Cllr. Grundy said that they were possibly waiting for the results of the LDF. Cllr. Grundy said that there is land by Crondon Park and that Mr Fox was very positive to make contributions to the village and had offered the field owned by Mr Robert Moore. Cllr. Grundy suggested that if the Football Club looked at the field they could then make their own advances if they think it is potential land. Cllr. Grundy to liaise with Stock United F.C. over the matters.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK/SJ/RW</b></p> <p><b>CLERK/SJ/RW</b></p> <p><b>IG</b></p> <p><b>IG</b></p>
1786.	<p><b>CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK.</b></p> <p><b>New Development Plan Documents – Consultation on Issues and Options – The North Chelmsford Area Action Plan and The Site Allocations Document.</b> – The Clerk had submitted the Parish Council's comments to Chelmsford Borough Council.</p>	

1787.	<p><b>STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – SUBMISSION DRAFT DOCUMENT – PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 AND TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2004.</b></p> <p>The Clerk had submitted the Parish Council’s comments and a letter of acknowledgement had been received.</p>	
1788.	<p><b>ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL’S GUIDE TO DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT.</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would acknowledge receipt of the documentation but the Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<b>CLERK</b>
1789.	<p><b>POST OFFICE CLOSURE CONSULTATION.</b></p> <p>The Parish Council made the following comments on the East Essex and Suffolk Post Office Consultation:-</p> <p>The necessity of maintaining our Post Office in Stock is essential to village life. Many people are not mobile and depend on it and people also come from outlying villages. Stock Parish Council are alarmed at the potential closures of Bicknacre and Howe Green.</p>	<b>CLERK</b>
1790.	<p><b>LICENSING ACT 2003 – CHELMSFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL – DRAFT LICENSING POLICY.</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would acknowledge receipt of the documentation but the Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<b>CLERK</b>
1791.	<p><b>CONSULTATION ON LOCAL INVOLVEMENT NETWORKS FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (LINKs).</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would acknowledge receipt of the documentation but the Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<b>CLERK</b>
1792.	<p><b>CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL NEW HOUSING REGISTER CONSULTATION.</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would acknowledge receipt of the documentation but the Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<b>CLERK</b>
1793.	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS.</b></p> <p><b>38A High Street</b> – English Heritage had advised that The Secretary of State, after consulting English Heritage, the Government’s statutory adviser, has decided not to add the building to the list. Numbers 38 and 38a High Street are not recommend for designation for the following principal reasons:</p> <p>From the national perspective, the residence (no. 38a), shop (no. 38) and slaughterhouse to the rear have insufficient architectural quality and have undergone extensive alterations in the C20. The boundary wall is not of sufficient architectural interest. It is not of sufficient special architectural or historic interest to merit listing.</p> <p><b>18 The Square, Stock</b> - Nothing further to report.</p> <p><b>Temple Farm</b> - Wharf Land Investments is putting together plans to replace these operations with a modern business park providing spaces for a range of small and medium sized businesses. The development provides the opportunity to clean up the site, create new jobs and improve the general and visual appearance of the site. It will also provide improvements to the surrounding transport network. A public exhibition had been held on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October 2007 to provide local residents an opportunity to see and comment on the initial development concepts and to talk to those involved in the project. Any members of the Parish Council who were unable to attend the exhibitions can arrange an alternative time. Cllrs. Elliott, Grundy and Otter had attended the exhibition. It was reported that it is a contaminated site. Three methods of access had been discussed which included dualling the B1007 up to Temple Farm and having an access from the A12 direct to the site. There were three proposed positions for the roundabout, one being by Bakers Lane. A 7½ tonne weight restriction was also proposed. Cllr. Grundy advised that the proposal is for several small and medium units and one large unit. Cllr. Grundy stated that what was shown are only proposals and is not a planning application. Cllr. Otter said that the plans are not the same size and shape as in the LDF.</p>	

**Gardenfields House, Downham Road** - Nothing further to report.

**CLERK**

**Online Planning** - Meeting still to be arranged. John Turkentine, the Chairman of Galleywood Parish Council, had spoken to the Clerk as he was unhappy with Chelmsford Borough Council's website and advised that many other Parishes felt the same. The Clerk had asked Cllr. Watling to liaise with Mr Turkentine.

**Letter to Mr Packham regarding decision made on 6 The Lindens** – Cllr. Otter left the room as she had a prejudicial interest. A reply had been received from David Green of Chelmsford Borough Council on Mr Packham's behalf. Mr Green confirmed that a Council Building Inspector has undertaken a number of statutory site inspections during the construction of the extensions. The Building Control Manager sends notification each month to the Planning Compliance Officer of the new developments that have commenced. Further to this notification, the Compliance Officer instigates a routine site inspection to check to see if the development is being carried out in accordance with the planning permission. In the case of 6 The Lindens, the Compliance Officer was notified of commencement at the end of March and just a few days after this a complaint was received from a local resident that the development was not being carried out in accordance with the planning permission. A site visit was then undertaken and even though the extension walls were only up to first floor level the applicant was advised that there were irregularities, that further works were at their own risk and that a retrospective application could be submitted.

It is not an offence to carry out building works without the requisite planning permission. The applicant is clearly undertaking the risk of having to demolish works if they choose to continue, but in the case of a domestic extension such as this, there is rarely a case for the Council to justify the issue of a Stop Notice. Government Guidance on the matter advocates the route of negotiation and the invitation of a retrospective application, unless the development is so outrageous that it has no prospect of being granted permission. The owners of 6 The Lindens chose to continue with their building works, in the knowledge that they did not have planning permission, and decided to submit a retrospective application.

Retrospective applications are considered no differently to regular applications. The fact that the development may have already been carried out has no bearing upon the assessment of the proposal against relevant planning policies and the decision that is made by the Council. Therefore whilst the extension in situ was not built in accordance with the planning permission, it has subsequently been granted planning permission and is now an authorised development.

**Letter to Mr Packham regarding decision made on 5 Daykn Drive** - A reply had been received from David Green of Chelmsford Borough Council on Mr Packham's behalf, which stated that when considering a planning application where the development is likely to affect a tree that is subject of a Tree Preservation Order the advice of the Council's arboriculturist is sought. Information from other experts, such as Parish Tree Wardens is welcomed. Mr Green is aware that the advice offered by Mr McCarthy to Mr Phillips was of an informal nature and without the benefit of all the relevant information available. Mr McCarthy was not the assigned arborist in any event, Mrs Cameron considered the planning application in detail, held discussions and meetings with the applicant's arborist and gave her expert advice to the Planning Case Officer.

It is not just a case of assessing the proximity of a development in relation to a root protection zone and whether actual damage would be caused to the roots. It is also necessary to consider the future compatibility between the trees and the development. In the case of 5 Dakyn Drive, whilst it may have been possible to construct the house without severely damaging any roots (and there remains some doubt as to whether this is the case), the resulting house would have been so close to the tree canopy that requests to reduce the canopy from the occupiers would have been inevitable. The tree, due to its mature size and species, would have dominated the small garden area available to the house leading, in our experience, to pressure from the occupiers to severely cut back or even remove the tree. Our experience is that there can be little tolerance of the continual leaf, branch and acorn fall debris in areas so close to the house itself, and that in such circumstances it is unreasonable to prevent the tree being cut back or removed. The application was refused for a number of reasons. Irrespective of the tree, the development was considered to amount to a cramped form of development, and the original house was left with an adequate private garden area; both symptoms of overdevelopment. Cllr. Grundy advised that discussions were still ongoing with the applicant, Chelmsford Borough Council and the Agents and he felt the matter was best left alone.

**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.** The Planning Inspectorate will hold a local inquiry into the Appeal and Chelmsford Borough Council will advise the Parish Council of the date when it is arranged. The Clerk had written to the Planning Inspectorate endorsing the previous comments made and asked for a copy of the Appeal decision.

**Tree Preservation Order No. TPO/2007/130 for The Plantation, Mill Road** – The Order was confirmed without modification on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007.

**Basildon District Local Development Framework Core Strategy Issues Paper Consultation** - The deadline for comments on the Issues Paper is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Basildon Council will shortly be making a Call for Sites. If anyone is aware of a suitable site or sites for future development and wish to put it forward for consideration the closing date is 14<sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed that the Clerk should acknowledge the letter and advise the Parish Council had no comments to make.

CLERK

#### Applications

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

CLERK

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

**Applicant:** Mr A. Argent.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**Amendments to Application No. 07/01715/FUL.** Pitched roof to replace existing single storey flat roof and rear extension and pitched roof over front canopy.

CLERK

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

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

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**Application No. 07/01935/FUL.** Rear Conservatory.

CLERK

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

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Rodbourne.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**Application No. 07/01860/FUL.** Replacement dwelling and garage.

CLERK

**Location:** 52 Well Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Dean Cooper.

The Parish Council objected to this application for the following reasons. This is a massive development. It is proposed to cover almost half of this 1265 sq m site with hard surface, a high proportion of this being built form.

It is proposed to replace a bungalow with a house extending to three floors.

The proposed dwelling and garage is the width of the two new next-door dwellings put together, including the space between them.

In the surrounding area the housing is small bungalows, extended semi-detached houses and two new dwellings. This proposal is totally out of character. Its sheer size and imposing presence would dwarf the other properties.

It would detract from the rural environment. This is the last plot within the defined settlement and development along here is set back from the lane, "green frontages" reflecting the rural area.

The verge to the front of this site is currently enclosed within the site. The Parish Council does not consider it to be part of the site and as such should be open to the public.

The Design Statement discusses sustainability and the Parish Council are pleased to note the high levels of insulation proposed but note that no commitment to sustainability is given just a mention that research of heating methods will be undertaken.

Given the vast amount of hard surface proposed the Parish Council would expect proposals regarding water run off.

The front apex is too dominant and out of character with the street scene. It is set too far forward from the general line of the houses in that row and too close to the root protection area of the boundary trees.

The front lights are contrary to Essex Design Guide.

Another vehicle access has been put in, it previously had one, which are near the root protection areas.

The whole design is totally inappropriate to the area and the Parish Council ask that you refuse this application.

### **Results**

**Application No. 07/01452/FUL.** Temporary building for domestic and agricultural storage.

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

**Applicant:** Mr A. Argent. **No Further Action.**

**Application No. 07/01277/FUL.** Gazebo for civil wedding ceremonies.

**Location:** Greenwoods Estate, Stock Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr Osib.

**Application No. 07/01476/FUL.** Amendments to roof of garage, approved plan ref: 07/00989/FUL and creation of new access.

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

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

**Application No. 07/01486/FUL.** Two storey rear extension in part place of existing conservatory.

**Location:** Brocklands, Stock Lane, Stock.

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

**Application No. 07/01659/FUL.** Retrospective application for rear conservatory (Revision to approval 06/01281/FUL).

**Location:** Plantation End, Furze Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs P Johnson. **Refused.**

**Application No. 07/01707/FUL.** Single storey rear extension.

**Location:** Baytree Lodge, 12 Common Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs C Johnson. **Approved.**

**Application No. 07/01688/FUL.** Single storey side extension and replacement/relocation of detached double garage.

**Location:** 31 Myln Meadow, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs I. Hands. **Approved.**

**Application No. 07/01714/FUL.** Single storey side extension.

**Location:** Bridleway Cottage, Broomwood Lane, Stock.

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

**Application No. 07/01665/FUL.** Raise roof of existing chalet bungalow and insert dormers to front and rear.

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

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

**Application No. 07/01730/FUL.** Installation of roof light in centre flat roof.

**Location:** 10 Unwin Place, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr J Woodcock. **Approved.**

**Application No. 07/01754/FUL.** Pitched roofs to existing dormers, additional dormer to rear and alterations to existing windows.

**Location:** Croyde Lodge, Whites Hill, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs N Davey. **Approved.**

	<p><b>Application No. 07/01761/FUL.</b> Demolish existing dwelling and erect new replacement dwelling.  <b>Location:</b> Fairfield, Marigold Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs K Squibb. <b>Refused.</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. 07/05594/CAT.</b> 2 x Sycamores – on side of driveway – 30% crown reduction, cutting to suitable growing points. 8 x Sycamores – on front boundary – 20% crown reduction, cutting to suitable growing points.  <b>Location:</b> 6 High Street, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> W.J. Braby. <b>The Tree Warden had no comments to make.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 07/05268/TPO.</b> 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.  <b>Location:</b> Robins Wood, 36 Birch Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mrs D. Harragan. <b>The Tree Warden had no comments to make.</b></p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>																																
1794.	<p><b>FINANCE.</b></p> <p>On the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007 £15,000.00 was received representing the second half of the Precept.</p> <p><b>Audit of Accounts for 2006/07</b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Clerk’s Salary</b> – The EALC had still not had confirmation of the new rates.</p> <p><b>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101294</td> <td>£1,026.99</td> <td>Mrs L.J.Green</td> <td>Salary 1.10.07 – 31.10.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101295</td> <td>£510.72</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101296</td> <td>£145.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting Football Pitch September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101297</td> <td>£408.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101298</td> <td>£11.00</td> <td>All Saints Church</td> <td>Hire of Rectory Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> April</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101299</td> <td>£150.38</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101300</td> <td>£728.50</td> <td>TimberTec</td> <td>Tree Works</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101301</td> <td>£6.00</td> <td>The Land Registry</td> <td>Ownership of land in Honeypot Lane</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Transfer of Funds</b> – On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007 £15,000.00 was transferred from the Current Account to the Base Rate Tracker Account. On the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2007 £3,000.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.</p>	101294	£1,026.99	Mrs L.J.Green	Salary 1.10.07 – 31.10.07	101295	£510.72	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101296	£145.00	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting Football Pitch September	101297	£408.00	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting September	101298	£11.00	All Saints Church	Hire of Rectory Hall on 19 <sup>th</sup> April	101299	£150.38	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	101300	£728.50	TimberTec	Tree Works	101301	£6.00	The Land Registry	Ownership of land in Honeypot Lane	
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1795.	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Elliott advised that there would be a Mini Christmas Bazaar on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that many parishioners were complaining about why the Village Hall were keeping the car park exclusively for Village Hall use and that it should be for village use. The Chairman said it was important that the Village Hall had priority when weddings were being held. Cllr. Woodward felt that if parishioners were able to park in the Village Hall Car Park it could alleviate some of the parking problems in the village. Cllr. Millernas suggesting asking people for a donation for parking if they were not villagers. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Village Hall Management Committee. The Chairman asked Councillors to E-mail the Clerk with their thoughts regarding the wording of the letter.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>																																
1796.	<p><b>VILLAGE IN BLOOM.</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the item could be removed from the Agenda and put back on in the Spring.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>																																
1797.	<p><b>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</b></p> <p><b>Grass Cutting</b> – A letter had been received from Paul Williams of Blackwater Landscapes. Mr Williams advised that on 15<sup>th</sup> September he had arrived at The Common at 9.30am to cut the field. Unfortunately he was unable to cut The Common as Cricketers were on the pitch.</p>	<p><b>PW/CLERK</b></p>																																

	<p>Mr Williams has had to invoice the Parish Council for the full amount, as this is the second time it has happened this season. Mr Williams asked for a match schedule for next season as soon as it is available. Cllr. Woodward agreed to give Mr Williams a list of fixtures for the next season. It was agreed that a meeting would be held with the Parish Council, Cricket Club and Mr Williams in the Spring.</p> <p>Secondly, there is a problem with the pond at Thornton Place. Mr Williams feels there is a desperate need for the pond to be dredged as the silt levels have reached critical levels allowing pond weeds to thrive. This has made Mr Williams' job much harder especially when he is unable to use chemicals to control the weed growth. The Chairman was waiting to speak to Jackie Lane at Chelmsford Borough Council regarding the matter.</p> <p><b>Footpath 7</b> – Shirley Lucas, the Public Rights of Way Officer at Essex County Council, had advised the Clerk that her contractors would be removing the large wooden staircase on Footpath 7 between the Golf Club and Swan Wood. The reasoning for this is because the wooden staircase is very dangerous when it is wet. Both Shirley Lucas and two of her colleagues were there recently and all had a slip. Once the staircase is removed Ms. Lucas will look at the surface and monitor it. If it is particularly wet she may need to put some stones and a handrail down there. Cllr. Finch agreed to look into the matter.</p> <p>Cllr. Elliott reported that the car park needs to be improved on the Common. Cllr. Woodward said that it needs to be done properly and a proper surface put down. Cllr. Grundy advised that the land is not officially a car park even though it is used as one. Cllr. Woodward said that the Cricket Club might not be adverse to helping fund the surfacing. It was suggested that the Bowls Club are also approached. Cllr. Woodward agreed to obtain quotations.</p> <p>Cllr. Millernas reported that there is asbestos, alcohol, condoms and needles on the footpath by the chicken hut in Back Lane opposite Makins. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Chelmsford Borough Environmental, as the area was a health hazard.</p> <p>A parishioner had agreed to give Cllr. Millernas new bus shelter signs as the others had disappeared.</p>	<p><b>SJ</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p> <p><b>PW</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>JM</b></p>
<p><b>1798.</b></p>	<p><b>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Otter advised that she had completed and returned a questionnaire as the Parish Passenger Representative.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter had attended a Rail Seminar on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. There are no proposals to open any community lines but they are not going to close any that are currently open. A new station will be built post 2012 to serve development in the future. In high peak times on the Great Eastern Line there will be one additional train to Colchester, Southend and Chelmsford. Great Eastern are going to call all trains to stop at Stratford to serve the Docklands. Cllr. Otter advised that there were similar representatives making the same comments on the high cost of fares.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter will be attending a Bus Transport Meeting in November.</p> <p>The Chairman and Cllr. Millernas had attended a presentation day with Chelmer Housing Trust and advised that transport had been referred to and the fact that a station at Beaulieu is being considered.</p>	
<p><b>1799.</b></p>	<p><b>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that in August there had been a car in the ditch in Ingatestone Road. The Chairman had seen people who were concerned who had taken photographs. The photographs had been sent to Essex County Council as there was now an incident and Cllr. Grundy was trying with residents to get a speed limit restriction put on the road. Cllr. Grundy had received a letter back from Tony Ciaburro, Director for Development, Highways and Transportation, at Essex County Council advising that The Department for Transport sets the criteria for the implementation of speed limits and Ingatestone Road met these criteria when the speed limit was originally imposed. The Department for Transport Circular 01/2006 "Setting Local Speed Limits" has revised and updated these criteria and all roads described as County Routes in the Essex County Council Traffic Management Strategy (including Ingatestone Road) are to be reassessed.</p>	

	<p>Cllr. Grundy advised that on the television programme Location, Location Chelmsford was voted the 8<sup>th</sup> best place to live.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy had received an invitation to the Essex Legacy Foreign Games Summit at Crondon Park on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that he has a copy of the Wharf Land Investments questionnaire if anybody would like one to complete.</p>	
<b>1800.</b>	<p><b>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Millernas reported that there is a big hole on the bend in School Lane which is quite dangerous. The builders are keeping the road clean and tidy and some of the bases are actually down.</p>	
<b>1801.</b>	<p><b>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</b></p> <p>It was reported that the Association are currently formulating a questionnaire with close consultation with Chelmsford Borough Council. In due course this will be sent out to all the residents in the village.</p>	
<b>1802.</b>	<p><b>RISK ASSESSMENT.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Phillips had carried out an assessment.</p>	
<b>1803.</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</b></p> <p>The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 7.30pm.</p>	
<b>1804.</b>	<p><b>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</b></p> <p>No tenders to discuss.</p>	

**The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.04pm.**

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