

# STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2007 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.

**Present:** Cllrs. Elliott, Phillips, Millernas, Watling, Finch, Otter, Cottey and Woodward  
**In The Chair:** Cllr. Johnson  
**Minute Secretary:** Lorraine Green  
**Also Present:** 19 Members of the Public, Chelmsford Borough Cllrs. Grundy and Roy Whitehead, Lord Hanningfield, Alexander Corbett, PCSO Macdonald and PCSO Taylor

The Chairman welcomed Lord Hanningfield, Alexander Corbett and Roy Whitehead to the meeting.

		ACTION
1720.	<p><b>DISCUSSION WITH LORD HANNINGFIELD.</b></p> <p>Lord Hanningfield advised that pressures continued regarding housing, airports and ports. Plans go on for the expansion of Stansted Airport, the development of Harwich Port and the increase of housing in Chelmsford. He advised that there are financial pressures on Essex County Council due to the cost of care for the elderly. £400m is spent on this service and 30,000 people are cared for per day. He advised that the amount of people over 85 years is going to double which will reflect in the Council Tax. At present it is increasing at a rate of 15%. Essex County Council are currently having discussions about disposal of waste and are trying to work out a waste strategy. Lord Hanningfield said people should recycle as much as possible as it is easier to dispose of the waste. He advised that Highways are trying to do as much as they can and advised that lots of money has been put in to spend on roads. £110m a year is currently spent on roads. There is a proposal to allow localisation of highway projects, which would allow local people to take decisions. £100m over 5 years is intended to be spent locally. Essex County Council need to negotiate with Chelmsford Borough Council on the matter. Lord Hanningfield advised that Parish Councils are very important and that Essex County Council supports the EALC. Essex County Council are working on a new charter to see how to work with Parish Councils. He advised that there is a new Government Bill due by Christmas, which will give Parish Council's more power, and he urged the Parish Council to obtain Quality Status in order that they could make use of the new powers. He advised that Essex County Council had helped finance 200 websites and advised that they were happy to help with IT training to increase the Parish Council's capacity.</p> <p>Lord Hanningfield had been approached recently by Stock Heritage Society and Trinity Community Garden Project for support and he was very keen to support both organisations. Trinity Community Garden Project had been offered a piece of land by Mr Peter Riley of Stock Brook Nursery at Buttsbury. The organisation want to create a Heritage Garden. He advised that there had been some very successful projects around the area and the organisation would like to make a presentation to the Parish Council. Lord Hanningfield advised that the Library was due to move to the new school site and if this went ahead then the library may be available for use.</p> <p>Cllr. Phillips advised Lord Hanningfield that the village needed a better bus service and it was worse than ever. Lord Hanningfield agreed to look into the matter.</p> <p>A parishioner reported the speeding in Smallgains Lane and advised that the Police had said that when the road is national speed they cannot enforce it and that a lower speed is needed. PCSO Macdonald advised that he had witnessed the speed first hand. Lord Hanningfield agreed to support this. It was also reported that a number of speed limits were not being enforced in the village and that Mill Road was very dangerous. The Chairman said that she would take the matter up with the Police.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter asked Lord Hanningfield to ensure that the books in the library are of better quality print for the partially sighted. She advised that the RNIB are supporting this. Cllr. Otter also advised that the village is losing its verges when the roads are being asphalted.</p>	<p>LH</p> <p>LH</p> <p>SJ</p>

1721.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
1722.	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007.</b></p> <p>The Chairman suggested that it might be a good idea to go back to the old way of dealing with minutes and making corrections at the meeting as the new system was encountering problems. The majority of the Parish Council agreed this decision. The Chairman stated that the minutes needed to be more concise and not verbatim.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter did not agree the minutes but the majority vote was that they were not amended. The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed.</p>	
1723.	<p><b>ADOPTION OF REVISED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT AS OF 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2007.</b></p> <p>Cllrs. Millernas, Otter, Woodward and Phillips had attend the training course at Chelmsford Borough Council. Cllr. Millernas was very impressed, especially with the speaker.</p> <p>Chelmsford Borough Council Standards Committee were proposing that the Parish Council adopt the Code as it stands including paragraph 12 (2). It was agreed that the Code would be adopted at the next meeting.</p> <p>Ann Wood of ACDPC had advised that Chelmsford Borough Council had offered for all Parish Council's to share in the advert that the Borough will be placing advertising the adoption of the new Code of Conduct. The majority of Councillors had agreed to this and the Clerk had advised Mrs Wood accordingly.</p>	CLERK
1724.	<p><b>POLICE MATTERS.</b></p> <p>The Mobile Police Station will be visiting Stock between 3pm-6pm on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. PCSO Macdonald advised that there was a severe lack of interest and that if it continued the service would have to stop.</p> <p>PCSO Macdonald advised that most Officers were currently at Hylands Park for the World Scout Jamboree and that Writtle Parish Council are having a lot of problems with traffic. Sgt Neil Marshall sent his apologies.</p> <p>PCSO Macdonald advised that there are a lot of speeding issues in Stock and that he is aware of the problem in Smallgains Lane. Inspector Callow and PCSO Macdonald had visited the site. PCSO Macdonald proposed the Community Speed Watch, which would involve 6 members of the public. The costs involved would be £900.00 for a speed gun, £55 each for 2 Police Slow Speed Check Signs and £10.00 each per fluorescent jacket. PCSO Macdonald asked the Parish Council to seek volunteers and asked the Chairman to let him know the names. Full training would be given. PCSO Macdonald reported that there had been a spate of house burglaries in Writtle and theft of scrap metal and lead flashing. PCSO Macdonald advised parishioners to put alarms on sheds and be vigilant.</p>	SJ
1725.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</b></p> <p><b>Tree Warden Scheme</b> – Cllr. Phillips advised that he was attending a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> August with Mr Phillips and Lynn Cameron and he was also meeting a lady in Madles Lane on Thursday. The Chairman reported that Plantation, at the end of Mill Road, was likely to be sold and that it was very important that the trees had TPO's put on them. Cllr. Phillips to contact Lynn Cameron at Chelmsford Borough Council. Cllr. Elliott also reported that a tree was down just before Plantations on the verge by the seat. Cllrs. Watling and Phillips to look at.</p> <p><b>Black and White Posts on the corner of the right hand bend of Smallgains Lane</b> – The work had been carried out.</p> <p><b>Parish Paths Partnership (P3)</b> – Cllr. Finch had applied to attend the First Aid and Health and Safety Courses.</p> <p><b>Footpath Map for Stock</b> – The map was being circulated amongst Councilors. The Clerk gave Cllr. Millernas the comments made to-date.</p> <p><b>Downham Road Retexturing</b> – Mr Bowden of Essex County Council advised that the retexturing would be carried out once a new road closure can be organised.</p>	CP

**Post knocked to the ground by the new noticeboard in Swan Lane and overgrown grass** – Cllr. Millernas advised that the grass had been cut but the post had not been reinstated. Clerk to speak to Landlord.

**CLERK**

**Erection of a Small Timber Plaque by Memorial Bench on Green in front of the Almshouses and the Track** – Clerk to contact Maple Landscapes.

**CLERK**

**Erection of Guardrails Outside Stock Primary School** - Clerk to contact Phil Hope.

**CLERK**

**Wicksteed Leisure Annual Safety Inspection** - The inspections had been carried out. Repairs were needed and Wicksteed had quoted £128.30 to carry out the work. Various other items had been brought up that needed attention. Cllr. Cottey agreed to look at the documentation and report back at the next meeting.

**LJC**

**Ditch on Footpath 26 and Tree fallen down on Footpath 26** – The work had been carried out.

**Smoke Free Legislation** – Cllr. Millernas had erected the signs. The Clerk had written on two occasions to Essex County Council enquiring as to how the Parish Council can carry out enforcement but had received no reply. Cllr. Roy Whitehead agreed to look into the matter.

**RW**

**Barbed Wire on Footpath 28 From All Saints Church to Catholic Church** – Cllr. Finch was dealing with the matter.

**CF**

**Overgrown Hedge at Church Green Cottage** – The Chairman advised that the hedge did not belong to Mr Phillips who regretted having been written to. The builder who owns the hedge is going to look with the Tree Warden. The Clerk advised that an application for tree works in the Conservation Area had been submitted.

**Overgrown Hedgerow at Junction of Mill Road/Downham Road** – Cllr. Elliott reported that there is a lot of water running out of the ditch. Clerk to contact Highways Department at Essex County Council asking them to dig out the ditch.

**CLERK**

**Lights in Bus Shelters** – Clerk had spoken to Mr Bangs at Lorne Stewart who had visited the site. Mr Bangs advised that permission would be needed from Essex County Council as the electric would come off of the street lighting and the area would have to be dug up. Mr Bangs felt that it would be easy to put a light into the brick bus shelter but it would be more difficult to put one in the wooden bus shelter as the area is tarmac. The matter had been referred to Essex County Council for their opinion.

**Parish Sports Programme** – Cllr. Cottey advised that 46 children had attended the Basketball on 27<sup>th</sup> July at Stock Primary School.

**Mobile Skateboard Park** – Cllr. Cottey advised that this had been organised for 31<sup>st</sup> July at Stock Primary School between 11am and 3pm.

**Summer Play Day** – Unfortunately, this could not be arranged this year.

**Iron Gate opposite Tetlows Farm, Downham Road** – Cllr. Finch had met the owner who advised that the gate was there to keep gypsies out. Cllr. Finch advised that you can still access the verge and he has asked the owner to cut the verge to make it nicer and improve the area.

**Broken Arm on bench by the Bowling Green** – Mr Hall had looked at the bench and had decided to remove the other arm.

**Road Surface in Birch Lane** – The Clerk had reported the matter to Essex County Council. Mr Bowden had replied advising that he was aware of the problem and confirmed that he was arranging to lay a new veneer surface over the top of the previous work in mid-late July. In the meantime the original contractor has attempted some remedial dusting of the worst patches of stickiness. Mr Bowden advised that there are no other sites in Stock with the same problem. Common Lane was done using the same process as Birch Lane. Cllr. Watling said that he was very pleased with the work.

**Overgrown Foliage at Zebra Crossing** - Cllr. Elliott confirmed that the work had been carried out.

	<p><b>Surface of the footpaths in The Valentines</b> – Nothing further to report.</p> <p><b>Litterbin Outside The Almshouses</b> – It was agreed that a black and gold bin should be ordered.</p> <p><b>Projector Screen</b> - Cllr. Watling was awaiting a quotation and would contact the company. It was agreed that if the quote was less than £250.00 the Clerk could go ahead with the order.</p> <p><b>Sign at the Junction of Common Road/Mill Road</b> - Cllr. Elliott confirmed that the sign was back upright.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>RW/CLERK</b></p>
1726.	<p><b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</b></p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <p>a) English Heritage advising that an application had been received to list the War Memorial. The Chairman had spoken to Dick Finch of the Royal British Legion who had no objections. Clerk to write back giving consent.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
1727.	<p><b>CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL – LDF – THE CORE STRATEGY ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT SITES AND BOUNDARY CHANGES CONSULTATION.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Roy Whitehead, the Leader of Chelmsford Borough Council, advised that Chelmsford Borough Council had consulted everyone on the LDF and that 4,000 people wrote in with submissions. 71 submissions have now been published. The sites have not been put forward by Chelmsford Borough Council but by developers. Cllr. Whitehead advised parishioners to make their own representations to the Planning Inspectorate. Comments have to be in by 7<sup>th</sup> August 2007. Cllr. Whitehead advised that Chelmsford Borough Council stood to protect the Green Belt and still stand by that decision. Chelmsford Borough Council make no decisions and all information now goes to the Planning Inspectorate. There will be further consultations to come in the future.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed that Cllr. Otter would draft comments on behalf of the Parish Council on the sites affecting Stock and circulate to all Councillors. A final submission would then be sent to the Planning Inspectorate. The comments would relate to ALT11, ALT28 and ALT61. The Parish Council agreed that they did not wish encroachment on the Green Belt and supported Chelmsford Borough Council in this decision.</p>	<p><b>MO/CP</b></p>
1728.	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS.</b></p> <p><b>38A High Street</b> – Some Councillors had heard that the building was not going to be listed as it was not totally original. Clerk to speak to English Heritage.</p> <p><b>18 The Square, Stock</b> - Nothing further to report</p> <p><b>Temple Farm</b> - Cllr. Phillips advised that West Hanningfield were in favour of the access road as they feel it is an improvement to what is there at the moment. It was agreed that a weight restriction has been needed for a long time. Cllr. Millernas advised that one report states that the wood is contaminated and will come down and in another states that the wood has improved. It was reported that Temple Farm is part of the LDF Plan.</p> <p><b>Tree Preservation Order at 140 Mill Road – TPO/2007/085</b> – The Order had been confirmed without modification on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2007.</p> <p><b>Appeal by Mr B. Radley of 59 Birch Lane, Appeal Reference No. APP/W1525/C/06/2032371, Enforcement Case Ref. 05/00467/ENFB.</b> The Planning Inspectorate had advised that the appeal is allowed, the enforcement notice is quashed and planning permission is granted subject to the conditions in the Formal Decision.</p> <p><b>Planning Application No. 07/00320/FUL, 132 Mill Road</b> – A letter had been received from Mr and Mrs Arber seeking the Parish Council’s approval for a new vehicular access across the greensward and advising that they had written to Lord Petre. Lord Petre had written to the Parish Council advising that further evidence had come to light that the greensward on the South side of Mill Road is part of his Manor and therefore he had given his approval to the new crossover. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back to Mr and Mrs Arber and Lord Petre giving the Parish Council’s approval.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>

**Online Planning -** Ann Wood of ACDPC had agreed to approach Chelmsford Borough Council on behalf of all Parish Councils as many Clerks/Councillors were encountering problems using the online planning system. The Clerk had received numerous E-mails from other Parish Councils regarding the problems they were experiencing. It was agreed that all Councillors would submit their problems to the Clerk in order that she could send in a response.

**ALL/CLERK**

**Tree Plans -** Cllr. Phillips reported that paper plans were no longer being sent out for Tree applications which was unacceptable. He had spoken to Sue Digby at Chelmsford Borough Council who was going to speak to the head of her section.

**Building Work at Junction of B1007/Downham Road -** Cllr. Elliott reported that building work is being carried out without planning permission. Clerk to report matter to Enforcement Officer.

**CLERK**

**Applications**

**Application No. 07/01226/FUL.** Double garage with loft storage.

**CLERK**

**Location:** Woodlow, Stock Road.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Ellis.

The applicant was withdrawn.

**Application No. 07/01119/FUL.** Retention of use of barn for long term storage together with cladding of west elevation, demolition of bull bays and iron barn.

**CLERK**

**Location:** Great Prestons Farm, Great Prestons Lane.

**Applicant:** Simon Lister.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**Application No. 07/01069/FUL.** Two storey side extension (replacing existing single storey).

**CLERK**

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

**Applicant:** Mr. J. Ray.

The Parish Council had no comments to make

**Application No. 07/01232/FUL.** Two storey front extension.

**CLERK**

**Location:** Jasmine Cottage, 14 High Street.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs G. Stringer.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**Application No. 07/01237/OUT.** Revised application for one no. dwelling (scale, layout, appearance and landscaping reserved matters).

**CLERK**

**Location:** 5 Dakyn Drive.

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

It was reported that Lynn Cameron at Chelmsford Borough Council, was happy with the 12m zone for the oak tree. The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**Application No. 07/01288/FUL.** Variation to planning permission 06/01730/FUL – Re-designed double garage.

**CLERK**

**Location:** New Build at Thrift, Madles Lane.

**Applicant:** Alexander Andrew.

The Parish Council commented that this is in the Green Belt. The owner already has permission for a double garage. The Parish Council feel that the new application is excessive considering there are other outbuildings on the property.

**Application No. 07/01298/FUL.** Rebuilding of garage and workshop to include bedroom and shower room above.

**CLERK**

**Location:** 15 Mill Road.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Kress.

Whilst the Parish Council are pleased to see the owner is restoring the building to its original style, we are concerned that one set of the garage doors, which are being made into windows, are out of keeping and detrimental to the street scene.

**Application No. 07/001346/FUL.** Proposed two storey rear, first floor side and single storey rear extension.

**CLERK**

**Location:** Ashdene Cottage, Stock Road.

**Applicant:** Ponsford Properties Limited.

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

**Results**

**Application No. 07/00971/FUL.** Addition of two rooflights (amendment to existing permission)

**Location:** 10 Well Lane, Stock.

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

**Application No. 07/00353/FUL.** Demolition of Fristling Hall and replacement new dwelling.

**Location:** Fristling Hall, Swan Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Fristling Hall Farms Ltd. **Refused.**

**Application No. 07/01059/FUL.** Link extension and conversion of existing garage. New detached garage.

**Location:** 4 Mill Lane, Stock

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs P. Mathews. **Approved.**

**Application No. 07/00989/FUL.** Two storey rear extension, replacement single storey extension, new garage and alterations.

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

**Applicant:** Mrs P. Healey. **Approved.**

**Application No. 07/00980/FUL.** Two storey side extension, single storey front extension and re-roofing existing rear extension.

**Location:** 30 Myln Meadow

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs G. Bishop. **Refused.**

**Application No. 07/00966/FUL.** Part two storey, part single storey rear extension.

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

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

**Application No. 07/00320/FUL.** Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 no. detached dwellings.

**Location:** 132 Mill Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs J. Arber. **Approved (Subject to a Unilateral Undertaking Under S106).**

**Application No. 07/01109/CLEUD.** Use of dwelling without complying with an agricultural occupancy condition.

**Location:** Branfill Tye, Smallgains Lane, Stock

**Applicant:** Peter James McMahon. **Approved.**

**Application No. 07/01076/FUL.** Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling.

**Location:** Broomfield Farm, Broomwood Lane, Stock

**Applicant:** Mrs L. Morter. **Withdrawn.**

**Application No. 07/01088/LBC.** Removal of existing boiler flue with the render made good and decorated to match. Installation of new flue and external alterations.

**Location:** 14 Lilystone Hall, Honeypot Lane, Stock

**Applicant:** Malcolm Jacobs. **Approved.**

**Application No. 07/01112/FUL.** First floor rear extension.

**Location:** Glen Cottage, Downham Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** J. Farrah. **Approved.**

**Application No. 07/01226/FUL.** Double garage with loft storage.

**Location:** Woodlow, Stock Road.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Ellis. **Withdrawn.**

**Application No. 07/00973/CLEUD.** Office use of agricultural buildings without planning permission for in excess of ten years. Unit 1.

**Location:** Barn Two, Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Stock

**Applicant:** Mr R. Knapp. **Refused.**

	<p><b>Application No. 07/00974/CLEUD.</b> Storage and distribution use in an agricultural building without planning permission for in excess of ten years. Unit 2.  <b>Location:</b> Workshop Units, Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Stock  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr R. Knapp. <b>Refused.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 07/00975/CLEUD.</b> Office use of agricultural building without planning permission for in excess of ten years. Unit 3.  <b>Location:</b> 2 The Cartlodge, Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Stock  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr R. Knapp. <b>Refused.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 07/00976/CLEUD.</b> Office use of agricultural building without planning permission for in excess of ten years. Unit 4.  <b>Location:</b> 1 The Cartlodge, Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Stock  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr R. Knapp. <b>Refused.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 07/00977/CLEUD.</b> Office use of agricultural building without planning permission for in excess of ten years. Unit 5.  <b>Location:</b> Barn One, Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Stock  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr R. Knapp. <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. 07/05192/TPO.</b> T1 – Oak to the front of property – crown reduce by up to 30%. (TPO/1998/02).  <b>Location:</b> Oakfield, 13 Mill Lane.  <b>Applicant:</b> A. White.  The Tree Warden had no comments to make.</p> <p><b>Application No. 07/05555/CAT.</b> Lime x 2 on front entrance/roadside boundary – crown lift to 6m, cutting to branch collar; Beech x 1 in front garden, crown reduce by 30%, cutting to suitable growing points.  <b>Location:</b> Stock Lodge, 60 High Street.  <b>Applicant:</b>  The Tree Warden had no comments to make.</p>																													
1729.	<p><b>FINANCE.</b></p> <p><b>Audit of Accounts for 2006/07</b> – Lubbock Fine had written for additional information, which the Clerk had supplied.</p> <p><b>Change of Bank Signatories</b> – Clerk to contact Barclays Bank regarding matter.</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 data-bbox="232 1407 1260 1627"> <tr> <td>101270</td> <td>£1,026.99</td> <td>Mrs L.J.Green</td> <td>Salary 1.07.07 – 31.07.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101271</td> <td>£ 510.72</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101272</td> <td>£ 154.31</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101273</td> <td>£ 575.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting June</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101274</td> <td>£ 80.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting Football Pitch June</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101275</td> <td>£ 138.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting All Saints Church June</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101276</td> <td>£ 105.75</td> <td>Wicksteed Leisure Ltd</td> <td>Play Area Inspections</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Transfer of Funds</b> – On the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007 £2,500.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account and on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2007 £2,000.00 was transferred.</p>	101270	£1,026.99	Mrs L.J.Green	Salary 1.07.07 – 31.07.07	101271	£ 510.72	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101272	£ 154.31	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	101273	£ 575.00	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting June	101274	£ 80.00	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting Football Pitch June	101275	£ 138.00	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting All Saints Church June	101276	£ 105.75	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Play Area Inspections	
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1730.	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL.</b></p> <p>The Chairman approved of the central bed being tidied up but said it needed monitoring. Cllr. Elliott advised that the area is going to be concreted and pebbled. Cllr. Woodward advised that a feature is going to be made of the area.</p>																													
1731.	<p><b>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION AND VILLAGE IN BLOOM.</b></p> <p>The results of the Best Kept Village Competition had been received and were being circulated to Councillors.</p>																													

	The judging had taken place for the Village in Bloom and 20 entries had been received. The Garden Society were now discussing how to distribute the prizes. The Chairman thought it was a good idea to continue the competition next year. The Parish Council agreed this.	
1732.	<p><b>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Watling had received complaints about the florist painting over the green tiles in black paint.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward reported that parents are parking their 4 x 4 vehicles on the new pavement opposite the British Legion Hall when collecting their children from the Montessori. Clerk to write to Montessori advising that this is very dangerous and to ask parents to stop parking on the pavement.</p> <p>A letter had been received from Mr Paul Williams of Blackwater Landscapes advising that he had charged the Parish Council a fee of £25.00 for the attempted cut of the Common on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2007. Mr Williams is contracted to cut the Common on Friday or Saturday morning before 12.00pm. On the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> June Mr Williams arrived at 10.00am and it was being used by Cricketers. This is not the first time this has happened and although Mr Williams has requested a cricket schedule for the season on numerous occasions, to-date he has not received one. Cllr. Grundy to arrange to get cricket schedules for next season for the Cricket Club and the Colts.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that the hedges from Greenwoods to Copt Hall need cutting. A parishioner had also reported that the hedge opposite Crondon Park needs cutting back. Clerk to write to Mr Osib at Greenwoods.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>IG</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>
1733.	<p><b>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that there would be an extra bus journey on the 100 bus in the mornings from Great Burstead to Billericay.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that the 501 bus service from Little Waltham to Southend was going to be withdrawn. Cllr. Otter advised that lots of children were going to school by rail and then catching a bus as it was a lot cheaper.</p>	
1734.	<p><b>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised the predominant work was on the LDF. Chelmsford Borough Council had been rated by the Audit Commission as a good Council but in the Autumn the Council were going to go through the process of getting an excellent Council. Cllr. Grundy advised that the Parish Council should think of a project they could apply to the Community Initiatives Fund for which is a grant made by Essex County Council. Cllr. Grundy advised that the Chairman's name needed to be changed in Stock Press. Clerk to organise. Cllr. Grundy advised that Chelmsford is going to be featured on the television programme Location, Location, Location on 1<sup>st</sup> August. Cllr. Grundy advised that the Scout Jamboree is going very well.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that the brown refuse lorry leaks and it is marking the roads. Cllr. Grundy to look into matter.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>IG</b></p>
1735.	<p><b>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</b></p> <p>The 'turf turning' ceremony had been held which was by invitation only. Some members of the Parish Council had attended together with Cllrs. Whitehead and Grundy, representatives from the Rural Housing Trust, The Bishop of Chelmsford, representatives from Roses Builders, Mrs Jane Wilkinson and Mark Thomasin Foster. The Chairman advised that the remaining land has now been passed onto Mrs Wilkinson and Mr Thomasin Foster's children. The Chairman had expressed the concern of the residents in Back Lane and asked the builders to be respectful and advised that the traffic is quite heavy at school time. The builders were very aware of the fact and said they would be as courteous as possible. The project is due to be completed by next Summer and work will commence soon. Cllr. Grundy advised that this is only the second Affordable Housing project to take place in the Borough. The Chairman advised that a public meeting will be held in October when packages will be given to parishioners who want to apply for homes.</p> <p>Anne Bishop of Essex Rural Housing Trust asked the Parish Council if they had any objections to the scheme being named Fosters Close after the Thomasin Foster family. All agreed. Clerk to advise Anne Bishop.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>

1736.	<b>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</b> Nothing to report.	
1737.	<b>RISK ASSESSMENT.</b> Cllr. Phillips had completed the Health and Safety Course which he thought was excellent.	
1738.	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</b> The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2007 at 7.30pm.	
1739.	<b>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</b>  <b>Works to Trees</b> –The quotations were discussed from Green Man, Timbertec and Abacus. It was agreed that the quotation from Timbertec would be accepted. Cllr. Phillips to contact Timbertec.	<b>CP</b>

**The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.30pm.**

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