

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25TH JUNE 2007 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.

Present: *Cllrs. Elliott, Phillips, Millernas, Finch, Otter, Cottey and Woodward*
In The Chair: *Cllr. Johnson*
Minute Secretary: *Lorraine Green*
Also Present: *8 Members of the Public, Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Grundy, Adam Pipe, PCSO John Gipson and PCSO Jon Cameron*

		ACTION
1700.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr. Watling sent his apologies.	
1701.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST MAY 2007. 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.	
1702.	PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2007/CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR. The Chairman advised that there were two people interested on being co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the last vacancy. The applicants were Peter Woodward and Adrian Rilstone. Both gentleman gave a speech and then voting took place. Peter Woodward gained 4 votes and Adrian Rilstone 3. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries as to whether the Parish Council could be increased by 1 to 10 Councillors in order that Adrian Rilstone could also be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Clerk to contact Alan Battley at Chelmsford Borough Council.	CLERK
1703.	ADOPTION OF REVISED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT AS OF 3RD MAY 2007. The Clerk had received a letter from The Standards Board for England enclosing guidance on the revised Members' Code of Conduct. The Clerk gave each Councillor a copy of the Guide for Members and Pocket Guide.	
1704.	POLICE MATTERS. Adam Pipe discussed the situation regarding speeding. He advised that the Police had just entered into Neighbourhood Policing and that parishioners should tell the Police what the primary concerns are. Adam Pipe advised that quality of life issues, i.e. antisocial use of the road, were main concerns and that the Police were looking to tackle the issues. Adam Pipe advised that PCSO's are being trained to monitor vehicle speed with a speed gun but that they cannot issue a ticket. More Police Officers and Special Constables have also been trained to carry out enforcement and camera vans can now be used more liberally. Adam Pipe advised that the Police are getting the community involved in Community Speed Watch. 42 villages are already involved in the scheme. The parishioners are trained by the Police and given a radar and reflective jackets. The parishioners then pass on any intelligence to the Police for action. The Police then visit the areas concerned and carry out enforcement. The scheme requires a minimum of 6 people who will get trained and receive equipment. Every time somebody offends the police write to the registered keeper and if the owner gets caught speeding for a second time they receive a fixed penalty ticket or get taken to court. Adam Pipe discussed the matter of the lorry that is parking on the grass verge in Mill Lane. He advised that the Police have spoken to the owner twice and have had to look up unique legislation. It was reported that the lorry is still parking there and Adam Pipe said that he would take the matter up with the Police.	

	<p>Adam Pipe advised that drivers are allowed to drive up to 60mph in Smallgains Lane. He said that drivers should drive as they see appropriate. Adam Pipe advised that Essex County Council sets the speed limits and deals with modifying limits. Adam Pipe advised that the Government have said that every speed limit has got to be reviewed by 2011. The Chelmsford area is being looked at at the moment but there is no talk of reducing the speed limit in Smallgains Lane. It was reported that the Quiet Lanes Scheme has just started and that Essex County Council are right behind the scheme. A parishioner had made enquires regarding this and had been advised that Smallgains Lane did not qualify. Adam Pipe agreed to get some information on the Quiet Lanes scheme. The Chairman asked Adam Pipe whether the Police have any control over volume of traffic and the answer was no. Adam Pipe advised that weight restrictions are going to be shared with Essex County Council and Trading Standards as it is very difficult to enforce.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward advised that Smallgains Lane is being used so much as it is so dangerous going to the village and so difficult to get through.</p> <p>PCSO Gipson advised that there had been crime regarding bogus callers in other villages but that crime was quite quiet in Stock. The Chairman advised PCSO Gipson that the Post Officer had their windows smashed at 2.30am and that the owner had heard the culprits leaving but they got away.</p>	
<p>1705.</p>	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</p> <p>Tree Warden Scheme – Cllr. Millernas reported that the root of the tree still remained where the tree had been felled in Back Lane. Cllr. Millernas said that this needed to be removed before somebody fell over it. Cllr. Phillips agreed to speak to Essex County Council regarding the matter.</p> <p>Doctor’s Surgery – Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that this project has now finally been completed.</p> <p>Black and White Posts on the corner of the right hand bend of Smallgains Lane – Phil Hope advised the Clerk that he had spoken to Mrs Henderson recently and is arranging for a loose channel block to be repaired at the same time as installing the posts. The work has been instructed and will be carried out very soon.</p> <p>Speed Indicator Device – Nothing further to report.</p> <p>Bollard Outside Serge Pervez’ in Swan Lane – The Clerk advised that the work had been carried out.</p> <p>Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – Tim Gardiner had advised the Clerk that he had a very productive day on 20th June waymarking several of the footpaths that go across Crondon Park Golf Course. Tim Gardiner, Shirley Lucas and Bob Hale managed to put in 11 waymark posts. Tim asked the Clerk to report the information back to the Parish Council about the work and said hopefully it will clear up any confusion over where the footpaths go on the golf course. Tim and Shirley also identified further work that P3 could pay Bob Hale to do and once a quotation had been received Tim Gardiner would put an order through. Tim reminded the Clerk that Stock Parish Council have not requested any P3 money for this financial year. Tim Gardiner had sent the Clerk a copy of the Risk Assessment for the work party to show that it was done in accordance with Health and Safety legislation. The Clerk had received Bob Hale’s quotation, which would be discussed under Closed Tenders. Bob Hale asked the Clerk to apologise to Chris Finch for not advising him that the date of the work party had been changed.</p> <p>Footpath Map for Stock – The Clerk advised that the booklets have now been printed and that an invoice for the printing had been received. The Clerk had written to Jenny Berkley to see what other invoices would be due and had also contacted Tim Gardiner regarding reclaiming 50% of the costs as agreed via P3. Cllr. Millernas advised that comments were still being sought on the maps.</p> <p>Downham Road Retexturing – Phil Hope advised the Clerk that the retexturing has been carried out which has significantly improved the situation. There are, however, a number of</p>	<p>CP</p>

areas in which patches of excess binder exist and a meeting with the Contractors has been arranged for 3rd July to discuss this problem.

Post knocked to the ground by the new noticeboard in Swan Lane – Clerk advised that she had written to the new landlord of The Cock Inn.

Erection of a Small Timber Plaque by Memorial Bench on Green in front of the Almshouses and the Track – Nothing further to report on the plaque. The Chairman had given Gary Stringer a sack of grass seed to put on the soil outside the Almshouses.

Resurfacing of Common Lane. Sally Easton had complained to the Clerk that the lorries that are delivering to Homestead, Mill Road, keep blocking Common Lane and reversing up the Lane. A lorry had gouged a big hole in Common Lane on the new resurfaced road. Cllr. Watling had advised the Clerk that the Lane has now been totally resurfaced and a really nice job has been done except that they have taken a bit more of his bank away! The damaged part of the Lane caused by the lorries has also been repaired as the Lane was resurfaced from top to bottom.

Erection of Guardrails Outside Stock Primary School - Nothing further to report.

Broken Kissing Gate on Footpath at the back of The Catholic Church where Footpaths 28,29 & 30 meet – The Clerk advised that Bob Hale had repaired and erected the kissing gate.

Keep Clear Sign Outside The Hoop and Post that has been knocked down outside The Paddocks – Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that the work had been undertaken.

Wicksteed Leisure Annual Safety Inspection - The Clerk had booked the inspection, which was due to be carried out on the 11th July 2007.

Ditch on Footpath 26 - Clerk to contact Public Rights of Way Officer regarding the matter.

CLERK

Tree fallen down on Footpath 26 – It was reported that the tree had still not been removed. Clerk to contact Public Rights of Way Officer regarding the matter.

CLERK

Piece of Wood by Boundary House That Needs Removing – The Clerk advised that the work had been carried out.

Smoke Free Legislation – The Chairman had put the signs into the Bus Shelter but advised that they would not stick properly. It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase some plastic signs and Cllr. Millernas agreed to erect them. Cllr. Otter had received a letter from Essex County Council requesting that the Parish Council supplies them with details of all the shelters they own together with confirmation that they will be implementing the appropriate signage and enforcement measures following the No Smoking legislation. Clerk to arrange to send information to Essex County Council. Cllr. Otter advised that she had asked Essex County Council how the Parish Council can carry out enforcement but had received no reply. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the question again when she wrote to Essex County Council.

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Barbed Wire on Footpath 28 From All Saints Church to Catholic Church – Nothing further to report.

Damaged Street Nameplate at Junction of Mill Road/Downham Road - It was reported that the work had been carried out.

Overgrown Hedge at Church Green Cottage –After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr Donald Phillips of Stock Lodge asking him to cut back the overgrown tree on his land.

CLERK

Overgrown Hedgerow at Junction of Mill Road/Downham Road – It was reported that the hedge had been cut back but the clippings had been dumped in the ditch. Clerk to contact Hit Squad and ask them to remove the clippings.

CLERK

	<p>Lights in Bus Shelters – It was reported that the bus shelter opposite The Hoop does not have a streetlight but the brick bus shelter does have one. It was reported that in the Winter the bus shelter is very dark. It was reported that planning permission would be needed to install lights into the bus shelters. Cllr. Grundy agreed to give the Clerk the contact details of the electrician that Chelmsford Borough Council uses in order that she could obtain a quotation.</p> <p>Portaloo on Verge outside The Nook - Cllr. Watling reported that the portaloo had been removed from the verge.</p> <p>Overgrown Footpath 16 – Cllr. Finch advised that the work had been carried out.</p> <p>Mobile Skateboard Park – Cllr. Cottey advised that this had been organised for 31st July at Stock Primary School between 11am and 3pm. Cllr. Cottey to organise advertising.</p> <p>Summer Play Day – Cllr. Cottey advised that the date was currently unconfirmed and that she was in negotiations with Chelmsford Borough Council as they could not do the same day as the Village Hall.</p> <p>Parish Sports Programme – Cllr. Cottey advised that Basketball had been booked for 27th July at Stock Primary School.</p> <p>Condition of The Old School – The Clerk had reported the matter to Jamie Cole at Chelmsford Borough Council who had passed the matter onto Michael Hurst, the Conservation Officer. Mr Hurst agreed that the building is an important feature within the Conservation Area. Mr Hurst advised that although the building and site appear a little untidy at present the Council have limited powers to intervene and in this case the condition of the building is not considered sufficient to warrant any action at present. Mr Hurst will, however, make contact with the owner to ascertain what their intentions are, express the concerns in relation to its condition and keep an eye on the site in the future.</p> <p>Iron Gate opposite Tetlows Farm, Downham Road – Cllr. Finch advised that he was meeting someone this week to see if the Parish Council have a case. Cllr. Finch to report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Broken Arm on bench by the Bowling Green – The Chairman said that she would speak to Peter Hall regarding the matter.</p> <p>Consultation on Gypsy and Travellers Accommodation – Cllr. Otter had attended a meeting regarding the matter. She advised that the Head of Town Planning for both Maldon and Chelmsford were present as were Councillors from Essex and beyond. Cllr. Otter advised that the matter is very important and that the East of England Plan does not include gypsies. Cllr. Otter reported that in 2006 John Prestcott produced a circular, which said that gypsies needed to be looked at in the region. Cllr. Otter advised that there are a quarter of gypsies in the East of England region and there is a two thirds need in Essex and Cambridgeshire - Essex has the most need. Cllr. Otter advised that under scheme 1 sites would be allocated where the need arises. The figures quoted for pitches were Basildon 157, Chelmsford 87, Fenlands 180, South Cambridgeshire 120 and Suffolk, Norfolk and Southend 20. It was reported that Chelmsford deal with incidents with gypsies very quickly and the record at Chelmsford is exemplary. Cllr. Grundy stated that each individual has to be vigilant and take precautions. Cllr. Otter felt that the Parish Council should send in a submission to the Consultation. The Parish Council decided against this decision.</p>	<p>IG/CLERK</p> <p>LJC</p> <p>LJC</p>
<p>1706.</p>	<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <p>a) Bishop of Brentwood enclosing a copy of a letter sent to Mr Murray at Essex County Council regarding the poster he had received regarding heavy goods lorries coming through the village on the B1007. The Bishop is concerned that this will increase the volume of traffic to a highly dangerous level. The Bishop wished to draw Mr Murray’s attention to the point he has been making for many years and that is some kind of calming means should be introduced at each end of the village. The Bishop stated that it would be highly regrettable if the village had to wait for a serious accident to happen</p>	<p>CLERK</p>

	<p>before action was taken. The Chairman asked the Clerk to acknowledge the Bishop's letter and advise him that the Parish Council are doing all that they can and that the matter is in hand.</p> <p>b) The Clerk had received notification of the dates and times that the Mobile Library Service would be coming to Stock. Notices had been put on the noticeboard and on the website. The service would be held fortnightly in Orchard House between 15.45pm and 16.05pm on the following dates:- 5th and 19th July, 2nd, 16th and 30th August, 13th and 27th September, 11th and 25th October, 8th and 22nd November, 6th and 20th December. Clerk to put dates in Stock Press.</p> <p>c) Mr and Mrs Murphy of Yewdale, 35 Mill Road, making some complaints as a Councillor had queried the obvious extension to their drive across the greensward, which is owned by Lord Petre. Lord Petre had advised the Parish Council that he did not want to get involved in these situations. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write back to Mr and Mrs Murphy acknowledging the letter.</p> <p>d) A parishioner, Carole Radley, of Birch Lane reported that in January the road surface in Birch Lane was resurfaced. During the warm weather Mrs Radley has noticed that where the small stones have worn away the tar underneath is melting. It has stuck to the tyres of the car and come into her drive. The patches are very easily seen and are mostly at the lower end of the lane. Cllrs. Elliott and Millernas said that all the roads are like it. It was agreed that the Clerk should report the matter to Essex County Council.</p> <p>e) Cyril King of Essex County Council Highways advising of the temporary closure of Whites Hill between its junction with Madles Lane and its junction with Furze Lane whilst overhead lines are replaced. The work will begin on 23rd July 2007 and will last 5 days. The signed diversion route will be via Furzes Lane, Mill Road and vice versa.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
<p>1707.</p>	<p>CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL – NOTICE OF PRE-EXAMINATION MEETING FOR: THE CORE STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT CONTROL & THE CHELMSFORD TOWN CENTRE AREA ACTION DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS (DPDs).</p> <p>Nothing further to report.</p>	
<p>1708.</p>	<p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p>38A High Street - English Heritage were due to inspect the property during the week beginning 4th June 2007. The Clerk had contacted the Planning Officer. The Clerk had explained that the Parish Council were trying to get the building listed and the Planning Officer said she would speak to her boss to see whether she can put a condition on the application stating that work cannot be started until they have a decision from English Heritage. The Planning Officer advised that the decision from English Heritage can sometimes take a couple of months unless the Parish Council ask them to fast-track it.</p> <p>18 The Square, Stock - Nothing further to report</p> <p>Temple Farm - Cllr. Phillips advised that he had been contacted by Cllr. Parker of West Hanningfield Parish Council inviting all members of Stock Temple Farm Working Group to a meeting with West Hanningfield Temple Farm Working Group on 27th June 2007. Cllr. Phillips to report back at the next meeting. The Chairman said that the meeting that was recently organised by Miss Jeffries was not a Parish Council meeting and had been organised too quickly without any warning or constructive ideas.</p> <p>Tree Preservation Order at 140 Mill Road – TPO/2007/085 – A Tree Preservation Order was made on 7th June 2007. The reasons for the Order are that this Tree Preservation Order is being made to safeguard the future of trees that are important in the local street scene. The trees, a mixture of Pine, Hornbeam, Horse Chestnut, Beech and Oak, are important wildlife habitats, add to the rural feel of Stock and help soften the built environment. This TPO has been made in consultation with the landowner and a number of trees from within the owners</p>	<p>CP</p>

garden have been left out of the order as it is possible that they may wish to develop the land. The trees included within this TPO will shield and would not prevent any future development.

Notification of Appeal by Mr & Mrs P. Cottee of 93 Mill Road, Application No. 06/02183/FUL, Appeal Reference No. APP/W1525/A/07/2047944/WF. Clerk to write to Inspectorate asking for a copy of the Appeal decision and endorse previous comments.

CLERK

Notification of an Enforcement Appeal Hearing Date. Appeal by Mr B. Radley of 59 Birch Lane, Appeal Reference No. APP/W1525/C/06/2032371, Enforcement Case Ref. 05/00467/ENFB. A hearing will be held at 10.00am on the 26th June 2007 at the Civic Centre, Duke Street. A parishioner, Mr Webb, of Birch Lane had written to the Clerk asking whether the Parish Council would be represented at the Appeal Hearing as they did at the Appeal Hearing for Nos. 41 to 49 and 57 Birch Lane on 7th November 2006. The Clerk advised that when the previous Hearing was held it was agreed at the meeting held on the 30th October 2006 that the Parish Council would not be attending the hearing but Cllr. Otter attended. Cllr. Otter stated that she had attended on a personal basis and not on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk to ask Chelmsford Borough Council for a copy of the Appeal decision.

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Pietros Restaurant, 20 The Square - The Clerk had written to Robin Hosegood, the Planning Officer, regarding Mr Webb's letter asking the Parish Council to ascertain the exact planning conditions granted. Mr Hosegood had sent the Clerk a copy of the planning permission and stated that although the application describes a tea room it is essentially a planning permission for a restaurant/café use (A3 in the Town and Country Planning Use Classes Order). The Borough Council could not reasonably have imposed a planning condition preventing any other restaurant use other than a tea room. Mr Hosegood points out that as you can see, the only restrictive condition relating to the use prevents takeaway sales. It was agreed that the Clerk should send a copy of the E-mail and planning permission to Mr Webb.

CLERK

Planning Application No. 07/00320/FUL, 132 Mill Road – The Clerk had contacted Lord Petre regarding the planning application and advised that the Parish Council were objecting and that they did not approve another access at this site and do not believe the Right of Access had been obtained from him. Lord Petre advised the Clerk that unfortunately he cannot help the Parish Council as there is no evidence that he can claim to have ownership of the South side of Mill Road. There is no question over the North side.

Applications

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.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

CLERK

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

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

CLERK

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

Location: 10 Well Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr. N. Fairman

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

CLERK

Application No. 07/01002/FUL. Demolish outbuildings, convert existing property to 3 no. 2 bed units with minor first floor additions. Convert existing outbuilding to form new 1 no. bedroom house together with new parking area.

Location: 38A High Street, Stock

Applicant: Mr G. Heley

CLERK

	<p>Location: Fairfields, Marigold Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr. K. Squibb. The Parish Council objected to this application. It is highly visible within the Green Belt and is detrimental to the openness of the Green Belt. Other buildings could be used. It is contrary to the Green Belt and will again impinge on the character of the area.</p> <p>Application No. 07/01112/FUL. First floor rear extension. Location: Glen Cottage, Downham Road, Stock. Applicant: J. Farrah. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><u>Results</u></p> <p>Application No. 07/00835/FUL. Replacement dwelling house with garage and associated landscaping. Location: 52 Well Lane, Stock. Applicant: Dean Cooper. Withdrawn.</p> <p>Application No. 07/00817/FUL. Retention of outdoor Manege (Riding arena for horses). Location: Imphy Hall, Back Lane, Stock. Applicant: Eileen Ward. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 07/00613/FUL. Alterations to external appearance of outbuilding. Location: Tetlows, Downham Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs M. Hawkes. Refused.</p> <p>Application No. 07/00838/FUL. Dormer window to front first floor bedroom and replacement window to study and lobby. Location: 1 Little Farm Cottages, Buttsbury, Stock. Applicant: Mr A. Whittle & Ms. N. Smethurst-Whittle. Approved.</p> <p><u>Applications for Works to be carried out on trees in Conservation Area and trees that have Tree Preservation Orders.</u></p> <p>Application No. 07/05133/TPO. - T4 – Oak, adjacent to patio – fell to ground level and replace with Walnut further away from house. (TPO/2000/27). Location: The Bower, Downham Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Northwood. The Tree Warden had no observations to make. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 07/05538/CAT. Sycamore x 1 adjacent to boundary of 3 Rectory Close – pollard to previous pollarding points. Location: All Saints Church, High Street, Stock. Applicant: Mr Justin Longbourne. The Tree Warden had no observations to make.</p> <p>Application No. 07/05539/CAT. Apple tree x 1 in rear garden – 50% thin to remove crossing branches and even up crown. Location: 3 Rectory Close, Stock. Applicant: Mr Justin Longbourne. The Tree Warden had no observations to make.</p> <p>Application No. 07/05542/CAT. Cherry x 1 in rear garden – remove heavy branch and branches overhanging rear boundary; Sycamore x 1 to side of house – remove branches overhanging neighbours garden; Sycamore x 1 near barn – remove branches overhanging barn. Location: Marvells, 5 High Street, Stock. Applicant: Mrs S. Hill. The Tree Warden had no observations to make.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>1709.</p>	<p>FINANCE.</p> <p>Audit of Accounts for 2006/07 – The Clerk had submitted the relevant documents to Lubbock Fine. Mr Newman of Lubbock Fine had now written for additional information which the Clerk agreed to research and provide.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>

	<p>Change of Bank Signatories – The Clerk and Cllr. Millernas had been to Barclays Bank and handed in the relevant documentation. Barclays Bank will notify the Clerk once the amendments have been made.</p> <p>Donation to Stock Cares - The Clerk had received a letter from Mrs Jane Bentley on behalf of Stock Cares requesting a donation. The Clerk advised that she would now send the cheque.</p> <p>Clerk’s Salary – The EALC had still not had confirmation of the new rates. The Chairman requested that the Clerk’s hours were increased as she knew that the Clerk was exceeding the hours she was currently being paid for. The matter was discussed and Cllr. Millernas proposed the hours be increased to 34 hours per week. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Phillips. The increase was agreed by all Councillors apart from Cllr. Otter. The Clerk thanked the Parish Council.</p> <p>Parish Councillor Allowances - The Clerk advised that the Parish and Borough Councillors’ allowances are updated annually in line with the National Joint Negotiating Committee agreed percentage pay increase (in other words the Annual Local Government pay settlement). Unfortunately, this year’s settlement is still being discussed by the Employers’ and Union Representatives and they may be doing that for some time yet. At present the current level of payments should continue (i.e. £116.33) and any increase, once agreed, should be backdated to the 1st April 2007. Alan Battley will be in touch with the Clerk once he has further information. The Clerk advised that if a Councillor did not wish to receive the Parish Councillor Allowance then they should put this in writing to her. Cllrs. Otter and Woodward advised the Clerk that they did not wish to receive the allowance. It was agreed that all other Councillors would be paid now and the increase would be backdated to 1st April 2007 once it was known.</p> <p>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101250</td> <td>£859.72</td> <td>Mrs L.J.Green</td> <td>Salary 1.06.07 – 30.06.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101251</td> <td>£396.93</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101252</td> <td>£124.50</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101253</td> <td>£ 85.00</td> <td>Mr Bob Hale</td> <td>Replacing kissing gate, replacing posts in Mill Road and removing litter bin base.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101254</td> <td>£619.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting April</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101255</td> <td>£100.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting Football Pitch May</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101256</td> <td>£138.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting All Saints Church May</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101257</td> <td>£211.50</td> <td>Simply Plants</td> <td>Tree Works at Stock Common Cricket Pitch/ Boundary House</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101258</td> <td>£500.00</td> <td>K-Cards</td> <td>Printing of Walks Around Stock Book</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101259</td> <td>£100.00</td> <td>Stock Cares</td> <td>Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101260</td> <td>£55.00</td> <td>Rural Community Council of Essex</td> <td>Annual Subscription Renewal 2007/08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101261</td> <td>£116.33</td> <td>Mrs P.J. Johnson</td> <td>Parish Councillor Allowance 2007/08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101262</td> <td>£116.33</td> <td>Mrs W. 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1711.	<p>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION AND VILLAGE IN BLOOM.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the judging for the Best Kept Village Competition had been</p>																																																																																	

	<p>carried out in May. The Chairman advised that she had received 10 entries for the Village in Bloom Competition, which would be judged in July.</p>	
1712.	<p>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</p> <p>Cllr. Watling reported to the Clerk that a parishioner had commented to him that the foilage at the zebra crossing is getting overgrown and blocking visibility. The Clerk had reported the matter to Phil Hope at Essex County Council and the site will be inspected this week and action will be taken as appropriate.</p> <p>Cllr. Watling reported to the Clerk that the surface of the footpaths in The Valentines is uneven. The Clerk had reported the matter to Phil Hope at Essex County Council who advised that the road is an adopted road and will therefore arrange an inspection and report back to the Clerk.</p> <p>A letter had been received from Mr Paul Williams of Blackwater Landscapes bringing to the Parish Council's attention the current state of the grassed area at Stock Hill opposite The Almshouses.</p> <p>Recently work has been carried out to renew the wooden posts that edge the grassed area. Soil moving and reseeded have since taken place. However, there is now a major problem with the amount of stones left behind which is causing considerable damage to Mr William's ride-on mower blades. There are so many stones that he is unable to strim the area for fear of flicking up stones and causing injury to his staff. Mr Williams would be grateful if this problem could be addressed as soon as possible. The Chairman suggested asking Maple Landscapes to come back and roll the ground. Clerk to organise. Cllr. Elliott reported that the grass on the Common had not been cut on the 1st June and that the Play Area needed strimming. Cllr. Woodward reported that the Common is in a terrible state where it has been cut. It was also reported that Mr Williams had not cut outside Bellmans. Clerk to contact Mr Williams regarding the matters. Cllr. Millernas reported that the grass outside the Cock Inn was quite long. Clerk to write to landlord.</p> <p>Cllr. Millernas reported that he had received a request for a rubbish bin to be put outside The Almshouses. Chairman and Clerk to organise.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK/SJ</p>
1713.	<p>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</p> <p>Cllr. Elliott reported that the sign in Common Road/Mill Road had been pushed into the hedge. Clerk to report matter to Chelmsford Borough Council.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter had attended a Public Transport Meeting. She advised that there had been a display outside Chelmsford Library. Cllr. Otter had obtained information on the Smoking Ban. Cllr. Otter had lobbied First Buses and One Railway regarding fare prices.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
1714.	<p>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that West Hanningfield's Village Design Statement is being cleared by Cabinet tomorrow night.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy had received a tour of Stock with Chelmer Housing. They had looked at Vernon Corner and Mackay House. Chelmer Housing are looking to do anything to make the environment better. Cllr. Grundy advised that at the back of Vernon House there is a building that is not being used and advised that Chelmer Housing would like proposals as to what to do with it. A suggestion had been made to open up the area and put in benches and also to plant rose trees in front of Vernon House.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that Chelmsford Borough Council are receiving E-mails regarding Temple Farm which are being logged. Cllr. Grundy advised that the situation is being watched very closely. He advised that the traffic implications are of great concern and are being watched very closely. Cllr. Grundy advised that the brown field site is a mess and polluted. Cllr. Grundy advised that there could be a dual carriageway to Bakers Lane if the development went ahead.</p>	
1715.	<p>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</p> <p>The Clerk read out an E-mail that she had received from Anne Bishop of The Rural Housing Trust advising that they are almost there with all the legal agreements for the scheme and that they hope building work will be able to start next month.</p>	

	<p>The Rural Housing Trust are also hoping to have a ‘turf turning’ event on site and the Chairman advised that the Rectory Hall had been booked for Wednesday 25th July. Once building work is underway the Trust will be holding a marketing day in the village to give out application packs to all those with a local connection who are interested in applying for a home.</p> <p>Cllr. Millernas reported that pipes are currently bursting in the vicinity.</p>	
1716.	<p>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</p> <p>The Chairman had attended the last meeting. She advised that the exhibition had been excellent. Cllr. Phillips advised that there would be a meeting next week. The Chairman advised the Clerk that some forms had been taken away by parishioners and if they were put into the post box they should be given to Cllr. Phillips. The Chairman said that the Design Statement needs to be done as soon as possible.</p>	
1717.	<p>RISK ASSESSMENT.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that Cllr. Phillips would be attending a one day Health and Safety Course at the EALC on the 17th July 2007 at a cost of £75.00.</p>	
1718.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 30th July 2007 at 7.30pm.</p>	
1719.	<p>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</p> <p>Works to Trees – Cllr. Phillips had received a quotation from Abacus but was still awaiting the quotation from Green Man.</p> <p>Quotation for P3 Work - Bob Hale’s quotation was discussed and it was agreed that it should be submitted to Tim Gardiner in order that a works order could be placed.</p>	

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.45pm.

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