

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30TH APRIL 2008 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllrs. Millernas, Phillips, Watling and Otter
In The Chair: Cllr. Johnson
Minute Secretary: Lorraine Green
Also Present: 5 Members of the Public, Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Ian Grundy and PCSO Jon McDonald

		ACTION
1906.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllrs. Woodward, Finch and Rilstone sent their apologies. Cllr. Millernas apologised for having to leave the meeting early.	
1907.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31ST MARCH 2008. Cllr. Otter asked that the third paragraph of Minute 1882 be changed to ‘Cllr. Otter asked Highways if they visited sites prior to reporting as a consultee on planning applications (71 Mill Road is a retrospective planning application). Mr Pandya advised that site visits are carried out’. Cllr. Otter asked that the seventh line of Minute 1892 be changed from ‘Cllr. Otter stated that she cannot see a safeguard in that people will not abuse the spending of the money’ to read ‘Cllr. Otter suggested a safeguard so that over time the value of money for care did not become devalued by inflation’. The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed.	
1908.	POLICE MATTERS. After the AGM PCSO McDonald had spoken to Adam Pipe regarding speeding. Adam Pipe stated that Stock does not have a speed problem but PCSO McDonald said the Police know that some people do offend. It would appear that there is a volume problem during rush hour. PCSO McDonald and Sgt. Neil Marshall are trying to arrange to carry out a speed check and satisfy themselves and, if their Inspector agrees, invite the Parish Councillors to attend. A parishioner stated that there is a speeding problem from Rectory Hill going out of Stock towards Billericay. PSCO McDonald advised parishioners to be aware of bogus callers. A parishioner reported that the junction of Back Lane with the B1007 at The Cock is dangerous with vehicles reversing and the signage needs to be changed back to how it used to be. The Chairman advised that the signage has been changed twice already. It was agreed that the Councillors would carry out an observation of the Back Lane junction to see whether it was necessary to reverse the signs.	ALL
1909.	CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF CLLR. WENDY ELLIOTT. Brian Mayfield at Chelmsford Borough Council had confirmed to the Clerk that the Parish Council were free to Co-opt, as he had not received any requests for an Election. The Chairman advised that there were 4 applicants, CBC Cllr. Same Hindi, Jon Hawks, John Dixon and John Pardon. The Chairman had advised the applicants to write into the Clerk expressing their interest in the vacancy. The Chairman had asked all of the applicants to be present at the next meeting and give a resume. The Parish Council will then take a vote.	CLERK
1910.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. Tree Warden Scheme – The Clerk advised that a grant of £307.39 had been received for the trees from Essex County Council.	

Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – Cllr. Millernas reported that the Ramblers Association had contacted Essex County Council regarding the bridge at Swan Woods. The Chairman of Essex Ramblers Association had also been written to.

Cllr. Finch had advised Cllr. Phillips that he had looked at Bridleway 57 and recommended no action. As regards Footpath 7, Cllr. Finch advised when at sea a self-adhesive no slip strip made of Scotch had been used and he believes this should solve the problem.

Footpath Map for Stock – Jenny Berkley advised that she had received a revised version of the map and that the correct version was nearly ready. A licence for the Ordnance Survey is not needed as Essex County Council have agreed that their licence can be used. Shirley Lucas, the PROW Officer at Essex County Council, had agreed to E-mail the Parish Council in order that they could sign the contract. This will save £100.00, which is the cost of a licence. After discussion, it was agreed that 3,000 copies of the map would be produced and some would be put into the Post Office and Library. The cost would amount to £820.00.

Downham Road Retexturing – Nothing further to report.

Erection of a Small Timber Plaque by Memorial Bench on Green in front of the Almshouses and the Track – It was agreed that the item should be removed from the Agenda.

CLERK

Wicksteed Leisure Annual Safety Inspection – The inspection had been carried out. Cllr. Woodward had asked the Clerk to order the parts required and advised that he would fit them.

CLERK/PW

Water Running Out of Ditch at Junction of Mill Road/Downham Road – Nothing to report.

Lights in Bus Shelters – Still awaiting quotations. Clerk to ask Cllr. Millernas to contact the contractor.

CLERK/JM

Listing of War Memorial – Cllr. Phillips had been advised that the report had been completed and was now with the Department of Culture, Media and Science. It is 100% guaranteed that the War Memorial will be listed as most War Memorials are listed.

Pot Holes in The Square, Common Road and other roads in village – Nothing further to report.

Projector Screen – The insurance claim had been settled.

Ownership and Maintenance of the land North of Hereward Grange between Honeypot Lane and the Stock Road – Lyn Mclay Kidd, Landscape Architect, at Chelmsford Borough Council had discussed the site access with Highways who do not consider it possible to safely open the access up. The pedestrian access can be opened up and some signage put up at this point. Mrs McLay Kidd would like the Parish Council to consider the wording or layout for the sign. It was agreed that the area needs to be kept as a public space but it was a dangerous area for crossing and a pedestrian crossing was needed. It was agreed that all Councillors would walk down and have a look and report back at the next meeting.

ALL

Pond at Thornton Place – The Chairman had met with Paul Williams of Blackwater Landscapes. Mr Williams had suggested putting a liquid into the pond to clear the weed. This was not a chemical but was made from straw. The Chairman had told Mr Williams to go ahead.

SJ

Car Park on the Common – Cllr. Woodward had met with Jamie Cole, the Conservation Officer from Chelmsford Borough Council, who had no problem with what was being proposed. One quotation for groundwork and fencing had been received and Cllr. Woodward was obtaining further quotations. The Clerk and Cllr. Woodward were looking into applying for grants. Cllr. Woodward had written to Lord Petre who gave his approval for the works to be carried out. A parishioner opposed the gates on the Common and said that people should be able to park in the Village Hall. The Chairman urged parishioners to write into the Village Hall with their views. To-date the Parish Council had not received a reply to their letter regarding the matter.

PW/CLERK

<p>Asbestos, alcohol, condoms and needles on the footpath by the chicken hut in Back Lane opposite Makins – Nothing further to report. Clerk to chase matter.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Mr and Mrs Marett regarding vehicular entrance to and exit from their home at Compass Green, High Street – It was agreed that the work would be added to the Highways rolling programme.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Speed Indicator Signs – Mr Pandya, Highways Manager, requested that the Parish Council provide proposed locations for SID’s so that the suitability of the sites can be assessed. Mr Pandya urged the Parish Council to forward locations for consideration as soon as possible. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Pandya and arrange a site meeting to show him the possible locations.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Maintenance Works to area in the vicinity of Furze Lane junction at the southern end of the Lane – Nothing further to report.</p>	
<p>Stock Cricket Club’s Request to erect a fence on Common – Mr Archer had inspected the site and advised that removal or re-siting of the play area would be unreasonable and his recommendation therefore would be that a 6ft (approximately) fence should be installed along the length of the play area and perhaps in time hedging be placed alongside to reduce its visual impact. Cllr. Woodward had received one quotation and was waiting for the others. Cllr. Woodward suggested that the fencing is 3 metres high. Clerk and Cllr. Woodward were looking into grants. Cllr. Woodward had written to Lord Petre who was in favour of the proposal.</p>	<p>CLERK/PW</p>
<p>Inspection of Play Area – Cllr., Woodward had organised for Wicksteed Leisure to carry out an inspection of the play area. Some items need replacing and the Clerk had ordered the items, which amounted to £9.20 plus carriage and VAT. Cllr. Woodward had agreed to carry out the repairs.</p>	<p>PW/CLERK</p>
<p>Essex County Council’s Community Initiatives Fund – The Clerk and Cllr. Woodard were looking into the matter.</p>	<p>PW/CLERK</p>
<p>Condition of the pavements, kerbstones etc in Faulkner Close – The kerbing improvements began last week.</p>	
<p>Re-Marking Zebra Crossing in High Street – Nothing further to report.</p>	
<p>Annual Just Bin It Campaign - The Chairman was not happy that not one Councillor or parishioner turned up to help on the Bin It Day despite her receiving all the equipment and the skip. The Chairman said that the event would not be organised for next year. Cllr. Grundy had turned up later and Cllr. Millernas tidied up on Sunday as he was away on holiday.</p>	
<p>Summer Play Activity Days 2008 – To be held on 12th August 2008 in the Village Hall. Clerk to arrange advertising.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Proposed Traffic Schemes – It was agreed to keep the list as it is but to add the works outside Mr and Mrs Marrett’s house, as suggested by Robin Murray, and add moving the footpath at Stock Hill at the junction of Honeypot Lane. An observation would be made of the Back Lane junction with the B1007 to see whether the signs need reversing. If so this would be added to the list. Councillors to report back at next meeting.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>DIY Graffiti Removal Kits - Jackie Lane will be arranging another course in the future.</p>	
<p>Summer Parish Sports Programme - Cllr. Woodward had asked the Clerk to arrange the day on the Common and he would arrange for the Pavilion to be opened up for the day. Clerk waiting for confirmation from Chelmsford Borough Council.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Parish Council Meeting at Chelmsford Borough Council - Cllrs. Millernas, Phillips and Otter had attended the meeting on the 14th April. There were no comments to make.</p>	
<p>Model Code of Conduct Training at Chelmsford Borough Council – Cllr. Otter had attended the training on the 28th April. She advised that on the 8th May the Code of Conduct is changing and matters will be dealt with by Chelmsford Borough Council rather than the Standards Board. The relevant paperwork will be sent to the Clerk in due course.</p>	

Skateboard Park – Cllr. Woodward had booked the Skateboard Park for 19th August in the Village Hall Car Park. Clerk to arrange advertising.

CLERK

Request by Stock United F.C. for a contribution towards grass cutting the football pitch – The Clerk had spoken to Mr Howell who advised that the grass would be cut throughout the Summer from the beginning of May to about the third week in October (roughly 6 months). Mr Howell advised the Clerk that Pinnacle charge half the price of Blackwater Landscapes. Stock United F.C. are currently waiting to hear whether their lease will be extended. The agreement last year was that the Parish Council would pay the grass cutting for one year provided the Football Club used the Parish Council’s grass cutter. The Clerk had made Mr Howell aware of this fact. After discussion, it was agreed that the original agreement still stood and therefore no assistance would be given.

CLERK

A12 Inquiry - Cllr. Woodward had attended the meeting on Cllr. Millernas’ behalf. Cllr. Woodward had written to Joy Sheppard at EALC advising that there should be a weight restriction on turning out of the Temple Farm estate onto the B1007 towards Stock and Billericay.

JM/PW

Manned Vehicles - The Clerk had advertised on the noticeboard, on the website and in Stock Press that the vehicle would be coming to the village on Saturday 21st June. The Village Hall was unavailable so the vehicle will park in Swan Lane by the car park. Mr Horley, Refuse and Recycling Manager, at Chelmsford Borough Council, had advised the Clerk that another date might be available for the Parish later in the year.

CLERK

Donation Request from Stock Cricket Club to help build extra changing and toilet facilities for the girls – It was agreed that the Clerk should advise the Cricket Club to apply for a grant from the Community Initiatives Fund. The Parish Council cannot discuss the matter without seeing plans and figures.

CLERK

Blocked drains around The Common – Highways advised that the system has been cleaned, however a break in the culvert was noted. This has been added to the drainage repair schedule and will be carried out by the end of September. It was reported that the water table is high and overflowing. Clerk to report matter as unsatisfactory to Highways as the water is overflowing onto the road and the Common.

CLERK

Clay Pigeon Shooting in Smallgains Lane - The Clerk had reported the matter to the Police and had asked them to contact the parishioner who had reported the matter to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the item could be removed from the Agenda.

CLERK

Reinstatement of Well Lane following electricity problem – The matter was still on-going but the Chairman said she had the matter in hand.

SJ

Church Car Park - The Chairman had met with Maple Landscapes and the Clerk was now awaiting the quotation. Cllr. Woodward said he did not have any contacts to do the work, as it was a small job.

CLERK

Area Highways Office visiting sites regarding planning applications – At the previous meeting Cllr. Otter made particular reference to the application for vehicle access at 71 Mill Road. Mr Pandya advised that consultation for the planning application (07/02223/FUL) was received at the Area Office on 17 January 2008. Site visit was made on 5 February 2008 and a recommendation of “no objection” was sent to Chelmsford BC on 8 February 2008.

Amount paid out in claims by the Highway Authority – Mr Pandya advised that in 2006/2007 (worst case scenario), 356 claims were made covering Mid Area (Braintree, Chelmsford and Maldon) and 86 were successful. All 86 claims were under £500.

Gullies to be cleared on the B1007 – Phil Hope advised that the gullies along the B1007 through Stock are due to be cleaned in June 2008.

New railings outside the school in Swan lane – Mr Pandya has investigated this matter and established that the new railings were part of a Safer Journey to School scheme which was developed with the school and fully met the safety requirements. The length of the railing was as per the scheme design approved by the Head Master and the lead ECC officer, Liz Powells.

	<p>Moving Footway at Stock Hill at the junction of Honeypot Lane – Mr Pandya advises that it is a matter for the Parish Council to consider and include it in the priority list of schemes, if it deems it appropriate for the Area Office to pursue in future programmes. It was agreed that this would be added to the priority list of schemes.</p> <p>Advisory Signs for Smallgains Lane – The Clerk had written to Mr Pandya requesting that Advisory Signs are put up in Smallgains Lane. Mr Pandya advised that the minutes to the meeting do not reflect his and Phil Hope’s understanding of what was said about advisory signs. Mr Pandya stated that advisory signs are only used in connection to a specific hazard on a road e.g. approach to a sharp bend. However, Mr Pandya did mention that the new Speed Strategy may be flexible enough to consider request for speed limits which were previously rejected if the Parish Council, Borough Councillor and County Councillor supported them. Mr Pandya agreed to make arrangements for speed/traffic count to be undertaken before the school summer holidays and assess any changes in the use of Smallgains Lane since 2005. The outcome of the counts will be reported to the Parish Council. A parishioner requested that the speed loop in Smallgains Lane was put in over a weekend. Clerk to advise Mr Pandya of the request.</p> <p>Planning Enforcement Presentation - The Clerk had asked Christine Lyons to attend a meeting and give a presentation. Mrs Lyons advised that a training course was being organised to cover The Planning Enforcement Process. The course is being held on 13th and 15th May. Cllrs. Millernas, Phillips and Otter had asked to attend. Clerk to notify Chelmsford Borough Council.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
<p>1911.</p>	<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <p>a) Cyril King, Engineer at Essex County Council, advising that School Lane will temporarily be closed from its junction with Back Lane to a point 40m South of that junction. The closure will begin on Monday 12th May and will remain for five days while roadworks are undertaken. The signed diversion route will be via Back Lane and B1007. Clerk had arranged for notices to be put on the noticeboard and website.</p> <p>b) Geoff Forward regarding a problem the Ramblers Association have encountered on the footpath connecting Broomwood Lane with Downham Road. At the point at which this right of way passes in front of Bluebell Cottage there is a double S-bend with very restricted view of any approaching vehicle, which is a potential hazard to any walkers on the path. This is a private tack/public footpath but is frequently used by contractors’ vehicles for access to an adjoining construction site although an alternative access not impinging on the right of way is available. Mr Forward had written to Shirley Lucas, Public Rights of Way Officer, stating that this is a matter of enforcement rather than obstruction of a right of way and asked for the appropriate action to be taken to prevent this apparently illegal use of a public footpath by motor vehicles. Shirley Lucas advised that the footpath acts as a vehicle access to two properties, this is a legal use and therefore she cannot restrict their access. There is a current planning application for a replacement dwelling and as the landowners along this track have vehicular rights across the land it is legal for the contractors to use the track during the building period. The alternative route is not within the ownership of the homeowner and is therefore not an option for vehicles.</p> <p>c) Janet Alderman, Civic Services Manager, inviting the Parish Council to the Civic Service on Sunday 8th June at Chelmsford Cathedral at 11.15am. No Parish Councillors wished to attend.</p> <p>d) Lynn Roberts, Street Naming Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council advising that the land at Back Lane had been allocated a postal code of CM4 9FD and would be numbered 1-10 Fosters Close.</p> <p>e) Suzanne Whitworth, Street Naming and Numbering Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council advising that the owners of The Flower Patch in Downham Road wished to rename the house Highview. The Parish Council had no objections.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>

	<p>f) Mike Shaw, Engineering Manager, Chelmsford Borough Council regarding The Cock Inn. Mr Shaw has recently received a complaint from the landlady regarding unauthorised use of her car park by residents using the local facilities in the village centre. At times the car park is heavily used which can make parking difficult for her patrons. The request essentially was for Chelmsford Borough Council to provide alternative parking. Mr Shaw has visited the site and advised there is clearly a substantial amount of on-street parking in the vicinity. The only other possible area for providing some further off-street parking would be to convert some of the grass area near to the War Memorial to hard standing. Initial discussions with the Planners would suggest this is unlikely to meet their approval or the local residents. The most sensible alternative area to allow parking would be the existing car park at the Village Hall. Mr Shaw has suggested that the landlady alter her existing signage to make it more clear that unauthorized parking will be dealt with more positively. Mr Shaw feels it would be beneficial for consideration to be given to daytime parking in the Village Hall. It was agreed that the Clerk should send a copy of the letter to the Village Hall Management Committee and write to Mr Shaw advising that the Hall was not owned by the Parish Council but that they were in full agreement that the car park should be used for public parking.</p>	CLERK
1912.	<p>ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL – PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST – A CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE IN ESSEX.</p> <p>Cllr. Rilstone had submitted the Parish Council’s comments.</p>	
1913.	<p>MID ESSEX PRIMARY CARE TRUST – SINGLE EQUALITY SCHEME 2008-2011 CONSULTATION.</p> <p>The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	
1914.	<p>TERMINAL CONTROL NORTH – PROPOSED CHANGES TO AIRSPACE CONSULTATION.</p> <p>It was agreed that the matter would be deferred to the next meeting.</p>	
1915.	<p>THE DRAFT JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR ESSEX CONSULTATION.</p> <p>The Parish Council had no comments to make as not all Councillors had seen the documents.</p>	
1916.	<p>STOCK LIBRARY AND STOCK HERITAGE SOCIETY.</p> <p>Jenny Berkley explained that the library is being moved to the school and that will leave the present library empty. Mrs Berkley felt that the building would make an ideal centre for the Heritage Society to use as it was an ideal position as a Heritage Centre for something for the community. Exhibitions could be held and people could carry out research. Documents could be accessible to parishioners as it is difficult to know where documents are filed in the Essex Records Office. Mrs Berkley had mentioned to the Headmaster that maybe the School could also use it when it is not open to the public. Cllr. Phillips suggested getting the Cater Museum involved. Cllr. Grundy declared an interest and advised that he had written to Cllr. Martin at Essex County Council to see whether the idea was an option to consider and what is proposed for the building. The Parish Council supported the idea in principle.</p>	
1917.	<p>STOCK PRESS ARTICLES.</p> <p>Cllr. Watling to submit next article by 10th May.</p>	
1918.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p>Gardenfields House, Downham Road - Nothing to report.</p> <p>Temple Farm - Cllr. Otter asked the Clerk to contact Chelmsford Borough Council and obtain the plans as West Hanningfield have the plans. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Clerk at West Hanningfield to get the Parish Council’s comments and ask her to come to the next Parish Council meeting. It was agreed that the weight restriction was the main concern for Stock.</p>	CLERK

Online Planning - Cllr. Watling dealing with matter. It was agreed that the item could be taken off the Agenda. Cllr. Watling said there was no easy method to downloading plans and the system is not reliable enough or quick enough.

Green Tiles, 3 Common Road – A planning application had now been submitted.

Appeal by Mr P. Murphy, of 35 Mill Road, Appeal Reference No. APP/W1525/A/08/2063834. The Planning Inspectorate had advised that the appeal is dismissed.

Appeal Inquiry for Fristling Hall, Swan Lane, Appeal Reference No. APP/W1525//07/2054050/NWF. The inquiry began on 29th April. The Chairman attended on behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr. Phillips attended as a local historian and Joy Leighton represented the Heritage Committee. The Inspectorate allowed all three people to speak and agreed to notify them of his decision in due course.

Notification of Appeal by Mr & Mrs Rodbourne of Byways, Smallgains Lane – rear Conservatory. Application Ref. No. 07/01935/FUL. Appeal Ref. APP/W1525/A/08/2065334/WF. Clerk to write to Planning Inspectorate endorsing Parish Council's previous comments and requesting a copy of the Appeal decision.

CLERK

EALC – Planning Portal Questionnaire – Cllr. Otter stated that not everyone has an E-mail facility and this is therefore restricting the public's access. Clerk to submit comments.

CLERK

A parishioner objected to the pre-school moving to the primary school. She felt that the school area was getting too busy and stated that the school is getting smaller and more children are attending but there is no car parking. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council have objected but the application has been approved. The parishioner suggested moving the school to behind the Village Hall.

Applications

Application No. 08/00635/FUL. Two storey side extension.

Location: The Gables, Mill Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Mr & Mrs J. Harris.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

CLERK

Application No. 08/00619/LBC. Renovation to remove 1970's fixtures and fittings. Reveal original walls, fireplaces and beam work. New stone floor with under floor heating on ground floor. New walnut floor and radiators on 1st floor. New staircase. Remove wall to north of staircase and walls north and south of fireplace. New en-suite and remodel existing bathroom.

Location: Whitelilies, Hawkswood Road, Downham, Stock.

Applicant: Dr. John Beadle.

The Parish Council commented that they wished to see the historic features retained.

CLERK

Application No. 08/00638/FUL. Garden Shed.

Location: 19 Hereward Mount, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Iain Clamp.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

CLERK

Application No. 08/00662/FUL. Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

Location: Yew Tree Cottage, 93 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Philip Cottee.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

CLERK

Application No. CH/CHL/31/08. Removal of two existing temporary relocatable units, extension to the existing school to provide two new classrooms, a new library and ancillary accommodation and associated external works.

Location: Stock Church of England Primary School, Swan Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Essex County Council.

The Parish Council commented that they are concerned about the loss of a playground and other play areas. The Parish Council are concerned about the design of the library - it would appear that the heating and ventilation are at the same level, i.e. the ceiling. There will be a considerable increase in parking.

CLERK

Application No. 08/00620/FUL. Erection of one large industrial/warehouse unit to replace six smaller buildings.

Location: 3, 3a, 3b & 3c Oaklands Farm Estate, Goatsmoor Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs D Holmwood.

The Parish Council commented that they are concerned that there may be an increase in heavy goods vehicles on a grade 2 protected lane.

Results

Application No. 08/00291/FUL. First floor front extension over existing garage.

Location: 26 Birch Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Adshead-Grant. **Approved.**

Application No. 08/00425/FUL. Rear conservatory.

Location: 31 Birch Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr A. Barber. **Approved.**

Application No. 08/00463/FUL. Two storey extension to the side, first floor extension to the rear, widening of existing crossover.

Location: 120 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs P J Davison. **Approved.**

Application No. 08/00272/FUL. Replacement dwelling.

Location: Fairfields, Marigold Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs K Squibb. **Approved.**

Application No. 08/00042/LBC. Internal alterations.

Location: Whitelillies, Hawkswood Road, Downham.

Applicant: Dr John Beadle. **Approved Listed Building Consent.**

Application No. 08/00406/FUL. Single storey side extension.

Location: Bridleway Cottage, Broomwood Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Kingaby. **Approved.**

Application No. 08/00443/FUL. Erection of detached garage/carport with storage in roof.

Location: New Build At 50 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Ron Hale. **Refused.**

Application No. 08/00396/FUL. Insertion of three dormer windows to rear elevation and addition of pitched roof over existing single storey rear extension.

Location: Willowdene, Whites Hill, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Dixon. **Approved.**

Application No. 07/02271/CLEUD. Use of rear outbuilding as dwelling house.

Location: Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Robert Napp. **Approved.**

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

1919. FINANCE.

Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:

101339	£1,070.39	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.04.08 – 30.04.08
101340	£504.81	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.
101341	£405.62	EALC	Annual Subscription 2008/09
101342	£257.00	Mr P. Williams	Grass Cutting March
101343	£163.71	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses 01.04.08 – 30.04.08
101344	£47.00	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Inspection of Play Equipment

Transfer of Funds – On the 15th April 2008 £13,000.00 was transferred from the Current Account to the Base Rate Tracker Account. On the 29th April 2008 £1,000.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.

	<p>Change of Bank Signatories following the resignation of Cllr. Elliott –Barclays had confirmed that the new mandate was now in place.</p> <p>VAT Refund of £241.02 had been received and the first half of the Precept amounting to £15,000.00.</p> <p>Clerk’s Computer – The Chairman explained the Clerk is encountering severe problems with her computer and that it keeps crashing. The Clerk has been advised that the computer cannot cope with her workload and the amount and size of E-mails being received, as the computer is too old. The Clerk therefore needs an up-to-date computer system. Cllr. Watling had obtained a quotation of approximately £1,500.00. The Clerk had contacted the other Parish Council’s she worked for who had agreed to contribute towards the cost of the computer. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £500.00.</p>	
1920.	<p>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.</p> <p>There were no comments to make.</p>	
1921.	<p>VILLAGE HALL.</p> <p>No meeting had been held.</p>	
1922.	<p>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION AND VILLAGE IN BLOOM.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the Gardening Society had discussed the matter and it had been agreed to increase the area to Swan Lane and Back Lane. The competition will take place at the same time again this year. The Gardening Society thanked the Parish Council for their support.</p>	
1923.	<p>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</p> <p>The Chairman had asked Bob Hale to repair the broken back strut on the bench on the green by the pond.</p> <p>Cllr. Watling had reported to the Clerk that the pothole in Common Road had opened up again. The Clerk had informed Highways and the repair had been carried out.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that the arm had broken off of the seat by the entrance to the footpath to the Bowling Club. Clerk to contact Bob Hale.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that the strut is broken under the seat by the School. Clerk to contact Bob Hale.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that the village sign is very faded. Chairman to contact Judy Williams.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter had spoken to Samir Pandya in Highways regarding the concrete lumps, bricks and logs that were being placed on the verges. Cllr. Otter wished the Parish Council to write to Mr Pandya as she felt that they were dangerous and should be removed. The majority agreed against this decision as they felt that the obstacles were protecting the verges.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>SJ</p>
1924.	<p>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter advised that she would be attending a Passenger Transport Meeting in May.</p> <p>It was reported that there is water outside 122-124 Mill Road and the owner cannot get out of their drive. There is also water outside the new houses. It was agreed that a drain is needed and that the Clerk should contact Highways.</p>	<p>MO</p> <p>CLERK</p>
1925.	<p>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that there had been complaints made to Chelmsford Borough Council regarding the noise from the Jazz band playing at The Bear Public House. The matter was being dealt with.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that the Riverside Swimming Pool redevelopment was still a major issue and that it was currently out to developers to bring back their plans and costings.</p> <p>Chelmsford Borough Council are still trying to get money back for the concessionary fares.</p>	

	<p>There have been lots of meetings regarding the Rural Housing at Fosters Close. Cllr. Grundy stated that it has been difficult to put right what has been done but he thinks the allocations would still stand if the S106 agreement was revised. One family have had a big meeting with Chelmsford Borough Council to put across their views and can appeal if they so wish. Cllr. Grundy said that he was unhappy at how the allocations seem to have been done and that this was due to a breakdown of communications between Chelmsford Borough Council and Essex Rural Housing Trust. Documents should have been shown to the Parish Council but were not. A lot of families with strong connections have been allocated. A final discussion is still going on. There will be an open day at the end of May. The Chairman said that she was grateful to Cllr. Grundy for being the mediator and stated that he had done an excellent job to rectify the wrongs and in pacifying people.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that there was a public hearing last week and this week regarding the Town Centre. The gasometers are planned to go next year.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy is keen to push some of the traffic issues for Stock. The Chairman said at the Annual Parish Meeting volume, speed and weight of traffic was the main concern of villagers.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that the brown bin collection is likely to be extended throughout the winter months. Changes are to be made to other collections. Recycling is going quite well.</p>	
1926.	STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.	
	Cllr. Phillips is unable to attend the next meeting as he has a prior engagement.	
1927.	RISK ASSESSMENT.	
	Cllr. Phillips had carried out an assessment.	
1928.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING.	
	The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 19 th May 2008 at 7.30pm.	
1929.	CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.	
	The tender received for the car parking area at the Common and the fence around the play area were discussed. It was agreed to await further quotations before making a decision.	

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.32pm.

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