

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2009
AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK AT 7.30PM.**

Present: Cllrs. Millernas, Johnson, Woodward and Otter
In The Chair: Cllr. Dixon
Minute Secretary: Lorraine Green
Also Present: 3 Members of the Public and Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Ian Grundy

		ACTION
2196.	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. Cllr. Millernas took the chair and asked for nominations for Chairman. Cllr. Johnson proposed Cllr. Dixon, which was seconded by Cllr. Millernas. Cllr. Woodward proposed that Cllr. Johnson stood as Chairman for another year as he felt that Cllr. Dixon was fairly new to the Parish Council and another year would give him some experience. Cllr. Johnson advised that she did not wish to re-stand. A vote was therefore taken on whether Cllr. Dixon should be elected as Chairman – 3 Councillors were for and two against. Cllr. Dixon was therefore nominated and he signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. Clerk to notify Stock Press and Roger Watling of appointment.	CLERK
2197.	ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. The Vice-Chairman asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Cllr. Johnson proposed Cllr. Millernas, which was seconded by Cllr. Woodward. Cllr. Millernas was therefore nominated and he signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.	
2198.	APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR. The Clerk reported that Peter Bentley was happy to be re-appointed as Internal Auditor. All agreed. The Clerk thanked Peter Bentley in his absence and suggested a letter of thanks be sent which was agreed by the Parish Council.	CLERK
2199.	APPOINTMENT OF PARISH PASSENGER TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE. Cllr. Millernas proposed Cllr. Otter, which was seconded by Cllr. Woodward. Cllr. Otter agreed to carry on as Parish Passenger Transport Representative and was therefore re-appointed.	
2200.	APPOINTMENT OF P3 FOOTPATH REPRESENTATIVE. Cllr. Woodward proposed Cllr. Finch, which was seconded by Cllr. Millernas. Cllr. Finch was re-appointed as the P3 Footpath Representative. Cllr. Woodward stated that Cllr. Finch does a good job on footpaths.	
2201.	APPOINTMENT OF TREE WARDEN. Cllr. Millernas proposed Cllr. Woodward, which was seconded by Cllr. Johnson. Cllr. Woodward was re-appointed as Tree Warden.	
2202.	APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE. Cllr. Woodward proposed Cllr. Johnson which was seconded by Cllr. Millernas. Cllr. Johnson was appointed as Village Hall Representative. It was agreed that Cllr. Phillips should be thanked for carrying out the role of Village Hall Representative for the last year and to officially make him the nominated deputy representative.	
2203.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllrs. Phillips, Rilstone, Finch and Hawkes sent their apologies.	

2204.	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH APRIL 2009.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter asked that the words ‘Cllr. Dixon added’ were inserted after ‘involved and’ in Minute 2185. Parish Charter Consultation – Potential Devolution of Services to Parish and Town Councils.</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events.</p>	
2205.	<p>DECLARING ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.</p> <p>Cllrs. Otter and Dixon declared an interest in Item 26 on the Agenda – Village Design Statement.</p>	
2206.	<p>POLICE MATTERS.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
2207.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</p> <p>It was agreed that in future all highway matters would be removed from the Agenda and put on one working sheet. The Clerk would then report on any progress each month. Cllr. Grundy advised that a lot of the items would be able to be dealt with under the Localism Initiative whereby the Parish Council can decide what they want done in the parish - this was due to commence next year.</p> <p>Tree Warden Scheme – Cllr. Woodward reported that he had received a letter from Mr Condren advising that the willow should not be pollarded until the Autumn and a letter from Mrs Raeburn stating that she wants the work carried out immediately. Mrs Makins has been told to reset the Silver Birch that she removed immediately. Mrs Makins does not want to do this as it is the wrong time of year to replant. Cllr. Woodward advised that James McCarthy at Chelmsford Borough Council had told Mrs Makins she had to do it as it was in a Conservation Area. Cllr. Johnson advised that it did not occur to Mrs Makins that the tree should not be removed. Cllr. Woodward agreed to speak to Mr McCarthy.</p> <p>Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Downham Road Retexturing – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Water Running Out of Ditch at Junction of Mill Road/Downham Road – Clerk had reported matter to Highways but had not received a reply to-date.</p> <p>Damaged Honeypot Lane Street Name Plate – Clerk contacted Highways to ascertain what was happening about the sign. No reply had been received to-date.</p> <p>Car Park on the Common, Ponding in Common Road and Essex County Council’s Community Initiatives Fund – The Clerk advised that Stock Bowls Club had given a donation of £250.00 towards the work to the car park. Clerk to write a letter of thanks. A parishioner enquired as to why the car park had not been extended to the hedge as people are parking there. Cllr. Woodward advised that the area is not a car park it is only an entrance area. In the Winter, at the end of the cricket season, sleepers are to be put back to prevent parking. It was agreed that as the work was now completed the item could be removed from the Agenda.</p> <p>Speed Indicator Signs – Graham Livings of Highways advised the Clerk that one VAS sign with 2 posts was what was agreed on the 18th November 2008. The sign face will be rotated between the two posts every six months but if the Parish Council identified two other locations the sign can be moved between four posts per year spending three months fixed at each location. Until the Parish Council identifies two other locations the sign will remain on each of the two existing posts for six months at a time. Cllr. Johnson and Woodward suggested adding ‘Slow Down’ to the sign. Cllr. Dixon objected to a sign showing speed as it encourages boy racers to use them to race. Cllr. Grundy urged the Parish Council to apply for a grant from the next Community Initiatives Grant when it becomes available in order that another Speed Indicator Device can be purchased. It was agreed that Councillors would identify two more suitable sites by the next meeting.</p> <p>Posts Outside Compass Green – A meeting had been held between Graham Livings of Highways and Cllrs. Rilstone and Woodward. Cllr. Woodward advised that one of the bollards was removed last Thursday. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>CLERK</p>

<p>Maintenance Works to area in the vicinity of Furze Lane junction at the southern end of the Lane – Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>Re-Marking Zebra Crossing in High Street – Cllr. Grundy advised that the work had been carried out. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p>	CLERK
<p>Broken Strut Under the Seat by the School - Cllr. Millernas reported that the seat had been broken again. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the contractors and remind them that the seat had been broken for three months now and had still not been repaired.</p>	CLERK
<p>Car Parking at The Village Hall – The sign had now been erected. Cllr. Dixon advised that the other signs stating private car park had been removed. Cllr. Dixon had spoken to the landlord of The Hoop but still needed to speak to The Bakers Arms about parking. Cllr. Grundy suggested that the school and Montessori should use the car park. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p>	CLERK
<p>Water outside 122-124 Mill Road – Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>State of Back Lane and Brookmans Road and non-existent turf – The Clerk had reported the matter to PCSO Fleming and Highways.</p>	
<p>Ingatstone Road junction with Honeypot Lane and Timber Bollard replacement outside Pembroke House, Ingatstone Road – Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>Dredging of the Pond - Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>Jet washing all benches in the village – Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>Advisory Signs for Smallgains Lane – PCSO Fleming had carried out some speed checks outside Magpies. In 45 minutes 30 cars passed the area the fastest speed being 37mph. PCSO Fleming advised that this was not an ideal time and had told residents that she would return at various times of day over the next few weeks. Graham Livings of Highways advised that this speed fits with the average from the surveys taken in 2006. PCSO Fleming had subsequently spoken to traffic who advised that in a 60mph limit PCSO Fleming cannot use a speed gun due to health and safety. PCSO Fleming will therefore let the Parish Council know when traffic have carried out a couple of surveys.</p>	
<p>Voluntary First Registration of Parish Council Land – Land Registration Act 2002 – Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>Play Activity Weekends – The Play Day is booked for 27th June at the Village Hall between 10am and 2pm.</p>	
<p>Survey of Village – Cllr. Woodward reported that people are still parking outside The Hoop and on the bend in Common Road which is very dangerous.</p>	
<p>Manned Vehicles – The Clerk advised that the vehicle would be visiting All Saints Church Car Park on 27th June, 15th August, 5th September, 7th November and 21st November.</p>	
<p>Rural Community Council of Essex Playground Matters Seminar on Wednesday 9th September 2009 – Cllr. Woodward to attend. Clerk to send application form and cheque.</p>	CLERK/PW
<p>Annual Just Bin It Campaign – Phil and Pauline Cottee had spoken to Cllr. Woodward suggesting that the litter pick is moved to the end of May as they had got two bags of rubbish after the grass cutting had been carried out which exposed the hidden litter. Cllr. Johnson stated that the growing seasons change every year. Cllr. Otter stated that the cut had been carried out early this year and that the Clerk should liaise with Highways to get an approximate date when the cut would be every year. Cllr. Otter said that she felt it had been very successful this year.</p>	CLERK
<p>Parish Sports Programme – The first event was held on Wednesday 27th May 2009 and Cllr. Woodward advised that 20 children had attended the event despite bad weather. Another session had been booked for Monday 3rd August 2009 between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Cllr. Woodward had booked a skateboard day on the 11th August between 11am and 4pm in the Village Hall Car Park. Cllr. Woodward to arrange advertising.</p>	PW
<p>Works being carried out in grounds of Beeches Cottage opposite Temple Farm – Nothing to report.</p>	

	<p>d) Claire Jackson advising that she lives with her partner at no 5. Fosters Close, and their garden backs onto Back Lane. They have had a couple of incidents where the trees behind their garden fence have been cut, the second occasion being about a week ago, the first occasion back in October. However, when the trees are being cut, it is leaving debris of chunks of wood and sticks in their garden. One of their bedroom windows is very close to the trees and in October the cutting of these trees actually took a chunk of the window frame out. They were able to fix this but were at work, and did not see who did this. Miss Jackson understands that the trees do need cutting every so often due to the road behind, but the way they are being cut sends all the debris flying and is dangerous. Miss Jackson and her partner are concerned that this could smash one of their windows in the future and therefore asked if someone could shed any light on this or look into the matter. No Councillors were aware of who was cutting the trees. It was agreed that Miss Jackson should contact Moat Housing as they are responsible for that area.</p> <p>e) Darren Smart, Mobile Library Service Coordinator at Essex County Council regarding the Mobile Library Service. The service will be visiting Orchard House from Friday 10th July on a fortnightly basis. Clerk to put details in Stock Press, website and on noticeboard.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
2209.	<p>TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE FUTURE SPORTSGROUND FOR STOCK VILLAGE.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward advised that Cllr. Rilstone had tried to contact Mr Berkley via E-mail but the E-mails were bouncing back. Cllr. Rilstone will continue to try to contact him.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward had telephoned Tim Cooper of Savills who advised that the land on the B1007 is still for sale but the offers are still in the region of £200k. 7 acres of land has been sold at The Kings Head and the owner is interested to sell some of the land to the village.</p>	AR/PW/IG
2210.	<p>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY AND TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM CLLR. NORMAN HUME REGARDING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS ON B1007.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that the two planning applications for 09/00292/FUL, 16 Mill Lane, and 09/00370/FUL, 87 Mill Road, had been discussed at Chelmsford Borough Council and site visits had been agreed which will be attended by the Mill Officer at Essex County Council who has objected to both plans. The matter will then be discussed further at the Planning Committee at 7pm on 23rd June. At least 25 objections had also been received from residents. Cllr. Grundy stated that it would be a tremendous loss to the village if the developments go ahead but at present the applications are being recommended. A report is still awaited on the wind flow to see how the roof heights will affect the wind flow for the windmill.</p> <p>Planning Application No. 09/00486/FUL, 42 Well Lane, is also going to Committee. Cllr. Grundy stated that from a planning point of view he does not know how they are going to turn it down. Again this will be discussed at the Committee meeting on 23rd June.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter enquired as to whether the Parish Council would be represented at the Planning Committee meeting. It was agreed that Cllr. Johnson would attend with one other Councillor which would be organised in due course.</p>	SJ
2211.	<p>STOCK LIBRARY AND STOCK HERITAGE SOCIETY.</p> <p>Jenny Berkley advised that in the Parish Council's last minutes it stated that the Heritage Society were to have a corner of the new library but as yet nothing has been established. Jenny Berkley advised that in addition to space the Society are working on something that will work parallel with the Stock website but will be a Heritage website which will eventually link up with other websites. The Society are looking into grants at present. To have a centre at The old fire station is not a practical solution and the Society do not want to pursue the matter until they know if they are going to go into the library.</p>	
2212.	<p>STOCK PRESS ARTICLES.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward to submit next article by 10th June</p>	PW
2213.	<p>PARISH CHARTER CONSULTATION – POTENTIAL DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES TO PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS.</p> <p>Cllr. Dixon's comments were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should submit the final comment to Chelmsford Borough Council.</p>	CLERK

2214.	<p>REPORT BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.</p> <p>The Clerk and public were asked to leave the room whilst the discussion took place.</p> <p>The Personnel Committee reported that following from the change of address of the Clerk it was agreed that an extra 22 miles per trip to Stock would be payable at a rate of 40p per mile. Consideration was given to ways in which any extra costs may be mitigated. Ideas such as changing the postal address of the PC to the Clerk's address to reduce the number of visits, changing the venue of Parish Council meetings if this reduced costs, and the use of office accommodation will be considered at the next full meeting of the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that following the recent arbitration the 2008/09 National Final Salary Award for Local Council Clerks had been agreed. An additional 0.30% on the national interim salary award published in October 2008 had been confirmed and the Clerk had therefore duly been awarded an extra 0.03p per hour which backdated to the 1st April 2008 equated to £57.46. The Clerk's hourly rate was therefore now £10.394 per hour. The new rates as from 1st April 2009 were yet to be agreed.</p>	
2215.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p><u>Applications</u></p> <p>Application No. 09/00609/FUL. Amendment to application 07/01860/FUL to provide dormer window in roof. Location: 52 Well Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr D Cooper. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p>Application No. 09/00546/FUL. First floor side extension and double garage to front. Location: 6 Common Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr R Spear. The Parish Council commented that it was inappropriate development with an overbearing impact on the neighbouring bungalow. Being at right angles to the bungalow this development will be even more encroaching. The garages being forward of the buildings in the lane will detract from the openness of the area.</p> <p><u>Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Decisions</u></p> <p>Application No. 09/00387/FUL. Temporary siting of caravan and container for accommodation and storage during rebuild of property. Location: Ardbrae, Downham Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr Malcolm Day. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 09/00448/FUL. Single storey rear extension. Location: 22 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Ms S Hyde. 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. 09/05525/CAT. Leyland Cypress x 2 in beer garden - reduce height by 3m. Location: The Bear, 16 The Square, Stock. Applicant: Mrs B Ellis. Approved.</p> <p><u>Planning Appeals and Decisions.</u> Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Tree Preservation Orders.</u></p> <p>Tree Preservation Order No. 1985/021- Variation Land in High Street and The Paddock – Following a review of the Tree Preservation Orders in the Borough, the Council has decided to vary the above order. A Variation Order was therefore made on 13th May 2009. The reason for the variation is that the felling of T1 – Cedar with consent, TPO 85/021 needs to be varied to show the correct location of the replacement trees. However, as there is only one tree at this property it may be more appropriate to exclude this property from the Order and serve an individual TPO to protect this tree alone.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>

Tree Preservation Order No. 2009/028- Land Fronting 51 Dakyn Drive – A Tree Preservation was made on the 14th May 2009. Chelmsford Borough Council decided that it is in the interests of amenity that tree(s) marked on the plan included in the above-mentioned Tree Preservation Order should be preserved. This Tree Preservation Order is being made because the group of trees protected by this Order adds to the screening of the school and softens the adjacent residential properties within Dakyn Drive. They provide a wildlife habitat and give additional colour. They are an important part of the street scene and contribute to the visual amenity of the area. It is for these reasons that it is considered expedient to protect these trees. Using the TEMPO method of tree evaluation the trees scored 18 points therefore meriting a TPO.

Tree Preservation Order No. TPO/2009/012 at 34 High Street – A Tree Preservation was made on the 14th May 2009. Chelmsford Borough Council decided that it is in the interests of amenity that tree(s) marked on the plan included in the above-mentioned Tree Preservation Order should be preserved. This Tree Preservation Order is being made as the Cedar Tree, previously protected by TPO 1985/021 has been allowed to be felled and replaced by T1 – Pine tree. This tree is situated in the garden of 34 High Street and will contribute to the Stock Conservation Area in due course. For ease of management of the Tree Preservation Order, a new TPO has been served for this single tree at the property rather than include it in an Order which protects a number of trees at various properties in Stock. It is therefore considered expedient to protect T1 – Pine so that it may enhance the High Street in Stock.

Tree Preservation Order No. TPO/2009/019 at Land Adjacent to 41 Dakyn Drive –A Tree Preservation Order was made on the 15th May 2009. Chelmsford Borough Council decided that it is in the interests of amenity that tree(s) marked on the plan included in the above-mentioned Tree Preservation Order should be preserved. The reason for the Order is the Sycamore tree situated on a small greensward in front of a garage block in Dakyn Drive, softens the built environment of Mackie House and the residential aspect of the estate. It provides amenity in the street scene and as a mature specimen provides additional wildlife habitat to that provided by the adjacent woodland. It is possible that the garages could be considered for development and the future of this tree would then be in question. Accordingly, it is for these reasons that it is considered expedient to safeguard the future of this tree.

Tree Preservation Order No. TPO/2009/016 at The Gables, Mill Lane –A Tree Preservation Order was made on the 15th May 2009. Chelmsford Borough Council decided that it is in the interests of amenity that tree(s) marked on the plan included in the above-mentioned Tree Preservation Order should be preserved. The reason for the Order is the trees subject to this Tree Preservation Order are located within the cartilage of The Gables, Mill Lane. A planning application (09/00529/FUL) has been submitted for a replacement double garage, the erection of a detached greenhouse in the rear garden and for the construction of railings and gates to the front of the property which have not taken into account the presence of mature trees in the locality. The trees subject to this Order add to the rural and wooded feel of the area and have visual amenity value as they are clearly visible from both the roadside and public footpath that runs along the southern boundary of the property. Using the TEMPO system of tree evaluation the woodland scored 17 points and the individual Oak 18 points, thus meriting a TPO. As these trees are clearly visible in the locality, it is considered expedient to serve a new Tree Preservation Order.

Planning Correspondence

Construction of Swimming Pool at The Old Rectory, High Street – Nothing further to report. Matter now with Enforcement.

Temple Farm Inquiry – A parishioner, Jenny Berkley, enquired as to whether the Parish Council would be attending the final inquiry to speak on the villagers' behalf. Mrs Berkley asked whether anybody from the Parish Council had attended the Inquiry that was held today as a Parish Councillor from West Hanningfield had been allowed to speak. Cllr. Millernas stated that this is not a Stock matter but comes under the parish of West Hanningfield and that all information has been submitted to the Inspector. Cllr. Grundy advised that there are a number of things in hand including a new access roundabout to be put in, dualling to the A12 from Bakers Lane, and improvements to the junction. Anyone taking on a tenancy at Temple Farm will have to use the A12 to try and help the traffic situation. Cllr. Grundy has carried on discussions with Highways regarding heavy vehicles not using the A130, lack of signage to put vehicles onto the A130 and speeding and traffic through Stock village. Cllr. Grundy felt that the Inspector will feel that Stock's problems are a Highway issue and not planning. Cllr. Dixon advised that the Parish Council would consider whether to attend the Inquiry on the 1st September 2009.

	<p>Derek Stebbing, Planning Policy Manager, of Chelmsford Borough Council wrote to advise that Chelmsford Borough Council formally adopted the Planning Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on the 7th April 2009.</p> <p><u>Urgent Planning Matters Not On This Agenda</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>																																									
<p>2216.</p>	<p>FINANCE.</p> <p>Approval of Accounts for 2008/09 including Approval of Annual Return and Statement of Assurance for Accounts 2008/09.</p> <p>The Clerk had prepared the accounts and circulated them to the Councillors. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the accounts. The Clerk advised that Peter Bentley had carried out the internal audit. The Chairman and Clerk were therefore authorised to sign the necessary documents in order that the Clerk could send them to The Audit Commission for the external audit. It was agreed that an inventory of dog and litter bins was to be compiled and then the Clerk would inform the insurers.</p> <p>Audit of Accounts for 2008/09.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the accounts were available for inspection between 15th June and 10th July and that a notice advertising the audit had been placed on the noticeboard. The accounts had to be returned to Audit Commission by 13th July 2009.</p> <p>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101449</td> <td>£1,187.45</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary 01.05.09 – 31.05.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101450</td> <td>£544.13</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101451</td> <td>£906.32</td> <td>Allianz Insurance Plc</td> <td>Annual Insurance Renewal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101452</td> <td>£758.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting April</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101453</td> <td>£110.00</td> <td>Mr Bob Hale</td> <td>Repairs to Bench in Back Lane</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101454</td> <td>£25.00</td> <td>Essex Playing Fields Association</td> <td>Annual Subscription Renewal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101455</td> <td>£97.75</td> <td>Mr. M.P. Andrews</td> <td>Erection of Parking Sign in Village Hall Car Park</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101456</td> <td>£51.75</td> <td>Wicksteed Leisure</td> <td>Play Area Safety Inspection</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101457</td> <td>£110.00</td> <td>Ash Skip Hire</td> <td>Hire of Skip for Bin It Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101458</td> <td>£116.62</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> </table> <p>Transfer of Funds – A transfer of £1,000.00 was transferred on the 20th May 2009 from the Base Rate Tracker Account to Current Account.</p> <p>Risk Assessment and Budget Control – Cllr. Dixon to make some minor changes to the Risk Assessment and then send to Clerk for circulation. It was agreed to adopt the amended Risk Assessment. Clerk to give report at next meeting on Budget. Cllr. Dixon stated that the Budget should be revised from November and that an Excel document would be produced on a quarterly basis to show the current financial position. Cllr. Dixon suggested that the Parish Council think forward and apply for grants. Cllr. Otter requested information on the last four years accounts. The Clerk advised that all Councillors would have been sent these in the relevant year.</p> <p>Clerk's Salary - The salary increase had still not been agreed.</p>	101449	£1,187.45	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.05.09 – 31.05.09	101450	£544.13	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101451	£906.32	Allianz Insurance Plc	Annual Insurance Renewal	101452	£758.00	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting April	101453	£110.00	Mr Bob Hale	Repairs to Bench in Back Lane	101454	£25.00	Essex Playing Fields Association	Annual Subscription Renewal	101455	£97.75	Mr. M.P. Andrews	Erection of Parking Sign in Village Hall Car Park	101456	£51.75	Wicksteed Leisure	Play Area Safety Inspection	101457	£110.00	Ash Skip Hire	Hire of Skip for Bin It Day	101458	£116.62	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	<p>JD/CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
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<p>2217.</p>	<p>VILLAGE HALL.</p> <p>Cllr. Phillips had submitted the following report to the Clerk:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman's report: Year was a quiet year. Main thing was the flooring in the main hall. The manufacturers had to be called in to have a look at it. The management committee are applying for licences for music etc. Trees have been planted. There is to be a three month trial period for the use of the car park for the village. The pre-school are moving to their own premises in the school grounds in September. Funds are satisfactory. There were two fund raising events in the year. Treasurer's report: Receipts were down at £33,551 in the last year from £33,947 but expenses were also down at £28,631 from £33,897. A major loss of income in the current year will be the pre-school who will be moving to their own premises in the village school grounds in September. 																																									

	<p>3. Hall Manager's report: There had been some increase in the number of private functions including four weddings in the last year. The Hall Manager was investigating ways of offsetting the loss of income from the pre-school moving to their own premises in the school grounds. Requests for the use of the hall on a regular basis on weekday mornings would be considered favourably. As the caretaker was retiring he was looking for a new caretaker.</p> <p>4. Social events: There was one successful quiz and a Christmas bazaar in the last year.</p> <p>5. Any other business: The parish council had asked about having broadband internet installed in the hall for their meetings. The management committee would look into it.</p> <p>Clerk to write to Mrs Beth Weaver, Secretary to Village Hall, advising that Cllr. Johnson has been appointed the Village Hall Representative and requesting that all minutes and agendas are sent to her.</p>	
2218.	<p>VILLAGE IN BLOOM COMPETITION.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson advised that the article had been missed out of Stock Press so advertising would need to be arranged within the village.</p>	SJ
2219.	<p>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</p> <p>A parishioner had reported that the dog fouling on the footpath by the Catholic Church is terrible, especially near the kissing gate, despite a dog bin being located on the footpath and No Dog Fouling sign. A parishioner advised that the sign near the Well Lane end is too high for people to notice. Cllr. Johnson stated that a purge was needed and it was agreed that a note should be placed into Stock Press and more signage erected.</p> <p>Cllr. Millernas reported that a piece of wood is missing from the noticeboard post in Swan Lane and he is concerned because water will get into the post and rot it. Clerk to contact Bob Hale to repair.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that the brick bus shelter is beginning to deteriorate and needs painting. He also stated that he would like flowers planted. Cllr. Johnson agreed to speak to the Gardening Society to see if they could help. Cllr. Otter advised that Essex County Council have grants for bus shelters and this should be investigated before renovation takes place.</p>	<p>JD</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
2220.	<p>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter had attended the Parish Passenger Transport meeting. ECC will continue to allow Concessionary bus passes on park & ride and other buses but they cannot be used on X5 bus.</p> <p>Further to raising the matter of rail relief buses at the recent Passenger Transport meeting Cllr. Otter has now spoken to both ECC and the railway company regarding this matter. It is her understanding that unlike scheduled buses there is no statutory duty for the railway people to register or notify the Local Transport Authority (Essex County Council) about relief buses. Cllr. Otter understands that currently there are no more railway relief buses planned to use Stock as part of the route for the near future. When Cllr. Otter spoke to the representative of the railway company she explained the Parish Council's concerns (narrow road with pinch point, Conservation Area, Listed Buildings, use of the A130) and they are interested to know local views regarding this matter. Cllr. Otter gave the Clerk and Cllr. Grundy the address of National Express East Anglia in order that a letter could be written informing them that the parishioners did not want the buses going through Stock village.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter advised that Eastern County Buses and First Buses were merging and would now be known as First East England. There has been a fare increase on First which now makes it very expensive to travel as a family. First feel that it is still good value but attempts will be made to reduce the cost.</p> <p>Minor alterations have been made to the evening 100 bus service which has slightly improved the timetable.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter advised that if you travel on trains using an off peak ticket you cannot return home between 4.30pm and 6.30pm.</p>	CLERK/IG
2221.	<p>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</p> <p>Cllr. Dixon advised that the VDS document is at the final draft stage and is then going to be submitted to CBC.</p>	

2223.	RISK ASSESSMENT. Nothing to report.	
2224.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the Planning Meeting on Monday 15 th June 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and the Parish Council meeting is on Monday 29 th June 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.	
2225.	CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS. There were no tenders to discuss.	

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

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