

# STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2006 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.**

**Present:** *Cllrs. Johnson, Williams, Elliott, Tully, Otter, Watling, Blackburn and Phillips*  
**In The Chair:** *Cllr. Easton*  
**Minute Secretary:** *Lorraine Green*  
**Also Present:** *15 Members of the Public and Chelmsford Borough Councillor Ian Grundy*

		<b>ACTION</b>
1449.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b>  None.	
1450.	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2006.</b>  The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed.	
1451.	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</b>  <b>Tree Warden Scheme</b> – Nothing to report.  <b>Noticeboards</b> - The Clerk advised that the noticeboards were on order.  <b>Grant from Essex County Council</b> – Cllr. Watling reported that he had spoken to Geoff Tully. It had been arranged that the caretaker would let the electrician into the Village Hall to take a look at the situation.  <b>Re-tarring and Stoning Common Lane, Common Road, The Square and Birch Lane</b> - Cllr. Grundy advised that he was in the process of taking digital photography to send to Lord Hanningfield. Cllr. Watling reported that somebody in Common Lane had asked him whether everyone could pay something towards the repairs to get them done. Cllr. Watling had explained that this was not possible as Essex County Council are responsible for maintaining the road. Cllr. Elliott advised that the patch in The Square had not been repaired since the main sewer was put in in the early 1970's.  <b>Doctor's Surgery</b> – The Clerk had written to Essex County Council's Highways Department regarding the new pavement. To-date no reply had been received. The Chairman asked the Clerk to chase the matter up.  <b>Doggy Bins</b> – Cllr. Blackburn advised that these were being emptied. Item to be removed from Agenda.  <b>Tree at the zebra crossing</b> – It was reported that the tree had been trimmed but that Mr Fox had still not contacted Cllr. Elliott to arrange a site meeting. Clerk to contact Mr Fox in this regard. Cllr. Blackburn said that in his capacity as Tree Warden, he would also take a look at the area that needed sorting out.  <b>Stock United Football Club</b> – Cllr. Grundy advised that he had spoken to Chelmsford Borough Council who said that they were very happy to do a pre-planning survey of the Greenwoods site. An official letter needed to be sent from the Parish Council in order to get the process moving. Clerk to send letter.  <b>Land At Front of Former SmithKline Beecham Site, Honeypot Lane</b> - The Clerk advised that she had written to the Planning Department asking what was originally agreed about this land for recreational use and who actually owns the land as it would appear that the land is smaller than envisaged and the Parish Council are concerned that encroachment has occurred. To-date no reply has been received. Clerk to chase matter.	       <b>IG</b>       <b>CLERK</b>       <b>CLERK</b>       <b>CLERK/KB/WE</b>       <b>CLERK</b>       <b>CLERK</b>

<p><b>Stock Cricket Club</b> – The Clerk advised that the Play Area sign was on order.</p>	
<p><b>Whitening of Zebra Crossing</b> – The Chairman asked the Clerk to chase the matter up with Essex County Council as despite an accident the crossing had still not been re-whitened.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Benches for Children’s Play Area</b> – The Clerk read out a letter that had been received from David and Sally Lewis urging the Parish Council to re-consider their decision regarding siting two benches on the Play Area of the Common. Mr and Mrs Lewis said that benches have an unfortunate attraction for gangs of youths late at night, who use them as a meeting place for various unsavoury activities (drinking alcohol, takings drugs etc), resulting in the surrounding are being strewn with litter, broken bottles, used hypodermics, condoms etc. As well as the nuisance caused to local residents, the likely consequence will be damage to the Play Area equipment itself. The most recent late night antics in the playground is the spreading of dog faeces (taken from the dog bins) over the play equipment. Mr and Mrs Lewis felt that providing the youths with a comfortable place to sit will not discourage them from their anti-social behaviour. Indeed, it may well encourage them to turn up in larger numbers on their mopeds/bicycles, causing another nuisance problem. Mr and Mrs Lewis enclosed photocopies of correspondence from November 1995 together with a petition from five local residents regarding problems caused when a previous bench was installed in the play area.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p>It was agreed that the Clerk should write back to Mr and Mrs Lewis advising them that the Parish Council are reconsidering their decision and that they are currently considering the siting of another bench somewhere on the Common. The re-siting will take into account Mr and Mrs Lewis’s comments. It was agreed that the Silver Jubilee bench is going to be replaced.</p>	
<p><b>Overgrown hedges at the T-junction at the end of Mill Road where it meets Downham Road</b> – It was reported that the hedges had still not been cut back. Clerk to contact Essex County Council in this regard.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Overgrown Ivy at Harvard East</b> - It was reported that the ivy had been cut back.</p>	
<p><b>Parish Paths Partnership (P3)</b> – Please see item below.</p>	
<p><b>Footpath between Swan Lane and Dakyn Drive</b> – The Chairman and Cllr. Blackburn had had a meeting with Tim Gardiner of Essex County Council PRow. It was agreed that the horizontal bars would be replaced at the Dakyn Drive end and a wooden self-closing gate put at the Swan Lane end. The Parish Council do not need permission to erect a gate, as a ‘wicket gate’ is identified on the OS map. Essex County Council will provide the gate and the upright posts required at no cost to the Parish Council. Cllr. Blackburn had subsequently met with Bob Hale to discuss the work involved and Bob Hale had agreed to provide a quotation. Once the quotation is received it can be forwarded to Tim Gardiner for approval. Once this is received Bob Hale can carry out the work and invoice the Parish Council. The Parish Council can then seek reimbursement from Essex County Council under the P3 scheme. Cllr. Blackburn advised that he had received an E-Mail from Tim Gardiner confirming that Essex County Council will also pay for the posts and horizontals.</p>	
<p><b>Village Policeman</b> –The Clerk read out a letter that had been received from District Commander Craig McGarrigle advising that the new Neighbourhood Teams will commence working from the middle of May. The dedicated Officers will be P.C. Davey and P.C. Thomas. It was agreed that the Clerk should invite the Officers to the May meeting as previous P.C.’s have come and introduced themselves at the Parish Council meetings and the same invitation should be extended to the new Officers.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Black and White Posts on the corner of the right hand bend of Smallgains Lane</b> –Clerk to write to Mr Cason at Essex County Council to add this item to the Minor Maintenance List for the new contractors.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Speed Indicator Device</b> – Clerk to contact Robin Murray at Essex County Council to see if the machine has been repaired yet and if so when it will be coming to Stock.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Annual Just Bin It Day</b> – This is to be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2006 at 10.00am. Cllr. Blackburn advised that he would be tidying up Larches Woods and the surrounding area as he could not attend the actual clean-up day.</p>	
<p><b>Essex County Council Community Initiatives Fund</b> – It was agreed that this item could be removed from the Agenda and put back on in November.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>

	<p><b>Post outside The Paddocks</b> – The Clerk had written again to Mr Dobinson at Essex County Council regarding the post that had been knocked down. Cllr. Elliott advised that the broken post had been taken away but had not been replaced. Clerk to contact Mr Dobinson in this regard.</p> <p><b>Removal of the Old Tulip Litterbin</b> – It was reported that the bin had still not been removed. Clerk to speak to Bob Hale.</p> <p><b>Dirty Road Signs</b> – It was reported that these had still not been cleaned. Clerk to chase matter up with Essex County Council. Cllr. Grundy advised that he had cleaned the road signs near to his house.</p> <p><b>Signpost at end of Swan Lane</b> – It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Nichols to find out when the sign was going to be erected.</p> <p><b>Request For Provision of a Pavement Extension on Mill Road</b> – Cllr. Phillips stated that it would be difficult, as it will narrow the road too much. The other Councillors had all looked at the site and agreed with Cllr. Phillips. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should write back to Mr Hesketh advising him that the Parish Council had inspected the area and unfortunately the road is too narrow at that point to consider installing a pavement as in the Parish Council’s view it would only increase the danger.</p> <p><b>Condition of pavement/road surface in Falkner Close</b> – The Clerk had forwarded Mr Jackson’s letter to Essex County Council’s Highways Department. To-date no reply had been received.</p> <p><b>Stumps in Birch Lane</b> – The Clerk had forwarded Mr Hughes’ letter to Mr Murray at Essex County Council. To-date no reply had been received. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Mr Murray to see whether he had been on a site visit to Birch Lane as he had not reported back to the Parish Council on his findings.</p> <p>The Chairman asked Cllr. Grundy to arrange a meeting with Essex County Council regarding the minor maintenance matters that were not being done in the village. Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Grundy over the matter.</p> <p><b>Wooded bit on the corner of the Common</b> - Cllr. Watling had carried out the work.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK/IG</b></p>
1452.	<p><b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</b></p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <p>a) Tess Wren of Chelmsford Borough Council offering dates upon which the Operational Hit Squad Team were available to clear areas that the Parish Council considered to be particularly untidy within the Parish or for undertaking general litter picking in and around the Parish. It was agreed that a date in September/October should be booked. Clerk to arrange.</p> <p>b) Ruth Coomber, Beaver Scout Leader, inviting The Chairman or any other Parish Councillor to the Parade on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, St. George’s Day, when the 1<sup>st</sup> Stock Scout Group will be renewing their promises. The Chairman said that she could not attend. Cllr. Johnson said that she would try to attend. It was agreed that the Clerk should reply sending the Chairman’s apologies.</p> <p>c) Mrs Julie Martyn, Highways Manager, at Essex County Council, regarding Proposed Traffic Schemes. Mrs Martyn asked for the Parish Council to submit for discussion any schemes that they wish to be considered for funding in the 2006/07 financial year. Cllr. Phillips suggested the traffic flow down Back Lane onto the main road be looked at. It was reported that the signs had been changed around some time ago. It was agreed that a fatality was waiting to happen backing out onto the main road. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should write back and apply to have the traffic priority reversed at the Back Lane junction with the B1007.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>

	<p>d) Ben Bradshaw of DEFRA regarding obtaining a copy of 'Getting to Grips with the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – a Parish Council guide to Environmental Enforcement'. It was agreed that no further action was needed – Letter to be filed. The Parish Council were very grateful to the Post Office for handing out the doggy bags to parishioners.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p>1453.</p>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS.</b></p> <p><b>Bakers Arms Car Park</b> – Mr Bohannan had advised the Clerk that he had spoken to the landlord, Mr Southgate, last Wednesday. Mr Southgate informed Mr Bohannan that discussions have taken place between himself and a Contractor about the work and he has said that he will submit the necessary details to the Planning Office within the next couple of weeks.</p> <p><b>Redevelopment of Service Station At The Ship Public House, West Hanningfield</b> – Cllr. Phillips had notified all Councillors that he had discovered that there was a planning application for the re-development of the service station at The Ship. Sajid Pervez brought the re-development to his attention, as it seems likely that the re-development may well include a well known major supermarket metro store. If this is the case this could have severe implications for Mr and Mrs Pervez and the village as a whole. It would only need a 15% drop in trade for the village shop to be uneconomical for it to continue. The consequences of this are several-fold. Firstly, were the shop to close, as the Post Office is tied-up with the shop the Post Office would close. Secondly, there would be an increase in the traffic through the village, with a consequent increase in greenhouse gases. Thirdly, the loss of the village shop and Post Office would cause hardship for pensioners and others who do not drive, as they would no longer be able to walk into the village and buy something or do any transactions that are currently done in the Post Office. Village shops are a very important aspect of village life and without them a village will decline. Cllr. Phillips understands from Ivor Thacker of West Hanningfield Parish Council that West Hanningfield is opposing the development. The Chelmsford Borough Council Reference is 06/00635/FUL and the closing date for representations is 5<sup>th</sup> May 2006. Cllr. Phillips had downloaded the application. Cllr. Otter stated that the application is in the name of Total and that they are increasing the area of the supermarket. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Planning Department objecting and stating that the Parish Council are concerned that this application could have a serious adverse effect on Stock's village shop and Post Office. The Parish Council are also concerned about the potential increase in traffic on what is a particularly dangerous bend on the B1007. This development would also be urbanisation in the Green Belt. It was agreed that a copy of the Parish Council's objection should go to West Hanningfield Parish Council. Cllr. Blackburn said that it needed to be made general knowledge to parishioners and that it would be a good idea to put a notice on the website and in the village shop.</p> <p>Letter received from Keith Holmes, Development Manager, at Chelmsford Borough advising of the Notification of Appeal by Mr &amp; Mrs J. Harris regarding The Gables, Mill Lane– Two storey side extension, Application No. 05/02229/FUL, Appeal Ref. No. APP/W1525/A/06/2011430/WF. Clerk to write to Inspectorate endorsing previous comments and asking for a copy of the Appeal decision.</p> <p>Letter received from Keith Holmes, Development Manager, at Chelmsford Borough advising of the Notification of Appeal Hearing Date regarding Mr L. Kasparian of The Paddocks, Stock Lane – Change of use from barn to dwelling. Application No. 04/02386/FUL. Hearing into the Appeal to be held at 10.00am on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at the Civic Centre. Clerk to write to Mr Holmes endorsing previous comments regarding the Parish Council's objection to the change of use in the Green Belt and stating that Stock Parish Council supports the maintenance of the Green Belt. Clerk to also request a copy of the report.</p> <p>Letter received from Tracey Sparham, Planning Support Team Leader, at Chelmsford Borough Council regarding Provision of Weekly Lists. Paper copies of the lists of applications received and decided will no longer be sent to Parish Councils. The information will now be available on a weekly basis via Chelmsford Borough Council's website. Cllr. Watling suggested asking for the files to be put on the internet as PDF files. The Clerk advised that at present the system is taking far too long to search for the decisions and then print them off. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask for the applications and decisions to be put back into village order on the website as was the case when paper copies were published. Cllr. Otter mentioned the unreliability of the website. Cllr. Grundy said that the problems are normally quickly rectified.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>



<p><b>Application No. 06/00570/LBC.</b> Single storey and two storey rear extension and rear dormer.  <b>Location:</b> 10 Mill Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs C. Dixon  The Parish Council commented that this is an un-neighbourly development.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Application No. 06/00567/FUL.</b> Conversion and extension of barn to form new dwelling, erection of a new garage, demolition of existing house, garage, shed and outbuildings.  <b>Location:</b> Elmbrook Farm, Buttsbury, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr P. Cracknell.  The Parish Council commented that this is not in keeping with the surrounding area. It is visually intrusive and detrimental to the character of the area. It is inappropriate development in the Green Belt. This does not comply with H014 in that it is not of similar size and scale to the existing property and not acceptable in its setting.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Application No. 06/00563/FUL.</b> Change of use from doctors surgery to residential.  <b>Location:</b> The Coach House, 31A High Street, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Drs. D.J. Acorn &amp; J.P. Coffin.  The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Application No. 06/00649/FUL.</b> Erection of a new detached garage and conversion of existing garage to bedroom with en-suite.  <b>Location:</b> Kings Head Farm, Stock Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs D. Turner.  The Parish Council commented that this is over development of the area. The roads on both site plans show a traffic island that does not exist. The proposed new garage would obstruct the sight line for motorists turning onto the B1007. This is in the Green Belt and Special Landscape Area and would further urbanise. It detracts from the openness of the Green Belt. It is inappropriate development and detrimental to the setting of the original listed building. It would appear as a garage, only half can be accessed by a vehicle.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Application No. 06/00650/LBC.</b> Erection of a new detached garage and conversion of existing garage to bedroom with en-suite.  <b>Location:</b> Kings Head Farm, Stock Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs D. Turner.  The Parish Council commented that this is over development of the area. The roads on both site plans show a traffic island that does not exist. The proposed new garage would obstruct the sight line for motorists turning onto the B1007. This is in the Green Belt and Special Landscape Area and would further urbanise. It detracts from the openness of the Green Belt. It is inappropriate development and detrimental to the setting of the original listed building. It would appear as a garage, only half can be accessed by a vehicle.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b><u>Results:-</u></b></p>	
<p><b>Application No. 05/02019/LBC.</b> Alteration and repairs to front elevation, including the replacement of render with weatherboarding and repair/replacement of existing windows.  <b>Location:</b> Farthings, 10 The Square, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mrs Susan Macfarlane. <b>Approved.</b></p>	
<p><b>Application No. 05/02155/FUL.</b> Installation of new extraction equipment.  <b>Location:</b> 20 Mill Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Modobbirali Shah. <b>Approved.</b></p>	
<p><b>Application No. 06/00024/FUL.</b> Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling and garaging.  <b>Location:</b> Benacre, 60 Mill Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr and Mrs P. Fay. <b>Approved.</b></p>	
<p><b>Application No. 06/00196/FUL.</b> Single storey rear extension, parking to front and new crossover.  <b>Location:</b> 10 Dakyn Drive, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr. &amp; Mrs. Day. <b>Approved.</b></p>	
<p><b>Application No. 06/00211/FUL.</b> Single storey rear extension and front porch.  <b>Location:</b> 12 Dakyn Drive, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr. &amp; Mrs. Jordan. <b>Approved.</b></p>	

**Application No. 06/00099/FUL.** Rear first floor extension.

**Location:** 49 Myln Meadow, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr. & Mrs. M. Purvis. **Approved.**

**Application No. 05/02263/FUL.** Conservatory to Southern elevation, minor amendments to all elevations.

**Location:** Mackie House, 41 Dakyn Drive, Stock.

**Applicant:** Chelmer Housing Partnership. **Approved.**

**Application No. 05/02420/FUL.** Formation of a reservoir.

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

**Applicant:** Mr A. Argent. **Approved.**

**Application No. 06/00061/FUL.** Retention of grassed soil bund.

**Location:** Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr Robert Napp. **Refused.**

**Application No. 06/00127/FUL.** Erection of canopy to front of Club building.

**Location:** The Bowling Green, Common Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Stock and Buttsbury Bowls Club. **Approved.**

**Application No. 06/00031/FUL.** Conversion of existing garage into an office ancillary to dwelling, alteration to garage elevation.

**Location:** 35 High Street, Stock.

**Applicant:** Nichola Hedges. **Approved.**

**Application No. 06/00272/FUL.** Alterations to doors and windows. (Variation to planning permission ref. 05/00919/FUL).

**Location:** 4 Myln Meadow, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs D. Massey. **Approved.**

**Application No. 05/01805/FUL.** Construction of coarse fishing lake, alteration to polo pitch, removal of part of hedge and creation of car park.

**Location:** Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Robert J. Napp. **Application Withdrawn.**

**Application No. 06/00298/LBC.** Replacing modern front bay window, replace modern front door, replace small side window, inserting 2 No. airbricks in the front of the house to improve ventilation and reduce current damp/condensation problems.

**Location:** 1 Mill Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Johanna Lee. **Approved.**

**Application No. 06/00381/FUL.** Alterations and repairs to front elevation, including replacement of render with weather-boarding and repair/replacement of existing windows.

**Location:** 10 The Square, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs S. MacFarlane. **Approved.**

**Application No. 06/00283/FUL.** Single storey rear extension and rear conservatory.

**Location:** 35 Mill Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr. P. Murphy. **Approved.**

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

**Application No. 06/05032/TPO.** Crown reduction to T1 – Oak (TPO 1991/04).

**Location:** Farthings, 10 The Square, Stock

**Applicant:** Mrs S. MacFarlane. The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**Application No. 06/05025/TPO.** Works to T12 –Oak (TPO/2001/117).

**Location:** 14 Myln Meadow, Stock

**Applicant:** Mr Jone Joslin. **Approved.**

**Application No. 06/05027/TPO.** Works to T1 –Oak (TPO/1994/03).

**Location:** Old Pump House, Downham Road, Stock

**Applicant:** Mr R. Curry. **Approved.**

<p><b>1454.</b></p>	<p><b>FINANCE.</b></p> <p><b>Parish Councillor Allowances</b> – The Clerk had received an E-mail from Alan Battley at Chelmsford Borough Council who advised that the allowances had been increased by 2.95% for 2006/07. Cllr. Otter had E-mailed the Clerk advising that she did not wish to take the allowance. The Clerk had therefore produced cheques for £116.33 each for the remaining eight Councillors.</p> <p><b>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101130</td> <td>£97.53</td> <td>Fast Signs Chelmsford Ltd</td> <td>Play Area Sign</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101131</td> <td>£716.44</td> <td>Mrs L.J.Green</td> <td>Salary 1.04.06 – 30.04.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101132</td> <td>£167.09</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101133</td> <td>£138.57</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101134</td> <td>£112.00</td> <td>Citrik</td> <td>Installation of Computer Equipment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101135</td> <td>£383.11</td> <td>EALC</td> <td>Annual Subscription Renewal 2006/07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101136</td> <td>£213.00</td> <td>Mr. P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting for March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101137</td> <td>£116.33</td> <td>Ms. S. Easton</td> <td>Parish Councillor Allowance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101138</td> <td>£116.33</td> <td>Mrs P.J. Johnson</td> <td>Parish Councillor Allowance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101139</td> <td>£116.33</td> <td>Mrs J. Williams</td> <td>Parish Councillor Allowance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101140</td> <td>£116.33</td> <td>Mrs W. Elliott</td> <td>Parish Councillor Allowance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101141</td> <td>£116.33</td> <td>Mrs A. Tully</td> <td>Parish Councillor Allowance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101142</td> <td>£116.33</td> <td>Mr R. Watling</td> <td>Parish Councillor Allowance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101143</td> <td>£116.33</td> <td>Mr K. Blackburn</td> <td>Parish Councillor Allowance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101144</td> <td>£116.33</td> <td>Mr C. Phillips</td> <td>Parish Councillor Allowance</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Transfer of Funds</b> – On the 18<sup>th</sup> April £2,000.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.</p>	101130	£97.53	Fast Signs Chelmsford Ltd	Play Area Sign	101131	£716.44	Mrs L.J.Green	Salary 1.04.06 – 30.04.06	101132	£167.09	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101133	£138.57	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	101134	£112.00	Citrik	Installation of Computer Equipment	101135	£383.11	EALC	Annual Subscription Renewal 2006/07	101136	£213.00	Mr. P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting for March	101137	£116.33	Ms. S. Easton	Parish Councillor Allowance	101138	£116.33	Mrs P.J. Johnson	Parish Councillor Allowance	101139	£116.33	Mrs J. Williams	Parish Councillor Allowance	101140	£116.33	Mrs W. Elliott	Parish Councillor Allowance	101141	£116.33	Mrs A. Tully	Parish Councillor Allowance	101142	£116.33	Mr R. Watling	Parish Councillor Allowance	101143	£116.33	Mr K. Blackburn	Parish Councillor Allowance	101144	£116.33	Mr C. Phillips	Parish Councillor Allowance	
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<p><b>1455.</b></p>	<p><b>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Johnson advised that there is a piece of ground between Common Road and the gatepost of the Doctors’ Surgery which is Common land and needs to be added to the grass cutting schedule. The Chairman asked Cllr. Blackburn to contact Mr Williams in this regard.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that Cllr. Johnson and herself would meet with the Church Warden regarding maintenance of the graveyard. The Chairman asked all the Councillors to take a look at the graveyard and let her know their comments.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that the footpath sign is missing by the pond in Mill Road and that people are starting to park there. Clerk to report matter to Tim Gardiner, Public Rights of Way Officer, at Essex County Council.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that there is a tree at an angle on the Common and that she would like to see if it comes into leaf before anything is done to it. It was agreed that Cllr. Otter would liaise with Cllr. Blackburn regarding the matter.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that the stump of the rowan tree by the pond has not yet been removed. Cllr. Blackburn to look into matter.</p>	<p><b>KB</b></p> <p><b>SE/SJ</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>MO/KB</b></p> <p><b>KB</b></p>																																																												
<p><b>1456.</b></p>	<p><b>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Otter advised that she is due to attend a Transport meeting in May and that there is an Information Evening in June.</p>	<p><b>MO</b></p>																																																												
<p><b>1457.</b></p>	<p><b>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that the Park and Ride had started in Chelmsford . Cllr. Otter stated that it is free until Monday and then the cost will be £1.50 return. Cllr. Grundy advised that at present approximately 450 spaces out of 600 spaces are being used per day.</p> <p>The Farmers Market held on the first Sunday of every month is proving to be very successful. Themed markets are also now being held with an Italian theme for May Bank Holiday weekend.</p> <p>The refuse collections are going well and, in the future, it is Chelmsford Borough Council’s</p>																																																													



	<p>intention to give people rolls of plastic bags.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that Chelmsford Borough Council have managed to secure a £10½m grant for Affordable Housing and that the money is to be distributed amongst housing trusts. The figure is equal to 330 homes. There are currently 21 different housing trusts with Chelmer Housing being by far the largest.</p>	
1458.	<p><b>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</b></p> <p>The Trust were very pleased with how the Information Day went. They have received 20 written comment sheets and the majority of these are in favour of the scheme and the location with the remainder showing concern for the Green Belt and the road junction etc.</p> <p>Anne Bishop of the Rural Housing Trust said that she will give those people who took away registration of interest forms time to fill them in and return them and then she will produce a summary report of those in need of Affordable Housing in the village and send the Parish Council a copy. Mrs Bishop will also include a copy of the original survey report.</p> <p>Mrs Bishop has asked Chelmsford Borough Council about the Harvard Grange development and why it was said that there was no need for Affordable Housing at that time. Mrs Bishop awaits their reply.</p>	
1459.	<p><b>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</b></p> <p>It was reported that there has still not been a meeting held. Cllr. Blackburn advised that ten people had expressed an interest in being on the steering committee of the Village Design Statement. A meeting had been arranged for the 17<sup>th</sup> May at Cllr. Johnson's house. Michelle Gardiner would also be attending this meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. Blackburn advised that an open morning was being held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at Runwell Memorial Hall between 10am and 1pm for villages involved or about to start a Village Design Statement.</p>	
1460.	<p><b>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION.</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the stylised map that was in The Square should be put up on the Common Car Park.</p> <p>Cllr. Williams advised that the posters advertising the competition had been put up and that a reminder was going in May's edition of Stock Press. Cllr. Williams had spoken to the newsagents' builders and had asked them to take down the hanging baskets as they have been there for a long time. Cllr. Williams had asked the builders to keep the area tidy.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that she was trying to speak to Paul Fenwick to see if the work had finished outside The Hoop in order that the Parish Council can go ahead with replacing the posts and getting the chains painted.</p>	SE
1461.	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</b></p> <p>The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2006 at 7.30pm.</p>	
1462.	<p><b>CLOSED MEETINGS FOR OPENING TENDERS.</b></p> <p><b>Refurbishment of Green Bench on the Common</b> – Bob Hale's quotation was discussed and agreed.</p> <p><b>Dip in the Ground by the Village Sign.</b> - Bob Hale's quotation was discussed and agreed.</p> <p>It was agreed that in future Bob Hale should be asked to quote an hourly rate and estimate how many hours the specified job will take to carry out.</p>	CLERK

**The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.13pm.**

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