

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22ND MAY 2006
AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllrs. Johnson, Williams, Elliott, Tully, Otter, Blackburn and Phillips
In The Chair: Cllr. Easton
Minute Secretary: Lorraine Green
Also Present: 10 Members of the Public and Chelmsford Borough Councillor Ian Grundy

		ACTION
1463.	PRESENTATION BY JULIE DAWES OF STOCK FIRST RESPONDERS. Julie Dawes failed to attend the meeting and no apologies were received. Clerk to contact James Fenwick expressing the Parish Council's disappointment.	CLERK
1464.	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN Cllr. Johnson took the chair and asked for nominations for Chairman. Cllr. Williams proposed Cllr. Easton, which was seconded by Cllr. Phillips. Cllr. Easton signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. Cllr. Johnson said that she was very grateful to Cllr. Easton for stepping in and taking on the Chairmanship at an awkward time and in the middle of a year.	
1465.	ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. The Chairman proposed Cllr. Johnson, which was seconded by Cllr. Elliott. Cllr. Johnson was therefore nominated and she signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Johnson and said that she could not have done the job without her.	
1466.	APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR. The Clerk reported that she had already spoken to Peter Bentley who was happy to be re-appointed as Internal Auditor. All agreed. The Chairman thanked Peter Bentley in his absence.	
1467.	APPOINTMENT OF PARISH PASSENGER TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE. Cllr. Otter agreed to carry on as Parish Passenger Transport Representative. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Otter for her input into this matter.	
1468.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr. Watling did not think he would make the meeting but managed to arrive later.	
1469.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH APRIL 2006 AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 19TH APRIL 2006. The Minutes of the Meetings, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed.	
1470.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. Tree Warden Scheme – Nothing to report. Noticeboards - The noticeboards were on order. Cllr. Johnson advised that the stylized map had been collected by Maurice Clark who was getting it re-framed. Cllr. Johnson suggested that the map is put up in the heart of the village, i.e. back on the wall of the newsagents opposite The Bear Public House. Cllr. Johnson to speak to the new owners to see if they are in agreement. Grant from Essex County Council – Cllr. Tully advised that Geoff Tully was meeting with the electrician this week. Re-tarring and Stoning Common Lane, Common Road, The Square and Birch Lane - Cllr. Grundy had written to Lord Hanningfield and his letter had been acknowledged. Lord Hanningfield was asking the Highways team to have another look at the roads in question.	SJ

<p>Doctor's Surgery – The Clerk had written again to Essex County Council's Highways Department regarding the new pavement. To-date no reply had been received. A letter had been received from a parishioner, Mrs Newman, regarding the matter and the Clerk had advised that the matter was being dealt with. Clerk to send copy of Mrs Newman's letter to Highways. Cllr. Johnson had been advised by Dr. Coffin that the work should be starting this week.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Tree at the zebra crossing – Mr Fox had still not contacted Cllr. Elliott despite the Clerk sending a further E-mail. Clerk to contact Mr Fox again and send copy to Julie Martyn. It was agreed that Cllr. Johnson will attend the meeting with Cllr. Elliott and Mr Fox.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Stock United Football Club – A letter had been received from Keith Holmes, Development Manager, at Chelmsford Borough Council advising that Neil Jordan was the person dealing with the Parish Council enquiry and that a reply should be received within the next two weeks.</p>	
<p>A letter had been received from Keith Howell, Secretary to Stock United F.C. enclosing an invoice for payment for two cuts to the football pitch. Mr Howell will tell Blackwater Landscapes to invoice the Parish Council directly in respect of the remaining eight cuts that they had agreed to pay.</p>	
<p>Land At Front of Former SmithKline Beecham Site, Honeypot Lane - A letter had been received from Laura Percy, Planning Assistant, at Chelmsford Borough Council who advised that she had spoken to Lyn McLay-Kidd in Leisure Services about the land. She had advised that the area of land in question is set aside for recreational use and as far as she is aware is of the correct size. There are two paddocks adjacent to Honeypot Lane which were sold off to two of the new properties, but this land was never included as being part of the proposed recreational land and has conditions imposed on it to prevent any future development and encroachment. With regards to who owns the land, Miss Percy can advise that it is still currently owned by Countryside, but it is due to be formally adopted by the Borough Council at some point this year. The Clerk had subsequently written back to Miss Percy asking her what the Borough Council intend to do with the land when it is formally adopted. The Clerk had been advised by Lyn McLay-Kidd that it was just going to be kept as open land.</p>	
<p>Stock Cricket Club – The Clerk advised that Bob Hale was going to erect the Play Area sign .</p>	
<p>Whitening of Zebra Crossing – Letter received from Highways Department advising that the re-marking of the pedestrian crossing was programmed for the 2005/06 financial year but MacAlpine, the County Council partnering contractor, was unable to complete certain works prior to the termination of the contract in March. The work will now be completed by the incoming contractor. Cllr. Grundy advised that he had also chased up the matter.</p>	
<p>Benches for Children's Play Area – The benches had arrived and the Clerk had insured them. The extra premium being £26.70. Cllr. Watling suggested putting the other seat by the willow trees. The Chairman expressed thanks to Cllrs. Williams and Grundy for waiting for the delivery of the benches and then dismantling them. Cllr. Williams advised that Bob Hale was due to start work today but due to the bad weather had not been able to proceed. Cllr. Williams advised that one bench will replace the concrete one and the other will be placed at the bottom end of the Common. The Chairman mentioned that only one bench is insured and it was agreed that all benches should be insured. Cllr. Williams to count benches and advise Clerk so that she can find out how much the insurance premium will be. Matter to be discussed at next meeting. It was agreed that the plaque from the Silver Jubilee bench would be put on the new bench.</p>	<p>JW/CLERK</p>
<p>Overgrown hedges at the T-junction at the end of Mill Road where it meets Downham Road – Clerk had written again to Highways Department at Essex County Council. No reply received to-date. Clerk to chase matter up and copy letter to Julie Martyn.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – Please see item below.</p>	
<p>Footpath between Swan Lane and Dakyn Drive – The quotation from Bob Hale to carry out the work on Footpath 27 had been received and forwarded to Tim Gardiner. Mr Gardiner had written advising that the Parish Council had been awarded £270.00 towards the installation costs of erecting the gates. Cllr. Blackburn advised that the gates will be delivered to him on the 5th June and that he would speak to Bob Hale about installation. Cllr. Blackburn suggested contacting Mr Surgenor and ask him to have a walk around the village in order that the Parish Council could make an application for a grant for other works that need doing.</p>	<p>KB</p>

<p>Village Policeman – The Clerk had spoken to P.C. Davey who apologised for not being able to attend the meeting due to the fact that he was on a course. The Clerk had given P.C. Davey the date of the next meeting and he was going to confirm to her in due course whether he could attend.</p>	
<p>Black and White Posts on the corner of the right hand bend of Smallgains Lane – Nothing further to report. Clerk to chase matter.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Speed Indicator Device – Clerk had contacted Robin Murray at Essex County Council. No reply received to-date. The purchasing of a Temporary Speed Indicator Device was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk should chase the matter up with Mr Murray and that the question of purchasing a SID should be put to one side for the time being. It was suggested that the matter is discussed with P.C. Davey when he attends the Parish Council meeting.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Annual Just Bin It Day – The day proved to be very successful and special thanks go to Andy and Jill Vicary who filled up their estate car twice and took the rubbish to the tip. Cllr. Watling drove around to the other volunteer litter pickers and collected two trailer loads of rubbish from them and took this to the tip. The Chairman said that the amount of rubbish collected was phenomenal. The Clerk had put an article into Stock Press.</p>	
<p>Post outside The Paddocks – Robin Murray of Chelmsford Borough Council had written advising that, according to his records, The Paddocks is not adopted as public highway maintainable at public expense. However, he will make further enquiries and complete any works that come under the responsibility of the Mid Area Highways Office. Clerk to write back advising that the posts that need replacing are actually on the B1007 highway to match the one on the other side of The Paddocks.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Removal of the Old Tulip Litterbin – This has now been removed.</p>	
<p>Dirty Road Signs – Clerk advised that she had contacted Highways again regarding the matter. No reply received to-date. Clerk to chase matter up and copy Julie Martyn.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Signpost at end of Swan Lane – John Nichols had contacted the Clerk trying to locate the missing arms in order that Andy Nichols could get an exact replica. Investigations had been made but unfortunately the arms cannot be located.</p>	
<p>Request For Provision of a Pavement Extension on Mill Road – Clerk had written to Mr Hesketh.</p>	
<p>Condition of pavement/road surface in Falkner Close –A letter had been received from Mr Butcher of Highways Department at Essex County Council advising that he was arranging an inspection and would carry out any necessary safety works as soon as possible.</p>	
<p>Stumps in Birch Lane – A letter had been received from Mr Murray of Highways Department at Essex County Council advising that a site visit was conducted as agreed. The posts match those already installed to prevent inappropriate parking on the highway verge. Mr Murray stated that Cllr. Easton expressed concern that there were a variety of different bollards in the vicinity and it was noted that less substantial posts have been installed on the western corner of the junction of Birch Lane and Myn Meadow. These will be replaced as required under the maintenance regime to match the others if necessary. Mr Murray attached copies of photographs showing examples of inappropriate parking that prompted the request and subsequent installation. This type of anti-social behaviour is becoming more and more prevalent and both Essex County Council and Chelmsford Borough Council are adopting a variety of measures to ensure that damage to footways and verges is prevented.</p>	
<p>Parish Litter/Refuse Clearing Days 2006 –Operational Hit Squad - Tess Wren, Performance and Business Development Officer, of Chelmsford Borough Council had written confirming that the Gateway Team have been scheduled to undertake work in the Parish on 20th September. It was agreed that an article should be put in Stock Press.</p>	<p>CLERK/SE</p>
<p>Proposed Traffic Schemes - Clerk had written to Mr Murray at Essex County Council asking to have the traffic priority reversed at the Back Lane junction with the B1007. To-date no reply had been received. Clerk to chase matter up and copy Julie Martyn.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Provision of Weekly Planning Lists - The Clerk had written to Tracey Sparham at Chelmsford Borough Council. To-date no reply had been received.</p>	

	<p>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 – Cllr. Blackburn advised that Mr Williams had done a little bit of work but more needed to be done. Cllr. Blackburn to contact Mr Williams regarding matter.</p> <p>Maintenance of the Graveyard – The Chairman and Cllr. Johnson had met the Churchwarden and the grass had been cut that day. They had collected the old wreaths from Christmas from the churchyard and thrown them away. It was reported that the Parish Council had agreed to pay for four cuts to the churchyard and the rest of the grass cutting is paid for by the Church itself. Mr Henderson, the grass cutter, said that if an additional cut could be made in May, the churchyard should be kept under control. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for five cuts a year.</p> <p>Footpath sign missing by the pond in Mill Road - Clerk had reported matter to Tim Gardiner, Public Rights of Way Officer, at Essex County Council. No reply received to-date. Clerk to chase matter up.</p> <p>Stump of the rowan tree by the pond – Work been carried out.</p> <p>Replacing posts and getting the chains painted outside The Hoop – The Chairman had spoken to Bob Hale who was supposed to be submitting a quotation for making good and painting the chains. It was agreed that the posts would not be replaced. Clerk to chase Bob Hale for quotation.</p> <p>Refurbishment of Green Bench on the Common – Cllr. Williams advised that the work had been completed and that Bob Hale had made a very good job in refurbishing the bench and repairing the iron strut that was broken.</p> <p>Dip in the Ground by the Village Sign – Bob Hale still to carry out work.</p> <p>Summer Play Activities - These had been booked for Tuesday 8th August 2006.</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
1471.	<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <p>a) Mr and Mrs Adams of Common Lane had contacted Cllr. Grundy asking if the Parish Council could arrange for the 'Unsuitable for Wide Vehicles' sign to be moved to the other side of the road from where it is. In other words, as you look at the sign move it from the right hand side to the left hand side. The reason being that certain vehicles have eroded their verges and even scratched their wall. It was reported to the Clerk that it always used to be on the left hand sign and the Parish Council have no idea why it was changed. The Clerk had written to the Highways Department at Essex County Council who advised that the sign has been located in its present position as there is insufficient room to provide the necessary 450mm minimum clearance from the edge of the carriageway as required by the regulations. Louise Lockwood, however, will visit the site in the near future to see what alternative measures can be taken to protect the verge and wall.</p> <p>b) Dennis Lusty regarding the state of the pavement in Swan Lane by the Library and the pedestrian entrance to the Cock Car Park. The tarmac is breaking up and is a considerable trip hazard. Any pedestrian who tripped and fell would have a good claim against the Borough Council. Clerk to forward letter to Julie Martyn, Highways Manager, at Essex County Council. Clerk to reply to Dennis Lusty advising him that the matter had been raised and was being followed up with Essex County Council.</p> <p>c) Gary Stringer reporting that the green in front of the Almshouses has, once again, suffered from large lorries turning. The grass is badly churned up, the soil is heaped and rutted and the oak posts have been felled. Lorries often use this area as a turning point. As a result the little lane in front of the Almshouses is now much wider than it was. The road is now getting very close to damaging the bench. The area needs urgent attention once again. To stem the erosion of the green, an indestructible barrier is needed that is also not an eyesore.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>

	<p>Mr Stringer suggested a large rock as protection like they have in Ingatestone on the corner of the junction between the High Street and Fryerning Lane. He said that this would be indestructible, cheap to install and would do the job without being an eyesore and it would certainly be a vast improvement on the mess that is there at the moment. The Parish Council agreed with Mr Stringer's comments. Cllr. Blackburn suggesting cutting the corner back but the Parish Council were not in agreement with this action. Cllr. Otter suggested planting a tree. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to CBC Refuse Collection and ask them if they experience any problem in accessing School Lane or the Almshouses track and whether they have received any complaints as the Parish Council are concerned about the erosion to the green. Clerk to reply to Gary Stringer advising him that the matter was being looked into.</p> <p>d) Janet Alderman, Head of Mayoralty Office, regarding Civic Service to be held on Sunday 11th June 2006 at Chelmsford Cathedral at 11.15am. Clerk to send Parish Council's profuse apologies. Cllr. Grundy advised that he is attending.</p> <p>e) A copy of a letter that The Bishop of Brentwood had sent to Essex County Council and Chelmsford Borough Council regarding Traffic Control in Stock. The Bishop stated that his house fronts the B1007 and so is well placed to observe the traffic. He advised that there is an urgent need to slow down the speed of cars, lorries, etc. coming through the village. He stated that he has cars constantly coming in and out of his house and a fatal accident is just waiting to happen. The Bishop urged for the introduction of measures to calm the traffic at both ends of the village, perhaps with rumble strips, as the volume of traffic has increased and the need to further control the speed is very urgent. The Chairman advised that she had written to Ms. Martyn at Essex County Council asking for a meeting to be arranged to discuss the matter further. Ms. Martyn had not yet seen the letter from The Bishop but would now search for it. She advised that she is happy to attend a Parish Council meeting with some of her officers from the Highways Department. Chairman to give Ms. Martyn some dates. Clerk to thank The Bishop for writing and advise that the matter has been raised again with Essex County Council and the Officers of the Highways Department who will be attending a meeting in the near future.</p> <p>f) Cyril King of Highways Department at Essex County Council advising that Smallgains Lane will be closed between its junction with Stock Road and its junction with Greenacre Lane on Monday 12th June while tree surgery is undertaken. The signed diversion route will be via Stock Road, Mill Road and Well Lane. Clerk gave copy of letter to Cllr. Johnson to put on noticeboard and Cllr. Watling to put on website.</p> <p>g) Cyril King of Highways Department at Essex County Council advising that Well Lane will be closed from its junction with Marigold Lane to its junction with Greenacre Lane on Tuesday 30th May for five days while overhead lines are hung. The signed diversion route will be via Mill Road, Stock Road, Smallgains Lane and vice versa. Clerk gave copy of letter to Cllr. Johnson to put on noticeboard and Cllr. Watling to put on website.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK/SE</p> <p>SJ/RW</p> <p>SJ/RW</p>
1472.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p>Bakers Arms Car Park –E-mail received from Paul Bohannan, Enforcement Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council advising that Mr Southgate (the Landlord) has now proposed that the additional three car parking spaces be provided in front of his garages at the other end of the site. Clerk to write back advising that the Parish Council do not consider this to be an acceptable solution as the car parking in front of the garages already exists, is used and has been since before the new property was built. The Parish Council understood that the three car parking spaces were to be located at the B1007 end and are to be additional spaces. The Parish Council strongly object to the proposal. There is insufficient car parking and perhaps the Planning Department/Enforcement Department would like to see the resultant on-road parking at weekends, which causes danger to traffic and pedestrians at the junction on Common Road and the B1007.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>

Redevelopment of Service Station At The Ship Public House, Stock Road, West Hanningfield, Application No. 06/00635/FUL – The Clerk read out a letter that had been received from Keith Holmes, Development Manager, at Chelmsford Borough Council confirming that the Parish Council’s comments, insofar as they relate to planning matters, will be taken into account by the Council when the application is decided. If the application is to be dealt with by the Planning Committee, Mr Holmes will write to the Parish Council once he knows which meeting it will be heard at. The Parish Council will then have an opportunity to attend if they wish. Cllr. Grundy reported that the village had responded remarkably and that over 600 letters had gone into Chelmsford Borough Council. West Hanningfield had also taken the same stance. Cllr. Grundy advised that Chelmsford Borough Council are going back to Total Oil asking more questions. Cllr. Grundy advised that it has been agreed that the application will be taken to the Planning Committee but no decision has been taken yet.

Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Application No. 06/00061/FUL and Enforcement No. 05/00214/ENFB – Neil Marshall advised the Clerk that with regard to the earth bund, he has received notification from the agents acting on behalf of the owner that an appeal will be made against the refusal of planning permission. Mr Marshall will keep the Clerk informed as and when there are any developments.

Parish Council Forum Meeting on 24th May 2006 – The Clerk advised that Cllrs. Otter and Phillips would be attending this meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

Reports Summarising The Responses to the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies Preferred Options Document - John Pardon had E-mailed the Chairman copies of development proposals for Greenfield development in Stock and a copy of the input made by Essex County Council on the proposed Temple Farm development. The Clerk had E-mailed the documents to all Councillors. The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Applications:-

Application No. 06/00585/LBC. Removal of existing boiler flue with the brickwork made good with matching brick and mortar and installation of new flue.

Location: 3 Lilystone Hall, Honeypot Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Malcolm Jacobs.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Application No. 06/00713/FUL. Retrospective application for alterations to roof at rear – amendment to previous permission ref 05/02182/FUL.

Location: 35 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr P. Murphy.

The Parish Council commented that the Parish Council assumes this is due to the builders being unable to build to the specification in the previous permission and this was picked up at inspection? This is the fourth or fifth application for this property, which is tiresome. Also, as a matter of principle, the Parish Council are not happy with retrospective permission. However, given its minor at the rear the Parish Council think it is o.k. It is about time that the common land in front of the property was cleared of building materials/rubbish. The parishioners should have free access along this land.

Application No. 06/00679/FUL. First floor extension to existing bungalow to create a two storey dwelling.

Location: 10 Well Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr N. Fairman.

The Clerk advised that the application had been withdrawn.

Application No. 06/00420/ADV. Free standing non illuminated sign.

Location: 21 High Street, Stock.

Applicant: The Hoop Public House.

The Parish Council commented that this is commercial advertising in the Conservation Area. The Parish Council consistently oppose advertising signs in Stock. This detracts from the village sign and the War Memorial. It is out of character and keeping with the area.

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<p>Application No. 06/00710/FUL. Garage to side. Location: 35 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr P. Murphy. The Parish Council commented that this is over development of the plot. The proposed front and west elevations do not marry together. This does not fit the street scene and consolidates the built frontage.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/00712/FUL. Erection of a garden shed. Location: 9 Hereward Mount, Stock. Applicant: David Beaver. The Parish Council commented that this is consolidating the build line of the development. It is too close to Honeypot Lane and would be better sited elsewhere. This is urbanising the hedge line.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/00725/FUL. Construction of sun lounge and conversion of garage to en-suite and dressing room. Location: Plantation End, Furze Lane, Stock. Applicant: Peter Johnson. The Parish Council commented that this is out of character and infringing into a Conservation Area. Is there enough room for off street parking? This is on a bend of a single track, grade 2 listed lane that is in the Green Belt, Nature Conservation Area and Special Landscape Area.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/00855/FUL. Erection of a timber primed glazed conservatory. Location: 2 Garden End, Stock. Applicant: Mr Warner and Mrs Parker. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/00718/FUL. Rear Conservatory. Location: 2 Rectory Close, Stock. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Missing. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/00850/FUL. Erection of an agricultural barn. Location: Holes Place Farm, Downham Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr D.L. Sporton. The Parish Council commented that the size would appear to be excessive. This is intrusive in the Green Belt.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/00851/FUL. Loosebox range for private equestrian use with feed room and tack store, outdoor riding manege for private equestrian use with floodlighting. Location: Holes Place Farm, Downham Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr D.L. Sporton. The Parish Council commented that the floodlights will be distracting on a dangerous bend. This is light pollution in the Green Belt. The manege is an excessive size for domestic use.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/00798/FUL. Single storey rear extension. Location: 82 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr D.Hesketh and Ms. S. Guise. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/00856/FUL. First floor front, single storey side extensions plus new dormer window and porch to front and re-cladding of elevations. Location: 31 Myln Meadow, Stock. Applicant: Ms. I. Hands. The Parish Council commented that this is totally out of keeping with the surrounding area. It will destroy the character of the close.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Application No. 06/00832/FUL. Two storey side extension and pool enclosure. Location: Robins Wood, 36 Birch Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs S.W. Harragan. The Parish Council commented that this is too close to the footpath. It would appear that trees would have to be felled in order for this development to take place, which would be regrettable. There is no indication as to exactly which trees will be felled. The Parish Council question whether this is development in the Green Belt.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>

	<p><u>Results:-</u></p> <p>Application No. 06/00227/FUL. Use of milking parlour as a kitchen for small catering business. Location: Great Prestons Farm, Great Prestons Lane, Stock. Applicant: Simon Lyster. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 06/00468/FUL. Extension to side dormer, insertion of dormer at rear and additional window to gable. Location: 39 Birch Lane, Stock. Applicant: Miss P. Sabine. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 06/00551/FUL. Retrospective change of use of barn to annex to main building. Location: Imphy Hall, Back Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ward. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 06/00552/LBC. Retention of 2 no. windows in North West elevation of barn. Location: Imphy Hall, Back Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ward. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 06/00550/CLEUD. Extension of residential curtilage and erection of fence and associated structures with construction of swimming pool and tennis court. Location: Imphy Hall, Back Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ward. Refused.</p> <p>Application No. 06/00679/FUL. First floor extension to existing bungalow to create a two storey dwelling. Location: 10 Well Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr N. Fairman. Withdrawn.</p> <p>Application No. 06/00380/FUL. Rear Garden Shed. Location: 6 Hereward Mount, Stock. Applicant: Stephen Da Costa. Invalid. No Further Action.</p> <p>Application No. 06/00530/LBC. Replacement of windows and doors to rear elevation (retrospective). Location: 17 High Street, Stock. Applicant: Mr S. McIntyre. Refused.</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. 06/05032/TPO. Crown reduction to T1 – Oak (TPO 1991/04). Location: Farthings, 10 The Square, Stock Applicant: Mrs S. MacFarlane. Approved.</p>	
1473.	<p>FINANCE.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that £15,000.00 had been received as the first half of the Precept.</p> <p>Insurance – The Clerk advised that the insurance premium for this year was £1,629.26. The Clerk advised that she had added on the two new benches and that an additional premium would arise because of this.</p> <p>Approval of Accounts for 2005/06 including Approval of Annual Return and Statement of Assurance for Accounts 2005/06.</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 Chairman 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 Lubbock Fine for the external audit.</p> <p>Audit of Accounts for 2005/06 – The Clerk advised that the accounts were available for inspection between 30th May and 27th June and that a notice advertising the audit had been placed on the noticeboard. The accounts had to be returned to Lubbock Fine by 30th June 2006.</p>	

	<p>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</p> <p>101145 £717.63 Mrs L.J.Green Salary 1.05.06 – 31.05.06 101146 £165.90 Inland Revenue Only PAYE and N.I. 101147 £126.22 Mrs L.J. Green Expenses 101148 £586.00 Mr. P.H. Williams Grass Cutting for April & Pruning Parish Trees. 101149 £80.00 Mr P.H. Williams Grass Cutting for Football Pitch 101150 £1,629.26 Zurich Municipal Annual Insurance Premium 101151 £59.19 British Telecommunications Plc Caller Re-direct for Office Telephone 101152 £1,260.78 David Ogilvie Engineering Ltd Benches</p> <p>Transfer of Funds – On the 28th April £14,000.00 was transferred from the Current Account to the Base Rate Tracker Account. On the 22nd May £3,000.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.</p>	
1474.	<p>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</p> <p>It was reported that the Windmill was being repainted.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson reported that the hedgerow outside Mrs Raeburn’s house in Birch Lane was overgrown. It was agreed that the Clerk should look back through the records to ascertain what happened before when the hedge needed cutting. To be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that the waste paper bin had gone missing by the willow tree by Weir Pond. It was agreed that this would not be replaced.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that the bin on the Common by the Common Lane entrance, by the doggy bin, was cracked on the corner. Cllr. Williams to look at bin.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that the brickwork was crumbling on a surface water drainage pipe at the entrance to the pond in Mill Road. He advised that the top two layers needed replacing. Clerk to report matter to Anglian Water.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>JW</p> <p>CLERK</p>
1475.	<p>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that she had attended a meeting. Park and Ride is up and running and people can use their bus passes on it. The Sunday Saver is not included on the 100 service from Basildon to Lakeside. Cllr. Otter reported that OAP bus passes will be available countrywide by 2008. Cllr. Otter reported that the negotiations regarding children and young peoples fares had been suspended whilst the OAP passes were being sorted out. Cllr. Otter had asked for the matter to now be put back on the Agenda. Cllr. Otter reported that the telematics do not work properly at the moment. Cllr. Otter will be attending another meeting in June.</p>	<p>MO</p>
1476.	<p>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that the Policy Committee would be meeting on the 12th July to discuss the Local Development Framework and the full Council would be meeting on the 19th July which is when the plan will be approved or otherwise and it would be fully disclosed where the 14,000-15,000 houses will be built. Cllr. Grundy advised that these are important public meetings.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that Stock School had won an award in the Chelmsford Borough Council Recycling Competition, which was held for all schools in the Borough. Cllr. Grundy congratulated the School on winning £500.00. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations should be sent from the Parish Council.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
1477.	<p>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</p> <p>A letter had been received from Anne Bishop enclosing a summary of the registration of interest forms that The Rural Housing Trust have received to-date, along with a copy of the initial survey they carried out in 2002. Chairman advised that it would be put in the black post bag for circulation to all Councillors. The Clerk was still awaiting a reply regarding why Chelmsford Borough Council said that there was no need for Affordable Housing when the SmithKline Beecham development was built.</p>	

1478.	<p>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</p> <p>Cllr. Blackburn reported that a meeting had been held and that 7 people had attended. Michelle Gardiner also attended the meeting. The idea was to give serious consideration towards the Steering Committee. Dennis Andrews had attended an exhibition and was worried about the time that needed to be put into the scheme. John Pye and Paul Fenwick were unable to attend the meeting. A further meeting is to be held and Michelle Gardiner will get someone with experience of VDS to attend. Cllr. Blackburn stated that there were doubts as to how effective the VDS will be. He advised that the Action Plan Committee were petering out. The Chairman advised that no Action Plan meeting had been held and that she would organise a meeting with Cllrs. Otter, Watling and Grundy. She stated that the Action Plan was not being planned as something separate. Cllr. Johnson said that focus should be on the planning point of view. It was suggested that an Architect should be brought onto the group and someone more into planning design.</p>	
1479.	<p>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
1480.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 26th June 2006 at 7.30pm.</p>	
1481.	<p>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	

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

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