



**Stock United Football Club** – Cllr. Grundy had spoken to Stock F.C. but as yet had not written to Strutt and Parker about purchasing the land that the football club currently uses. It was agreed that Cllr. Grundy would draft a letter for the Clerk to put onto Parish Council letterhead. It was suggested that a bit of land, owned by Robert Orr, by Crondon Park might be suitable. Cllr. Williams agreed to speak to Mr Orr to see if he was amenable to selling a football pitch size piece of land. The land opposite Crondon Park by Cherry Tree Cottages was also suggested as a possibility. It was agreed that the best option was where the current football pitch is.

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**Black and White Posts on the corner of the right hand bend of Smallgains Lane** – Nothing further to report. Clerk to chase Phil Hope on the matter.

CLERK

**Speed Indicator Device** – Julie Ebbage of Essex County Council Highways Department had advised the Clerk that when she asked the Contractor to remove the trailer they failed to inform her that the trailer had been vandalized and is in for repair. She has now managed to borrow a VMS trailer from Maldon area and this has now been set up on the grass verge outside The Bakers Arms Public House. It was reported that the machine was working during the day but not in the evening. Cllr. Grundy advised that several people he had spoken to thought the device was a good idea. It was agreed that the trailer should be further up the road. It was agreed that some thought would be given to purchasing a device and that it would be discussed at the next meeting.

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**Dirty Road Signs** – The map had now been marked and the Clerk would arrange to send it back to Phil Hope at Essex County Council.

CLERK

**Obscured Bend Sign in Swan Lane before Fristling Hall** - Clerk to chase Phil Hope up on the matter.

CLERK

**Positioning a bell bollard on the corner of Swan Lane to protect the new Signpost at end of Swan Lane** – Clerk to contact Mr Hope to get an update on the situation.

CLERK

**Green in front of the Almshouses and the Track** – The Chairman and Gary Stringer had had a meeting with Phil Hope of Essex County Council. The Chairman advised that Phil Hope was very reluctant to consider a stone for health and safety reasons. Mr Hope had agreed to consult with his colleagues over the matter. The road in question is a track not a road and Mr Hope believes that as the shingle has spread people are treating the track as a road. Chelmsford Borough Council refuse lorries want to continue driving down the track and if they cannot they will not collect the rubbish unless the bins are moved to the end of the road. This is not feasible as most of the residents are elderly. It was reported that it has only been the last couple of years, since the Parish Council resurfaced the area and wheelie bins were introduced, that the lorries have been driving down the track. Mr Hope had advised the Chairman and Mr Stringer that he was going to find out the status of tracks and what is allowed and not allowed. He was also going to speak to his colleagues and Chelmsford Borough Council Refuse Department. Mr Hope was looking to address the shingle problem as well as taking the track back to the condition it used to be. Cllr. Johnson suggested putting in kerbs to stop the shingle sprawling out. Mr Stringer had old photographs of the track. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Hope asking him what the results are of his initial deliberations.

CLERK

Mr Stringer is extremely concerned about the bench and believes that it is only a matter of time before it gets hit. Therefore as an emergency it was suggested that a couple of posts are put in to protect the bench. As the bench is in a Conservation Area, planning permission may be needed to put the posts in. Clerk to make enquiries with Planning Department to see if planning permission is needed. It was reported that three posts were missing as they had been knocked down and that the posts needed to be higher.

CLERK

**Brickwork Crumbling on a Surface Water Drainage Pipe at the Entrance to the Pond in Mill Road** – Work had been completed.

**A Boards Outside Cock Pub in the Village** - Cllr. Phillips had looked at the Ordnance Survey Map for 1881 and it seems that the boundary of the Cock was the edge of the road. Chapman and Andre's Map of Essex of the 1770's also indicates that the boundary is at the edge of the road. Cllr. Watling had also looked at old photographs.

**Parish Paths Partnership (P3)** – Cllr. Hale had agreed to attend the Risk Assessment, First Aid and Definitive Map courses being held by Essex County Council on 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November 2006. There is no cost to the Parish Council for these courses as they are part of P3, although the Clerk had had to send a refundable £20.00 deposit to secure Cllr. Hale’s place on the courses.

**Footpath Map for Stock** –Jenny Berkley advised that she had a group of people working on various things. Mrs Berkley would like to produce a map like Galleywoods and a footpath booklet. P3 will fund 50% of the costs of producing the map if the Parish Council agree to pay the other 50%. Realistically, the total cost to produce a map like Galleywood would be about £1,500.00 to print 4,000 copies. The map has to be given away free. Mrs Berkley asked the Parish Council if they would meet 50% of the total cost. The Parish Council agreed to this. Cllr. Johnson thought that more quotations should be obtained. Mrs Berkley advised that she had tried to get more quotations but Hussey and Greaves were unable to produce the map and a company in Hornchurch were not sure that they could get the whole of the parish on one map. Mrs Berkley advised that Danbury were using the same company as Galleywood. Chairman to contact Tim Gardiner to set up a meeting with Mrs Berkley to discuss the matter further.

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Mrs Berkley would like to produce a booklet of walks in Stock. It would be her intention to produce 500 booklets. Mrs Berkley had approached the same people who produce Stock Press and they had quoted £400.00 for 400 copies. Cllr. Grundy said that he might be able to get the booklets printed at Chelmsford Borough Council at a cheaper rate. Another possibility was Paul Fenwick and Mrs Berkley said that she would approach him as well. The Parish Council agreed to fund the production of the booklets.

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**Bulb Planting** - The bulb planting would take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Jackie Lane had put an advertisement in Stock Press and had sent posters to the Parish Council to put up around the village.

**Pond in Mill Road** – The pond project was due to take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Jackie Lane had put an advertisement in Stock Press and had sent posters to the Parish Council to put up around the village. 3 lilies and pots, 30 flag iris and 20 water forget-me-not plants had been ordered at a total cost of £31.10. BTCV had agreed not to disturb the good gravel base of the pond.

**Downham Road Retexturing** – Nothing further to report.

**Seat by the Bakers Arms** –Cllr. Johnson advised that the matter was in hand and being done and will take a couple of days.

**Police Community Support Officers** – The Clerk, Julie Moule, of South Hanningfield Parish Council had advised the Clerk that the Parish Council had advertised in one of their newsletters asking residents to contact her giving their thoughts or writing in. There were no set questions, only asking whether they thought Parish Precept monies should be spent on a PCSO. On the results received, parishioners felt they contributed for police assistance within their council tax and no further money should be paid for a job in which police already do. Cllr. Grundy advised that Margaretting Parish Council felt the same way as South Hanningfield. Cllr. Johnson had spoken to lots of people in the village who all thought it very advantageous to have someone in uniform in the village. Clerk to contact West Hanningfield Parish Council and Ingatestone Parish Council to see whether they would be interested in sharing a PCSO. It was also agreed that the Clerk should contact Essex Police to see if they know of anyone else who would like to share with Stock, as they cannot afford a full time PCSO. Clerk to also ask whether Stock could have a PCSO on a trial basis. It was agreed that when all enquiries had been made a questionnaire should be sent out to parishioners to seek their views.

CLERK

**Hedge Cutting at 2 Five Houses, Common Lane** – The Chairman reported that the work had started but had not yet been finished.

**Overgrown Footpaths** – Cllr. Williams advised that the footpath at the bottom of Birch Lane had not yet been done as Essex County Council were waiting to get a team together. It was reported that a post is down on the footpath in Back Lane past Imphy Hall. Clerk to report to Public Rights of Way Officer.

CLERK

	<p><b>Footpath in Swan Lane</b> – It was reported that work had started. Mr Pervez had spoken to the man in charge who advised that he had never received the Parish Council’s letter. It was agreed that the Clerk should send another letter enclosing a copy of the previous letter asking for a response at their earliest convenience.</p> <p><b>Development of a Parish and Town Council Charter for Chelmsford</b> – Chelmsford Borough Council had put the consultation on hold so therefore the meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November had been postponed and consultation forms should not be returned until further notice. Chelmsford Borough Council were awaiting the publication of the Local Government White Paper in late October.</p> <p><b>Car parking outside ‘The Keys’</b> – The Clerk had written to the owner, Mr Whitton, asking him to park more considerately by parking closer to his property to allow easier pedestrian, pushchair and bicycle access.</p> <p><b>Chains and Posts from The Paddocks to The Square</b> – The Clerk had written to Mr Nichols advising him that he had got the contract for the chains and she had also contacted Cllr Hale advising him that he had the contract to paint the posts. Cllr. Hale said that he would liaise with Mr Nichols about carrying out the work. Cllr. Hale had repaired the posts that had been knocked down.</p> <p><b>Grinding out Stumps on Common including the one in front of The Hawthorns</b> – Mr Lunn advised the Clerk that he would carry out the work within 3-5 weeks. When he has finished there will be a mound of earth placed on top of where each stump has been ground out. This will not be levelled off as it needs to allow for natural settlement.</p> <p><b>Rat-running in Smallgains Lane</b> - The Clerk had written to Julie Martyn but no response had been received to-date. Clerk to contact Phil Hope regarding matter.</p> <p><b>Trees Outside Lilystone Hall, Honeypot Lane</b> – Cllr. Phillips advised that there is a collection of trees which have TPO’s on them. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Mrs Couzens asking her to be aware that there are TPO’s on various trees in Honeypot Lane and to contact Charles Phillips if she would like to know which trees are affected. Cllr. Phillips agreed to give a copy of all the TPO’s to all Parish Councillors.</p> <p><b>Litterbin in Swan Lane (opposite Swan Woods)</b> – Cllr. Hale had installed the new litterbin.</p> <p><b>Seat by the pond</b> – Cllr. Johnson agreed to look at the seat to see if Cllr. Hale had repaired the broken slats.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>SJ</b></p>
<p><b>1550.</b></p>	<p><b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</b></p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Janet Alderman, Head of Mayoralty Office, regarding nominating someone to be invited to the Community Evening on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2007 to recognize those who have given special service to the local community during 2006. It was agreed that Anne and Ron Ellis should be nominated. Mrs Ellis has been a co-ordinator of Stock Cares for many years and carries out a great deal of voluntary work supporting the elderly and infirm in the community.</li> <li>b) Lord Petre advising that he would like to attend the Parish Council meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2006.</li> <li>c) The Chairman of Essex Playing Fields Association inviting the Parish Council to the AGM at Essex Cricket Club on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 8pm.</li> <li>d) Claire Turner, Chelmsford Borough Council’s Technical Services, advising of the temporary road closure for the Remembrance Sunday Parade on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2006. The Clerk had asked Cllr. Watling to put the notice on the website and had asked Cllr. Johnson to put it on the noticeboard.</li> <li>e) Laura Ketley of Chelmsford Borough Council advising of all the events taking place in Chelmsford for Christmas.</li> <li>f) Alan Battley of Chelmsford Borough Council advising that Agendas for Meetings of Chelmsford Borough Council will no longer be sent by mail but via a notification E-mail.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>

	<p>g) Lyn McAdam of Swan Lane regarding the slope by the footpath going from Dakyn Drive to Swan Lane. Elderly people find it difficult as it gets very slippery and wet. Mrs McAdam would like an anti-slip surface put on the slope. As the footpath is owned by Chelmer Housing it was agreed that the Clerk should forward Mrs McAdam's letter to them asking them to action her request.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p>1551.</p>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS.</b></p> <p><b>Tree Preservation Order No. 2006/74 – 128 Mill Road -</b> A Tree Preservation Order was made on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2006. The reasons for the Order are as follows:- The Order seeks to protect an Oak Tree which may come under pressure should the property be redeveloped. The Oak has good form, provides an important wildlife habitat and is important in the local environment, having visual amenity value and contributing to the rural feel of the area. The Parish Council will be advised in due course if the Order has been confirmed.</p> <p><b>Bakers Arms Car Park –</b> Mr Bohannan had advised the Clerk that Mr Southgate had been given another month in which to comply with the requirements of Condition 10 to replace any lost car parking spaces. During this time Mr Bohannan will prepare an Enforcement Report, which will culminate in the issuing of an Enforcement Notice. Mr Southgate will have the right of appeal to the Department of Communities and Local Government against this Notice should he choose this course of action. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Mr Bohannan and ask him as one month is now up whether he has prepared an Enforcement Notice.</p> <p><b>Notification of Appeal by Mr R. Napp of Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Application No. 06/00061/FUL, Appeal Ref. APP/W1525/A/06/2026121/NWF.</b> Clerk to write to Inspectorate asking for a copy of the Appeal decision and endorse previous comments</p> <p><b>Notification of Date of Hearing re Six Enforcement Appeals by Mr N. Staves, Mr G. Poel, Mrs J. Williams, Ms. S. Williams, Mr. F. Clements, Mr A.R. Webb of 41 Birch Lane, 43 Birch Lane, 45 Birch Lane, 47 Birch Lane, 49 Birch Lane and 57 Birch Lane, Stock. Enforcement Cast Nos. 05/00489/ENFB, 05/00490/ENFB, 05/00491/ENFB, 05/00492/ENFB, 05/00494/ENFB, 05/00495/ENFB. Appeal Ref. Nos. APP/W1525/C/06/2015797, 2015813, 2015791, 2015553, 2015816 &amp; 2015797.</b> A hearing will be held at 10.00am on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at the Civic Centre, Duke Street. Cllr. Otter wished to discuss the matter further and the Chairman asked Cllr. Williams to leave the room as she had an interest in the matter. After discussion, the majority view was that the Parish Council would not be attending the Appeal hearing. The Clerk was asked to write to Chelmsford Borough Council endorsing the Parish Council's previous comments and asking for a copy of the Appeal decision.</p> <p><b>Consultation on the Scope of the Sustainability Appraisal – Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document, Sustainable Design and Construction Guidance Supplementary Planning Document and Urban site Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document.</b> The Chairman advised that due to the deadline date she had already submitted comments prior to the meeting. The comments made were as follows:-</p> <p><u>General:</u></p> <p>This is a repetitive, non-user friendly document full of bureaucratic jargon. Does CBC support the Campaign for Plain English? How can the CBC expect feedback from anyone when the document itself is so hard to read? Most people will be put off by the end of the first page and not bother to read further, which would be a pity.</p> <p><u>The Consultation.</u>The consultation bodies that the Borough Council has consulted regarding the Scoping Documents are Government Agencies (Reference all three documents 5.0 Consultation) - surely public consultation is necessary?</p> <p>The PC was under the impression that the consultation period for this type of document was usually six weeks, but these documents state that the statutory period is five weeks. The letter to the Parish Council from Chelmsford Borough Council was dated 27-9-06 with a concluding date of 24-10-06. This hardly allows Councillors time to consider these complex documents. We did request further time but this was refused.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>



The Content

1.0 Context for ..... SPD

All three documents state that in preparing the SPD the local planning authorities should, "Anticipate, if possible, the likely impact and thrust of those policies and guidance influencing emerging Council policy." We question this thinking; surely planning documents should be based on fact, and not anticipation of emerging ideas?

4.0 Alternative options.

Existing policy is relied upon. Given the complexity of the SPD we prefer the above alternative.

4.0 Key SA Objectives.

All three documents should include the protection of the Green Belt as defined by PPG 2 as a Key S.A. Objective. The protection of the Green Belt is a prime objective within the planning system. In the Stock Village Millennium report 98% of Stock parishioners supported Green Belt policy.

**Parish Council Meeting at Chelmsford Borough Council** – The next meeting of the Parish Councils will be held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006 at 7pm. It was agreed that Cllrs. Easton, Otter and Phillips would attend.

CLERK

**Application No. 06/01773/FUL.** Two storey rear extension and single storey side addition (Amendment to permission ref. 05/01572/FUL).

CLERK

**Location:** 2 Austen Drive, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs C. Taylor

Comments due by 9<sup>th</sup> October. Under the Clerk's delegated power, the Parish Council had no objections.

**Application No. 06/01879/FUL.** Single storey side extension, part two storey, part single storey rear extension to include swimming pool and gym/home office.

CLERK

**Location:** 73 Mill Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs B. Wright

Comments due by 12<sup>th</sup> October. Under the Clerk's delegated power, the Parish Council commented that the dwellings in the area tend to be set back from the road partly hidden by hedges and trees. This dwelling is close to the road and the proposed extensions would result in a bulky built form that would be highly visible and out of character with the area. The proposal would urbanise the area. The trees to the front of the property are of great amenity value in this rural setting. The proposed crossover drive, wall and railings would remove some of the planting and be detrimental to the character of the area. The open character of the area allows the canopy of the tree in the rear garden to be seen from a wide area outside the curtilage of the property. The canopy of this tree contributes to the rural feel of the area. The Parish Council oppose the loss of this tree. CB LP Para 10.51 says that the character of this area of Stock is important and states the intention to resist development that would adversely affect it. Appeal APP/W/1525/A/03/1131540 concerns the character of the area. In the Parish Council's opinion the proposal is visually intrusive and detrimental to the character of the area.

**Application No. 06/01700/FUL.** Demolish existing single storey front and rear extension and garage/workshop rebuild two storey side and single storey front extension, new pitched roof to existing front dormer and new detached double garage.

CLERK

**Location:** 59 Well Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Misra.

Comments due by 13<sup>th</sup> October. Under the Clerk's delegated power, the Parish Council commented this property has the Metropolitan Green Belt, Special Landscape Area and Defined Settlement Boundary surrounding it to the West, South and East. It is on a sloping site. The side extensions on the Southern side of the property is elevated above ground level to account for the sloping site but also the apex exceeds the height of the last building. The Parish Council believe the building to be excessively high for two storeys. It would be clearly visible from Well Lane, Footpath 26 and the surrounding area. It would be detrimental to the character of the area. Size and scale of proposal is unacceptable for this sloping site on the edge of the village. It would have a very damaging visual impact – CB LP Para 10.52. The garage would break the sightline of that side of the lane. The garage is far too big in size and scale. The garage would be visually intrusive and inappropriately placed.

**Application No. 06/01896/FUL.** First floor extension plus new dormer window and porch to front and re-cladding of elevations.

**Location:** 31 Myln Meadow, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs I. Hands.

Comments due by 16<sup>th</sup> October. Under the Clerk's delegated power, the Parish Council had no objections.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 06/01938/OUT.** Residential development.

**Location:** Site Adjacent 20 to 26 Mill Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr P. Woodward.

The Parish Council commented that this is massive over development of the area. It is outside the Defined Settlement Area and it is within the Metropolitan Green Belt. There is no justifiable reason for the development. It would further urbanise the rural area. It is contrary to the five purposes of including land in the Green Belt as it is contrary to PPG2, Essex and Southend-on-Sea Replacement Structure Plan C2 and Chelmsford Borough Council HO4.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 06/01839/LBC.** First floor extension over existing ground floor.

**Location:** 7 Common Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Christine Daly.

The Parish Council commented that it would be a pity to destroy the symmetry and character of this listed building which forms part of a pair.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 06/01838/FUL.** First floor extension over existing ground floor dining room.

**Location:** 7 Common Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Christine Daly.

The Parish Council commented that it would be a pity to destroy the symmetry and character of this listed building which forms part of a pair.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 06/01813/FUL.** Conservatory.

**Location:** 39 Birch Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Saibine.

The Parish Council had no objections.

**CLERK**

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**Application No. 06/01724/FUL.** Extension at roof level to convert existing chalet style house into full two storey dwelling.

**Location:** Swan House, Swan Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs E. Matthews. **Approved.**

**Application No. 06/01730/FUL.** Demolition of existing dwelling and ancillary buildings and erection of a new dwelling with detached double garage.

**Location:** Thrift, Madles Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Alexander Andrew. **Approved.**

**Application No. 06/01679/OUT.** Revised application for erection of 1 no. dwelling (scale, layout, appearance and landscaping reserved matters).

**Location:** Land Adjacent, 5 Dakyn Drive, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs M. Campion. **Withdrawn.**

**Application No. 06/01774/FUL.** Conversion of garage to study, at variance with the original condition.

**Location:** 3 The Paddock, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs A. Pepper. **Approved.**

**Application No. 06/01797/FUL.** New outbuilding to form guest accommodation.

**Location:** 106 Mill Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Acors. **Withdrawn.**

**Application No. 06/01752/FUL.** Single storey rear extension.

**Location:** Tiltings, 5 Mill Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs A. Campbell. **Approved.**

**Application No. 06/01810/AG.** General purpose agricultural building.

**Location:** Holes Place Farm, Downham Road, Stock

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs D.L.Sporton. **Prior Approval Not Required.**

**Application No. 06/01575/FUL.** Redevelopment of existing petrol filling station.

**Location:** Service Station, Stock Road, West Hanningfield.

**Applicant:** Total UK Ltd. **Refused.**

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

**Application No. 06/05173/TPO.** Clean out deadwood, shorten back branches extending towards Bere Osyth by 2m max and crown lift dropper branches T1 Sweet Chestnut (TPO/2003/89).

**Location:** Bere Osyth, Marigold Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs Moore. **The applicant had discussed the matter with the Tree Warden and he agreed to what she is proposing to do. Approved.**

**Application No. 06/05174/TPO.** Fell and poison stump T1 – Oak (TPO/1975/28)

**Location:** 36 Well Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Cameron. **The Tree Warden proposed that this was refused as this does not affect No. 36 but rather No. 34. The previous application was turned down. Refused.**

**Application No. 06/05562/CAT.** Pollard to original points, 1 x Oak in rear garden of property (NE side).

**Location:** 4 High Street, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr Elgar. The Tree Warden had no objections.

**Application No. 06/05195/TPO.** Crown lift to 5.1m over highway to branch collar, and 5 year management plan to twice yearly remove epicormic growth, 7 x Limes in G1 in front garden/driveway (TPO/1985/21).

**Location:** 4 High Street, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr Elgar. The Tree Warden had no objections. Approved.

**Application No. 06/05199/TPO.** Oak (marked 1 on sketch) – remove over extended bough, cutting to branch collar. Sycamore (marked 2 on sketch) – remove main bough, cutting to branch collar and crown reduce by 2m, cutting to suitable growing points. Sycamore (marked 3 on sketch) – Crown reduce by 1m to control height and allow light in to garden. Sycamore (marked 4 on sketch) – Crown reduce by 1.5m. Clean out dead wood on all trees in W1. All trees are within W1 of TPO/2001/105.

**Location:** 17 Myln Meadow, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs Taylor. The Tree Warden had no objections. Approved.

**Application No. 06/05564/CAT.** Leylandii x 7 – adjacent to tennis court, face up with hedge trimmer and shape over. Conifer x 1 adjacent to Lombardy Poplars in rear garden, reduce height to match adjacent hedge line. Conifers x 2 adjacent west elevation of house, crown reduce by 30% (5m) maximum, cutting to suitable growing points and shape over.

**Location:** Compass Green, 27 High Street, Stock.

**Applicant:** John Marelt. The Tree Warden had no objections.

**Application No. 06/05563/CAT.** Common Ash – adjacent to property – fell for health and safety.

**Location:** Beehive, 9 Swan Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Bryan Gaze. The Tree Warden had no objections.

**Application No. 06/05206/TPO.** T1 – Horse Chestnut on the green at exit property – fell to ground and grind stump for health and safety.

**Location:** Greenwoods Estate, Stock Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr Osib. The Tree Warden objected to the application. He had inspected the tree and opposed the work. There is no evidence to suggest that it is causing health and safety hazards. The view is perfectly clear from the road and exit from Greenwoods' drive. The Tree Warden suggests that drivers leaving Greenwoods or entering Greenwoods should be advised to be careful (if that is possible). This is also the loss of a valuable amenity to the village. James McCarthy of Chelmsford Borough Council had since advised that the tree is to be felled on safety grounds.

**CLERK**



	<p>The tree has been blamed for three recent accidents in the last month and the Police Officer who attended the most recent accident recommended it be felled. The tree also has Phytophthora (Bleeding Canker) which will eventually kill the tree. Therefore due to its position by the roadside, and with the above mentioned factors taken into account, it is deemed best to fell the tree. The Chairman read out some comments made by Cllr. Otter. It was agreed that the following comments should be sent to James McCarthy at Chelmsford Borough Council:-</p> <p>The site lines to and from Greenwoods were fully researched and discussed at the time of the planning application for the commercial development of the premises. Several trees were felled and replacements proposed. To our knowledge, no replacements were ever planted and the Parish Council would appreciate action on this point.</p> <p>At a time when we are all supposed to be 'green', CO2 emissions etc we need the trees, especially mature trees.</p> <p>The Horse Chestnut tree is a very beautiful and a valuable amenity to this rural area. How many accidents have there been in the last five years that were directly attributable to the Horse Chestnut tree? Surely the accidents were caused by driver error.</p> <p>Perhaps a 'Stop' sign on Greenwoods premises for drivers exiting the site might solve the problem?</p> <p>As the Parish Council understands it, Bleeding Canker, whilst temporarily disfiguring, has not been scientifically proven to be fatal to trees.</p> <p><b>Application No. 06/05137/TPO.</b> Works to T2 Horse Chestnut.  <b>Location:</b> Nooky, The Paddock, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mrs M. Nicholls. Approved.</p>																																					
<p><b>1552.</b></p>	<p><b>FINANCE.</b></p> <p><b>Audit of Accounts for 2005/06</b> – On the 29<sup>th</sup> September Lubbock Fine had signed off the Audit. Notice of Conclusion of Audit to be put on noticeboard.</p> <p><b>Transfer of Funds</b> – On the 3<sup>rd</sup> October £14,000.00 was transferred from the Current Account to the Base Rate Tracker. On the 17<sup>th</sup> October £2,200.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.</p> <p><b>VAT Refund</b> – A VAT refund of £475.37 has been received.</p> <p><b>Precept</b> - The second half Precept amounting to £15,000.00 had been received on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2006.</p> <p><b>Bank Interest</b> – The sum of £317.97 had been received on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2006.</p> <p><b>Essex County Council P3 Grant</b> - A cheque for £267.00 had been received to cover the cost of installing the gates on the Swan Lane/Dakyn Drive footpath.</p> <p><b>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101186</td> <td>£20.00</td> <td>Essex County Council</td> <td>Holding Deposit for P3 Courses.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101187</td> <td>£411.25</td> <td>Lubbock Fine</td> <td>Audit Fee 2005/06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101188</td> <td>£203.86</td> <td>Chelmsford Electrical Ltd</td> <td>Projector Power Supply</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101189</td> <td>£120.00</td> <td>Mr P.H.Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting Football Pitch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101190</td> <td>£393.00</td> <td>Mr P.H.Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101191</td> <td>£641.14</td> <td>Mrs L.J.Green</td> <td>Salary 1.10.06 – 31.10.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101192</td> <td>£242.39</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101193</td> <td>£115.79</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101194</td> <td>£260.00</td> <td>Green Man</td> <td>Grinding Out Stumps</td> </tr> </table>	101186	£20.00	Essex County Council	Holding Deposit for P3 Courses.	101187	£411.25	Lubbock Fine	Audit Fee 2005/06	101188	£203.86	Chelmsford Electrical Ltd	Projector Power Supply	101189	£120.00	Mr P.H.Williams	Grass Cutting Football Pitch	101190	£393.00	Mr P.H.Williams	Grass Cutting September	101191	£641.14	Mrs L.J.Green	Salary 1.10.06 – 31.10.06	101192	£242.39	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101193	£115.79	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	101194	£260.00	Green Man	Grinding Out Stumps	
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<p><b>1553.</b></p>	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL.</b></p> <p>The Chairman asked where she could get a copy of the Trust Deed or Constitution for the Village Hall. Cllr. Elliott advised her to contact Doug Taffs, the Chairman, or write to the Secretary, Shirley Grundy, and then the matter will be brought up at the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>SE</b></p>																																				

1554.	<p><b>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION AND VILLAGE IN BLOOM.</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council would organise their own Village in Bloom Competition. Cllr. Johnson suggested that the competition goes through the Gardening Society and agreed to ask them if they would do it on the Parish Council's behalf. The Chairman suggested approaching the shops in the village and asking them to put up hanging baskets, tubs etc and trying to get parishioners to take an interest in their gardens. The Chairman agreed to speak to the businesses.</p>	SJ/SE
1555.	<p><b>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</b></p> <p>It was reported that a post, near to the telephone booth, by the new noticeboard in Swan Lane, had been knocked down to the ground. Clerk to write to Mr Oliver, the owner of the Cock Inn asking him to reinstate the post.</p>	CLERK
1556.	<p><b>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Otter advised that she had attended an all day Strategic Rail Seminar held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October included presentations by One Railway, c2c, Freight Rail, Community Railway Partnership and Passenger Focus. Passenger Focus is a rail passenger's consumer body (financially sponsored by the Department for Transport) with vision to ensure that the rail industry and government are always "putting rail passengers first" by "getting the best deal for rail passengers". There are now around 75,000 passenger arrivals at Liverpool Street Station between 07.00am and 10.00am. It is estimated that in 2021 there will be 95,000 passenger arrivals at Liverpool Street Station between 07.00am and 10.00am. A growth of 20,000 passengers in the next fifteen years. It was stated that this growth would need, "Timetable optimisation, incentives to travel in shoulder peak, longer trains and improved internal layouts on peak period London commuter services". There are no new lines proposed, but possibly one or perhaps two extra trains. It was stated that they hope that Brentwood Station will be modernised/decorated. Shenfield Station will have engineering works on the points, the work to be carried out during holidays etc. Cllr. Otter has requested further detailed information about this matter.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that she had been notified by Essex County Council that there would be a 10 week road closure in Downham Road, Ramsden Heath. Buses would be diverted. Cllr. Otter had given Cllr. Watling a copy of the notice to put on the website and a copy to Cllr. Johnson to put on the noticeboard.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson advised that notices should not be put on lampposts as it carries a huge penalty fine.</p>	
1557.	<p><b>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that recycling is currently running at 28% and that plastic recycling is going well. Hopefully cardboard recycling will start in January. 1 tonne of cardboard = 17 trees. Chelmsford Borough Council have plenty of brown bins and residents can have more than one bin. The brown bins will stop being collected at the end of November. As the leaves have not fallen yet Cllr. Grundy agreed to try and get an extension. Cllr. Williams thought that the collection should go right through the winter. Cllr. Grundy advised that the Parish Council were due to get a letter from the Recycling Team who wanted to give a presentation to the Parish Council. Cllr. Otter asked Cllr. Grundy whether Chelmsford Borough Council were putting chips into the wheelie bins. Cllr. Grundy advised that it is not Chelmsford Borough Council's policy to activate chips.</p>	
1558.	<p><b>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</b></p> <p>Nothing further to report. Clerk to contact Anne Bishop for an up-date.</p>	CLERK
1559.	<p><b>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Johnson reported that a meeting had been held. Cllr. Otter advised that the next meeting would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006. It was reported that a public meeting would be held in January and hopefully a Committee would be formed from that meeting.</p>	

1560.	<b>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.</b>  The meeting will be held on Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2007 in the Rectory Hall. The Chairman suggested inviting a key speaker to attend. The Chairman also suggested putting a notice on the website and into Stock Press asking parishioners to give suggestions for the Agenda. Councillors to report back at next meeting with their suggestions.	<b>ALL</b>
1561.	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</b>  The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2006 at 7.30pm.	
1562.	<b>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</b>  None to discuss.	

**The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.07pm.**

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