

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST AUGUST 2006 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.

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

		ACTION
1516.	<p>PRESENTATION BY PHIL HOPE OF HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AT ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Phil Hope to the meeting. Phil Hope advised that he had had 20 years experience as a Civil Engineer. He had had 1½ years experience with Essex County Council and prior to that had worked for Chelmsford Borough Council and East Herts Borough Council. Phil advised that he intended to attend future Parish Council meetings on a regular basis.</p> <p>Various outstanding issues were discussed. As regards the footway outside the Doctors Surgery, Phil Hope advised that Dr. Acorn was demanding urgent action. Phil Hope advised that the matter was in breach of a legal agreement. Cllr. Johnson advised that Dr. Acorn was pressing his consultants and that a presentation would be made next week.</p> <p>The speed limits on the B1007 were discussed. It was reported that by the Ship the speed limit is 40mph and less than ¼ mile to the start of the 30mph speed limit into Stock it is 60mph. It was reported that a continual speed limit is needed all the way through. Lord Hanningfield advised that there is a piece of legislation going through the House of Lords regarding speed limits in country roads, which would give more flexibility through villages. Lord Hanningfield thought the law would probably be passed by Christmas. The removal of the white lines in Leather Bottle Hill were discussed as was the difficulty to cross the road on the footpath from School Lane to Honeyplot Lane.</p>	
1517.	<p>PRESENTATION BY LORD HANNINGFIELD.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Lord Hanningfield to the meeting. Lord Hanningfield also welcomed Sally Easton in her new position as Chairman of Stock Parish Council. Lord Hanningfield advised that he tries to attend one Parish Council meeting a year and that he has been a County Councillor for 36 years. Lord Hanningfield reported that there are currently finance problems in Essex. He reported that by 2012 waste will not be able to be put into holes in the ground and that the Government are going to put a big tax on it. Facilities therefore need to be developed to dispose of waste. Planning Applications are going to be put in for a site in Basildon and one at Rivenhall Airfield. Other possible sites are North Weald Airfield, Sandon and Colchester. Lord Hanningfield advised that money would have to be taken away from other areas in order to create the new waste plants. Essex still takes London waste and most of it goes to Pitsea but that runs out in 15 years time. No London waste will go into the new sites. Essex County Council plan to get the Landfill Tax back from the Government to help build the waste plants. Lord Hanningfield reported that there are a lot more over 65's and over 85's in Chelmsford than the national average and that the care is being funded by Essex County Council and not the Health Service. This is costing £400m a year and is going up £40m-£60m a year. Essex County Council are looking at changing the processes. This will have an impact on highways, libraries and schools. Lord Hanningfield advised that Essex County Council are looking to amalgamate libraries with schools, as small libraries are not being used.</p> <p>Lord Hanningfield reported that the ports in Tilbury and Harwich will be considerably expanded, which will make them the largest in the U.K. In addition, a new runway is planned for Stansted Airport.</p>	

	<p>Lord Hanningfield reported that 18,000 houses have got to be built and another 20,000 over the next few years. Chelmsford has considerable potential for expansion. There is a likelihood that a new train station will be built at North Springfield. It is too expensive to build on the M11 corridor and it is cheaper to build in Chelmsford. There are discussions to put a tariff on every new house built which will go to Essex County Council to help infrastructure. The Government are suggesting a land development tax but Essex County Council do not want this. The Government are threatening to review the Green Belt and it is possible that they could change the Green Belt in Galleywood and Great Baddow. Lord Hanningfield stated that Essex County Council would resist this. Lord Hanningfield advised that the A120 is to be extended from Braintree to the A12.</p>	
1518.	<p>VOTING AND CO-OPTION TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY OF PARISH COUNCILLOR.</p> <p>The only application received for the position by the closing date was from Bob Hale. Bob Hale asked Cllr. Johnson if he was eligible to stand for the PC. The Chairman was unsure of the rules and the Clerk was away on holiday. Cllr. Johnson was therefore asked to make enquires. EALC were contacted who advised Cllr. Johnson to contact the Returning Officer of the CBC, Alan Battley. He says; the post must be advertised. If there are no applicants any one may be co-opted but that person cannot stand for Election if they live outside a three mile radius of the village. Bob Hale can be co-opted but will only be on the Council until next May. Cllr. Otter felt that the Parish Council should re-advertise, as the new Councillor should be someone who lives in the parish and can be elected onto the Council. A vote was taken and the majority were in favour of Bob Hale joining the Parish Council. Bob Hale was therefore duly elected and welcomed onto the Parish Council. Cllr. Hale completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. The Clerk gave Cllr. Hale all other relevant documentation and advised him that the Register of Members Interest form had to be returned to her within 28 days.</p>	RH
1519.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</p> <p>Cllr. Williams sent her apologies.</p>	
1520.	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31ST JULY 2006.</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed.</p>	
1521.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</p> <p>Tree Warden Scheme – Cllr. Phillips had received a quotation from King and Co but was still waiting the quotation from D.F. Clarke.</p> <p>Doctor’s Surgery – The matter was still being looked into.</p> <p>Grant from Essex County Council – Arrangements had been made for the screen to be fitted.</p> <p>Stock United Football Club – The Chairman and Cllr. Grundy were going to approach Mr Osib about the field that backs onto Falkner Close and were also going to approach the people who lease the current football field to try and purchase it from them.</p> <p>Whitening of Zebra Crossing – The posts are due to be painted in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Benches for Children’s Play Area – The work had been carried out.</p> <p>Overgrown hedges at the T-junction at the end of Mill Road where it meets Downham Road – The work had been carried out.</p> <p>Black and White Posts on the corner of the right hand bend of Smallgains Lane – Robin Murray said that he will look at the site and order a new sign in due course.</p> <p>Speed Indicator Device –The trailer-mounted sign was due to be located in the verge on B1007 High Street approximately 30 metres SW of junction with Common Road on the 21st August. A letter had been received from Julie Martyn of Essex County Council attaching a Highways and Transportation Policy Practice Note of the Vehicle Activated Speed Signs and Speed Indicator Devices. This year Essex County Council are looking at sites with definite speeding traffic problems authenticated by an Essex County Council speed survey. They will be reviewing sites and putting together a programme of sites by October.</p>	<p>CP</p> <p>SE/IG</p>

In addition to this programme if the Parish Council wishes to purchase a Speed Indicator Device or Devices or combine resources with other Parishes, Essex County Council will assist in looking at all locations and agreeing where is suitable. Essex County Council will provide sponsorship of £1,000.00. The Parish Council will be responsible for charging the batteries. £5m Public Liability Insurance is needed and the Speed Indicator Device also needs to be insured. Essex County Council have a small amount of funds set aside for repairing Speed Indicator Devices and Vehicle Activated Speed Signs. It was agreed that the Parish Council would see how the temporary sign worked and the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

Post outside The Paddocks – Phil Hope of Essex County Council advised that the Council had gone out for STATS information (safety criteria) and that he had the drawing order ready.

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Dirty Road Signs – Phil Hope agreed to look into the matter. Cllr. Elliott reported that in Swan Lane before Fristling Hall the sign has gone into the hedge. Phil Hope agreed to also look at this matter.

PH

Signpost at end of Swan Lane – The work was still being carried out on the sign.

Condition of pavement/road surface in Falkner Close – The whole road has been inspected. Four defects were noted and repairs completed. Often smaller defects are unable to be repaired as Essex County Council have criteria for “safety” defects which generally means a trip or hole of 20mm or more.

Parish Litter/Refuse Clearing Days 2006 –Operational Hit Squad – The Chairman and Cllrs. Phillips and Grundy had all confirmed to the Clerk that they were available to meet the Hit Squad on the 20th September 2006. Clerk to advise Hit Squad.

CLERK

Green in front of the Almshouses – The Chairman explained the matter to Phil Hope and advised him that the area is becoming eroded. The Chairman asked Phil Hope to make recommendations to stop the erosion. The refuse lorries are using the track and heavy lorries are pushing up stones, which is making it very difficult to walk on. It was suggested that the lorries reverse down the lane from the other end of the road. Phil Hope to investigate matter.

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Hedgerow outside Mrs Raeburn’s house in Birch Lane – The work had now been carried out.

Brickwork Crumbling on a Surface Water Drainage Pipe at the Entrance to the Pond in Mill Road – Andrew Vale of Essex County Council’s Highways Department had advised that no defects were found and therefore no further action would be taken. Apparently there were two headwalls one concrete and one brick. Only the brick one was above the level but did not constitute a hazard. Cllr. Grundy reported that he had seen somebody taking photographs of the brickwork.

Dead tree by the ditch on the Common on the right by the bend – The matter was being dealt with.

Dead tree laying down covered in ivy by Boundary House – Cllr. Watling agreed to take the tree out later in the month.

RW

Missing Street Sign at the top of Well Lane – The sign had been replaced.

A Boards Outside Pubs in the Village - Cllr. Grundy agreed to chase the matter with Paul Bohannan at Chelmsford Borough Council.

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Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – Please see item below.

Footpath 13, Swan Lane – The Chairman advised that the date had been changed to the 11th October but that she was waiting to hear from John Surgenor to see if he could make the date. Cllrs. Johnson and Grundy also agreed to help.

Pond in Mill Road – Jackie Lane had met with Cllr. Johnson and discussed the possibility of getting the British Trust of Conservation Volunteers involved in a project in the Autumn to clean and clear the pond, hopefully involving children from the local primary school. Jackie Lane had spoken to BTCV and they are keen to help and she will speak to the school when they return in September.

	<p>Hopefully Jackie Lane will be able to confirm a project in September to be carried out November time, which is the best time for this sort of project.</p> <p>Bulb Planting - Jackie Lane had met with Cllr. Phillips and they had looked at possible sites. Jackie Lane had provided some maps showing suggested sites for the Parish Council to look at. She suggested perhaps one or two sites this year and add to in the future if this is successful. The problem with bulb planting is that the grass has to be left uncut for a number of weeks in the Spring and this may not be acceptable at some sites. The Parish Council decided to plant bulbs next door to Boundary House (in the scruffy bit) around the Common and on the island by the pond at Thornton Place. Clerk to write to Jackie Lane.</p> <p>Overgrown Hedge by Church Green Cottages – Work had been carried out.</p> <p>Litter bin in Swan Lane (opposite Swan Woods) – Clerk had ordered new bin. Cllr. Elliott to obtain a quote for installation. Bob Hale also to provide quotation.</p> <p>Downham Road Retexturing – Mr Willett had confirmed that the road will probably be retextured using high pressure water sometime in the Autumn when the road surface is harder. The centre lines in the narrow sections may be able to be removed at the same time.</p> <p>Tarmac Footpath between Swan Lane and Dakyn Drive – The Clerk had contacted Chelmer Housing Partnership and the work had been carried out.</p> <p>Seat by the pond – Bob Hale to submit a quotation. The Clerk was asked to also get another quote.</p> <p>Seat by the Bakers Arms – Cllr. Otter had spoken to the Chairman of the Garden Society and he said that he will arrange for remedial works to the bench to be carried out in the next couple of months.</p> <p>Police Community Support Officers – Cllr. Otter read out an article she had found about PCSO's powers and said that this was not what the village wanted they wanted Police Officers. Cllr. Grundy suggested setting up a Sub-Committee to meet with Ramsden Heath Parish Council to discuss the matter and also to talk to Writtle Parish Council. It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllrs. Johnson and Phillips would be on the Sub-Committee. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Ramsden Heath and Margaretting Parish Councils to see if they would like to consider sharing a PCSO. Clerk also to write to Writtle Parish Council asking them to share their experiences of having a PCSO.</p> <p>Stumps in Birch Lane – Mr Willett of Essex County Council had advised that the stumps were installed by Chelmsford Parks Services on land owned and managed by them, where there was allegedly a parking problem. It was retained by the Borough when the houses were transferred to the Chelmer Housing Partnership. It is not highway land so the Highways Department have no jurisdiction over it.</p> <p>Bakers Arms Advertising Board - The Chairman had spoken to Mr Southgate about the matter. He advised that his gardener would cut the grass around the sign and that the Parish Council should contact Mr Williams and advise him not to attempt to move the sign.</p> <p>Hedge Cutting at 2 Five Houses, Common Lane – The Chairman advised that the matter was in hand and that the owner wishes to carry out the work in late September/early October.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>WE/RH</p> <p>CLERK/RH</p> <p>CLERK/SE/SJ/CP</p> <p>CLERK</p>
1522.	<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Lynn Constable of Chelmsford Borough Council advising that the land adjacent to 19-20 The Square had been numbered 18. b) Andrew Ransome, Planning Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council regarding East of England (Draft RSS) – Single Issue Review of Provision of Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites. The draft Project Plan and Statement of Public Participation is now open to 12 weeks public consultation. The deadline for response is 5pm Wednesday 11th October 2006. c) Julie Martyn of Essex County Council regarding Swan Lane. As part of Essex County Council's Safer Journeys to School initiative Essex County Council are proposing to carry out some works to the footpath in Swan Lane. This has been highlighted as it forms part of a Walking Bus route to the school. 	<p>CLERK</p>

	<p>There is currently a very narrow section of path with no crossing facility to allow easy access. Ms. Martyn attached a plan illustrating the proposals for the location and asked for the Parish Council's comments. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back advising that the plan was very difficult to interpret and that the shopkeeper that it affects has not been informed. If the level of pavement is raised it could affect the damp course and ventilation brick.</p> <p>d) Christina Evans, Community Fundraiser, at Farleigh Hospice asking if the Parish Council could support them by displaying posters on a regular basis, hold a display about Farleigh Hospice in one of the village halls, be willing to have a representative of Farleigh Hospice come to a Parish Council meeting or consider making a grant to the Hospice. It was agreed that the Parish Council would display posters and put them on the website. Cllr. Johnson to give the Clerk a copy of Stock Press to send to Christina Evans.</p>	CLERK/SJ
1523.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p>Tree Preservation Order No. 2006/31 – Fristling Hall, Swan Lane - The Order was confirmed without modification on 10th August 2006.</p> <p>Bakers Arms Car Park – Nothing further to report. Cllr. Grundy agreed to speak to Paul Bohannan regarding the matter.</p> <p>Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Application No. 06/00061/FUL and Enforcement No. 05/00214/ENFB – Nothing further to report. Clerk to chase matter up.</p> <p>The Chairman and Cllr. Otter had noticed in the approvals of previous applications in Mill Road anomalies to approve the demolition of bungalows. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Planning Department asking for clarification.</p> <p><u>Applications:-</u></p> <p>Application No. 06/01493/FUL. Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new detached two storey dwelling. Location: 90 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Ringer. The Parish Council commented that they would like clarification as to why this application is coming in as a new application when the previous application was approved in February. The Parish Council have not seen a withdrawal of the original plan and this new plan is not an amendment. The Parish Council are concerned that demolition has already started when the application has not even been approved. The Parish Council are concerned about the increase in height. This will be higher than the neighbouring dwellings. It will be too dominant and overbearing to the neighbouring properties and the setting of the green at Thornton Place.</p> <p>Application No. 06/01499/FUL. Rear extensions and alterations. Location: Green Loanings, Goatsmoor Lane, Stock. Applicant: Dr. & Mrs Sarfraz. The Parish Council commented that they are opposed to development in the Green Belt.</p> <p>Amendments to Application No. 06/00567/FUL. Conversion and extension of barn to form new dwelling, erection of a new garage, demolition of existing house, garage, shed and outbuildings. Location: Elmbrook Farm, Buttsbury, Stock. Applicant: Mr. P. Cracknell. Cllr. Watling declared an interest as his Daughter is on the architectural team. 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 and the design is not acceptable in its setting.</p> <p>Application No. 06/01575/FUL. Redevelopment of existing petrol filling station. Location: Service Station, Stock Road, West Hanningfield. Applicant: Total UK Ltd. The Chairman read out a report prepared by Mr Fairman, a Planning Consultant, stating grounds for objection. It was a very good report and the Parish Council decided to use it in their objection. Cllr. Otter had also prepared a report and she read this out. Cllr. Grundy thanked West Hanningfield Parish Council for their input.</p>	<p>IG</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>

The Parish Council made the following comments. Stock Parish Council strongly object to the application on the following grounds:-

1. Impact on the viability of the local shopping centre in Stock.

The Applicant in the Retail Statement accompanying the planning application argues that the impact on the shopping in Stock will be minimal and that in any event, being ancillary to the petrol filling station, the shop redevelopment is not subject to the national and local planning policies that seek to sustain the viability and vitality of established shopping centres.

The Applicant is wrong on both counts.

A. Impact

(1) The Retail Statement in para. 2.5 states that “ the increase in floorspace is marginal” referring to a headline figure of 16% quoted in the same paragraph.
In fact the increase in the floorspace of the shop is 80%

How is this difference explained?

The authors of the Retail Statement decided not to compare the size of the proposed shop with that of the existing shop –which shows an 80% increase in size – but they chose instead to compare the size of the proposed shop with an amalgamation of the size of the existing shop, the area of a failed planning application to extend the shop and the area of the car sales building. The latter comparison, by comparing apples with pears, shows a 16% increase. It conceals the fact that the shop is to be increased by 80%, by no means a “marginal” increase and a real threat to the viability of Stock’s local shopping.

(2) The Retail Statement states that the Londis convenience store and post office, which is the core shop in the Village, simply serves the residents of the village which is predominantly walk in trade. This ignores the car-bourne custom that comes from adjoining areas like West Hanningfield which contributes significantly to its turnover. The Statement’s observation that the store “has no dedicated parking and indeed it is dangerous to park outside” is a red herring because there is parking space in the village centre immediately opposite the store. To suggest that customers might park in the road outside the store is deliberately misleading because customers never do so, having the village square within 10 feet of the store in which to park.

(3) The 80% increase in the floorspace of the shop at the Elf service station is bound to have a significant impact on the turnover and viability of the Londis store and post office. The increase in its size to 125 sq. meters would make it 23% larger than the Londis Store itself. If this were to result in the closure of the store, with the loss of the post office, it would result in real hardship, in particular for many of the elderly residents of Stock who use it for their major shop and not simply for topping up. The loss of the post office would similarly impact badly on the older population.

B. National and Local Planning policies.

The Applicant argues that the enlarged shop is ancillary to its main business and that this should preclude them from having to comply with the national and local planning policies that are designed to protect the viability and vitality of existing shopping centres.

The National policy (Planning Policy Guidance note 6) seeks to prevent harm being done to established shopping centres by out of centre retail developments (non-ancillary shops at petrol stations are included as “out of centre retail developments”)

The question is, when does an ancillary shop become non-ancillary?
The Applicant state that with circa 10% of all sales turnover currently being provided by the shop it is an ancillary element of the site. But the shop is being increased in size by 80% with no expansion of the number of petrol pumps.

On the reasonable assumption that with an improved layout and a greater variety of items on sale, the enlarged shop might be expected to double its turnover, the shop would account for around 20% of the turnover of the site.

It is well established that the profit margins from the forecourt sale of petrol in the UK have become ever thinner (which accounts for the closure of so many petrol filling stations in recent years) and service stations have relied more and more for their profits on high margin shop sales.

On this background, is it really credible to suggest that the new and enlarged shop is ancillary to the business of the service station? It should be recognised that in essence the planning application is really an application to expand retailing from the site and has little to do with petrol.

Chelmsford's Local Plan policy referred to by the Applicant, policy BE11, regarding roadside development in the countryside, states that the extension of commercial activities in petrol filling stations will not normally be permitted "except where there is a demonstrated lack of facilities which would justify an exception to the policies of the development plan." The Applicant states that there is "a clear quantitative and qualitative need to increase the shop size" without providing any evidence whatsoever that a lack of facilities exists.

2. Highways

Doubtless the Council would refuse permission for this development if its highways engineers considered that the increased activity at the site would create problems on Stock Road. As laymen we can only comment that due to the curve of the road on which it sits, it is currently difficult to exit the site and additional traffic into and out of the site will not improve matters.

3. Greenbelt

The development conflicts with National and Local policy on development within the Greenbelt.

The Retail Report fails to recognise other retail facilities in the area including a shop further to the North along the B1007 near Watchhouse Lane, shops at Galleywood (Library), Galleywood Road/Wood Street and Tescos Wood Street.

The proposed site access points have poor sight lines, the exit access is proposed further South into the bend, whilst the staff/truck parking area access where "drive up/reverse in/drop off" (Ref. 2104-17 rev3) is envisaged seems extremely dangerous.

New very large advertising signs at each end of the site would be visually intrusive and detrimental to the character of the area. The proposed new signage and the very large blank façade of the proposed retail unit would dominate the scene when travelling North along the B1007 and devastate the character of the area.

Application No. 06/01584/FUL. Erection of a timber framed conservatory.

Location: Pear Tree Cottage, 2 Garden End, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Warner and Mrs Parker.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

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Application No. 06/01269/FUL. Garden gazebo/summerhouse.

Location: Fitzwilliam House, Ingatestone Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr D. Regan. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/01290/FUL. Erection of a garden shed.

Location: 6 Hereward Mount, Stock.

Applicant: Stephen DaCosta. **Approved.**

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Application No. 06/01311/OUT. Erection of a new dwelling and garage (includes access – all other matters reserved).

Location: Land South of 52 Well Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr D. Pitts. **Refused.**

Application No. 06/01282/FUL. First floor rear extension.

Location: 36 Well Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Richard Dunlop. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/00569/FUL. Single storey and two storey rear extension and rear dormer.

Location: 10 Mill Road, Stock.

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

Application No. 06/00570/LBC. Single storey and two storey rear extension and rear dormer.

Location: 10 Mill Road, Stock.

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

Application No. 06/00933/CLEUD. Use of agricultural buildings for commercial use for over 10 years.

Location: Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr R. Napp. **Refused.**

Application No. 06/00977/FUL. Single storey front porch, kitchen/conservatory rear extension and front and rear dormers. Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation.

Location: 3 Rectory Close, Stock.

Applicant: Miss Hazel Collins. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/01015/FUL. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached five bedroom house.

Location: 106 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr M. Acors. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/01187/FUL. Rear Conservatory.

Location: Linacre House, 25 Hereward Mount, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Tony Martin. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/01384/CLEUD. Use of dwelling without complying with agricultural occupancy condition in excess of 20 years.

Location: Birch House, Broomwood Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr C. Amos. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/01281/FUL. Construction of sun lounge and conversion of garage to ensuite and dressing room.

Location: Plantation End, Furze Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Peter Johnson. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/01157/FUL. Proposed kitchen ventilation system.

Location: 20 The Square, Stock.

Applicant: Mr P. Magliola. **Approved.**

Application No. 06/01339/FUL. Alterations and extensions to create two storey dwelling with integral garage.

Location: 48 Well Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs S. Lecomber-Clark. **Approved.**

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

Application No. 06/05116/TPO. Clean out deadwood and reduce length of branch overhanging boundary by 2m of T23 – Horse Chestnut and remove deadwood, crown thin by 10% by removing all crossing branches and weaker branches and crown lift to given clearance of 2.2m garden side of T24 – Oak (TPO 2001/117).

Location: 2 Garden End, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Warner and Mrs Parker.. **The Tree Warden had no comments to make.**

	<p>Application No. 06/05120/TPO. Crown lift to 8m maximum cutting to branch collar Oak in W1 (TPO/2001/105). Location: 36 Birch Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mrs Harragan. The Tree Warden commented that the application should be refused. Having inspected the tree the Tree Warden is not convinced the drastic work proposed is necessary. There is no evidence to suggest causing problems with power cable or tiles to the extent suggested. A <u>very small</u> amount of trimming <u>might</u> be acceptable to the tree to stop the branches in immediate contact with power cables causing problems. But <u>only those</u> and no more.</p> <p>Application No. 06/05133/TPO. T1 – Beech, remove dropping branches, T2 – Oak, crown reduce, T3 – Oak, crown lift and crown reduce, T4 – Oak, crown reduce and crown lift, T5 – Oak, crown reduce and remove lowest lateral over highway, T6 & T7 – 2 x Oaks, crown reduce and crown lift, T8 & T9, crown lift and crown reduce and T10 – Oak, crown reduce. (TPO/2001/01). Location: 144 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Higgins. The Tree Warden commented that the owners explained very carefully to him why they needed to carry out the work.</p> <p>Application No. 06/05088/TPO. T1 –Oak (TPO/2005/23). Crown lift to lowest lateral branches, crown reduce by 2.5m and clean out dead wood. Location: 48 Well Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Lecomber-Clark . Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 06/05103/TPO. Fell T1 – Oak in front garden (TPO/1975/28). Location: 36 Well Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Cameron. Refused.</p>													
1524.	<p>FINANCE.</p> <p>Audit of Accounts for 2005/06 – Nothing further to report.</p> <p>Transfer of Funds – On the 20th August £1,000.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.</p> <p>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="240 1108 1250 1199"> <tr> <td>101170</td> <td>£641.14</td> <td>Mrs L.J.Green</td> <td>Salary 1.08.06 – 31.08.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101171</td> <td>£242.39</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101172</td> <td>£68.45</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> </table>	101170	£641.14	Mrs L.J.Green	Salary 1.08.06 – 31.08.06	101171	£242.39	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101172	£68.45	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	
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1525.	<p>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</p> <p>Almshouses Track – Phil Hope from Chelmsford Borough Council agreed to investigate the matter.</p> <p>Grass Cutting on The Common - The Clerk had spoken to Terry Wilson, the Chairman of Stock Cricket Club. It had been agreed that a meeting would be held at the beginning of the season with the appointed grass cutters.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson reported that the footpaths were becoming very overgrown. In particular, from Cobblers, Mill Road to Leatherbottle Lane (No. 62) and also Nos. 36, 23 and 19. Clerk to contact Phil Hope to find out who is responsible for footpaths.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>CLERK</p>												
1526.	<p>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>													
1527.	<p>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that every resident would be receiving a roll of plastic bags for putting plastic bottles in. Recycling is well over 30% this year and is going very well. Cardboard collection will be coming to Stock in the next year. There will be a Neighbourhood Watch meeting on 15th September in the British Legion Hall at 8pm.</p>													

1528.	<p>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</p> <p>Anne Bishop advised that Essex Rural Housing Trust like the Parish Council to be a joint applicant when they submit the planning application for two reasons - firstly, and most importantly, it shows that this is a joint project which was instigated by the Parish Council and supported by them. Secondly, in some districts/boroughs, if the Parish Council is a joint applicant, the application fees are halved. This can mean a saving of several thousand pounds on the larger schemes.</p> <p>Anne Bishop hoped that the Parish Council was still behind the project. The Trust have not been informed to the contrary and with 27 households so far registered for the scheme, the need is clearly there. Anne Bishop would therefore be grateful if the Parish Council would let her know whether or not the Parish Council is willing to be a joint applicant.</p> <p>It is not the case that, if the Parish Council does not support the application, Essex Rural Housing Trust would withdraw it. With Housing Corporation funding allocated to the project and several years of time, effort and money spent on it, it would not be possible for the Trust to withdraw the application at this very late stage. The Trust would have to be the sole applicants in that case. The Trust carried out a housing needs survey which established the need, the Parish Council were "very pleased with the results" (October 2002) and asked them to proceed further. Essex Rural Housing Trust identified the site for which the Parish Council provided the landowner's contact details and the Parish Council were kept updated on the progress they were making. The Trust sent the Parish Council the plans they wished to display at the Village Information Day this year. The Parish Council were very supportive on the day and the Trust took into account comments made concerning neighbouring properties and the road junction and now they are almost at the stage when they can submit the planning application - they hope as joint applicants. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back agreeing for the Parish Council to be joint applicants.</p>	CLERK
1529.	<p>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</p> <p>It was reported that Mr Otter has the matter in hand and that the next meeting should be on the 13th September.</p>	
1530.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 25th September 2006 at 7.30pm.</p>	
1531.	<p>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</p> <p>Projector Power Supply - A quotation had been received from Chelmsford Electrical Limited. It was agreed that the quotation should be accepted and Cllr. Watling should advise them to carry out the work. Cllr. Elliott advised that the screen was being installed this week.</p> <p>Replacing posts and getting the chains painted outside The Hoop – The Clerk was still awaiting a further quotation. Clerk to chase matter up.</p> <p>Trees on Common - Cllr. Phillips had received a quotation from Kings but was still awaiting a quotation from D.F. Clarke.</p> <p>Grinding out Stumps on Common - It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Timbertec and Green Man and ask them to contact Cllr. Phillips regarding the matter.</p>	<p>RW</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK/CP</p>

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

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