

# STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2007 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.**

**Present:** *Cllrs. Elliott, Phillips, Watling, Otter and Woodward*  
**In The Chair:** *Cllr. Millernas*  
**Minute Secretary:** *Lorraine Green*  
**Also Present:** *8 Members of the Public, Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Ian Grundy and PCSO John Gipson*

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1740.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b>  Cllrs. Johnson, Finch and Cottey sent their apologies.	
<b>1741.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2007.</b>  Cllr. Otter did not agree the Minutes.  The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed apart from Cllr. Otter.	
<b>1742.</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF REVISED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT AS OF 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2007.</b>  It was agreed that the Standing Orders would be suspended. A resolution was then passed to make amendments to the Standing Orders to include Paragraph 12(1) and 12(2) of the Model Code of Conduct. It was then agreed that the new Standing Orders should be adopted together with the new Model Code of Conduct. Chelmsford Borough Council had agreed that the Parish Council could be included in their advertisement advertising the adoption of the Code. Clerk to advertise adoption on website, noticeboard and in Stock Press. All Councillors were given a Register of Members' Interest form to complete and return to the Clerk within 28 days. Clerk to send copies of the forms to Chelmsford Borough Council once received. Clerk to notify Standards Board that the Model Code of Conduct had been adopted.	<b>CLERK</b>
<b>1743.</b>	<b>POLICE MATTERS.</b>  Inspector Callow had advised the Clerk that she had brought the speeding problems in Smallgains Lane and Mill Lane to the Command Team.  Sgt. Neil Marshall had suggested that he had a monthly meeting with the Clerk and two other members of the Parish Council to discuss police matters. Sgt. Marshall holds meetings in this way with Writtle Parish Council, which all parties find very useful. Sgt. Marshall advised that he would still send Police Officers to the Parish Council meeting as this was important. It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk would meet with Sgt. Marshall. Clerk to contact Sgt. Marshall to arrange meeting.  PCSO Gipson advised that there had been a spate of bogus callers in the surrounding area posing as officials from the water board and electric companies. There had not been any reports of this happening in Stock. The Mobile Police Station is visiting the village on the first Wednesday of every month between 3pm and 6pm. PCSO Gipson agreed to look at the parking outside the British Legion Hall when parents are picking up their children. Cllr. Woodward reported that it is extremely dangerous to pull out of Common Road into Mill Road as builders are parking on the left hand side near the junction and you cannot see to pull out. It was also reported that the greensward is being ruined by the vehicles at the same time. PCSO Gipson agreed to speak to the builders' Site Manager and if the problem continued he said he would go down the enforcement route. It was also reported that people are always parking over the hatched piece of road on the B1007 by the Off Licence. The zebra crossing is also very dangerous. Cllr. Elliott said a pelican crossing is needed. Cllr. Otter said that more Police presence is needed. PCSO Gipson advised that a lot of powers have been withdrawn from the Police and given to Essex County Council. Cllr. Elliott reported that she had gone around the village with Inspector Callow who suggested implementing yellow lines. Cllr. Woodward agreed to take the parking issue and speeding problem in the village up with the Police and Essex County Council.	<b>CLERK</b>  <b>PCSO GIPSON</b>

	<p>Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Grundy stated that the parking is a much wider issue in the village than just putting in yellow lines. PCSO Gipson advised that speed checks had been carried out in the village. The Community Speed Watch was discussed and PCSO Gipson advised that volunteers were needed. It was suggested that the Parish Council should advertise for volunteers. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>A parishioner raised the issue of speeding in Smallgains Lane and advised that it was too dangerous to take horses onto the road. PCSO Gipson to report back to Inspector Callow. Cllr. Grundy said that the problem was not just in Smallgains Lane.</p>	
1744.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</b></p> <p><b>Tree Warden Scheme</b> – Cllr. Phillips reported that Strutt and Parker would be removing the dead tree in Mill Road. Tree Preservation Orders had been placed on the trees at The Plantations.</p> <p><b>Parish Paths Partnership (P3)</b> – Tim Gardiner of Essex County Council had approved Bob Hale’s estimate for the clearance of grass and shrubs on the footpath across Crondon Park Golf Course and also to erect a handrail across the stream. The Clerk had told Bob Hale to carry out the work.</p> <p><b>Footpath Map for Stock</b> – Cllr. Millernas said that a meeting had not been held.</p> <p><b>Downham Road Retexturing</b> – Cllr. Elliott advised that the road had not been closed and the machine had broken down. Clerk to contact Phil Hope in this regard.</p> <p><b>Post knocked to the ground by the new noticeboard in Swan Lane</b> – After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would prefer to see the area open plan, as it looked better than having posts sticking up. Cllr. Millernas to speak to the landlord.</p> <p><b>Erection of a Small Timber Plaque by Memorial Bench on Green in front of the Almshouses and the Track</b> – Maple Landscapes advised that they would like the wording ‘The timber posts on this site have been installed and reinstated to how they stood 100 years ago. On behalf of Stock Parish Council on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007 by Maple Tree Surgery &amp; Landscapes Ltd 01277 657 060.’ put onto a plaque. The Parish Council agreed the wording but requested that the sign be A5 maximum. Clerk to contact Maple Landscapes.</p> <p><b>Erection of Guardrails Outside Stock Primary School</b> - Phil Hope advised that the matter is still ongoing. Drawings and estimates are being produced which will be forwarded to Liz Powell (ECC Traffic and Road Safety Section) and she will be in contact with the Parish in due course.</p> <p><b>Wicksteed Leisure Annual Safety Inspection</b> - Cllr. Cottey to discuss at next meeting.</p> <p><b>Smoke Free Legislation</b> – Cllr. Grundy advised that CBC Environmental have two Enforcement Officers specifically for this purpose. Item to be removed from Agenda.</p> <p><b>Barbed Wire on Footpath 28 From All Saints Church to Catholic Church</b> – Cllr. Finch dealing with matter.</p> <p><b>Overgrown Hedge at Church Green Cottage</b> – The matter was still on-going.</p> <p><b>Water Running Out of Ditch at Junction of Mill Road/Downham Road</b> – Phil Hope had spoken with Cllr. Elliott and was due to visit the site this week. Ditch maintenance is generally the responsibility of the adjacent landowner and if the ditch is blocked Phil Hope will be making contacting with them.</p> <p><b>Lights in Bus Shelters</b> – Paul Stephen, Street lighting Engineer, at Essex County Council advised this afternoon that the bus shelters are the responsibility of the Parish and that also includes lighting. He has advised that his Contractor, T Cartledge, can carry out the necessary works at the Parish Council’s cost and should be able to supply a quotation. Clerk to contact.</p> <p><b>Surface of the footpaths in The Valentines</b> – Phil Hope had advised that The Valentines had been added to the Footways Waiting List for substantive repairs. Unfortunately this year’s sites have already been identified and does not include The Valentines. The list is quite extensive and is reviewed annually with the sites being assessed on a priority basis. Safety repairs to the worst areas of The Valentines have been ordered.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>JM</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>LJC</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>

	<p><b>Litterbin Outside The Almshouses</b> – The Clerk had the matter in hand.</p> <p><b>Parking of 4 x 4 vehicles on the new pavement opposite the British Legion Hall</b> - The Clerk had written to the owner of the Montessori School. To-date no reply had been received.</p> <p><b>Hedges from Greenwoods to Copt Hall and hedge opposite Crondon Park</b> – Mr Osib advised the Clerk that the matters were in hand.</p> <p><b>Listing of War Memorial</b> – The Clerk had given English Heritage the Parish Council’s consent. Nothing further to report.</p>	
1745.	<p><b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</b></p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Pam Dekeysa, the Treasurer of Stock Cares, thanking the Parish Council for their donation and asking to be considered for further grants in future years. It was agreed that Stock Cares would be added onto the donations list for the November Agenda.</li> <li>b) Samie Pandya, Acting Area Highway Manager, of Essex County Council advising on the formal process for making a formal application to the Highway Authority for permission to erect temporary overhead banner/seasonal decorations over the Highway.</li> <li>c) Cameron Geddes, Indigo Public Affairs, regarding possible development to the North West of Chelmsford and asking what issues local people and organisations would regard as being relevant to any possible application. Mr Geddes would like to meet with the Parish Council. Clerk to write back advising that it is not the Parish Council’s policy to speak to developers.</li> <li>d) Jane Head, Clerk to Galleywood Parish Council, regarding the signs which are positioned along the footpath at Crondon Park Golf Course. Cllr. Grundy agreed to give the information to Cllr. Finch to deal with.</li> <li>e) Claire Kearney, Reprographics Team Leader, of Chelmsford Borough Council asking for village organisations to provide details of forthcoming events in order that they could put the information on a poster in their advertising area. The Clerk had produced a poster to be put on the website, noticeboard and in Stock Press.</li> <li>f) Mr Webb of Birch Lane regarding the appeal decision for 59 Birch Lane, the planning consent for the Italian Restaurant in The Square and the temporary advertising signs on the Cock Inn Car Park and Motel and Barbuchi . It was agreed that the Clerk should write back thanking Mr Webb for his E-mail and noting his comments and advising him to contact West Hanningfield Parish Council regarding the signs at The Motel and Barbuchi Restaurant.</li> <li>g) Mrs Radley of Birch Lane regarding the state of Birch Lane. In the hot weather residents have been putting sand down to soak up the tar. Clerk to report to Highways. Mrs Radley also reported the state of the footpath at the bottom of Birch Lane. The footpath is impassable in places as there are so many nettles. When you get to the farmer’s field the footpath is almost non-existent. Clerk to write to Mr and Mrs Harragan, the landowners, asking them to clear the footpath. Clerk to also report matter to Cllr. Finch.</li> <li>h) Cllr. Joe Pike, Chairman of the Mid Essex Area Forum, of Essex County Council regarding the Mid Essex Area Forum to be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm in the Adult Community College in Maldon. Neighbourhood Policing, Public Transport, The Essex Strategy and Community Initiatives Fund are the main items on the Agenda. Clerk to E-mail details to Cllr. Otter who would try and attend.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>

	<p>i) Jackie Lane, NEAT Officer, of Chelmsford Borough Council regarding The Pride in a Cleaner Chelmsford Committee Annual Awards Programme. Nominations are requested for Youth Awards, Community Awards and Recycling Awards.</p> <p>j) Cllr. David Finch, Cabinet Member for Corporate Resources, of EALC and Essex County Council Making the Links Partnership Working regarding re-negotiating the cost of insurance for Parish and Town Councils in Essex. Clerk to deal with matter.</p>	<b>CLERK</b>
1746.	<p><b>CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL – LDF – THE CORE STRATEGY ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT SITES AND BOUNDARY CHANGES CONSULTATION.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Millernas thanked Cllr. Otter for the work she had done and thanked Cllr. Phillips for submitting the Parish Council’s comments. Acknowledgements had been received from Chelmsford Borough Council.</p> <p>A letter had been received advising that the Examination into the Submission Core Strategy and Development Control Policies Development Plan Document will formally open on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007. The hearing sessions will normally start at 10am and 2pm each day. There are currently no sessions programmed for the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> September 2007. The Examination is open to the Public although you must be invited by the Inspector to appear at a session.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that Chelmsford Borough Council had received over 1,500 replies overall with four to five hours to go to the closing time. It had been a remarkable response.</p> <p><b>Supplementary Planning Documents -</b> A letter had been received from Derek Stebbing at Chelmsford Borough Council advising of two draft Supplementary Planning Documents - A Plan for South Woodham Ferrers and Planning Contributions. The Public Consultation is from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Cllr. Grundy advised that South Woodham Town Council had warmly welcomed the Plan for South Woodham Ferrers so the Parish Council did not need to comment on the document. Cllr. Otter explained that the Planning Contributions is where Chelmsford Borough Council get the S106 monies for infrastructure. It was agreed that the Clerk would submit the following comments on the Planning Contributions Document: The Parish Council support in essence the document but have concerns over the commercial rate of the Borough Wide (in particular of Temple Farm) Commercial Standard Charge which at £2.77 a square metre is approximately 3% of that required for similar development in North Chelmsford. As this is Green Belt the Parish Council would require a higher figure.</p>	<b>CLERK</b>
1747.	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS.</b></p> <p><b>38A High Street</b> – The Clerk had spoken to English Heritage who advised the case was still being considered.</p> <p><b>18 The Square, Stock</b> - Neil Marshall, Enforcement Officer, of Chelmsford Borough Council advised that it was still on the Highways ‘to-do’ list. Chelmsford Borough Council’s response is entirely dependant on what Highways intend to do about the encroachment.</p> <p><b>Temple Farm</b> - A letter from Mrs Berkley on behalf of The Stock and Buttsbury Heritage Society expressing concern at the plans for further development at Temple Farm. Mrs Berkley urged the Parish Council to protest in the most vigorous manner as even though this development is not in the parish of Stock its effect will have far reaching consequences and impinge directly onto the village. Clerk to acknowledge letter.</p> <p><b>Appeal by Mr and Mrs Barnes of Birley Cottage, Stock Road, Appeal Reference No. APP/W1525/A/07/2036849.</b> The Planning Inspectorate had advised that the appeal is allowed, and planning permission granted, subject to the conditions in the Formal Decision.</p> <p><b>Gardenfields House, Downham Road</b> - James Stubbs, Planning Enforcement Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council advised the Clerk that the Council has had a case open on this site and the unauthorised erection of a building for some time. On the 7<sup>th</sup> August the owners were served with an Enforcement Notice for ‘Erection of an Outbuilding’ without planning permission. The case has temporarily been closed whilst the Council await compliance of the Notice, which is due by 7<sup>th</sup> March 2008.</p>	<b>CLERK</b>

**Tree Plans** - Cllr. Phillips advised that he wished to commend Essex County Council for supplying him with a list of all TPO's that they had made including a plan. Cllr. Grundy agreed to speak to Lynn Cameron regarding obtaining an up-to-date list of TPO's and also receiving paper copies of tree planning applications.

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**Tree Preservation Order at The Plantation, Mill Road – TPO/2007/130** – A Tree Preservation Order was made on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2007. The reasons for the Order are that this Tree Preservation Order is being made to safeguard the future of a number of individual trees and woodland, which are found within the grounds of the property known as `The Plantation`. The owners of the property have recently passed away and following discussions with the Parish Council it is believed to be expedient to serve this TPO. It is understood that the property is to be placed on the housing market in the near future. The trees and woodlands in the grounds of The Plantation are important in terms of wildlife. Numerous badgers, foxes and deer have been seen in the grounds and the area is also important for birds and invertebrates. The woodland and individual trees add to the rural feel to the area and contain a number of potential veteran trees of both Oak and Sweet Chestnut. The grounds of The Plantation also contain, what is believed to be, the first Organic Orchard in Essex. Whilst not in production at present, this valuable resource, which contains apples and pears, could easily be returned to production with minimal outlay. It is therefore recommended that the Orchard be protected until such time when it could be returned to production. A number of mature Oaks have been implemented in a subsidence case and a notice has been fixed to these trees which run along The Plantations boundary with Furze Lane. The notice informs that the company wishing to carry out the works have made every effort to find the owner of the land and that if no comes forward claiming land ownership before the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007, 'action will be taken to abate the nuisance'. This is assumed to mean that the trees will be felled. However, an associate of the former owner who was privy to the owner's mail, no contact has been made. A simple land registry search would have also found the landowner.

**Online Planning** - The Clerk, with the assistance of Cllr. Watling, had submitted comments regarding the Planning System to Ann Wood at the ACDPC. Ann Wood and representatives from Danbury and Galleywood Parish Councils had subsequently had a meeting with Elaine Peck and Mary Poulton of Chelmsford Borough Council to discuss the problems being encountered by Parish Councils. The Clerk read out E-mails received from Ann Wood and Elaine Peck regarding the matter. The Clerk had received a telephone call from Shane McInnes from Chelmsford Borough Council offering to have a meeting with Stock to discuss the problems they were encountering and to see if they could help in any way. Cllr. Otter stated that the plans are now showing for two or three days after notification has been received. Cllrs. Watling and Phillips agreed to attend the meeting with the Clerk. Clerk to organise.

**CLERK**

#### **Applications**

**Application No. 07/01399/FUL.** Raising of roof to create first floor over existing single storey element.

**CLERK**

**Location:** Hippodrome Farm, Goatsmoor Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs W. Tiffin.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**Application No. 07/01469/FUL.** Side and rear first floor extension above additional approved 05/01452/FUL and use of garage as study.

**CLERK**

**Location:** 49 Well Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs J. Collins.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**Application No. 07/01485/FUL.** Double garage (revised application following withdrawal 07/01226/FUL).

**CLERK**

**Location:** Woodlow, Stock Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Ellis.

The plans are not accurate as there is no island at the junction and it is a narrow lane straight T-junction. There should be a dimension from the garage to the boundary of a minimum of 6 metres. It considerably reduces parking on the site and on street parking is dangerous.

**Application No. 07/01456/FUL.** Replacement dwelling.

**Location:** 48 Well Lane, Stock.

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

A parishioner stated his objections to the application. This is totally out of character and is over development. The house is higher than the neighbouring houses to the South and there are bungalows to the North. It is much too high and visually intrusive. The urban mansion design does not fit the rural edge of the village. The garaging is insufficient for the massive development proposed. It will block the wooded areas and Green Belt to neighbours.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/01544/FUL.** Single storey rear extension.

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

**Applicant:** Ms A Kirby.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/01488/FUL.** Replacement dwelling and associated access.

**Location:** Brook Lodge Farm, Stock Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Tahir and Karen Sharif.

The Parish Council had no comments to make. The Chairman had the casting vote as 3 Councillors were for the application and three against.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/01526/FUL.** Proposed side garage.

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

**Applicant:** Mr P. Murphy.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/01459/FUL.** Two storey front, rear and side extensions, single storey conservatories and utility room. (Variation to planning permission 05/01509/FUL).

**Location:** 6 The Lindens, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr and Mrs P. Williams.

Cllr. Otter declared a prejudicial interest and left the room. Some parishioners stated their objections to the application. The Parish Council felt so strongly about the retrospective application that they asked Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Ian Grundy to have this referred to the Planning Committee. The Parish Council commented what was passed to be two conservatories should be amended to the original plan, as it is now brick built rooms instead of glass. The Parish Council have concern over the increased height of up to 1m of parts of the Southern conservatories. The original plans do not appear to be correct.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/01277/FUL.** Gazebo for civil wedding ceremonies.

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

**Applicant:** Mr Osib.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**CLERK**

### Results

**Application No. 07/01119/FUL.** Retention of use of barn for long term storage together with cladding of west elevation, demolition of bull bays and iron barn.

**Location:** Great Prestons Farm, Great Prestons Lane.

**Applicant:** Simon Lister. **Refused.**

**Application No. 07/01288/FUL.** Variation to planning permission 06/01730/FUL – Re-designed double garage.

**Location:** New Build at Thrift, Madles Lane.

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

**Application No. 07/01069/FUL.** Two storey side extension (replacing existing single storey).

**Location:** Buttsbury Lodge Cottage, Stock Road.

**Applicant:** Mr. J. Ray. **Refused.**

**Application No. 07/01058/FUL.** Personal stable and tack room - renewal of previous approval 02/01852/FUL.

**Location:** Fairfields, Marigold Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr. K. Squibb. **Approved.**

	<p><b>Application No. 07/01192/CLOPUD.</b> Erection of detached garaging and store, single storey games room and indoor swimming pool enclosure.  <b>Location:</b> Fairfields, Marigold Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr K. Squibb. <b>Refused.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 07/01232/FUL.</b> Two storey front extension.  <b>Location:</b> Jasmine Cottage, 14 High Street.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs G. Stringer. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 07/001346/FUL.</b> Proposed two storey rear, first floor side and single storey rear extension.  <b>Location:</b> Ashdene Cottage, Stock Road.  <b>Applicant:</b> Ponsford Properties Limited. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 07/01344/CLEUD.</b> Construction of stables for equestrian use.  <b>Location:</b> Birch House, Broomwood Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Clive Amos. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b><u>Applications for Works to be carried out on trees in Conservation Area and trees that have Tree Preservation Orders.</u></b></p> <p><b>Application No. 07/05192/TPO.</b> T1 – Oak to the front of property – crown reduce by up to 30%. (TPO/1998/02).  <b>Location:</b> Oakfield, 13 Mill Lane.  <b>Applicant:</b> A. White. <b>Approved.</b></p>																									
1748.	<p><b>FINANCE.</b></p> <p><b>Audit of Accounts for 2006/07</b> – Nothing further to report.</p> <p><b>Change of Bank Signatories</b> – The Clerk had spoken to Barclays who confirmed that everything was going through and that Cllr. Millernas could sign cheques.</p> <p><b>Clerk’s Salary</b> – The EALC had still not had confirmation of the new rates.</p> <p><b>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</b></p> <table border="0" data-bbox="228 1134 1260 1354"> <tr> <td>101277</td> <td>£ 75.00</td> <td>EALC</td> <td>Health and Safety Course for Cllr. Phillips</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101278</td> <td>£1,026.98</td> <td>Mrs L.J.Green</td> <td>Salary 1.08.07 – 31.08.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101279</td> <td>£ 510.73</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101280</td> <td>£ 90.68</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101281</td> <td>£ 569.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting July</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101282</td> <td>£ 120.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting Football Pitch July</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Transfer of Funds</b> – On the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007 £2,500.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.</p>	101277	£ 75.00	EALC	Health and Safety Course for Cllr. Phillips	101278	£1,026.98	Mrs L.J.Green	Salary 1.08.07 – 31.08.07	101279	£ 510.73	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101280	£ 90.68	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	101281	£ 569.00	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting July	101282	£ 120.00	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting Football Pitch July	
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1749.	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL.</b></p> <p>It was reported that the roundabout feature looks really nice. No meeting had been held.</p>																									
1750.	<p><b>VILLAGE IN BLOOM.</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council should organise the competition again next year with the Gardening Society and extend to other areas of the village.</p>																									
1751.	<p><b>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Millernas reported that the grass outside The Almshouses is ruined. It was agreed that the matter should be discussed at a later date.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding the potholes in The Square which have still not been done and the red marks are now wearing away.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy agreed to try and send notifications of work to roads in the village to the Clerk.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>IG</b></p>																								

1752.	<b>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</b>  Cllr. Otter advised that she had accepted an invitation to a Railway Seminar in September. Cllr. Phillips asked Cllr. Otter to find out what is happening about an extension from South Woodham Ferrers to Colchester.	<b>MO</b>
1753.	<b>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</b>  Cllr. Grundy advised that Chelmsford Borough Council are looking at linking up partnerships and working with Maldon District Council who are a much smaller Council. After the merger there will be two Officers at Chelmsford and Maldon. The position will be ratified at a meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2007. The reasons for one workforce have been to utilise resources much better and ultimately benefit residents. In particular, to keep down Council Tax. Chelmsford will collect the Council Tax. Maldon have outsourced a lot of their resources. There will be one Chief Executive and not two and there will be a merger of Officers subject to members being in agreement. The merger will make Chelmsford Borough Council the largest Council in the Country.	
1754.	<b>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</b>  Anne Bishop of Essex Rural Housing Trust had sent the Parish Council a copy of the letter that they have sent to all those on the Register of Interest about a marketing day they will be holding on 6 <sup>th</sup> October in Stock Village Hall. Anne Bishop will provide posters nearer the time. Anne Bishop asked for the letter to be reproduced into Stock Press and the village website which the Clerk had arranged. A copy of the information had also been put onto the noticeboard.	
1755.	<b>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</b>  Nothing to report.	
1756.	<b>RISK ASSESSMENT.</b>  Nothing to report.	
1757.	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</b>  The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2007 at 7.30pm.	
1758.	<b>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</b>  <b>Projector Screen</b> – It was agreed that Thompsons’ quotation should be accepted. Cllr. Watling to organise.	<b>RW</b>

**The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.50pm.**

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