

# STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2007 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.

**Present:** Cllrs., Elliott, Watling, Tully, Otter, Phillips and Hale  
**In The Chair:** Cllr. Johnson  
**Minute Secretary:** Lorraine Green  
**Also Present:** 5 Members of the Public

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Tully and Cllr. Hale for their contribution to the Parish Council during their time as Councillors.

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1656.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b>  Cllr. Easton and Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Ian Grundy sent their apologies.	
1657.	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2007 AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2007.</b>  The Minutes of the Meetings, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed.	
1658.	<b>PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2007.</b>  The Clerk advised that Stock would not be having a contested Election and that two Councillors could be co-opted after the 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2007. The Chairman advised that the new Parish Council Councillors would be Wendy Elliott, Roger Watling, Charles Phillips, Margaret Otter, Chris Finch, John Millernas and herself.	
1659.	<b>POLICE MATTERS.</b>  PCSO John Gipson sent his apologies but submitted the following report:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attempted dwelling burglary on the 28/03/07 around 21:00 a window was smashed however nothing was taken. No one was seen in the area. Reports were made and scenes of crime have visited and we are making enquiries.</li><li>• There have been 3 thefts from motor vehicles over the last months we unfortunately have no witnesses. However we do know that they are targeting Sat Nav Systems, laptops and other electrical goods of high value such as digital cameras. Please be aware that if you have any such items to ensure that you do not leave them in your vehicle and try to make sure you remove them in an attempt to stop this.</li><li>• We had a report of an abandoned vehicle in Cambridge Close, the Police have dealt with this matter and the vehicle is no longer there.</li><li>• We also had 1 report of 2 escaped horses these were quickly rounded up and are no longer causing an issue.</li></ul> <u>Mobile Police Station:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Mobile Police Station was well attended last month. Nearly all of the complaints were to do with speed and traffic related incidents, which are being looked into.</li><li>• The Mobile Police Station will be at the Village Hall this Wednesday (02/05/07) between 15:00-18:00 if you have any issues you wish to raise or discuss please feel free to come along.</li></ul> <u>Outstanding Issues:</u>  We are currently speaking to Adam Pipe from Traffic Management with regards to the issue with speeding in various parts of Stock such as Smallgains Lane and Honeypot Lane. PCSO McDonald and PCSO Gipson went to see Mrs Henderson and Mary Couzens regarding speeding traffic and are in talks with Adam Pipe regarding these issues.	

1660.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</b></p> <p><b>Tree Warden Scheme</b> – Cllr. Phillips had carried out an inspection of the trees on the Common and reported that a couple look like they are dead. It was agreed that the Tree Warden should get the trees checked by a Tree Surgeon. Cllr. Phillips also reported that the Horse Chestnut by the green island, opposite Vernons Corner, is almost dying. Cllr. Phillips had reported the matter to Lyn Cameron at Chelmsford Borough Council who had referred the matter to Highways to deal with.</p> <p><b>Doctor’s Surgery</b> – Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that he had attended a site meeting on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April with the proposed Contractor (Station Services) and the Doctors’ Representative, Andrew Blanks, Empire Building Co Ltd. Mr Hope can now advise that the agreed formal proposed start date for the work is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May and the duration period is likely to be approximately two weeks.</p> <p><b>Stock United Football Club</b> – The Clerk read out a letter received from Keith Howell, Secretary to Stock United F.C. The Club’s Committee has decide to continue using Blackwater Landscapes and accept the Parish Council’s kind offer to pay two thirds of the cost of the grass cutting of the pitch. The Chairman advised that Cllr. Grundy had attended a meeting with Strutt and Parker. Nothing had been decided but it had stimulated interest. Another meeting is to be held in the near future.</p> <p><b>Black and White Posts on the corner of the right hand bend of Smallgains Lane</b> – Phil Hope advised the Clerk that he had met Mrs Henderson on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April on site. Positions of several additional posts were agreed in the Lane and Mr Hope will be issuing a variation order to the Contractor accordingly.</p> <p><b>Speed Indicator Device</b> –David Woodyard, the Clerk to Writtle Parish Council, had written to the Clerk advising that they had set aside in its current budget £2,000.00 to finance a sign. Whilst the minimum cost is in the region of £3,300.00 and Essex County Council will provide a subsidy of £1,000.00 there are however setting up costs and maintenance charges amounting to several hundred pounds. It has therefore been recommended that for a Parish such as Writtle a shared facility might be more appropriate. Writtle Parish Council are therefore enquiring whether Stock would be happy to contribute to the purchase and costs of a SID to be shared on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the % contributions made to the total cost. After discussion, it was agreed that it would be very difficult to share a device and that the Parish Council would prefer a permanent one in the village. Clerk to write back to Writtle Parish Council advising of the decision made. Clerk also to contact Inspector Callow to arrange for Adam Pipe to attend a meeting to discuss Speed Indicator Devices.</p> <p><b>Bollard Outside Serge Pervez’ in Swan Lane</b> – Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that the bollard had been ordered and is due to be erected by 18<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p><b>Parish Paths Partnership (P3)</b> – Cllr. Hale agreed to contact Tim Gardiner regarding organising the work party to put in the waymarking at Crondon Park.</p> <p><b>Footpath Map for Stock</b> – Cllr. Elliott advised that the footpaths booklet was being printed. A parishioner, John Millernas, showed the Parish Council a draft of the footpath map and advised that the Footpath Committee were looking for the Parish Council’s input.</p> <p><b>Downham Road Retexturing</b> – Phil Hope confirmed to the Clerk the road is on the list for retexturing this financial year. Being specialist work, their main contractor, Balfour Beatty, are arranging for a suitable contractor to carry out the works as soon as possible. Mr Hope had spoken to the Works Manager to try and speed things along.</p> <p><b>Post knocked to the ground by the new noticeboard in Swan Lane</b> – Cllr. Tully agreed to get the new owners name in order that the Clerk could write to them.</p> <p><b>Chains and Posts from The Paddocks to The Square</b> – The Clerk advised that the work had been completed today.</p> <p><b>Proposal for Allotment Site Development</b> – The Clerk advised that Shaftesbury Housing were not in agreement with the use of their land for allotments. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Allotment Officer at Chelmsford Borough Council advising her that both sites that had been approached were not in agreement.</p>	<p>CP</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>RH</p> <p>AT/CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
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**Erection of a Small Timber Plaque by Memorial Bench on Green in front of the Almshouses and the Track** – Nothing further to report.

**Resurfacing of Common Lane** - Phil Hope advised the Clerk that improvement to the remainder of the Lane using a different process is scheduled to be carried out in the new financial year and residents will be written to in advance of the works progressing. Once a date is known Mr Hope will advise the Clerk. This may take a while, however, as works orders and lists from many Districts are submitted to the main contractor at this time of year and they then formulate and respond with a works programme.

**Erection of Guardrails Outside Stock Primary School** - A site meeting had been held at the school on 19<sup>th</sup> April, which was attended by Robin Murray, Liz Powell (Essex County Council Traffic and Road Safety Section), representatives from the school and Parish Council. Highways will be providing information (drawings and estimates) to Liz Powell and she will be in contact with the Parish in due course.

**Annual Just Bin It Campaign** – A cheque for £95.00 had been received from Chelmsford Borough Council to pay for the skip hire. It was reported that Chelmsford Borough Council had not delivered the equipment for the litter picking. The Clerk had reported this to Jackie Lane, NEAT Officer, who had apologised and said that if the Parish Council wished to set up another day she would arrange for the equipment to be delivered and she would join in the Clear-up day. The Chairman apologised for not chasing the matter up. The Chairman thanked all those who did turn up and said it was very much appreciated. Cllr. Phillips advised that a parishioner, John Millernas, had carried out an extremely good job and was still clearing up the next day.

**The Post Office Network Consultation** – It was agreed that the item could be removed from the Agenda.

**Broken Kissing Gate on Footpath at the back of The Catholic Church where Footpaths 28,29 & 30 meet** - Cllr. Hale advised that the matter was in hand.

**Reinstatement of Verge and Post in Mill Lane** – Cllr. Hale advised that the work had been carried out.

**Keep Clear Sign Outside The Hoop and Post that has been knocked down outside The Paddocks** – Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that the sign and post had been ordered.

**Wicksteed Leisure Annual Safety Inspection** - The Clerk had spoken to the EALC and various other Parish Councils regarding the matter. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would ask Wicksteed to carry out an unaccompanied Inspection, Risk Assessment and DDA Inspection of the play equipment. The Clerk advised that the EALC advised that there are various Risk Assessments that the Parish Council are required to undertake. Some of the assessments were already being carried out. It was agreed that the matter would be put on the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

**Ditch on Footpath 26** - Cllr. Elliott agreed to look to see if the work had been carried out.

**Tree fallen down on Footpath 26** – The Chairman agreed to check to see if the tree had been removed.

**Park and Ride Bus Fare Increase** - The Clerk read out the reply received from Rodney Bass at Essex County Council. Cllr. Otter stated that if there is more than one non-concession person in a car they are better off paying to park in Chelmsford and not using the Park and Ride. Cllr. Otter said that the letter did not answer the Parish Council's question. After discussion, it was decided that there was no point in replying back to Mr Bass.

**Parish Council Forum Meeting Held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2007** – Cllr. Otter had attended the meeting. She advised that the meeting had been split into several sections. A presentation had been given by the Tree Warden, Lynn Cameron, who advised that there are 50% grants available towards tree planting. Chelmsford Borough Council would like details of heritage trees, as they want to protect them. The consultation DPD and supporting documents were discussed. Cllr. Otter advised that electronic consultation would have a more secure login for Parish Councils when making comments and would come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

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	<p>Chelmsford Borough Council want summaries of reports submitted for Planning Officers. A demonstration of the new site was due to be given but the system would not work. Cllr. Otter said that the website goes down a lot and has been out of action all day today. Clerk to write to Elaine Peck regarding the matter. Cllr. Otter advised that the LDF and DPD Pre-examination meeting would be held on 5<sup>th</sup> June and a full investigation on the 11<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr. Otter said that the meeting had been interesting.</p> <p><b>Piece of Wood by Boundary House That Needs Removing</b> – Cllr. Watling advised that he had asked for three quotations but had only received one verbal quotation back which was for £180.00 plus VAT. It was agreed that Cllr. Watling should arrange for the removal of the piece of wood.</p> <p><b>Trees to be removed at Village Hall</b> - Cllr. Otter advised that the trees were in a Conservation Area and that the trees are protected and that she would like to see the trees replaced. Cllr. Otter asked the Tree Warden to speak to Chelmsford Borough Council about the matter. Cllr. Phillips advised that he had commented on the planning application that the tree should be replaced, but that he accepted the democratic decision of the Council even though it was contrary to his personal views. Cllr. Tully advised that the trees are too near drains which have to be unblocked regularly because of the trees.</p> <p><b>Stock Heritage Group</b> – Cllr. Phillips asked if Jenny Berkley could borrow the projector on the 13<sup>th</sup> June and thanked the Parish Council.</p> <p><b>Smoke Free Legislation</b> – Cllr. Otter asked the Clerk to chase the matter up with Chelmsford Borough Council regarding getting somebody to talk at a meeting.</p>	<p><b>RW</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p>1661.</p>	<p><b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</b></p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Gary Stringer requesting that the Parish Council write to Beryl Woodward in Church Green Cottage (opposite Glebe) as her hedge is now overgrown about one and a half foot from her fence leaving about a foot of pavement. Mr Stringer said that it is dangerous to walk even single file. With lorries thundering through this narrow stretch of road Mr Stringer is concerned that someone is going to be hit by a vehicle wing mirror. Mr Stringer said it needs cutting right back to the boundary.</li> <li>b) Sally Wallis who has recently been appointed as Patient and Public Involvement Officer for Mid Essex Primary Care Trust. This means that Ms. Wallis actively engages with patients and public about their local healthcare facilities and obtains as much feedback as possible about services and needs. Ms. Wallis asked if she could come along to a Parish Council meeting to get a feel of the Parish and the needs of people living there. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back advising Mrs Wallis to contact the Over 60's and Stock Cares.</li> <li>c) Cyril King of Essex County Council Highways advising that while cables and poles are replaced, Marigold Lane will be closed from its junction with Madles Lane to a point 100m west of that junction. The restriction will come into force on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007 and is expected to remain for 4 days. The signed diversion route will be via Well Lane, Mill Road, Whites Hill, Madles Lane and vice versa.</li> <li>d) Hanningfield Awards 2007. It was agreed that the Chairman would pass the information onto Ruth Coomers for the Venture Scouts.</li> <li>e) Rebecca Keyes advising that the PPIF for Health in Mid Essex will be holding their meeting in public on the 21<sup>st</sup> May from 2pm – 4pm in the Upper Hall at Central Baptist Church, Chelmsford. Mid Essex Hospital Trust PPIF are holding their next meeting in public on the 16<sup>th</sup> May from 10am-12.30pm in the Lower Hall at Central Baptist Church, Chelmsford.</li> <li>f) Department for Communities and Local Government regarding The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 (SI No. 1159). The Department has issued the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007, prescribing a revised Model Code of Conduct for members of Local Authorities. The Order will come into effect on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007. The revised code will apply to all Local Councillors in England. It consolidates and replaces the four separate model codes for members of principal Authorities, Parish Councils, the National Park and Broads Authorities and Police Authorities. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council will need to adopt the new scheme at the next Parish Council meeting.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>SJ</b></p>

<p>1662.</p>	<p><b>CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL – NOTICE OF PRE-EXAMINATION MEETING FOR: THE CORE STRATEGY &amp; DEVELOPMENT CONTROL &amp; THE CHELMSFORD TOWN CENTRE AREA ACTION DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS (DPDs).</b></p> <p>A letter had been received from Andrea Copsey, Programme Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council. The Pre-Examination Meeting will take place on Tuesday 5 June 2007 at 10.00am in the Council Chamber at Chelmsford Borough Council. A questionnaire is available online through the Borough Council’s website. Ms Copsey would be grateful if a separate questionnaire can be submitted for each representation made, to include representations to both of the above Development Plan Documents. An indication should also be made as to how the Parish Council wish to proceed with their representations and whether they wish to attend the Pre-Examination Meeting. The deadline for responses is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2007. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would obtain hard copies of the questionnaire and would also e-mail the website link to all Councillors.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p>1663.</p>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS.</b></p> <p><b>38A High Street</b> - Miss Louise Campbell, Operations Co-Ordinator, at Essex Heritage had written to the Clerk advising that the application has been forwarded to the Territorial Team and they will now begin their assessment of the building and will be compiling their advice to the Secretary of State.</p> <p><b>18 The Square, Stock</b> - Neil Marshall, Planning Enforcement Officer, had advised the Clerk that he was still waiting to see what Highways are going to do about the encroachment issue. The reason for that is that although the height of the fence is technically in breach of planning control, it is only by a very small margin and it may not be expedient for Chelmsford Borough Council to take action. However, if Highways are going to take action and require the fence to be moved back, then Chelmsford Borough Council will simply add a requirement for the fence to be reduced in height at the same time.</p> <p><b>Posts standing up in the open space at the back end of the old newsagents</b> – Cllr. Elliott and the Clerk had spoken to the owner’s Grandson who had agreed to clear the litter and weeds.</p> <p><b>Temple Farm</b> - West Hanningfield Parish Council are interested in meeting with Stock Parish Council to discuss this matter further. However, West Hanningfield will be having a contested Parish Election and therefore cannot nominate Councillors to meet until after they no who has been elected. At their next meeting, on the 9<sup>th</sup> May, West Hanningfield Parish Council will nominate Councillors to form a Temple Wood Working Group and will then contact Stock Parish Council. The Clerk had contacted EALC who could not recommend any professional planning consultants. The Clerk had contacted someone involved with Stop Stansted Expansion who suggested the Parish Council contact an organisation called Hives Planning based in Reading. This company helped Stop Stansted with responses to BAA and act as an expert witness. An alternative line of enquiry might be to contact Stop Harlow North who are campaigning to stop development around Harlow.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter left the room while the following Tree Preservation Orders were discussed.</p> <p><b>Tree Preservation Order No. 2007/072 – 7 The Lindens</b> - A Tree Preservation Order was made on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007. The reasons for the Order are that this Tree Preservation Order is being made to safeguard the future of a replacement tree currently protected by Essex County Council TPO 1964/04. The tree, a Black Walnut, has potential to add to the visual amenity of The Lindens and will contribute greatly to the rural feel of the wider area.</p> <p><b>Tree Preservation Order No. 2007/073 – 8 The Lindens</b> - A Tree Preservation Order was made on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007. The reasons for the Order are that this Tree Preservation Order is being made to safeguard the future of an Ash tree and two Oak trees currently protected by Essex County Council TPO 1964/04. The trees add to the visual amenity of Well Lane and The Lindens and contribute greatly to the rural feel of the wider area. The trees provide valuable wildlife habitats and are important historically as they represent a small section of hedgerow of which only the coppice stools remain.</p>	

**Tree Preservation Order No. 2007/076 – 3 The Lindens -** A Tree Preservation Order was made on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007. The reasons for the Order are that this Tree Preservation Order is being made to safeguard the future of a tree currently protected by Essex County Council TPO 1964/04. The tree, an Oak, adds to the visual amenity of The Lindens due to the prominence in the street scene and contributes greatly to the rural feel of the wider area. The tree provides a valuable wildlife habitat and offers some screening to the property.

**Tree Preservation Order No. 2007/071 – Cracknels, White Hill -** A Tree Preservation Order was made on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007. The reasons for the Order are that this Tree Preservation Order is being made to safeguard the future of trees currently protected by Essex County Council TPO 1964/04. The trees add to the visual amenity of Whites Hill and The Lindens and provide valuable wildlife habitats, and are important historically as they represent a small section of hedgerow of which only the coppice stools remain.

**Tree Preservation Order No. 2007/075 – 19 Well Lane -** A Tree Preservation Order was made on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007. The reasons for the Order are that this Tree Preservation Order is being made to safeguard the future of trees currently protected by Essex County Council TPO 1964/04. The trees add to the visual amenity of Well Lane and The Lindens and provide valuable wildlife habitats. The trees are important historically as they represent a small section of hedgerow of which only the coppice stools remain.

**Tree Preservation Order No. 2007/074 – 17 Well Lane -** A Tree Preservation Order was made on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007. The reasons for the Order are that this Tree Preservation Order is being made to safeguard the future of trees currently protected by Essex County Council TPO 1964/04. The trees add to the visual amenity of Well Lane due to the prominence in the road scene and contribute greatly to the rural feel of the wider area. The trees provide valuable wildlife habitat and offer some screening to the property.

**Tree Preservation Order No. 2007/070 – Landry, Whites Hill -** A Tree Preservation Order was made on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007. The reasons for the Order are that this Tree Preservation Order is being made to safeguard the future of trees currently protected by Essex County Council TPO 1964/04 and others which are not protected. The trees add to the visual amenity of Whites Hill and The Lindens and contribute greatly to the rural feel of the wider area. They also help to screen the property from the surrounding area and provide valuable wildlife habitats. The newly protected trees are visually prominent along the road boundary and therefore of high amenity value.

The reasons for the above Orders were because Chelmsford Borough Council are currently reviewing all the Tree Preservation Orders made by Essex County Council within the Borough prior to 1974, with a view to administering new TPO's made by the Borough Council in future. These will then replace the Essex County Council TPO's. It is considered expedient to serve a new Tree Preservation Order to continue to protect these important trees once the Essex County Council Tree Preservation Order has been revoked.

### Applications

**Application No. 07/00461/FUL.** Two storey rear extension.

**Location:** 28 Myln Meadow, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Ryan

Comments due by 13<sup>th</sup> April. Under Clerk's Delegated Power she discussed the plan with Councillors. The Parish Council commented that this was over development and the proposed new rear apex should not exceed the ridge height of the roof above the garage.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/00598/FUL.** Extension and conversion of garage to provide an annexe to dwelling for applicants relatives in association with the horticultural nursery.

**Location:** 56 Well Lane, Stock.

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

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/00439/FUL.** Formation of room in roof by raising roof and insertion of dormer windows.

**Location:** 17 The Square, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr J. Payne.

The Parish Council commented on the fact that the property was in the Conservation Area, the effect on Listed Building and the effects of the height and character of the dormer.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/00613/FUL.** Alterations to external appearance of outbuilding.

**Location:** Tetlows, Downham Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs M. Hawkes.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/00541/CLEUD.** Change of use from agricultural barn to equestrian riding school.

**Location:** Imphy Hall, Back Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs E.M. Ward.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/00353/FUL.** Demolition of Fristling Hall and replacement new dwelling.

**Location:** Fristling Hall, Swan Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Fristling Hall Farms Ltd.

The Parish Council commented that whilst they note that the house has been repositioned and one of the barns retained, the Parish Council considers that this is change of use from rural agricultural to urban parkland. The house is too big and too dominant and visually intrusive as it stands on a high piece of land. It is very intrusive from the Ingatestone/Margaretting side and is very conspicuous from Imphy Hall. The size and character of the house is not sensitive to the fine characters of the local area. The site is a Special Landscape Area. This is a very inappropriate development in the Green Belt. It is encroachment into the countryside and detrimental to the character of the area and openness of Green Belt. The mitigation does not justify the proposal. The Parish Council have been mandated by the Millennium survey to protect the Green Belt. Access to this property is via a Grade 1 Protected Single Track Lane.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/00781/FUL.** Front bay window.

**Location:** 85 Mill Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr. N. Mason.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**CLERK**

**Application No. 07/00766/FUL.** Two storey rear, first floor side and single storey side extensions.

**Location:** Ashdene Cottage, Stock Road, West Hanningfield.

**Applicant:** Ponsford Properties Ltd.

The Parish Council commented that this was in the Green Belt.

**CLERK**

### Results

**Application No. 06/02550/CLEUD.** Construction and residential occupation of the annex for in excess of ten years whilst being non-compliant with planning regulations.

**Location:** Birch House, Broomwood Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr Clive Amos. **Approved.**

**Application No. 07/00279/FUL.** Rear Conservatory.

**Location:** 7 Brookmans Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Sherringham. **Approved.**

**Application No. 07/00198/LBC.** Replacement windows and doors to rear elevation in timber painted white.

**Location:** 17 High Street, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr S. McIntyre. **Approved.**

**Application No. 07/00335/FUL.** New outbuilding to form garden room and log store.

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

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

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

**Application No. 07/05527/CAT.** Beech in rear garden, crown reduce by 2.5m, cutting to suitable growing points.

**Location:** 8 Mill Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs Sabine. **The Tree Warden had no comments to make.**

	<p><b>Application No. 07/05528/CAT.</b> Horse Chestnut in rear garden, 30% crown thin and reduce extended laterals by 30%; Conifer in rear garden, reduce 4m in height.  <b>Location:</b> 12 Mill Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mrs Sabine. The Tree Warden had no comments to make.</p>																																	
1664.	<p><b>FINANCE.</b></p> <p><b>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101233</td> <td>£250.00</td> <td>Stock Village Design Statement</td> <td>Donation (previous cheque cancelled as lost by Barclays Bank)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101234</td> <td>£664.72</td> <td>Mr Charles Phillips</td> <td>Reimbursement of paying King &amp; Co. invoice for trees</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101235</td> <td>£859.16</td> <td>Mrs L.J.Green</td> <td>Salary 1.04.07 – 30.04.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101236</td> <td>£397.49</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101237</td> <td>£342.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101238</td> <td>£114.57</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101239</td> <td>£2,260.00</td> <td>Mr Andy Nichols</td> <td>Chains around The Square</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101240</td> <td>£394.48</td> <td>EALC</td> <td>Annual Subscription 2007/08</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Precept</b> - The first half Precept amounting to £15,000.00 had been received.</p> <p><b>Interest</b> - An amount of £390.87 had been received.</p> <p><b>VAT</b> – £146.58 had been received on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007.</p> <p><b>Transfer of Funds</b> – On the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2007 £13,000.00 was transferred from the Current Account to the Base Rate Tracker Account.</p> <p><b>Clerk's Salary</b> – The EALC had still not had confirmation of the new rates.</p> <p><b>Audit Commission</b> – A letter had been received from the Audit Commission confirming the appointment of Lubbock Fine as External Auditor for the financial year 2006/07.</p>	101233	£250.00	Stock Village Design Statement	Donation (previous cheque cancelled as lost by Barclays Bank)	101234	£664.72	Mr Charles Phillips	Reimbursement of paying King & Co. invoice for trees	101235	£859.16	Mrs L.J.Green	Salary 1.04.07 – 30.04.07	101236	£397.49	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101237	£342.00	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting March	101238	£114.57	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	101239	£2,260.00	Mr Andy Nichols	Chains around The Square	101240	£394.48	EALC	Annual Subscription 2007/08	
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101238	£114.57	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses																															
101239	£2,260.00	Mr Andy Nichols	Chains around The Square																															
101240	£394.48	EALC	Annual Subscription 2007/08																															
1665.	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Elliott advised that the next meeting would be in a couple of weeks time.</p>																																	
1666.	<p><b>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION AND VILLAGE IN BLOOM.</b></p> <p>The Chairman advised that the posters for the Best Kept Village Competition had been put in the village. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Watling for his help. The Chairman said that she was disappointed at the condition of the noticeboards and the way that people are putting up notices.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that a meeting had been held to discuss the Stock in Bloom Competition. The Garden Society are happy to take on the competition with sponsorship from the Parish Council. There will be two classes, domestic and commercial. Suggestions had been made for window boxes, hanging baskets and front gardens. Entry forms will be available from June and will be run until July. The results will be given at the Garden Society Autumn Show in September. The competition will be advertised at the plant sale on the 12<sup>th</sup> May. The Garden Society had asked the Parish Council for a donation towards the prize money and printing costs. It was agreed that the Parish Council would donate £150.00. The Garden Society will organise a leaflet drop and posters.</p>																																	
1667.	<p><b>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that there is barbed wire on the footpath from All Saints Church to the Catholic Church which is extremely dangerous. Clerk to contact Public Rights of Way Officer.</p> <p>Cllr. Hale reported that the dog bin in Mill Lane had been hit and the box has been twisted. The post is still in position and the box is still in working order.</p> <p>Cllr. Elliott reported that the nameplate at the junction of Mill Road/Downham Road had been driven into and was broken. Clerk to report matter to Chelmsford Borough Council.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>																																



	<p>Cllr. Phillips advised that the windmill was now opening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month and that 60 people had attended on the first opening. It was agreed that Cllr. Watling would advertise this on the website as it needed more publicity.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that there is a portaloo on the verge alongside The Nook. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to the owners advising that it had been noted that the portaloo was on Common land and could they please remove it.</p> <p>A parishioner had reported that the hedges need to be cut back at the junction of Mill Road/Downham Road. Clerk to write to owners.</p> <p>A parishioner had raised concern about the parking in Common Road outside the Bakers Arms. She felt that there was going to be an accident. It was also reported that there was dangerous parking where the new house is being built where Common Road goes into Mill Road. The Chairman had spoken to the builders and pointed out that it was a blind spot.</p>	<p><b>RW</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<b>1668.</b>	<p><b>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Otter advised that she was due to attend a Passenger Transport Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter advised that there would be a Transport Information Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> June between 2pm and 7pm in the Upper and Lower Atrium at County Hall. Cllr. Otter asked Cllr. Watling to advertise the meeting on the website.</p>	<b>RW</b>
<b>1669.</b>	<p><b>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</b></p> <p>No report was given.</p>	
<b>1670.</b>	<p><b>ESSEX RURAL HOUSING TRUST.</b></p> <p>Nothing further to report.</p>	
<b>1671.</b>	<p><b>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Phillips advised that there would be a further workshop on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. At present the Association has enough money but will need money when they are about to produce the report, which will be sometime next year. The Chairman stated that the meetings are not very well attended.</p>	
<b>1672.</b>	<p><b>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had asked Cllr. Grundy to look into the matter of putting lights into the shelter lights.</p>	<b>IG</b>
<b>1673.</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</b></p> <p>The next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007 at 7.30pm.</p>	
<b>1674.</b>	<p><b>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</b></p> <p>No tenders to discuss.</p>	

Cllr Phillips proposed a vote of thanks for Lorraine Green for the good work that she had put in as Clerk over the last year.

**The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 9.50pm.**

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