

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2008
AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK AT 7.30PM.**

Present: Cllrs. Millernas, Dixon, Finch, Woodward, Phillips, Rilstone and Otter
In The Chair: Cllr. Johnson
Minute Secretary: Lorraine Green
Also Present: 1Member of the Public, Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Ian Grundy, PCSO Jon McDonald, PCSO Kay Fleming, Sgt. Perry Land and PCSO Sharon Taylor

		ACTION
2059.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. No apologies.	
2060.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH OCTOBER 2008. The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed.	
2061.	DECLARING ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS. Cllrs. Otter, Phillips and Dixon declared an interest in Item 21 on the Agenda – Village Design Statement. Cllrs. Phillips and Rilstone declared an interest in Item 12 on the Agenda – Stock Library and Stock Heritage Society.	
2062.	CASUAL VACANCY FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF CLLR. ROGER WATLING AND CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR. The Chairman advised that a letter of resignation had been received from Cllr. Watling. Cllr. Johnson had acknowledged the resignation and the Clerk had notified Brian Mayfield at Chelmsford Borough Council and put up the relevant notice. The Chairman advised that a possible contender was Jonathan Hawkes.	CLERK
2063.	APPOINTMENT OF TREE WARDEN FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF CLLR. PHILLIPS. The Chairman announced that Cllr. Phillips had decided to resign as Tree Warden. He explained that history is really his forte and that he felt there were people on the Parish Council with more experience and knowledge of trees than himself. Cllr. Phillips also felt that Chelmsford Borough Council were overriding the decision he made. The Chairman told Cllr. Phillips that the Parish Council appreciated the work he had carried out and thanked him. Cllr. Woodward volunteered to take on the position and the Chairman offered to help him. Clerk to advise Chelmsford Borough Council.	PW/SJ/CLERK
2064.	POLICE MATTERS. PCSO McDonald officially handing things over to the new Policing Team. He introduced Sgt. Perry Land and PCSO Kay Fleming. PCSO McDonald reported that there had been a few spates of criminal damage in Birch Lane, The Square and Mill Lane. There had been a couple of accidents at the Stock Road/Ingatstone Road junction. The Chairman thanked PCSO McDonald for all his work and said that it was much appreciated. Sgt. Land advised that PCSO Fleming is very pro-active in the village already. Sgt. Land covers thirteen Parish Councils in the area so will only attend a couple of meetings a year. The South Woodham Ferrers Policing Team have taken on a bigger area with more staff. The community care will come from South Woodham Ferrers whereas emergencies could be covered from South Woodham or Chelmsford all depending who is closest at the time.	

	<p>Cllr. Otter raised the matter of obstruction, particularly at the Common Road/B1007 junction and people parking in Mill Road right up to the Give Way lines, and the fact that the PCSO's not being able to deal with the matter. PCSO McDonald stated that there have been no reported obstructions in the last four months. Cllr. Otter stated that people are fed up with reporting matters and incidents not being dealt with. Sgt. Land advised that parking on the pavement is illegal. Police incidents are prioritised and advised parishioners to report incidents at the time they happen and not later. If a Police car is free they will come out to the incident, Sgt. Land suggested that parishioners telephone the central switchboard and report incidents and also report the matter to PCSO Fleming. Cllr. Rilstone congratulated the Police for their presence at the Remembrance Parade. A parishioner, Jonathan Hawkes, suggested that the Parish Council try talking to the publicans about the parking problem in Common Road. Sgt. Land said that he and his team would go immediately to talk to the Bakers Arms landlord.</p>	
<p>2065.</p>	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</p> <p>Tree Warden Scheme – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Footpath Map for Stock – The Clerk advised that she was still awaiting the grant cheque from Essex County Council.</p> <p>Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Downham Road Retexturing – Highways had advised Cllr. Grundy that one section needs resurfacing but the rest of the road is good.</p> <p>Water Running Out of Ditch at Junction of Mill Road/Downham Road – Highways had advised Cllr. Grundy that the hedge has now been cut so the matter can be investigated.</p> <p>Listing of War Memorial – Nothing further to report.</p> <p>Damaged Honey Pot Lane Street Name Plate – Nothing further to report.</p> <p>Car Park on the Common and Essex County Council's Community Initiatives Fund – Cllr. Woodward was still waiting to hear whether a grant had been approved.</p> <p>Speed Indicator Signs – Highways had advised Cllr. Grundy that the devices were on order.</p> <p>Posts Outside Compass Green – Highways advised Cllr. Grundy that they were looking into this matter.</p> <p>Maintenance Works to area in the vicinity of Furze Lane junction at the southern end of the Lane – Highways advised Cllr. Grundy that the matter still needs to be looked into.</p> <p>Re-Marking Zebra Crossing in High Street – Nothing further to report.</p> <p>Broken Strut Under the Seat by the School - Bob Hale was dealing with the matter.</p> <p>Faded Village Sign – Bob Hale had cleaned the sign. Clerk to remove item from the Agenda.</p> <p>Car Parking at The Village Hall – The Parish Council were still awaiting a reply to their letter.</p> <p>Water outside 122-124 Mill Road – Highways had advised Cllr. Grundy that they were not currently aware of the issue.</p> <p>Dog Waste Bin on Footpath 18 - Bob Hale had installed the dog bin. Item to be removed from the Agenda.</p> <p>State of Back Lane and Brookmans Road and non-existent turf – Mr Lampard of Essex Rural Housing Trust has chased up the repairs to the subsided trenches. It appears this is a matter for EDF to resolve. The builders are aware it must be done and will pursue until it is.</p> <p>Overgrown foliage near the Zebra Crossing – Highways had advised Cllr. Grundy that a letter had been issued to the owners regarding this matter.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>

<p>Ingatestone Road junction with Honeypot Lane and Timber Bollard replacement outside Pembroke House, Ingatestone Road – Phil Hope had advised the Clerk that the kerbing and drainage improvement works have now been completed, except for the white lining which is due to be undertaken imminently.</p> <p>Essex Environmental Trust Community Enterprise Challenge Competition - Cllr. Woodward dealing with matter.</p> <p>Dredging of the Pond - Chairman to contact Mr Williams.</p> <p>Councillor Representative to the ACDPC – The Clerk had spoken to the ACDPC and a meeting was still to be arranged.</p> <p>Overgrown foliage outside the first house in Cambridge Close – Highways had advised Cllr. Grundy that a letter had been issued to the owners regarding this matter.</p> <p>Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 23rd October – Cllrs. Millernas and Otter had attended. Cllr. Millernas advised that it was an interesting meeting. Cllr. Otter advised that the Government have brought in new laws regarding development rights but this was not covered in great detail. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p> <p>Refurbishment of bench in Back Lane and jet washing all the other benches in the village – Bob Hale dealing with matter. The Chairman advised that Mr Hale was having a problem with getting electricity for the jet washer.</p> <p>No Entry signs in The Square facing the wrong way - The Clerk had reported the matter to Essex County Council Highways. Cllr. Dixon advised that the sign was now facing in the right direction. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p> <p>Ponding in Common Road – Phil Hope advised that he has carried out a level survey of the drainage system which has shown that the road crossing, where the pipe works has partially collapsed needs replacing to an improved line and level. Approximately 16 metres of pipe work opposite the cricket ground, adjacent to ‘Hawthorns’, also requires renewing to an improved line and level. Due to the shallowness of the pipe work, ductile iron will be used. At the time of carrying out the level survey, as an interim measure the pipe work was cleaned and Highways managed to get the existing pipe flowing, albeit to a reduced capacity. Phil Hope is arranging for the work to be carried out as soon as possible and will contact the Clerk again in the near future with a proposed start date.</p> <p>Pot Holes – Highways had advised Cllr. Grundy that some repairs had been undertaken. The areas are regularly safety inspected and the Parish Council can report any particular issues in between inspections.</p> <p>Advisory Signs for Smallgains Lane – Highways had advised Cllr. Grundy that the signs would be erected if the lane was considered a hazard. Essex County Council’s traffic team are currently looking into the history.</p> <p>Clearance of gullies on B1007 (outside Farrows Farm) – Highways had advised Cllr. Grundy that a routine cleanse was carried out on the 22nd October 2008. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p> <p>Planting of Leylandii hedging in Fosters Close – Mr Lampard of Essex Rural Housing Trust has exchanged e-mails with Moat regarding the leylandii hedging that has been planted. It appears a junior member of staff did give permission for this work. Mr Lampard has pointed out the planning requirements for this site. Mr Lampard believes that the work completed does breach planning and will liaise with the council if Moat do not deal with it themselves. Mr Lampard is, furthermore now trying to arrange a meeting with a manager in Moat’s organisation so as to ensure all sections (i.e. housing management/estate management/allocations etc) are aware of the sensitivity of the site of the various requirements which must be met so as to avoid any further issues.</p> <p>Overgrown Foliage opposite the Cock Inn Public House - Cllr. Millernas reported that the foliage has still not been cut back and that the situation is becoming very dangerous. Clerk to chase Chris Fox in Highways up on the matter.</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
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<p>2066.</p>	<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <p>a) Cyril Liddy of Asher, Prior Bates regarding Voluntary First Registration of Parish Council Land – Land Registration Act 2002. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that there were three parcels of land which could be registered, i.e. the piece of land at Mill Lane/Common Road, All Saints Church Car Park and Honeypot Meadow. Cllr. Phillips also advised that there was a huge area of unregistered land at Mill Road/Well Lane and that Lord Petre does not own the land South of Mill Road. Cllr. Phillips agreed to write to Lord Petre to identify the land in question and report back at the next meeting. Cllr. Dixon agreed to look into the procedures for registering the land.</p> <p>b) Mr Paul Lay thanking the Parish Council for producing the footpaths map. Mr Lay wondered whether it would be possible for the map to be made available for download from the website. Mr Lay also suggested producing laminated versions of the map. Mr Lay enquired as to whether the ford shown on Footpath 45 existed. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back to Mr Lay advising that the Ford does exist but there is no bridge and it could be years before one is erected. As regards putting the footpath map onto the website this cannot be done due to copyright laws. It was agreed that the Clerk should copy the letter to Jenny Berkley.</p> <p>c) Mrs Roberts regarding the traffic problems at the junction of Back Lane and Stock Road and enquiring as to the possibility of reversing the present priority sign to allow traffic entering Back Lane to have the priority. The Chairman advised that the signage had been reversed three times and the current priority sign has proved to be the best way. Clerk to write back to Mrs Roberts advising her of this.</p> <p>d) Mrs Audrey Mather regarding the Parish Council’s suggestion to use the Village Hall Car Park as a Public Car Park. Mrs Mather felt that this would not help reduce the parking problems but would increase the capacity for more cars to come into the village. Mrs Mather suggested implementing resident parking permits. The Chairman advised that she had spoken to Mrs Mather and suggested that the lady attends the Parish Council meetings. Clerk to write and thank Mrs Mather for her comments which have been noted.</p> <p>e) Paul Rowsell of Communities and Local Government regarding Communities in Control: Real people, real power: Codes of Conduct for local authority members and employees – A consultation. Comments due by 24th December 2008. The Clerk had also received a copy of the comments that Chelmsford Borough Council had submitted regarding the consultation. It was agreed that the document would be circulated and discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>f) David Archer, Community Services and Play Manager, at Chelmsford Borough Council regarding Play Activity Weekends. Any one weekend day could be booked between 3rd January 2009 and 4th April 2009 from 10am – 2pm. It was agreed that the Clerk should speak to Geoff Tully and book a Saturday.</p>	<p>JD/CP</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>CLERK</p>
<p>2067.</p>	<p>TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE FUTURE SPORTSGROUND FOR STOCK VILLAGE.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that the amenity field land on the B1007 is still for sale but is too expensive at £200k. Cllr. Grundy has had further discussions with Mr Fox regarding land that may be available at Crondon Park. Cllr. Grundy has spoken to Stock United F.C. and a meeting is going to be held to discuss the matter further. It was reported that Peaches site by the Reservoir is a perfect pitch but Cllr. Woodward advised that transporting children out of the village was a concern to parents. Cllr. Grundy to speak to Keith Howell at Stock United F.C. to see if this pitch had been discussed any further.</p>	<p>IG</p>
<p>2068.</p>	<p>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that the budgets are currently being carried out at Chelmsford Borough Council and preparations for the Council Tax for next year. Cllr. Grundy reported that unemployment was up 2% in Chelmsford this month.</p>	

	<p>There is currently an issue developing about taxis. They used to be restricted but the Government allowed Chelmsford Borough Council to de-restrict. Chelmsford Borough Council issue the licences and make sure that statutory requirements are met. Due to the economic climate Chelmsford Borough Council have been asked to restrict the amount of licences being issued.</p> <p>As regards the land issue opposite Honeypot Meadow, Cllr. Grundy reported that Chelmsford Borough Council have been involved with the case. An initial visit was made to the site however, hedges continued to be knocked down, concrete put down, hardcore laid and gates put up. Another visit has been made by Chelmsford Borough Council and a Planning Convention Notice has been made and the owner has been located. The land is owned by a Dentist in Ilford who has assured Chelmsford Borough Council that he/she has bought the land for personal recreational use and the fence has been erected to keep the travellers out. Cllr. Grundy suggested planting trees in front of the gates. Cllr. Grundy reported that there are colossal problems with travellers in Basildon and in December an announcement will be made whether the Council have won their case. Cllr. Grundy urged all residents to be extra vigilant and said that he would get an emergency contact telephone number at Chelmsford Borough Council in order that the Parish Council could report any urgent land issues immediately.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter enquired as to whether there were any further developments with Temple Farm. Cllr. Grundy advised that he was attending a meeting tomorrow morning to discuss the matter.</p> <p>The Chairman asked Cllr. Grundy to investigate why the new plastic recycling bags stated just bottles and no other plastic. Cllr. Woodward stated that the waste disposal men were very good in Stock.</p>	<p>IG</p> <p>IG</p> <p>IG</p>
2069.	<p>STOCK LIBRARY AND STOCK HERITAGE SOCIETY.</p> <p>Cllr. Phillips congratulated Jenny Berkley for putting on an excellent exhibition to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the First World War. The Parish Council concurred with this.</p>	
2070.	<p>STOCK PRESS ARTICLES.</p> <p>Cllr. Phillips to submit next article by 10th December.</p>	
2071.	<p>TO DISCUSS COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON THE MAKING AND ENFORCEMENT OF BYLAWS.</p> <p>As not all Parish Councillors had seen the document it was agreed that no comments could be made. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
2072.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p><u>Applications</u></p> <p>Application No. 08/01761/FUL. Retrospective application for change of use of building A to use as storage (class B8). Location: Great Prestons Farm, Great Prestons Lane, Stock. Applicant: Dr. Simon Lyster. The Parish Council commented that their concern is the vehicular access to the site.</p> <p>Application No. 08/01882/FUL. Demolition of existing dwelling and detached garage, erection of a two storey dwelling with integral double garage. Location: 40 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: The Executors Of Mrs R M Hodges. The Parish Council commented that in consideration of the revised plans, the Parish Council's previous comments still remain. The Parish Council continue to object to the replacement of bungalows with large executive houses and objects to this application. This site is in a sensitive, prominent location within the Conservation Area. It is dissected by the Green Belt boundary and Footpath 29 runs along the East boundary of the site. The Catholic Church is directly to the East of Footpath 29 and the application site. Although in the heart of the village the area is defined by its rural feel and sense of space, the Footpath retains a country feel. The Parish Council would wish to see the existing trees retained and preserved. They wish to see TPO's on these trees as they add to the amenity of the area. The Parish Council object to the height of the proposed dwelling and are concerned the proposed dwelling would be visually intrusive and detrimental to the rural character of the area. Further, they are concerned to read that changes in ground level are to take place and this has not been finalised (reference tree report). The Parish Council object to illuminated entrances, whilst they are aware of the need for security lighting this site is in the Conservation Area and illumination would urbanise the area and contribute to light blight.</p>	

	<p>The Parish Council note very little change to the excessive height of the building and its visual intrusiveness.</p> <p>The Parish Council understand it was a condition when the original building was built that it had to be a single storey dwelling. This should still apply.</p> <p><u>Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Decisions</u></p> <p>Application No. 08/01648/FUL. Single storey rear extension. Location: 11 Hereward Mount, Stock. Applicant: Mr I Drury. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 08/01550/FUL. Formation of a dropped kerb. Location: Cherrytree Cottages, Stock Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr K West. Refused.</p> <p><u>Applications for Works to be carried out on trees in Conservation Area and trees that have Tree Preservation Orders.</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Planning Appeals and Decisions.</u></p> <p>Appeal by Mr John Lewis, Hillside Farm, Whites Hill, Appeal Reference No. APP/W1525/A/08/2079137 (Appeal A) and Appeal Ref. No. APP/W1525/A/08/2079141 (Appeal B). The Planning Inspectorate had advised that the appeals had been allowed subject to certain conditions.</p> <p><u>Tree Preservation Orders.</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Planning Correspondence</u></p> <p>A letter had been received from The Planning Inspectorate asking the Parish Council to complete a Customer Research 2008 Questionnaire. Comments to be in by 28th November 2008. It was agreed that the Questionnaire would not be completed.</p> <p><u>Urgent Planning Matters Not On This Agenda</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>2073.</p>	<p>REPORT BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.</p> <p>The Clerk and public were asked to leave the room whilst the discussion took place.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that Cllr. Phillips had been replaced by Cllr. Dixon on the Personnel Committee.</p> <p>Cllr. Dixon advised that following discussions at the last Personnel Committee meeting, the Model Contract of Employment for the Clerk had been adopted as advised by the EALC. As a consequence, and subject to satisfactory performance, the Clerk's salary should increase by one incremental point each year until the maximum of the scale is reached. Our Clerk is still some way from the maximum.</p> <p>At the present time the final negotiations by the NJC have not been completed, but an interim pay award has been made until the result of arbitration is received. These new salary figures had now been received from the EALC and the Committee proposed that the Clerk's salary be moved up one scale to LC1 SCP23 and therefore the Clerk's hourly rate would be increased from £9.827 to £10.364. This would be backdated to the 1st April 2008.</p> <p>Additionally the Committee felt that as EALC regard as best practice that employees be offered the opportunity to join the Local Government Pension this should be made available to our Clerk. Enquires were being made with the relevant authorities as to the costs involved.</p>	

<p>2074.</p>	<p>FINANCE.</p> <p>Audit of Accounts for 2007/08.</p> <p>Nothing further to report.</p> <p>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101398</td> <td>£1, 1,517.03</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary 01.11.08 – 30.11.08 and backdated Pay to 1.4.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101399</td> <td>£772.03</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101400</td> <td>£289.00</td> <td>Mr P. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101401</td> <td>£ 20.00</td> <td>Stock Royal British Legion</td> <td>Poppy Wreath</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101402</td> <td>£200.00</td> <td>All Saints Church</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101403</td> <td>£100.00</td> <td>Our Lady & St. Joseph R.C.Church</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101404</td> <td>£200.00</td> <td>Tweedy Charity</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101405</td> <td>£100.00</td> <td>Stock Press</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101406</td> <td>£250.00</td> <td>Essex Air Ambulance</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101407</td> <td>£200.00</td> <td>Stock Cares</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101408</td> <td>£76.28</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101409</td> <td>£15.00</td> <td>Stock Village Hall</td> <td>Hire of Hall</td> </tr> </table> <p>Transfer of Funds – On the 17th November 2008 £4,500.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.</p> <p>Clerk’s Salary - This was agreed under item 2073. Report by Personnel Committee. Item to be removed from Agenda.</p> <p>Annual Donations – The Chairman advised that letters had been received from All Saints’ Church, Our Lady & St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church Parish Council, The Tweedy Charity, Stock Press, Stock Cares and Essex Air Ambulance requesting their annual grants from Stock Parish Council. It was agreed that a churchyard grant of £200.00 would be made to All Saints Church and £100.00 to Our Lady & St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church Parish Council. A grant of £200.00 would be given to the Tweedy Charity, £100.00 to Stock Press, £200.00 to Stock Cares and £250.00 to Essex Air Ambulance. All of these payments were made under Section 137.</p> <p>Precept and Budget for 2009/10 - The Clerk had prepared the Budget and circulated copies to the Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the Precept for 2009/10 should be increased to £40,000.00 due to a proposed increase in expenditure. The Clerk pointed out that the Precept had not been increased for about eight years and if it had been increased by the recommended 3% each year the Precept figure would now be £38,000.00. Cllrs. Otter and Rilstone did not agree the Budget. Majority of Councillors agreed the Budget and Clerk and Chairman were authorised to return the forms to Chelmsford Borough Council. Cllr. Dixon suggested putting an article into Stock Press explaining the reason for the increase which was agreed by the majority of the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for the amount of work she had put into preparing the Budget. The majority of the Parish Council concurred with this.</p>	101398	£1, 1,517.03	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.11.08 – 30.11.08 and backdated Pay to 1.4.08	101399	£772.03	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101400	£289.00	Mr P. Williams	Grass Cutting October	101401	£ 20.00	Stock Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	101402	£200.00	All Saints Church	Annual Donation	101403	£100.00	Our Lady & St. Joseph R.C.Church	Annual Donation	101404	£200.00	Tweedy Charity	Annual Donation	101405	£100.00	Stock Press	Annual Donation	101406	£250.00	Essex Air Ambulance	Annual Donation	101407	£200.00	Stock Cares	Annual Donation	101408	£76.28	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	101409	£15.00	Stock Village Hall	Hire of Hall	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK/SJ</p>
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<p>2075.</p>	<p>VILLAGE HALL.</p> <p>Cllr. Phillips gave the following report:-</p> <p>In future there will be a reduction in the electricity bill by £3,000. The Committee have decided to engage Richard to do the gardening and terminate Constable's contract. This will save £2,600 pa. The Committee are going to replace the bed on the flank wall with shrubs. There are problems with the floor and the Committee is going to have a word with the original contractor to try and fix it. The Borough's Tree Officer has decreed that the fir tree at the front that was removed be replaced. The plaster inside the front door is to be replaced. Some trees have been planted at. A member of the committee will establish if it was the RCCE. A letter has been received from the Parish Council regarding the car park. Parent's taking children to school can use it. Regarding the use of the car park by the pubs it was decided to let the pubs find their own car parks. A number of tables have been lost from the hall and replacements are being bought. The fire doors are not to be left open.</p>																																																	

	<p>Cllr. Woodward had also attended the meeting and advised that Doug Taffs is going to arrange a meeting to discuss the car parking issue. Mr Taffs is going to invite two or three members of the Parish Council to the meeting. There is a possibility of creating public car parking at the bottom of the Village Hall Car Park. It was reported that there are a lot of people in favour of the car park being used. When certain functions are held in the village, i.e. the Beer Festival, the car park may be able to be used but this is something that needs to be discussed. The Chairman suggested inviting the publicans to a meeting to discuss the matter. Cllr. Grundy advised that the publicans were willing to contribute. The Chairman advised that the Headmaster was keen for children to walk to school so supported the Village Hall being used as a car park. The Chairman had visited the Montessori School about parking in Common Road and was advised that the parents had been told that they cannot park in the Village Hall. This matter has now been resolved.</p>	
2076.	<p>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward reported that somebody has put 6 inches of shingle down outside Compass Green and wheelchairs and pushchairs cannot get through. The Chairman advised that she had tried to contact the owners but they were away and that she would try again.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward reported that there are massive wheel ruts on the greensward opposite the Catholic Church. The Chairman advised Councillors to keep a note of contractors and then the Parish Council can go back to them if the ground is not reinstated. Cllr. Dixon suggested a village audit/survey be carried out every four months. Cllr. Woodward agreed to carry out the survey. It was also suggested that residents could be referred to the Village Design Statement and told that it contravenes the Plan. Cllr. Otter advised that Highways are putting on conditions on planning applications.</p> <p>Cllr. Millernas reported that there are several holes outside the house called The Paddocks which is next to The Hoop. This is extremely dangerous as people could trip and the holes need filling urgently. Clerk to report to Highways.</p> <p>Cllr. Millernas reported that as you go towards The Ship Public House from Stock, on the left near Foxborough Chase, there is a Turn Right Sign leaning in the bushes. The sign is still attached to its concrete base. Clerk to report to Highways.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
2077.	<p>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
2078.	<p>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</p> <p>Cllr. Dixon advised that the first draft was now with Chelmsford Borough Council and the Association were waiting for the comments to come back. Once adopted Chelmsford Borough Council can use the document as supplementary planning guidance.</p>	
2079.	<p>RISK ASSESSMENT.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
2080.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the Planning Meeting on Monday 1st December 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and the Parish Council meeting is on Monday 15th December 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Cllrs. Finch, Rilstone and Phillips sent their apologies for the Planning Meeting.</p>	
2081.	<p>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</p> <p>There were no tenders to discuss.</p>	

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

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