

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 31ST MARCH 2008 AT RECTORY HALL, HIGH STEET, STOCK AT 7.30PM.

Present: *Cllrs. Elliott, Phillips, Watling, Woodward, Finch, Otter and Rilstone*
In The Chair: *Cllr. Millernas*
Minute Secretary: *Lorraine Green*
Also Present: *13 Members of the Public, Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Ian Grundy, Samir Pandya, ECC Acting Highways Manager and Phil Hope, ECC Maintenance Officer.*

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1882.	<p>PRESENTATION BY SAMIR PANDYA, ACTING HIGHWAYS MANAGER, ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Samir Pandya and Phil Hope to the meeting. Mr Pandya gave some information on his background. Mr Pandya is a qualified Civil Engineer and previously worked as Tendering and Colchester Highways Manager.</p> <p>Mr Pandya discussed the Area Office functions, i.e. Maintenance, Traffic and Road Safety, Street Lighting, Development Control and Highway Inspection. The Chelmsford team covers Maldon, Braintree and Chelmsford. Phil Hope is the Maintenance Officer, Robin Murray was the Traffic and Road Safety Officer but has retired therefore contact should now be made with John Dobinson. Paul Stephen is the Street Lighting Officer, Chris Robinson is the Development Control Officer and Shirley Lucas is the Public Rights of Way Officer. Mr Pandya discussed the maintenance budgets, including revenue and capital and highway maintenance initiative schemes. Mr Pandya explained that potholes have to have risk assessments carried out then they are categorised and prioritised. If the pothole is a category one it is repaired within 24 hours. The intervention level gets worse as from the 1st April 2008 regarding potholes. Mr Pandya explained that A and B roads are inspected on a monthly basis but the estate roads are only inspected once every six months or once a year. Therefore the Highways Department rely on parishioners and the Parish Council to report defects in order that they can be dealt with in-between visits. Mr Pandya advised that potholes are a nation problem and that he only gets £½million to fix all defects, i.e. potholes, for the whole year for all the roads in Chelmsford. Cllr. Woodward asked how much is paid out in claims each year. Mr Pandya to find out figure but advised that Highways are very robust in defending themselves against claims.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter asked asked Highways if they visited sites prior to reporting as a consultee on planning applications (71 Mill Road is a retrospective planning application). Mr Pandya advised that site visits are carried out.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward noted that the potholes in Common Road and Mill Road had been filled. Cllr. Woodward reported that the ditch around the Common needs cleaning out, as does the ditch near the Doctors' Surgery. Mr Pandya agreed to look into the matter and get the ditches cleaned out and operational.</p> <p>A parishioner enquired as to when the gullies would be cleared on the B1007. Mr Pandya advised that two visits are carried out a year. In particular there is a problem by Downham Road, outside Barrows Farm. Mr Pandya to investigate.</p> <p>A parishioner reported that 50 yards from the hall a pothole has been soft filled. The pothole was near a water main and the contractors had carried out a bad repair job. The parishioner stated that the job should have been done properly in the first place. Mr Pandya advised that Highways are obliged to inspect maintenance contractors' work and if they can prove there is faulty workmanship it is the responsibility of the contractor to make the work right. Mr Pandya explained the reasons for not completing the pothole in one hit.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>SP</p> <p>SP</p>

	<p>A parishioner enquired as to why the new railings outside the school in Swan Lane were so short. People are able to park cars either side of the railings. John Sawkins had submitted plans to Essex County Council and was told that the railings were not longer as Highways did not have the budget. Mr Pandya advised that the area was safety audited for Safer Journeys to School and agreed to look into the matter.</p> <p>Cllr. Phillips asked if the footway at Stock Hill at the junction of Honeypot Lane could be moved to the other side of the road as the footway changes size and is very dangerous. Mr Pandya to look into matter.</p> <p>A parishioner advised that in a letter from Highways dated 2005, the Highways Department had said if traffic increased in Smallgains Lane something would be done about it. A traffic count had been done and the parishioner was advised that if the speed had significantly increased then Highways would look at changing the speed limit. It was reported that the lane was used as a rat-run. It was also reported that in Whites Hill a 20mph speed limit had been put up. Mr Pandya advised that this is an advisory speed limit and is erected if there is a problem on a bend or there is a hazard. A Regulatory Order is not needed to put up Advisory Speed Limits. The parishioner advised that there are no grass verges left in the lane. Cllr. Phillips and Millernas said that the lane is a hazard for pedestrians and children riding ponies. Mr Pandya advised that the new Speed Management Policy is more flexible than the one being used before and is due out anytime now. Highways will be more likely to go through the process of putting up an advisory sign if the Parish Council support it. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Pandya requesting that an Advisory Speed Sign is erected in Smallgains Lane.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy mentioned the Localism Agenda and advised that Chelmsford were a pilot district. A sum of money will be prioritized and a panel will be formed consisting of the Parish Council and Borough members to help decide where the money should be spent.</p> <p>Cllr. Rilstone commented on the speed of vehicles travelling through the village and stated that it was a real danger. Cllr. Grundy said that Speed Indicator Devices should be installed. It was also reported that heavy traffic is going through the village. A parishioner stated that something needs to be done about the speed. Mr Pandya advised that a risk assessment needs to be carried out regarding the Speed Indicator Devices and that he would give his advice on the matter. Clerk to write to Mr Pandya requesting a site visit. Mr Pandya discussed the Community Speed Watch, which is carried out by volunteers, and then the information is passed onto the Police.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>SP</p> <p>CLERK/SP</p> <p>CLERK/SP</p>
1883.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson sent her apologies.</p>	
1884.	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH FEBRUARY 2008.</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed.</p>	
1885.	<p>POLICE MATTERS.</p> <p>The Police did not attend the meeting and no report was submitted.</p>	
1886.	<p>RESIGNATION OF CLLR. WENDY ELLIOTT.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that a letter of resignation had been received from Cllr. Elliott who wished to resign as of the 1st April 2008 due to the fact that she was moving to Cambridge. Cllr. Johnson had acknowledged the resignation. Clerk to notify Brian Mayfield at Chelmsford Borough Council and put up the relevant notice. Cllr. Grundy and the Parish Council thanked Cllr. Elliott for all her help and support over the years. Thanks were also given to Maurice Elliott for his work on the Parish Council in previous years.</p>	
1887.	<p>REPORT BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the Committee had met and that the matter had been dealt with. Hopefully the matter had come to a satisfactory conclusion and nothing more will come of it.</p>	
1888.	<p>NOMINATION OF NEW COUNCILLOR ON PERSONNEL COMMITTEE TO REPLACE CLLR. ELLIOTT.</p> <p>Cllr. Millernas proposed Cllr. Phillips due to his qualification and experience in personnel. It was agreed that Cllr. Phillips would replace Cllr. Elliott on the Committee.</p>	

<p>1889.</p>	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</p> <p>Tree Warden Scheme – The new trees had been planted. At Our Lady and St. Joseph’s AGM Cllr. Phillips asked whether they would like any trees planted. The matter was going to be discussed with the Gillo Trust. The Tree Warden requested that if anybody would like trees planted in the village please let him know.</p> <p>Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – F7 – The Clerk read out an E-mail from Shirley Lucas, Rights of Way Officer, giving her reasons for removing the staircase and what she proposed to do with the area. Ms Lucas was happy to receive some alternative solutions. The Parish Council discussed the matter and did not agreed with the comments made. Cllr. Millernas had informed the Ramblers Association of the situation. Clerk to E-mail a copy of Shirley Lucas’ E-mail to Cllr. Finch to deal with. Cllr. Finch advised that the handrail on Footpath 33 had still not been replaced.</p> <p>Footpath Map for Stock – Jenny Berkley advised that she was waiting to check that all the amendments were correct.</p> <p>Downham Road Retexturing – Phil Hope advised that the retexturing works have significantly improved the situation. There is one small area (Leatherbottle Hill) where the process was not as effective. At this location the road is at its narrowest, has a steep gradient and is prone to higher stresses. Mr Hope is looking into the possibility of resurfacing this area later on in the year.</p> <p>Erection of a Small Timber Plaque by Memorial Bench on Green in front of the Almshouses and the Track – Clerk to chase matter as the plaque had still not been erected.</p> <p>Wicksteed Leisure Annual Safety Inspection – Cllr. Woodward had arranged for the inspection to be carried out.</p> <p>Water Running Out of Ditch at Junction of Mill Road/Downham Road – Phil Hope has spoken to the resident and is arranging a site meeting with him next week.</p> <p>Lights in Bus Shelters – Cllr. Millernas had met with the contractor. There would be no problem installing a light into the bus shelter near The Square. Installing a light into the bus shelter opposite The Hoop would be a problem as there were no mains lighting. A box would need to be installed near the bus stop and the contractor would have to dig through the pavement and over two driveways. The contractor is submitting quotations.</p> <p>Listing of War Memorial – Nothing further to report.</p> <p>Pot Holes in The Square, Common Road and other roads in village – Works previously carried out at the location of The Square helped to overcome the trip hazards. Mr Hope will be arranging further reinstatement works to further improve the area.</p> <p>Projector Screen – Clerk had submitted insurance claim.</p> <p>Ownership and Maintenance of the land North of Hereward Grange between Honeypot Lane and the Stock Road – Cllr. Grundy had spoken to the appropriate department at Chelmsford Borough Council who fully recognize the area is a nice site and that they need to maximize the site. A site visit is being arranged to see what can be done. Highways will need to get involved, as the track will have to be extended.</p> <p>Chelmsford Borough Council’s Mobile Information Service - Cheryl Blake advised the Clerk that no dates had been booked as the Village Hall was only available on Friday afternoons and this would not be the best time to attract customers. The booking fee was also slightly over budget. The Rectory Hall was not suitable as there was insufficient parking and the location was not ideal.</p> <p>Pond at Thornton Place – Cllr. Johnson still awaiting to discuss matter with Jackie Lane at CBC.</p>	<p>CP</p> <p>CLERK/CF</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>IG</p> <p>SJ</p>
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<p>Car Park on the Common – A meeting had been held between Stock Cricket Club and Stock Parish Council. Cllr. Woodward advised that as the area is not a car park it had been agreed that a post and rail fence across the path to the Pavilion would be the best idea and the erection of two field gates, which would only be operational when cricket is being played. The only people who will have access is the bowls and cricket club. The area would then be resurfaced which would reduce the area and tidy it up. Cllr. Woodward was writing to Lord Petre to get permission for the works to be carried out. It was also agreed that Cllr. Woodward would contact Jamie Cole, the Conservation Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council for his approval.</p>	<p>PW</p>
<p>Asbestos, alcohol, condoms and needles on the footpath by the chicken hut in Back Lane opposite Makins – Clerk still waiting to hear from Chelmsford Borough Council. Clerk to chase matter.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Bus Shelter Signs – Cllr. Millernas confirmed that the signs had now been erected.</p>	
<p>Mr and Mrs Marett regarding vehicular entrance to and exit from their home at Compass Green, High Street – The Parish Council had received a copy of a letter that had been sent to Mr and Mrs Marett from the Highways Department. It was suggested that the kerbing works and post erection were added to the Traffic Schemes three year rolling programme.</p>	
<p>Speed Indicator Signs – Clerk to write to Samir Pandya of Essex County Council Highways Department to arrange a site meeting. It was also agreed that the Clerk should send a letter of thanks for attending the meeting.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Maintenance Works to area in the vicinity of Furze Lane junction at the southern end of the Lane – Phil Hope advised the Clerk that the area has deteriorated and that he is trying to determine the most suitable process that would be in line with the Parish Council’s request that any work is in keeping with the area.</p>	
<p>Stock Cricket Club’s Request to erect a fence on Common – Cllr. Grundy had arranged for David Archer, Play Services Manager, to inspect the site and give suggestions. Cllr. Otter suggested putting the swings out of action whilst cricket is being played. Cllr. Phillips had asked the Diocese if the play equipment could be put on their field but the answer was no.</p>	
<p>Essex County Council’s Community Initiatives Fund – The Clerk suggested applying for the grant to help towards the Common car park works and erection of fencing around the play equipment. Clerk to arrange to get the forms and discuss matter with Cllr. Woodward.</p>	<p>CLERK/PW</p>
<p>Condition of the pavements, kerbstones etc in Faulkner Close – Phil Hope advised the Clerk that proposed improvement works are expected to be carried out within the next two months. Once a start date is known letters will be sent to residents keeping them informed.</p>	
<p>Re-Marking Zebra Crossing in High Street – Phil Hope advised the Clerk that the road markings on the approaches to the zebra crossing have been inspected and added to the list for recovery. There are, however, a significant number of lining jobs on the list and these are being worked through in order of priority. The process is very weather sensitive and can only be carried out in drier conditions and as usual at this time of year there is a hefty backlog of work outstanding.</p>	
<p>Annual Just Bin It Campaign - Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>Summer Play Activity Days 2008 – Clerk had organised the event for 12th August 2008. Clerk to arrange advertising.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Weight Restriction on B1007 - It was agreed that the item could be removed from the Agenda.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Proposed Traffic Schemes – Councillors to look at list that had been prepared and identify priorities.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>DIY Graffiti Removal Kits - The Kit had now been delivered. The course would be on 2nd April and 9th April. No Councillors were able to attend.</p>	

	<p>Listing of the Old National School – Cllr. Phillips had spoken to English Heritage who advised that unless the building is in danger of falling down it will take a couple of years. It was agreed that the item should be removed from the Agenda.</p> <p>Terminal Control North – Proposed Changes to Airspace Consultation – It was agreed that the consultation would be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Potholes in Downham Road – Cllr. Elliott advised that the potholes had been dealt with.</p> <p>Summer Parish Sports Programme - Cllr. Woodward had spoken to the Headmaster at the School but unfortunately the event cannot be held as building works are going to be carried out during the Summer holidays.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>1890.</p>	<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Keith Holmes, Development Manager, at Chelmsford Borough Council inviting the Councillors to a Parish Council Meeting on Monday 14th April. Cllrs. Millernas, Phillips and Otter to attend. b) Derek Latimer, Democratic Services Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council inviting the Councillors to attend Code of Conduct Training on Monday 28th April. Cllr. Otter to attend. c) Sally Wallis-Boore of Mid Essex PCT regarding a consultation on 24/7 Health in Mid Essex – launch of discussion document. The Parish Council had no comments to make. The documents were passed to Virginia Henderson in order that she could make her own personal comments. d) Jenny Berkley, Chairman of Stock and Buttsbury Heritage Society, enclosing a copy of a letter she had sent to Lord Hanningfield at Essex County Council regarding the Society acquiring the library building once the library moves into its new building at the School. Jenny Berkley advised that the old library would become vacant when the new one is built and both The Heritage Society and herself feel strongly that the building should be kept for the community. It is almost a historic building and it would be a shame if it were lost to the village. Mrs Berkley felt that it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to acquire the building and make it into a Heritage Centre for people to visit. Mrs Berkley said that the Society needed the support of the Parish Council and the village and that financial support may also be required. Mrs Berkley advised that Essex County Council own the property and may give it to the Parish Council for a peppercorn rent. The building is not big enough to hold meetings but could hold exhibitions. Mrs Berkley had written to Lord Hanningfield and Cllr. David Finch and was going to write to Cllr. Jeremy Lucas. It was suggested that the building should be listed. It was agreed that the matter would be put on the Agenda and discussed at the next meeting. e) Councillor Michael Talbot, Chair of the Waste Management Advisory Board, regarding The Draft Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Essex Consultation. Comments to be in by 5th May 2008. It was agreed that the item would be put on the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting. f) Naomi Wingrove, Young Persons Officer, at Chelmsford Borough Council, regarding bringing the Mobile Skateboard Park to the village in August. Clerk passed letter to Cllr. Woodward to organise. g) Mr Northwood sending a copy of the letter he had sent to Shirley Lucas at Essex County Council regarding the condition of Bridleway 57 in Seamans Lane. The matter was discussed and agreed that the letter should be given to Cllr. Finch to deal with. 	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>PW</p> <p>CF</p>

h) Mr Keith Howell, Secretary to Stock United F.C. thanking the Parish Council for assisting with the cost of cutting the grass at the football pitch in Mill Lane. This year the club have decided to appoint Pinnacle to cut the grass on a weekly basis at a cost of £20.00 per week and the Football Club enquired as to whether the Parish Council would be able to assist with the cost. It was noted that the football club had not used the pitch at Hanningfield Reservoir. Clerk to write back and ask Mr Howell how many weeks the grass cutting will be for. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

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i) County Councillor Norman Hume, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation, inviting the Chairman to attend a working group of Parish and Town Councils to examine relevant aspects of the A12 corridor and provide input into the Inquiry process. The meeting was held on 25th March. Unfortunately, Cllr. Johnson could not attend so asked Cllr. Millernas to attend on her behalf. Cllr. Millernas reported that comments are due to the Inspectorate by the 23rd May. The meeting at Essex County Council was chaired by Cllr. Hume. As a group a Chairman will need to be appointed. Currently if there is an accident on the A12 the Police close the road and traffic goes through the villages. It was agreed at the meeting that Peter Baggot of the NALC would be approached to chair the meetings. The next meeting will be held next Monday and Cllr. Millernas needed to go back with the Parish Council's comments. Cllr. Grundy suggested that the exits are closed from the A12 when the road is closed. It was reported that in 2016 the A12 would be made up to Motorway Status, as the A12 cannot carry on as it is. Cllr. Otter said that the traffic needs reducing not the road expanding. Cllr. Otter commented that the cats' eyes are appalling on the carriageway from Colchester to Stock. There have been a lot of complaints. Cllr. Watling advised that the cats' eyes have a potential for epilepsy and Graham Harding is an expert in this field. Cllr. Otter advised that the A12 at Brentwood is partly controlled by the London authorities and partly by Essex County Council and the two do not marry.

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j) Brian Horley, Refuse and Recycling Manager, at Chelmsford Borough Council regarding Saturday Standouts Schedule for 2008. Mr Horley had arranged for a staffed collection vehicle to visit the village on Saturday 21st June between 11.15am to 12.05pm. The vehicle will accept all recyclable items and large items such as furniture, fridges/freezers, TV's and computer screen. It was agreed that the best location would be the Village Hall if there were no functions on. An alternative site was Swan Lane. Clerk to contact Geoff Tully.

CLERK

k) Peter Woodward on behalf of Stock Cricket Club. As the grass cutting costs have risen dramatically the Club would like to organise their own mowing with a company called Pinnacle and still receive the grant from Stock Parish Council. This was not possible as the Parish Council had agreed a three-year tender with the current grass cutter. It was agreed that Blackwater Landscapes would continue to cut the Common this year and the matter would be discussed again next season.

Stock Cricket Club enquired as to whether the Parish Council would be able to donate some money towards the costs of building extra changing and toilet facilities for the girls. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

CLERK

There is a concern that a drain has been blocked from the ditch near to the common entrance across the road to the Doctors' Surgery. This should be rectified, as when the parking area at the common is improved, a drain will be constructed and the water will drain out to this blocked drain. The Clerk had reported the matter to the Highways Department who were dealing with the matter.

	I) Ann Tully thanking Cllr. Otter for her help in getting the children at Mayflower School bus passes.	
1891.	CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK. It was agreed that the item could now be removed from the Agenda.	
1892.	ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL – PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST – A CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE IN ESSEX. Cllr. Rilstone had read through the documents. Essex County Council are changing the way in which they are going to finance social care. People are going to be allowed to have the budget themselves rather than using it to pay carers. The questionnaire is to be completed by 11 th April. It is not envisaged that the new process will be implemented until the second part of the year and it will only apply to new applicants. It will be gradually brought in for other people. Cllr. Otter suggested a safeguard so that over time the value of money for care did not become devalued by inflation and said that Essex County Council must ensure that people get the care that they should have and people with problems need to be protected. It was agreed that Cllr. Rilstone would draft a response and discuss the matter with Cllr. Millernas. It was agreed that the Parish Council would express their concerns rather than answer the questions.	AR/JM
1893.	STOCK PRESS ARTICLES. Cllr. Millernas to submit next article by 10 th April.	JM
1894.	PLANNING MATTERS. Appeal by Mrs L. Perone, of Harvard House West, 32 High Street, Appeal Reference No. APP/W1525/A/07/2058132/WF. The Planning Inspectorate had advised that the appeal is allowed. Gardenfields House, Downham Road - Nothing to report. Temple Farm - Nothing to report. Online Planning - Cllr. Watling dealing with matter. 71 Mill Road – Cllr. Woodward had advised the Clerk that one of the planning conditions was that the gates be painted black. They have actually been painted black and gold. The Clerk had reported the matter to Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Department who advised Condition 4 was imposed to secure an appropriate paint finish. Whilst it is accepted that if all the gates had been painted black this would be more appropriate in this existing street scene, the small amount of gold paint on the finials could not be seen as harmful enough to warrant any further action. Cllr. Otter stated why put on a condition if Chelmsford Borough Council are not going to enforce it. New Build at 50 Mill Road, Stock - The Clerk read out a detailed letter from Ken Smith regarding 50 and 71 Mill Road. Mr Smith advised that you cannot compare the two sites because the circumstances of each case were different and gave a detailed explanation. Green Tiles, 3 Common Road – An investigation had been carried out and the Enforcement Officer has decided that a planning application needs to be submitted for the gates. Cllr. Otter said that there is something seriously wrong as the application for 71 Mill Road stated that 3 Common Road has gates and why did the officers not know permission had not been granted. Why put on a condition that the Planning Department are not prepared to enforce. It was agreed that the Clerk should invite the Enforcement Officers to come and give a presentation. Cllr. Otter stated that if enforcement is not carried out it encourages developers to do what they please. <u>Applications</u> Application No. 08/00291/FUL. First floor front extension over existing garage. Location: 26 Birch Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Adshead-Grant. The Parish Council had no comments to make.	RW CLERK CLERK

Application No. 08/00226/FUL. Two storey side extension, alteration to existing dormer and provision of additional dormers. New vehicular access to Great Prestons Lane.

Location: Petty Royds Downham Road Stock.

Applicant: P. Mears.

The Parish Council commented that if this is to be approved, they wished to ask for the removal of the Permitted Development Rights as it is in the Green Belt.

CLERK

Application No. 08/00396/FUL. Insertion of three dormer windows to rear elevation and addition of pitched roof over existing single storey rear extension.

Location: Willowdene, Whites Hill, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Dixon.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

CLERK

Application No. 08/00368/FUL. Single storey rear orangery extension.

Location: 11 Hereward Mount, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ian Drury.

The Clerk had asked for the application to be deferred until 1st April, which had been agreed with the Planning Officer. The Officer, however, had approved the plans without receiving the Parish Council's comments as she had forgotten about the extension of time and sent her apologies. Cllrs. Otter and Woodward said that planning meetings are needed and it was agreed that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

CLERK

Application No. 08/00425/FUL. Rear conservatory.

Location: 31 Birch Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr A. Barber.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

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Application No. 08/00443/FUL. Erection of detached garage/carport with storage in roof.

Location: New Build At 50 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Ron Hale.

The Parish Council made the following comments. Planning consent for the replacement dwelling in the Metropolitan Green Belt significantly larger than the original cottage was given 06/00979/FUL. This was despite Stock Parish Council strongly opposing the proposal and the strong wording of the policies of the then Statutory Local Plan (Page 35 Para 2.84) to prevent such development. Permitted Development rights were not removed.

CLERK

07/02414/CLOPUD for a new cart lodge and external store. Planning approval was granted.

08/00443/FUL now seeks to increase the height of the both the cart lodge and store to provide more storage. The increase in height exceeds two metres.

Stock Parish Council considers that the proposed garage/store is probably bigger than the original cottage and that the proposal would be harmful to the Green Belt and the reasons for classifying land as Green Belt. Stock Parish Council strongly oppose this application and consider that it would be unreasonable to grant any further planning consent to this Green Belt site.

It was agreed that the Clerk should bring this application and the Parish Council's comments to the attention of Cllr. Grundy and Whitehead.

Application No. 08/00483/FUL. Replacement outbuilding.

Location: 1 Little Farm Cottages, Buttsbury, Stock.

Applicant: Mr A. Whittle and Ms. N. Smethurst-Whittle.

The Parish Council commented that the proposal is for a conservatory and a self contained residential unit adjacent to a semi-detached cottage in the Metropolitan Green Belt. There will be a loss of a car storage area and workshop. The character of the proposed building does not reflect that of the host semi-detached cottage and would adversely affect the character of the area. It would be over development of the site, intrusive and detrimental to the Green Belt.

CLERK

Application No. 08/00463/FUL. Two storey extension to the side, first floor extension to the rear, widening of existing crossover.

Location: 120 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs P J Davison.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

CLERK

Application No. 08/00274/FUL. Ground floor shop with first floor flat over, car access to rear courtyard and pair of semi detached barn style bungalow dwellings with private gardens and car park spaces.

Location: 16-20 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Michael Aronberg.

The Parish Council made the following comments. Stock Parish Council fully endorses its comments regarding the previous application for this site reference 07/02329/FUL. The comments apply equally to the above application.

This is in the Conservation Area. The Bear Public House opposite the application site is a Listed Building, the cottages (Nos 8-14) directly to the west of the site are Listed Buildings and Pottery House (No 24) is also a Listed Building. There are other Listed Buildings in the vicinity.

The Bear Public House opposite the application site, 15 Mill Road and 20 Mill Road are all long low brick buildings. They are sited directly adjacent to the narrow roadway. There is no footpath but there is a bend in the road. The built form of these buildings significantly contributes to the distinctive character of this historic area. They give the area a sense of space and place.

The replacement of 20 Mill Road with an urban two-storey building and first floor bridging unit to 18 Mill Road would be detrimental to the character and setting of the Listed Buildings and the area in general.

The location of the application site in Mill Road where there are no pavements and the roadway is both narrow and busy is something that the Parish Council is very aware of due to existing traffic and parking problems. The addition of a shop and three residential units to the site of 16-20 Mill Road would exacerbate the situation. The provision of just six parking spaces for three shops, three flats and two semi-detached dwellings is considered inadequate and especially so at this location.

Development should be high quality enhancing the character of an area and being sympathetic to the historic environment. We do not consider that the above proposal meets these requirements or that of traffic/pedestrian safety.

Application No. 08/00550/FUL. Dropped kerb and driveway to create additional vehicular access.

Location: Kings Villa, Stock Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr P Healey.

The Parish Council commented that putting in an extra access would be detrimental to the character of the area and create problems for people going in and out of the Kings Head Public House. The proposal would lead to the creation of an additional unnecessary access on a stretch of main distributor highway where the principal function is that of carrying traffic freely and safely between centres of population. The slowing and turning of vehicles associated with the use of the access would lead to conflict and interference with the passage of through vehicles to the detriment of that principal function and introduce a further point of possible traffic conflict, being detrimental to highway safety.

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Application No. 08/00088/CLEUD. Use of land as residential.

Location: 17 Myln Meadow, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs J. Taylor. **Approved.**

Application No. 08/00046/FUL. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extension.

Location: 1 Little Farm Cottages, Buttsbury, Stock.

Applicant: A.R. Whittle & Ms. N.F. Smethurst-Whittle. **Refused.**

Application No. 07/02341/FUL. A single storey timber framed log cabin to be used as temporary accommodation whilst building of new property on the site for a period of 12 months.

Location: 48 Well Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs Jane Lecomber-Clark. **Approved.**

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Application No. 08/00013/FUL. Demolition of existing house and construction of new.

Location: Brook Lodge Farm, Stock Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Tahir Sharif. **Approved.**

Application No. 07/02133/FUL. Retention of conservatory.

Location: Hillside Farm, Whites Hill, Stock.

Applicant: Mr J. Lewis. **Refused.**

Application No. 07/02134/FUL. Retention of decking.

Location: Hillside Farm, Whites Hill, Stock.

Applicant: Mr J. Lewis. **Refused.**

Application No. 08/00134/FUL. New Classroom.

Location: Stock Church of England Primary School, Swan Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Stock Pre-School – Mrs J. Lloyd-Gane. **Approved.**

Application No. 08/00130/FUL. Single storey rear extension linking main house to garage, two storey front extension and front porch.

Location: 6 Thornton Place, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs O’Boyle. **Approved.**

Application No. 08/00214/FUL. Installation of a swim-spa in rear garden.

Location: Fitzwilliam House, Ingatestone Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Regan. **Approved.**

Application No. 08/00285/FUL. Part single, part two storey side extension to form new double garage. Demolition of existing conservatory to construct a single storey rear extension. Remove two dormers to front and replace with one large dormer.

Location: 25 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr And Mrs J Canlopez. **Approved.**

Application No. 08/00368/FUL. Single storey rear orangery extension.

Location: 11 Hereward Mount, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ian Drury. **Approved.**

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

1895

FINANCE.

Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:

101333	£361.18	King and Co	Trees
101334	£276.00	Mr P. Williams	Tree Works
101335	£1,050.37	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.03.08 – 31.03.08
101336	£527.01	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.
101337	£ 98.84	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses 26.02.08 – 31.03.08
101338	£116.33	Mrs P.J. Johnson	Re-issue of Cheque for Councillor Expenses as previous cheque lost

Transfer of Funds – On the 30th March 2008 £2,000.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.

Change of Bank Signatories following the resignation of Cllr. Elliott - After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr. Woodward would become the new signatory. The Appointment of Bankers Form was therefore signed and completed. Personal details forms were given to the Chairman and Cllrs. Millernas and Woodward to complete. The Clerk advised that the signatories would have to give Barclays another letter of authority to allow the Clerk to continue to deal with the bank accounts on the Parish Council’s behalf. Clerk to organise for documents to be returned to Barclays.

Appointment of External Auditor - The Audit Commission had confirmed that Alun Williams had been officially appointed as the External Auditor to Stock Parish Council.

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1896.	<p>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.</p> <p>The Chairman asked for ideas to be put into the Chairman's Report to be submitted to Cllr. Johnson by Thursday.</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would print 100 copies of the Report which Cllr. Johnson would distribute in the Doctors Surgery, Library, Post Office and The Four Vintners. A further 40 copies would be printed together with copies of the Agenda and last years Minutes for distribution at the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>	ALL
1897.	<p>VILLAGE HALL.</p> <p>A meeting had been held. Cllr. Elliott advised that comments had not been received yet from all of the Committee regarding the use of the car park. It was agreed that Cllr. Phillips would replace Cllr. Elliott as the Parish Council representative at the Village Hall Management Committee meetings.</p>	CP
1898.	<p>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION AND VILLAGE IN BLOOM.</p> <p>Cllr. Millernas and Johnson had submitted the Best Kept Village Competition entry forms.</p> <p>The Gardening Society had agreed to organise the Village in Bloom Competition again this year and asked whether the Parish Council would be prepared to donate the prize money. The area for judging would be extended this year. The proposal was agreed.</p>	SJ
1899.	<p>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</p> <p>A parishioner reported that another parishioner is carrying out clay pigeon shooting in one of the houses at the top of Smallgains Lane between the other houses. This is going on for 2 - 3 hours at a time and the local residents are not happy about it. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would contact the Police and ask them to investigate the matter.</p> <p>A parishioner reported that light aircraft were flying over the village. Cllr. Grundy advised that if the aircraft was exceeding the number of hours flying time something could be done. It was agreed that the parishioner should keep a log of each time the aircraft was flying.</p> <p>A parishioner objected to Essex villages being put under pressure to build more houses. The Parish Council try to keep Green Belt as much as possible. Cllr. Grundy advised that the Local Plan will be produced which will cover till 2021. It has been cleared by the Secretary of State and Chelmsford Borough Council will do everything to protect the Green Belt. Chelmsford Borough Council has formally adopted the document and all green wedges are protected.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson had reported to the Clerk that Well Lane has been in a terrible mess lately due to an electricity problem. Cllr. Johnson had spoken to the Supervisor who had noted the damage and agreed to attend a site meeting with Cllr. Johnson once the last pole is put in. The damaged areas will then be reinstated.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson had reported to the Clerk that the gravel in the church car park is getting pushed towards the grass leaving potholes. The Church have asked that the Parish Council arrange for somebody to rake back the gravel from the grass edge to the car park. It was agreed that Cllr. Woodward would obtain some quotations and the Clerk would contact Maple Landscapes for a quotation.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>PW/CLERK</p>
1900.	<p>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that there had been a consultation on bus tickets and that the Clerk had submitted the Parish Council's comments.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter advised that she would be attending the Parish Passenger Transport meeting on the 22nd May. Cllr. Otter had raised the matter of providing extra buses in the evening. She advised that there are certain requirements to put on extra buses and other areas in Essex have a greater need than Stock.</p>	MO
1901.	<p>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	

1902.	<p>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</p> <p>A specialist company has delivered the questionnaires. It was reported that not everyone had received a copy. Heybridge Publicity have spare copies for anyone who has not had a copy delivered.</p>	
1903.	<p>RISK ASSESSMENT.</p> <p>Cllr. Phillips had carried out an assessment.</p>	
1904.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>The Annual Parish Meeting is on Wednesday 23rd April at 7.30pm and the next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 30th April 2007 at 7.30pm. Cllrs. Rilstone and Millernas sent their apologies for the APM and Cllr. Woodward sent his apologies for the 30th April meeting.</p>	
1905.	<p>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward advised that the work to the common car park would be carried out in September when the cricket season has finished. The Cricket Club and Bowls Club had agreed to give a donation. Cllr. Woodward had received a quotation for the groundwork but was still awaiting a quotation for the fencing.</p>	

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 11.00pm.

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