

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2008
AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllrs. Millernas, Dixon, Phillips, Finch, Woodward, Rilstone and Otter
In The Chair: Cllr. Johnson
Minute Secretary: Lorraine Green
Also Present: 1 Member of the Public, Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Ian Grundy, PCSO Jon McDonald and PCSO Dave Rogers

		ACTION
2039.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr. Watling sent his apologies.	
2040.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29TH SEPTEMBER 2008. Cllr. Otter requested that the sentence ‘Cllr. Otter was attending but not representing the Parish Council’ was deleted from Minute 2029. Planning Matters, Planning Correspondence. The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. All agreed.	CLERK
2041.	DECLARING ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS. Cllrs. Otter, Phillips and Dixon declared an interest in Item 19 on the Agenda – Village Design Statement. Cllrs. Phillips and Rilstone declared an interest in Item 10 on the Agenda – Stock Library and Stock Heritage Society.	
2042.	POLICE MATTERS. PCSO McDonald explained that a new police team would be covering Stock. The Chief Inspector had looked at crime response times and had decided that Chelmsford Rural West should be handed over to South Woodham Ferrers. It is hoped that this will help response times steadily increase. PCSO McDonald said that he would come to the next meeting in order that he could introduce the new PCSO, Kay Fleming, to the Parish Council. PCSO McDonald had updated the new policing team with issues concerning Stock. PCSO McDonald reported the incidents in Stock over the last two months which consisted of a couple of burglaries in Mill Road and Thornton Place whereby houses are being broken into to steal car keys and subsequently the car. The properties themselves are not being burgled. A couple of car accidents had been reported. Cllr. Millernas reported that a car had sped off down Back Lane, lost control and ended up in the shrubs which now need replacing. PCSO McDonald advised Cllr. Millernas to report the incident to the Police and get a crime incident number. Cllr. Millernas to speak to Chelmsford Borough Council regarding the matter and getting the shrubs replaced. Cllr. Woodward advised that he was concerned about Mrs Ronn’s letter about Leather Bottle Hill and the fact that six Personal Accident Injuries have to occur before any action is taken. Cllr. Grundy advised that all roads in Essex are currently being reclassified and the task will be completed by next year. Cllr. Grundy hoped to have more details to report by the next meeting so that the Parish Council can make recommendations about certain roads. Cllr. Phillips and PCSO McDonald reported that there are currently people going around the village offering to cut trees, tarmac drives etc who are not bona fide. PCSO McDonald suggested that the Police are contacted if anybody is approached by these people.	JM IG
2043.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. Tree Warden Scheme – Cllr. Phillips advised that he had received a letter from the RCCE regarding the tree initiative. A parishioner enquired as to whether consideration had been given to	

<p>planting trees on the green outside the Affordable Housing in Fosters Close. The parishioner was advised to contact Essex Rural Housing Trust as this was not a Parish Council matter.</p> <p>Footpath Map for Stock – The Clerk had submitted the invoices to Essex County Council in order that the P3 grant could be paid.</p> <p>Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Downham Road Retexturing – Nothing to report. Cllr. Grundy discussing with Highways.</p> <p>Water Running Out of Ditch at Junction of Mill Road/Downham Road – Nothing to report. Cllr. Grundy discussing with Highways.</p> <p>Listing of War Memorial – The Clerk had contacted English Heritage but was still awaiting a reply.</p> <p>Ownership and Maintenance of the land North of Hereward Grange between Honeypot Lane and the Stock Road – The Clerk reported that the wooden swing gate at the pedestrian entrance had been stolen. The matter had been reported to the Police and Chelmsford Borough Council had replaced the gate. Cllr. Grundy had met the Police to give a statement. The Honeypot Lane street name plate had also been damaged and the Clerk had reported this to Highways who had passed the matter onto Chelmsford Borough Council to deal with.</p> <p>Car Park on the Common and Essex County Council’s Community Initiatives Fund – Nothing further to report.</p> <p>Speed Indicator Signs – Cllr. Grundy had been assured that the Speed Indicator Devices would be fitted by the year-end. The Chairman felt that the time taken to install the devices was not good enough and that Stock have waited a long time compared to other areas.</p> <p>Posts Outside Compass Green – Nothing further to report. Cllr. Grundy discussing with Highways.</p> <p>Maintenance Works to area in the vicinity of Furze Lane junction at the southern end of the Lane – Nothing to report. Cllr. Grundy discussing with Highways.</p> <p>Re-Marking Zebra Crossing in High Street – Nothing further to report. Cllr. Grundy discussing with Highways.</p> <p>Manned Vehicles - The manned vehicle came to All Saints Church Car Park on the 11th October. It was agreed that the item could be removed from the Agenda.</p> <p>Advisory Signs for Smallgains Lane – Graham Livings has advised Phil Hope in Highways that the budget for speed and volume counts has now been spent and there is unfortunately no money left to carry out speed surveys this financial year. It was agreed that the item could be removed from the Agenda.</p> <p>Broken Strut Under the Seat by the School - Bob Hale was dealing with the matter.</p> <p>Faded Village Sign – The Chairman had spoken to Judy Williams who had tried all means of contacting the supplier of the village sign to no avail. It was agreed that the Chairman would ask Bob Hale to try and clean the sign. The Clerk suggested contacting the EALC for details of other companies that made village signs if Mr Hale could not clean the sign effectively.</p> <p>Car Parking at The Village Hall – The Clerk had written another letter to the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee regarding the matter.</p> <p>Water outside 122-124 Mill Road - Nothing further to report. Cllr. Grundy discussing with Highways.</p> <p>Dog Waste Bin on Footpath 18 - Bob Hale was dealing with the matter.</p>	<p>IG</p> <p>IG</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>IG</p> <p>IG</p> <p>IG</p> <p>IG</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>IG</p>
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	<p>State of Back Lane and Brookmans Road and non-existent turf –Cllr. Millernas reported that the situation was getting worse and in places the holes were 4 -6 inches deep in the grass which was extremely dangerous as somebody could quite easily trip. Clerk to contact Essex Rural Housing Trust.</p> <p>Overgrown foliage near the Zebra Crossing – Nothing further to report. Cllr. Millernas reported that the overgrown tree is now becoming extremely dangerous as cars are having to drive on the opposite side of the road to avoid heavy vehicles coming from Chelmsford. Cllr. Grundy was currently discussing all outstanding highway matters with Essex County Council and said that this was on the list.</p> <p>Ingatstone Road junction with Honeypot Lane and Timber Bollard replacement outside Pembroke House, Ingatstone Road – Phil Hope in Highways had advised the Clerk that the work has been delayed due to the gang being diverted onto other urgent works, however it is anticipated that work will commence in about one weeks time.</p> <p>Overgrown Foilage on 30mph Speed Limit Signs as you come into village from Chelmsford – The Clerk reported that the foliage had now been cut back. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p> <p>Essex Environmental Trust Community Enterprise Challenge Competition - Cllr. Woodward was dealing with the matter.</p> <p>Dredging of the Pond - The Clerk advised that Mr Williams suggests a big clear out of all the existing green vegetation including the pruning of the willow. Mr Williams will provide a quotation for these works together with the dredging quote within the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Councillor Representative to the ACDPC – The Clerk had contacted the Secretary to ACDPC who advised that a date had not yet been set for the next meeting</p> <p>Overgrown foliage outside the first house in Cambridge Close –Nothing further to report. Cllr. Grundy discussing with Highways.</p> <p>Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 23rd October – Cllrs. Otter and Millernas to attend.</p> <p>Refurbishment of bench in Back Lane and jet washing all the other benches in the village – Bob Hale dealing with matter.</p> <p>Low brick walls and a new driveway that have been built at 2 & 3 Rectory Close - The Clerk had reported the matter to Enforcement at Chelmsford Borough Council and had subsequently discussed the matter with Cllr. Rilstone. Cllr. Rilstone reported that a 6ft high brick wall had been built which was cutting off the back garden. It was agreed not to pursue the matter.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>IG</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>PW</p> <p>IG</p> <p>JM/MO</p>
<p>2044.</p>	<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <p>a) Janet Alderman, Civic Services Manager, regarding the Community Awards Evening to be held on Tuesday 20th January 2009 and asking for nominations. A nomination was agreed and Cllrs. Otter and Grundy agreed to deal with the matter and send the information to the Clerk to submit to Mrs Alderman.</p> <p>b) Claire Turner of Chelmsford Borough Council regarding the temporary road closure of Common Road and High Street on Sunday 9th November 2008 for the Remembrance Day Parade. The closure is from 10.40am to 12.45pm. Clerk had sent a copy of the notice to Stock Press and to Cllr. Watling to put on website and Chairman to put on noticeboard. Cllr. Finch advised that he had given a copy of the notice to his Father who is the Chairman of the Royal British Legion.</p> <p>c) Miss Davison of Back Lane requesting that a streetlight is erected near the row of bungalows in Back Lane as she feels that the area is not particularly well lit. The matter was discussed. Cllr. Phillips concurred with Miss Davison but the rest of the Parish Council did not feel there was a problem and felt that it was a rural area and would be spoilt by lighting. Clerk to acknowledge letter and advise Miss Davison that her comments had been noted.</p>	<p>MO/IG/CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>

	<p>d) Mr Stuart and Mrs Charlene Henderson of Fosters Close voicing their concern regarding the planting of conifer trees by Mr Ward and fellow residents at the flats in Fosters Close. The conifers have been planted in front of the Fosters Close street sign and on the verge edge of a bend to the entrance which in time will obstruct the sign and the only clear view of cars and people entering and leaving the close. Mr and Mrs Henderson had also written to Moat Housing regarding the matter. The Tree Warden had also been informed and had visited the site and agreed that the planting was dangerous. The Clerk had reported the matter to Essex Rural Housing Trust who were not happy about the situation and were now dealing with the matter. Clerk to acknowledge letter.</p>	CLERK
2045.	<p>TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE FUTURE SPORTSGROUND FOR STOCK VILLAGE.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward advised that he was keeping in touch with Savills. A couple of offers had been made for the land but had not been accepted. Cllr. Woodward feels that the price may come down in time and stated that it was a marvelous opportunity to have a sports ground in the village. Cllr. Woodward to contact Savills again tomorrow.</p>	PW
2046.	<p>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that the Temple Farm planning submission had gone before the Planning Committee and had been passed. Following that Cllr. Grundy had arranged a meeting with Cllr. Hume at Essex County Council on the 29th October to have a look at the B1007 and Downham Road to see what could be done about the roads in terms of speeding traffic, weight restrictions etc. Cllr. Grundy had invited John Pardon and Richard Allan to attend the meeting as they had background knowledge of the traffic problems. Cllr. Grundy agreed to report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>The brown bins will now be collected throughout the Winter.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that the plans to redevelop Riverside had been abandoned as it was no longer possible to put a business project together in the current economic climate. A renovation of Riverside would now take place at a cost of £1.2m.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy confirmed that Chelmsford Borough Council does not have any money in Icelandic banks. Cllr. Grundy reported that Chelmsford Borough Council are currently looking at Budgets and are not replacing vacancies.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy asked Cllr. Woodward to remind people to double lock their front doors and lock back gates in light of the current recession in his article for Stock Press.</p>	IG PW
2047.	<p>STOCK LIBRARY AND STOCK HERITAGE SOCIETY.</p> <p>Cllr. Phillips wished to express his dissent as he felt that what he had seen was not proposing a Heritage Centre but rather a glorified store room. The Chairman felt it was better to have a glorified store room than nothing. Cllr. Rilstone advised that the Society were currently trying to obtain grants to buy the freehold of the library as a long term lease was not an option.</p>	
2048.	<p>STOCK PRESS ARTICLES.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward to submit next article by 10th November.</p>	
2049.	<p>TO DISCUSS COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON THE MAKING AND ENFORCEMENT OF BYLAWS.</p> <p>As all Councillors had not seen the document it was agreed that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting as the deadline was 22nd November.</p>	ALL
2050.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p><u>Applications</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Decisions</u></p> <p>Application No. 08/01562/FUL. Minor amendment to application 07/01554/FUL for the insertion of double doors to the rear extension. Location: 3 The Square, Stock.</p>	

	<p>Applicant: Ms A Kirby. Approved. Application No. 08/01330/FUL. Replacement dwelling. Location: Goatsmoor Hall, Goatsmoor Lane, Stock. Applicant: Dr & Mrs Kendrick. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 08/00649/FUL. Conversion of existing barn to dwelling. Demolition of lean-to store and provision of new hay store. Location: The Paddocks, Ingatestone Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr L. Kasparian. Refused.</p> <p>Application No. 08/00274/FUL. Ground floor shop with first floor flat over, car access to rear courtyard and one detached barn style bungalow with private garden and car park spaces. Location: 16-20 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr Michael Aronberg. Approved subject to a Unilateral Undertaking under S106.</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>Notification of Appeal Hearing Date for Mr & Mrs P. Johnson of Plantation End, Furze Lane. Application No. 07/01659/FUL. Appeal Ref. APP/W1525/A/08/2071593/NWF. An Inspector appointed by the Planning Inspectorate has been instructed to hold a hearing into the appeal at 10.00am on 26th November 2008 at the Civic Centre.</p> <p><u>Tree Preservation Orders.</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Planning Correspondence</u></p> <p>Cllr. Dixon had looked at the E-mail from Claire Stuckey of Chelmsford Borough Council advising of an online questionnaire concerning the Chelmsford Borough Council' Local Development Framework (LDF) Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). Cllr. Dixon explained what the questionnaire was about and agreed to complete the document on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p><u>Urgent Planning Matters Not On This Agenda</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	<p>JD</p>																												
<p>2051.</p>	<p>FINANCE.</p> <p>Audit of Accounts for 2007/08.</p> <p>The Auditors had written to the Clerk for some further information which she was submitting to them.</p> <p>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101391</td> <td>£1,080.39</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary 01.10.08 – 31.10.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101392</td> <td>£494.81</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101393</td> <td>£180.00</td> <td>Mr P. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting Churchyard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101394</td> <td>£334.00</td> <td>Mr P. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101395</td> <td>£36.00</td> <td>Stock Village Hall</td> <td>Hire of Hall for Summer Playday</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101396</td> <td>£12.40</td> <td>Mr Charles Phillips</td> <td>Councillor Expenses for attending RCCE course on 17th September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101397</td> <td>£ 92.17</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> </table> <p>Transfer of Funds – On the 18th October 2008 £1,500.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Current Account.</p> <p>Clerk's Salary - Pay negotiations were still being held and it was possible that discussions could go on until the end of December 2008.</p>	101391	£1,080.39	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.10.08 – 31.10.08	101392	£494.81	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101393	£180.00	Mr P. Williams	Grass Cutting Churchyard	101394	£334.00	Mr P. Williams	Grass Cutting September	101395	£36.00	Stock Village Hall	Hire of Hall for Summer Playday	101396	£12.40	Mr Charles Phillips	Councillor Expenses for attending RCCE course on 17 th September	101397	£ 92.17	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	
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2052.	VILLAGE HALL. Nothing to report.	
2053.	VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA. Mr Williams of Blackwater Landscapes had advised the Clerk that he will carry out the work on the Parish trees sometime this winter.	
2054.	TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT. Cllr. Otter advised that on the 19 th November she had been invited to a Seminar on the Reduction of Crime and Disorder on Essex buses. Cllr. Otter advised that she would be attending and the Chairman asked her to give a brief report. On the 20 th November Cllr. Otter advised that she will be attending the bus transport meeting. Cllr. Dixon reported that one of the No Entry signs in The Square is facing the wrong way and cars are going across. Clerk to report to Highways.	CLERK
2055.	STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT. Nothing to report.	
2056.	RISK ASSESSMENT. Nothing to report.	
2057.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the Planning Meeting on Monday 3 rd November 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and the Parish Council meeting is on Monday 17 th November 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.	
2058.	CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS. There were no tenders to discuss.	

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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