

**STOCK PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009**  
**AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK AT 7.30PM.**

*Present:* Cllrs. Millernas, Dixon, Finch, Woodward, Phillips, Rilstone, Otter and Hawkes  
*In The Chair:* Cllr. Johnson  
*Minute Secretary:* Lorraine Green  
*Also Present:* 2 Members of the Public and Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Ian Grundy

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>2155.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b>  Cllr. Rilstone sent his apologies for the beginning of the meeting and arrived later.	
<b>2156.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2009.</b>  The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events.	
<b>2157.</b>	<b>DECLARING ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.</b>  Cllrs. Otter, Phillips and Dixon declared an interest in Item 18 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. Cllrs. Finch and Phillips declared an interest under Minute 2159 War Memorial.	
<b>2158.</b>	<b>POLICE MATTERS.</b>  Cllr. Millernas reported that the owner of 16 Back Lane had contacted him about cars double parking in Back Lane at school drop off time. The owners of the cars are refusing to move their vehicles and are being abusive. Cllr. Millernas reported that there is also a major problem in Cambridge Close. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact PCSO Fleming and ask her to visit the area between 8.45am and 9.10am.  Cllr. Hawkes reported that there had been a break-in into the garage in a house in Downham Road.  Cllr. Dixon reported that there had been three break-ins in Whites Hill, mainly into garden sheds, which had all been reported to the Police.  It was also reported that windows had been smashed in a truck window which was parked in Mill Road.	<b>CLERK</b>
<b>2159.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</b>  <b>Tree Warden Scheme</b> – Cllr. Woodward reported that several Parish Councillors and children from the school had had a great morning planting the trees and the weather had been perfect. The Chairman advised that a marvellous job had been carried out and that most of the trees have taken. Cllr. Dixon agreed to put bark chippings down. The Chairman had supplied weed killer and it was agreed that she should be reimbursed. Clerk to arrange cheque. The Chairman said that the trees would need to be fed the weed killer again. Unfortunately, Cllr. Woodward and the Chairman had not been able to make the tree presentation to celebrate the 250,000 trees planted in Essex.  <b>Parish Paths Partnership (P3)</b> – Rob Bolt, Public Rights of Way Officer at Essex County Council had contacted the Clerk regarding the broken stile and asked for confirmation of the landowner. Cllr. Finch advised that one side is owned by Steve Harragan and the other side is owned by Pat Hatton of Slough House Farm. Clerk to advise Mr Bolt. Cllr. Finch advised that somebody had cut down one of Mr Hatton’s hedges without his consent.  <b>Downham Road Retexturing</b> – Nothing to report.	<b>JD/CLERK</b>  <b>CLERK</b>



<p><b>Refurbishment of bench in Back Lane and jet washing all the other benches in the village</b> – The Chairman advised that Bob Hale had the matter in hand. It was agreed that Mr Hale should provide an estimate to refurbish the bench. Chairman to speak to Mr Hale.</p> <p><b>Advisory Signs for Smallgains Lane</b> – Nothing further to report.</p>	<p><b>SJ</b></p>
<p><b>Planting of Leylandii hedging in Fosters Close</b> – It was agreed that as this was a Moat Housing matter and not a Parish Council matter it should be removed from the Agenda.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Voluntary First Registration of Parish Council Land – Land Registration Act 2002</b> – Nothing further to report.</p>	
<p><b>Overgrown Foliage opposite the Cock Inn Public House</b> – It was agreed that the item could be removed from the Agenda.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Play Activity Weekends</b> – The Clerk had booked the Play Day for 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Village Hall between 10am and 2pm. Clerk to write letter to Village Hall about the hire fee advising that the Parish Council feel as an activity for children of the village the Village Hall Management Committee should provide the hall free of charge. Clerk to arrange advertising and notify all relevant societies in the village, in particular Panda Group at Christ Church, Pre-School, Cubs, Montessori, Stock School and Mother and Toddler Group.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Shingle down outside Compass Green</b> – Cllr. Woodward reported that the shingle had still not been removed. Cllr. Millernas advised that he had got the matter in hand and that the item could now be removed from the Agenda.</p>	<p><b>JM/CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Survey of Village</b> – Cllr. Woodward had nothing to report. The Chairman reported that cars were being parked on the hatching outside 4 The Vintners and cars were parking right up to the B1007. She advised that the situation was very bad. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact PCSO Fleming regarding the situation.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Holes outside the house called The Paddocks which is next to The Hoop</b> – Cllr. Millernas advised that he was dealing with the matter and that the item could be removed from the Agenda.</p>	<p><b>JM/CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Turn Right Sign leaning in the bushes as you go towards The Ship Public House from Stock, on the left near Foxborough Chase</b> – Nothing further to report.</p>	
<p><b>Manned Vehicles</b> – The Clerk advised that the vehicle would be visiting All Saints Church Car Park on 2nd May, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> November and 21<sup>st</sup> November. Clerk to arrange advertising and notify Stock Press and Roger Watling for website. Cllr. Millernas advised that the service was proving very popular.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Rural Community Council of Essex Playground Matters Seminar on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009</b> – Cllr. Woodward to attend.</p>	<p><b>PW</b></p>
<p><b>Annual Just Bin It Campaign</b> – The Clerk advised that the event would be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May and all arrangements were in place. Clerk to arrange advertising.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Parish Sports Programme</b> –Event to be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009 between 9.30am and 12.00 Noon and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Chelmsford Borough Council had provided the posters for the May event. Cllr. Woodward agreed to speak to Chelmsford Borough Council about booking the skateboard park for the Summer.</p>	<p><b>PW</b></p>
<p><b>Works being carried out in grounds of Beeches Cottage opposite Temple Farm</b> – The Clerk advised that an Enforcement Officer visited the site on the 4<sup>th</sup> March and observed that several containers and plant machinery are stored on the site. It is apparent from having studied the site's history and historic aerial photographs that there has been a change of use of the land that would require planning permission. A letter has therefore been sent to the owners allowing a period of two months for the removal of all materials and the cessation of the unauthorised use of the land. The site will be revisited after this time to ensure compliance with the letter.</p>	
<p><b>Bollards to be installed in Swan Lane near to the Post Office</b> – Nothing further to report.</p>	
<p><b>Chevron signs to be replaced at Ingatestone Road /Buttsbury Road</b> - Nothing further to report.</p>	

	<p><b>Sign washing throughout village</b> - Nothing further to report.</p> <p><b>Ditches needing clearing out around village</b> - A parishioner, Roger Watling, had E-mailed the Clerk advising that something needs to be done about the ditches that have been filled in along the side of the footpath that goes between the Common and Mill Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk should send a copy of the E-mail to Julie Ebbage at Highways to deal with.</p> <p><b>Drain outside 10A Common Lane and ditch reinstatement along the hedge between Five Houses and Common Lane</b> - The Clerk had sent a copy of Roger Watling's E-mail to Julie Ebbage in Highways asking her to deal with the matter.</p> <p><b>Special Expenses Working Group</b> - Les Doubtfire, Principal Accountant, at Chelmsford Borough Council had advised that they had decided to keep the working party very small and therefore Cllrs. Hutchinson and Miles from Springfield and South Woodham Ferrers Parish Councils had been nominated together with Ann Wood who would represent the ACDPC and remaining parishes. Chelmsford Borough Council will be represented by Cllr. Galley, Nick Eveleigh and Les Doubtfire. It was agreed that the item could be removed from the Agenda.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>2160.</b></p>	<p><b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</b></p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <p>a) Bishop of Brentwood making a strong plea that the speed warning signs are not rotated to other areas in the village for periods of time. He stated that nowhere in the village has the amount of traffic, with subsequent dangers because of speeding as the B1007. The Bishop advised that the village have been waiting and petitioning for these signs for decades because of the volume of traffic on this particular road and urged that once the warning signs are in position that they remain there. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back to The Bishop advising that Essex County Council dictate where the signs are positioned and that it has been agreed that the signs will be rotated every six months.</p> <p>b) The residents of Furze Lane in the length of lane between Whites Hill and Mill Road had written concerning the state of the verges. In recent months the volume of goods vehicles using the lane has increased significantly. The problem is exacerbated by a number of Council lorries which are now using Furze Lane for some reason together with heavy goods vehicles from Poland and elsewhere being guided by satellite navigation devices. In view of the width of the vehicles, and the refusal of drivers to back up to passing spaces, the lorries are driving on the soft verges and scattering the soil and grass across the tarmacadam, reducing the width of the verges in the process. The residents asked that action is taken, either to prevent the unnecessary use of Furze Lane by goods vehicles, or measures be put in place to limit the damage that can be afflicted on the verges, or preferably both. Photographs showing the damage caused were enclosed. Cllr. Millernas reported that the problems have occurred due to work being carried out at Peter Street. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back advising that the Parish Council are aware of what is happening and that it is a similar situation in a number of the local lanes. The Parish Council are doing their utmost to try and alleviate the situation.</p> <p>c) Richard Allan sent an E-mail advising that he was surprised at the statement in Minute 2119 which reported only two cars speeding after a whole days monitoring. Mr Allan got out his ex police radar gun and did some checks at the southern end of the village by the secondary entrance into the church grounds. It was actually difficult to find any vehicles being driven at or below the legal limit and when they were it was usually because there was so much traffic that they were physically unable to go any faster. In a 15 minute period Mr Allan logged over 10 vehicles exceeding 40mph. Mr Allan stated that crossing the road at this point is a frightening and dangerous business. Mr Allan asked that when the speed signs are installed one of them will be positioned so that vehicles passing the 30mph signs near the top of Stock Hill are immediately reminded on the need to slow down. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back thanking Mr Allan for his E-mail and advising him that a Speed Indicator Device has now been installed.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>

	<p>d) Lyn Roberts, Street Naming Officer, of Chelmsford Borough Council advised that the site adjacent to Birley Cottage, Stock Road had been named Birley Lodge.</p> <p>e) Wicksteed advising that the Annual Safety Inspection of the Play Equipment was due. The cost for an unaccompanied visit was £45.00. Clerk to arrange inspection.</p>	<b>CLERK</b>
<b>2161.</b>	<p><b>TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE FUTURE SPORTSGROUND FOR STOCK VILLAGE.</b></p> <p>Following the offer of land by Mr Barclay the Clerk had written to Mr Barclay asking him for an indication of the rent he would charge for the use of the land. Mr Barclay had advised that if the Parish Council were to maintain the land, keep it safe and secure, and cover public liability issues then the owners of the land would be happy to consider only a token peppercorn rent of say £1.00 per annum. The owners had no objections to Chelmsford Borough Council looking at the land in order that they could give their professional opinion on the usage of the land for a sportsfield. It was agreed that the Parish Council would require a lease and the Clerk should find out whether the land owners would be happy to provide one. Cllr. Grundy agreed to get Chelmsford Borough Council to inspect the land and give their opinion on the suitability of the land for a sportsfield. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back to Mr Barclays advising him that the matter was under consideration and that there would be a requirement to erect a building for changing facilities and electricity and water would have to be put in. Cllr. Woodward felt that the site at Peaches by Hanningfield Reservoir was a good place to have a sportsfield as it was all marked out and had excellent parking facilities. Cllr. Woodward stated that a 30 year lease would be needed to obtain grants from the Football Association. Cllr. Grundy advised that Stock F.C. were in discussions with the owners of the Mill Lane site. Cllr. Woodward suggested that the Chairman had a meeting with the Lister family to discuss the matter as this was the most suitable location. The Chairman agreed to arrange a meeting.</p>	<b>CLERK/IG/SJ</b>
<b>2162.</b>	<p><b>REPORT BY CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that he had written to Network Rail regarding the rail replacement buses travelling through the village. To-date he had not received a reply. Essex County Council did not know anything about the matter. The Chairman had received a lot of complaints from residents. Cllr. Phillips advised that he had spoken to a Manager at Liverpool Street who had explained that this was the best route and that they were trying to minimise disruption. It was agreed that it was very discourteous that Network Rail had not mentioned the matter to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that the No. 552 bus service from Ramsden Heath to Billericay, which is used as a commuter service, is being suspended on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May due to lack of use.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that the Flood Alleviation Scheme in Margaretting is a big project. It is prevention of something happening in the future. A presentation will be held in Margaretting Thursday week. Margaretting Parish Council have submitted ten questions to the Environmental Agency. A public consultation will be held in Margaretting at the end of April. It was agreed that Cllr. Grundy would circulate the ten questions to Stock Parish Council. Cllr. Grundy advised that the work proposed is not in the railway corridor but is purely on agricultural land. The farmer will get compensation if his field gets flooded. Protection is needed for two private houses that are in the middle of the work. Flood prevention barriers are also due to be put up in Chelmsford.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that he was going to try and get the rest of the ditch in Common Road cleared by Chelmsford Borough Council as it was common land and there was a small fund available for work on this type of land. Cllr. Grundy to liaise with Clerk regarding writing a letter to Chelmsford Borough Council requesting assistance.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that he had attended the litter pick-up at the river in Chelmsford. He advised that it was appalling how much rubbish was taken out of the river.</p>	<b>IG/CLERK</b>

2163.	<p><b>STOCK LIBRARY AND STOCK HERITAGE SOCIETY.</b></p> <p>It was reported that the school were opening the new classroom on Thursday. A parishioner, Mrs Jenny Berkley, advised that the library is not yet open but will have a small corner for the Heritage Society and some time in the future an extension will be built. It is thought that the old library is to become a Sure Start building but this had not yet been finalised. Mrs Berkley had spoken to the Property Manager at Essex County Council who was 90% sure that the Heritage Society would not get the building as Early Years/Sure Start had put in a request to use the building and it was financially sensible for Essex County Council to use the building for their own project rather than leasing it out. Cllr. Woodward advised that he was still waiting to hear from Punch Taverns about the Heritage Society using the building at The Bear.</p>	PW
2164.	<p><b>STOCK PRESS ARTICLES.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Finch to submit next article by 10<sup>th</sup> April</p>	CF
2165.	<p><b>ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION EXERCISE: PARKING STANDARDS, DESIGN AND GOOD PRACTICE.</b></p> <p>A consultation had been received for comment by the 24<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk had E-mailed a summary of the document to all Councillors. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the consultation document to all Councillors and would put the item on the next Planning Agenda for comment.</p>	CLERK
2166.	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS.</b></p> <p><u>Applications</u></p> <p><b>Application No. 09/00292/FUL.</b> Demolition of existing property and erection of 2 no. 4 bedroom detached chalet style dwellings with integral garages (1 double and 1 single).  <b>Location:</b> 16 Mill Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs M Rose.  The Parish Council strongly opposed this application. The Parish Council acknowledge that the plans have been amended and there is a slight reduction in height but our comments relating to 08/01767/FUL apply equally to this application. The Parish Council object to the over development of the site. The proposal would consolidate the built form on this edge of village site. The properties opposite, whilst large, are on much lower land and on larger plots than this proposal. The roofline of the proposed dwellings is much higher than the neighbouring properties. The sightlines of the historic mill must not be lost by this development. There would be over dominance of the height and bulk of the roofs compared to the surrounding properties.</p> <p><b>Application No. 09/00257/FUL.</b> Retention of stable block.  <b>Location:</b> Whiteholme, Furze Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Paul Lovewell.  The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><b>Application No. 09/00260/CLEUD.</b> Works commensurate with planning permission ref. 04/00242/FUL and attached conditions.  <b>Location:</b> Stable Block Adjacent Church Green Cottage, High Street, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr M. Thomasin Foster &amp; Mrs J. Wilkinson.  The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><b>Application No. 09/0070/FUL.</b> Retention of 2m high fence and gate.  <b>Location:</b> Land South of Lilystone Close, Honeypot Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Ms Farkhanda. R. Chaudry.  The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><b>Application No. 09/00247/FUL.</b> Retention of a single storey timber framed log cabin to be used as temporary accommodation whilst building a new property on the site for an additional period of 12 months.  <b>Location:</b> 48 Well Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mrs Jane Lecomber-Clark.  The Parish Council are concerned that no work appears to be going on at this development and consideration should be given to the neighbours. The log cabin should not be used as a permanent residence.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>

<p><b>Application No. 09/00290/FUL.</b> First floor rear extension to provide access for new staircase.  <b>Location:</b> Glen Cottage, Downham Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr John Farrer.  The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><b>Application No. 09/00346/FUL.</b> Change of use of Shop A1 to Café A3.  <b>Location:</b> 16 Mill Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr P Stacey.  The Parish Council object to A3 cafe as the village has a major parking problem in this area. There is no parking provided and there is a disproportionate level of non A1 uses in the neighbourhood (08/01266/FUL - Policy DC63). This building is on a busy road leading to the main road (B1007) with no pavement and the Parish Council are concerned with the parking facilities.</p> <p><b>Application No. 09/00322/CLOPUD.</b> Construction of an outbuilding for use as a garage.  <b>Location:</b> Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr R Napp.  The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><b><u>Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Decisions</u></b></p> <p><b>Application No. 09/00095/FUL.</b> Raising of roof to form a two storey dwelling.  <b>Location:</b> Swan House, Swan Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr David Scarborough. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 09/00110/FUL.</b> Single storey front and rear extensions and garage conversion to habitable space.  <b>Location:</b> 25 Birch Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr L Collins. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 08/02137/FUL.</b> Erection of 2 no. two bedroomed, semi-detached cottages, erection of cart lodge for car and cycle parking and refuse sorting/collection and associated access landscaping.  <b>Location:</b> 51 High Street, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr R Fenwick. <b>Withdrawn.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 08/02138/CAC.</b> Demolition of Nissan hut outbuilding.  <b>Location:</b> 51 High Street, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr R Fenwick. <b>Withdrawn.</b></p> <p><b><u>Applications for Works to be carried out on trees in Conservation Area and trees that have Tree Preservation Orders.</u></b></p> <p><b>Application No. 09/05514/CAT.</b> Birch in rear garden - crown lift dropper branches by 1.2m, reduce height by 2-3m; Apple adjacent to garage - Fell to ground level and replace with ornamental ; Conifer adjacent to garage - trim away from service cables.  <b>Location:</b> 46 High Street, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mrs Harbott. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 09/05515/CAT.</b> Beech in rear garden of 48 High Street on boundary with 46 High Street - crown reduce by 20% (-3m) maximum; crown thin by 10% and clean out dead wood.  <b>Location:</b> 48 High Street, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mrs Harbott. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b><u>Planning Appeals and Decisions.</u></b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b><u>Tree Preservation Orders.</u></b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>
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<p><b><u>Planning Correspondence</u></b></p>	
<p>A letter had been received from a parishioner, Alan Lycett, regarding the planning application for 87 Mill Road. Mr Lycett advised that the application is for 2 large houses and double garages which are illegal under the covenant with the County Council as enshrined in the deeds of this property and those like his own. Neighbours are concerned that Chelmsford Borough Council will ignore this covenant and allow this application to go forward. Mr Lycett asked whether the Parish Council had any suggestions as to how he and his neighbours might fight this application other than merely everyone submitting their objections. This is a re-application from a submission made last year. On the evidence to date no-one at Chelmsford Borough Council seems to be taking any notice of either the Covenant or the wishes of local people. It was agreed that the Clerk should acknowledge Mr Lycett's letter and advise him that the Parish Council have submitted their objections and that he should make his feelings known to Chelmsford Borough Council and not just rely on the Parish Council to comment.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p>Keith Holmes, Development Manager, at Chelmsford Borough Council had advised that an Inspector has been appointed to hold a Public Inquiry into the planning application for Temple Farm at 10am on the Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009 and is expected to last for 6 days. The dates set aside for this are 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April and 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April and will take place in the Marconi Room at the Civic Centre. It was agreed that the Clerk should find out what days the Parish Council can attend the Inquiry and speak. The Parish Council endorsed their previous comments and it was agreed that the Parish Council's main concern was the traffic situation which will affect the village.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p>Keith Holmes, Development Manager, at Chelmsford Borough Council had written to the Clerk advising that the next meeting of the Parish Councils would be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7pm. It was agreed that Cllrs. Millernas, Dixon and Otter would attend. Clerk to advise Hayley Hay at Chelmsford Borough Council.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Environment Agency Flood Leviation Scheme Scoping Document</b> – At the Planning Meeting the Clerk had started the circulation of the document. The Clerk had subsequently invited Sadia Moeed to give a presentation at the next planning meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. Ms. Moeed had asked for questions one week before the meeting in order that she could prepare her answers. Comments to be sent to the Clerk by 13<sup>th</sup> April.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>
<p><b><u>Urgent Planning Matters Not On This Agenda</u></b></p>	
<p>The following applications were discussed as comments were due in by 16<sup>th</sup> April which was before the next Planning Meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Application No. 09/00370/FUL.</b> Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 no. new dwellings with garages.  <b>Location:</b> 87 Mill Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Steve Wheelhouse.  The Parish Council strongly opposed this application and commented that it fails to address any of the problems the Parish Council raised on the previous application 08/01671/FUL and their previous comments still stand. The area is characterised by hedges and vegetation with properties discreet from the road. The overall character is rural. The houses are completely out of character with the street scene. The overall height and bulk of these houses will obscure a view of the windmill which is an important historical building and landmark.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Application No. 09/00387/FUL.</b> Temporary siting of caravan and container for accommodation and storage during rebuild of property.  <b>Location:</b> Ardbrae, Downham Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Malcolm Day.  The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>Broadband connection in Village Hall</b> – The Chairman had spoken to Doug Tafts who advised that the request should be put in writing in order that the matter could be discussed by the Management Committee. Mr Tafts had indicated to the Chairman that he could see no reason why a broadband connection could not be installed into the Village Hall but that the Management Committee would not be interested in the service and the Parish Council would probably have to pay for the service. The Chairman stated that if the Parish Council had to pay and other societies wished to use the service then the Parish Council would charge rent. Clerk to write letter.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>

2167.	<p><b>FINANCE.</b></p> <p>A VAT Refund had been received amounting to £168.03.</p> <p><b>Audit of Accounts for 2007/08.</b></p> <p>The Clerk and Cllr. Dixon had prepared a draft annual risk assessment of financial and non-financial risks. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate a copy to all Councillors so that they can identify risks not included and review risks already identified. It was agreed that the document would be finalised at the next meeting. Cllr. Dixon advised that the Parish Council need to be more detailed on financial planning and control with more emphasis on a formal budget and a process of regular monitoring of the budget. Cllr. Dixon discussed the document he had produced. Cllr. Dixon advised that the situation should be reviewed quarterly. The Clerk advised that the Auditors had sent the documentation for the 2008/09 audit. Documents had to be sent in by the end of June. Clerk to prepare accounts.</p> <p><b>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101424</td> <td>£156.00</td> <td>Mr Paul Williams</td> <td>Pond Clearance and cutting back bowling club hedge and alley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101425</td> <td>£1,225.00</td> <td>Stock Village Hall</td> <td>Rent of office and hire of hall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101426</td> <td>£5,638.00</td> <td>M. Duggan &amp; Sons</td> <td>Works to car park area on Common</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101427</td> <td>£265.00</td> <td>M. Duggan &amp; Sons</td> <td>Clearing ditch along Common Road</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101428</td> <td>£13.50</td> <td>NALC</td> <td>Subscription renewal to LCR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101429</td> <td>£1,134.71</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary 01.03.09 – 31.03.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101430</td> <td>£529.85</td> <td>Inland Revenue Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101431</td> <td>£385.75</td> <td>Kedon Industrial Supplies Ltd</td> <td>Sign for Village Hall Parking</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101432</td> <td>£124.47</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101433</td> <td>£49.99</td> <td>Mrs P.J. Johnson</td> <td>Reimbursement for weed killer for trees and other expenses</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Transfer of Funds</b> – A transfer of £9,000.00 was transferred on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009 from the Base Rate Tracker Account to Current Account. A transfer of £2,500.00 was transferred on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009 from the Base Rate Tracker Account to Current Account.</p>	101424	£156.00	Mr Paul Williams	Pond Clearance and cutting back bowling club hedge and alley	101425	£1,225.00	Stock Village Hall	Rent of office and hire of hall	101426	£5,638.00	M. Duggan & Sons	Works to car park area on Common	101427	£265.00	M. Duggan & Sons	Clearing ditch along Common Road	101428	£13.50	NALC	Subscription renewal to LCR	101429	£1,134.71	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.03.09 – 31.03.09	101430	£529.85	Inland Revenue Only	PAYE and N.I.	101431	£385.75	Kedon Industrial Supplies Ltd	Sign for Village Hall Parking	101432	£124.47	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	101433	£49.99	Mrs P.J. Johnson	Reimbursement for weed killer for trees and other expenses	JD/CLERK
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2168.	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Phillips reported that the cleaning and gardening at the Village Hall had been sorted out. The finance was down to last year and £9,000.00 was the figure stated. Maintenance work is being carried out. The cupboard under the stage needs looking at. An application has been made for a licence. The car park sign is to be erected.</p>																																									
2169.	<p><b>VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT – GRASS CUTTING, MAINTENANCE, OPEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, BUS SHELTERS AND PLAY AREA.</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>																																									
2170.	<p><b>TRAFFIC, ROAD SIGNS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Otter reported that the day after the next meeting she had been invited to attend a Parish Passenger Transport Meeting. Cllr. Otter asked Councillors to notify her prior to the meeting of any comments they wished her to raise on buses or commuter transport. Cllr. Grundy advised that the rules are changing for concessionary fares and that they need clarification.</p>	MO																																								
2171.	<p><b>STOCK VILLAGE ACTION PLAN/VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Dixon advised that the final draft is coming to a conclusion and in the next few weeks the document will be submitted back to Chelmsford Borough Council.</p>																																									
2172.	<p><b>RISK ASSESSMENT.</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>																																									
2173.	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</b></p> <p>The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the Planning Meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.30pm in the Rectory Hall, the Annual Parish Meeting is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Rectory Hall and the Parish Council meeting is on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Cllrs. Millernas and Phillips sent their apologies for the APM.</p>																																									
2174.	<p><b>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</b></p> <p>There were no tenders to discuss.</p>																																									

**The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.12pm.**

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