STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2010 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllrs. Johnson, Phillips, Woodward, Rilstone and Otter

Minute Secretary: Mrs Lorraine Green

In The Chair: Cllr. Dixon

Also Present: 5 Members of the Public and CBC Cllr. Ian Grundy

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2475.	DEMOCRATIC TIME:	
	A parishioner objected to the planning application for 2 High Trees. He advised that it was retrospective and that he objected to the new feature which was not mentioned on the plans. He stated that it was in an open plan cul-de-sac which was a small gated complex. The applicant wants to put in iron railings and gates which are not in the plans or original drawings. He also objected to the fence.	
	A parishioner stated that the land where CBC want to build new houses in Brookmans Road used to be allotments and she felt it was an ideal place for allotments rather than houses. The Chairman advised that the houses had been included in the Borough Plan by CBC. He said he could raise the matter with CBC but it has already been included so doubts it can be amended now.	
	A parishioner said that it was an asset to the village to have a Heritage Centre. She objected to the previous plans for Fristling Hall. She was concerned that the barn was the only listed building and should remain and the original manor house should be maintained. She also commented on the very grand gates that had been put in and the footpath diversion.	
	A parishioner advised that he had submitted drawings for railings to be installed outside the school in Swan Lane to protect children. The railings had been put up but the plan included two posts, one on the corner of the entrance to the school and one on the other side of the railings to match the other side by the shop to stop people parking – neither had been erected. The parishioner reported that a lot of elderly people use Swan Lane and it is very dangerous because there is no path. Cars and trucks continually turn around on this corner. The parishioner asked the Parish Council to get in touch with ECC to get the posts put in either side of the railings.	CLERK
	A parishioner advised that he had no problem with the Heritage Society using the library but was concerned about parking.	
2476.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.	
	Cllr. Millernas, Hawkes and Finch sent their apologies.	
2477.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 TH NOVEMBER 2010.	
	The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events.	
2478.	DECLARING ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.	
	Cllrs. Otter and Dixon declared an interest in Village Design Statement. Cllrs. Phillips and Rilstone advised that they were members of the Heritage Society. Cllr. Phillips was also a volunteer at The Mill.	
2479.	POLICE MATTERS.	
	PCSO Fleming sent her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting this month as she is on annual leave but she wishes everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.	
	PCSO Fleming reported the following to the Clerk:-	
	15th December - Burglary Other in Furze Lane - Break into a garage at this time what is missing. 16th December - Oaklands Farm - Theft of Metal - metal taken they have made off.	

19th November - Theft from motor vehicle in Cambridge Close - sunglasses stolen. 19th November - Theft from motor vehicle in Cambridge Close - 2 DVD players stolen. 20th November - Burglary Other - Stock Rd - House broken into various items taken. 23rd November - Burglary Other - The Lindens - T.V. taken. 27th November - Theft from motor vehicle in Stock Rd - Handbag taken. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. 2480. Footway from Post Office to Greenwoods – Highways dealing with matter. Pot Holes – Highways dealing with matter. Verges dug up and the edging churned up in School Lane – Highways dealing with matter. Flooding outside the Almshouses – Highways dealing with matter. **Buttsbury Bridge** – Nothing further to report. Bad Conditions at Junction of Downham Road/Mill Road - Nothing to report. Overgrown hedges in village – Highways dealing with matter. JD/PW Play Area Annual Inspection – Chairman and Cllr. Woodward dealing with matter. Grass Verges at top of Whites Hill - Nothing to report. Overgrown footpath and bad lighting on the footpath between Dakyn Drive and Cambridge Close - Nothing to report. Missing 30mph sign by Mill Cottage in Mill Road – Highways dealing with matter. Village Sign – Sign has been taken down and is being collected by Stebbings for renovation. Clerk had contacted Bob Hale asking him to renovate post. Parking in the High Street and The Square – Nothing further to report. **Dog Bin for Well Lane end of the footpath - Nothing to report.** Parking at Hereward Meadow - Clerk had requested a meeting with Lyn McLay-Kidd and the **CLERK** NEAT Officer. PW/SJ **Tree Planting Initiative -** Cllrs. Woodward and Johnson to organise. Post knocked over on the Northern side of The Paddocks and missing posts at Compass Green Highways dealing with matter. Drainage in Common Lane - Mr Watling had also contacted Highways regarding the matter. A plan had been sent to Mr Watling showing the extent of public Highway. Mr Watling had advised that the plan clearly shows that the part of the lane is adopted and so should be drained. Mr Watling understood from previous correspondence that this had been agreed. Ms. Ebbage of Highways had advised that she was moving to a new team as part of the Highways transformation programme and she would be moving away from engineering. Damaged sign opposite Harnetts in Smallgains Lane and sign missing in Smallgains Lane opposite Marigolds Lane - CBC dealing with matter. Three public warning signs obliterated by vegetation in Smallgains Lane - Highways dealing with matter. **Benches on The Common** – Clerk to arrange to add benches to insurance. Terrible state of Pond at the back of The Cock Public House and Austen Drive - Nothing further to report. Street light opposite the Hoop not working - Highways dealing with matter. **Living Landscapes Project** – Nothing further to report.

	Stock Beavers' Planting Project – Nothing further to report.		
	Drainage Pipe Mill Road to Whites Hill – Clerk had contacted Planning and was awaiting a reply.		
	Bayleaf Takeaway – Cllr. Grundy advised that the M.P. was on the case and a petition was going on in the village.		
	Review of Sports and Play Schemes in 2011 seeking the Parish Council's views – It was agreed that this would be carried forward to the next meeting.		
2491	New Slide in Play Area - It was agreed that this would be carried forward to the next meeting.	CLERK	
2481.	81. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.		
	The following letters were read out:-		
	a) Mrs Knight regarding getting extra lighting in Swan Lane. Mrs Knight had been asking ECC for nearly two years for extra lighting as there is only one street light, no pavements, no white lines, no humps and she said it is extremely dangerous in the dark. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should acknowledge the letter and refer the matter to ECC asking them to conduct a survey of the resident's views on the matter. The Parish Council agreed that they did not necessarily want lighting due to the rural area of the lane. Await ECC comments.	CLERK	
	b) Mrs Jean Sporton regarding the appalling state of some of the verges in the village. This week a BT Open Reach vehicle parked on the verge outside of Holes Place Farm and has caused significant damage. Mrs Sporton has contacted BT Open Reach requesting that they immediately restore the verge to its original condition but regrettably has been unable to speak to anyone who is willing to investigate the problem never mind rectify the problem. Mrs Sporton was therefore asking the Parish Council to contact Highways regarding the matter. The Parish Council agreed entirely with Mrs Sporton. Cllr. Otter advised that three vehicles had driven down from Common Road from Birch Lane along the verges. Cllr. Otter stated that the builders do not always reinstate verges to their original condition and they should not be ruined in the first place. Cllr. Woodward said there was no point reinstating verges until the building work had finished. It was agreed that the Parish Council should try and get planning involved to ensure that it is a condition that there is complete reinstatement of verges and people are not to park on the highway. Cllr. Grundy said that registration numbers and company names should be noted and a case file built up. Clerk to acknowledge letter and report to Highways.	CLERK	
	c) ECC had set out the following code that gives a guide to what actions should be taken regarding clearing snow and ice from pavements yourself. Clerk to put in November Stock Press.	CLERK	
	CLEARING SNOW AND ICE FROM PAVEMENTS YOURSELF.		
	There's no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your home or from public spaces. It's unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries on the path if you have cleared it carefully. Follow the snow code when clearing snow and ice safely.		
	The snow code - tips on clearing snow and ice from pavements or public spaces		
	PREVENT SLIPS		
	Pay extra attention to clear snow and ice from steps and steep pathways - you might need		
	to use more salt on these areas. If you clear snow and ice yourself, be careful - don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze. But don't be put off clearing paths because you're afraid someone will get injured.		
	Remember, people walking on snow and ice have responsibility to be careful themselves. Follow the advice below to make sure you clear the pathway safely and effectively.		

CLEAR THE SNOW OR ICE EARLY IN THE DAY

It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has packed together from people walking on it. So if possible, start removing the snow and ice in the morning. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning, any sunshine during the day will help melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing overnight.

Use salt or sand - not water

If you use water to melt the snow, it may refreeze and turn to black ice. Black ice increases the risk of injuries as it is invisible and very slippery. You can prevent black ice by spreading some salt on the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. Don't use the salt found in salting bins - this will be needed to keep the roads clear.

Be careful not to spread salt on plants or grass as it may cause them damage.

If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over as well as salt, but will provide good grip under foot.

Take care where you move the snow

When you're shovelling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. Make sure you make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared firs, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides.

Offer to clear your neighbours' paths

If your neighbour will have difficulty getting in and out of their home, offer to clear snow and ice around their property as well. Check that any elderly or disabled neighbours are alright in the cold weather. If you're worried about them, contact your local council.

- d) ECC regarding P3 Training Courses and Work Proposals for 2011/12.
- e) Mr Watling advised that he had given up trying to keep the hedge further up Common Lane tidy. The refuse truck had trashed the hedge outside the front of the house again so he will not be bothering any more. The other thought is to rip the hedge out and put up a brick wall. More greensward has been lost in the lane in the resurfacing. Clerk to forward E-mail to Operation Services at CBC to deal with.

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2482. PLANNING MATTERS.

Applications

Application No. 10/01864/FUL. Amendment to permission reference 06/01773/FUL (Two storey rear extension and single storey side addition) to alter fenestration and reduce size of single storey side extension.

Location: 2 Austen Drive, Stock

Applicant: Mr C. Taylor.

The Parish Council commented that this is in the Conservation Area. The window design to window one would be out of keeping. It is understood that the existing windows were painted wood and UPVC would not be acceptable in a Conservation Area.

Application No. 10/01819/FUL. Replacement dwelling with detached garage/store.

Location: 152 Mill Road, Stock **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs M. Hudson.

The Parish Council commented that they would like to see strict adherence to the Green Belt policy

otherwise they have no comment.

Application No. 10/01828/FUL. Amendment to permission reference 09/00739/FUL (Replacement two storey detached house and detached garage block) to alter position of garage and create bay

window to front.

Location: 2 High Trees, Stock **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs P. Tillett.

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The Parish Council had no comments to make on the amended application as submitted but drawing number 1248/5 shows extensive metal railings and gates around the site which are not part of the original application and the Parish Council would not support their inclusion in this particular location as they are out of character with the surrounding development as the original 3 properties within this area were an open plan development.

Application No. 10/01780/LBC. Demolition of stables and bird cages. Conversion of Barn, Dairy and Granary into three dwellings with associated parking and landscaping.

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Location: Fristling Hall Farm, Swan Lane, Stock

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Gary & Julie Sharp

It was agreed to defer to the next meeting. Clerk to ask CBC for extension of time. Clerk to circulate plans to Councillors.

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Application No. 10/01779/FUL. Demolition of stables and bird cages. Conversion of Barn, Dairy and Granary into three dwellings with associated parking and landscaping.

Location: Fristling Hall Farm, Swan Lane, Stock

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Gary & Julie Sharp

It was agreed to defer to the next meeting. Clerk to ask CBC for extension of time. Clerk to circulate plans to Councillors.

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Application No. 10/01838/FUL. Part single & part two storey front extension with porch. Part single, part two storey side/front extension & single storey rear extension.

Location: 11 The Paddock, Stock **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Tony Martin

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

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Application No. 10/01694/FUL. Replacement dwelling.

Location: The Cottage, Whites Hill, Stock

Applicant: Mr Rob Sparrow.

It was agreed to defer to the next meeting.

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Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Decisions

Application No. 10/01649/AG. Agricultural hay/straw barn... Location: Land South Of Old Kings Head Stock Road, Stock Applicant: Mr Matthew Collings. Prior Approval Not Required.

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Application No. 10/01618/FUL. Retrospective application for the retention of plant room and well house.

Location: Scriveners Farm, Madles Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr S Quincey. Approved.

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Application No. 09/00628/NMAT. Non material amendment to 09/00628/FUL (Loft conversion incorporating velux windows, solar panels, front entrance canopy and gable end window) to change a window to front doors in eastern and southern elevations.

Location: Brambles, Common Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr M L'Estrange. Approved.

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Application No. 10/01640/FUL. Raising & rebuilding of main roof. Two storey front extension. New window to first floor side elevation. First floor dormer window to front. Two storey rear extension. Part single, part two storey side extension including dormer window. Front porch & canopy. Pitched roof to detached garage.

Location: 11 The Paddock, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs Sarah Stuart. Withdrawn.

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Application No. 10/01735/CLOPUD. Loft conversion with dormer window.

Location: Apps Farm Lodge, Mill Road Applicant: Mr Bernard Higgins. Approved.

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

Application No. 10/05243/TPO. Oak (A1 1997/002) - front garden - reduce lateral spread towards road by 1.5m, cutting to suitable growing points. (Suitable growing points are side branches that are **CLERK**

at least one third the diameter of the originating branch.)

Sycamore (A1 1997/002) - front garden - remove sub dominant stem

Lime x 2 & Horse Chestnut (A1 1997/002) - front garden - remove epicormic growth as necessary for five years.

Location: 3 Hereward Mount, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs Bailham.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Application No. 10/05250/TPO. Silver Birch (T31 2001/117) - front garden of property - fell to

ground and remove stump.

Location: Millside, 35 Myln Meadow, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Weaver.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Application No. 10/05240/TPO. G1 – Trees indicated as T4, T5 – T10 – Strawberry tree x 3, T6 – Holly, T7 – Silver Birch, (T8- Unknown possibly Fiscus not included in TPO) on survey – Fell to ground level (TPO 1996/012).

Location: Apps Farm Lodge, Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Bernard Higgins.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Application No. 10/05213/TPO. Oak x1 (G2 2007/085) – roadside boundary with Whites

Hill/adjacent porch – remove two lowest laterals, cutting to branch collar.

Location: Gingjoy, 140 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Davis. Approved.

Application No. 10/05597/CAT. Sweet Chestnut & Sycamore - roadside boundary with Stock Road

- fell to ground and remove stumps.

Location: Greenwoods Estate, Stock Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs Lucy Harding. **Approved.**

Application No. 10/05229/TPO. Holly (T2 2008/036) – front garden of plot 1 – fell to ground and

remove stump.

Location: 87 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr S. Wheelhouse – Jenny Moody Properties. **Approved.**

Application No. 10/05190/TPO. Oak x 3 (W1 2007/137 T1 - T3 on attached schedule) - boundary with Ship Cottages - crown lift to 3.5m; crown clean

Cherry x 1 (W1 2007/137 T4 on attached schedule) - boundary with Ship Cottages - crown lift to 3.5m; crown clean

Oak x 1 (W1 2007/137 T5 on attached schedule) - boundary with Ship Cottages - remove dead lower limb

Oak x 7 (W1 2007/137 T6 - T12 on attached schedule) - south of unit 2 - fell to ground and remove stump

Holly (W1 2007/137 G1 on attached schedule) - boundary with Ship Cottages - fell to ground and remove stump

Oak (W1 2007/137 G2 on attached schedule) - boundary with Ship Cottages - fell to ground and remove stump

Oak and Field Maple (W1 2007/137 G4 on attached schedule) - adjacent radio base station - crown lift on site side and lightly prune back from site side; prune Maple to clear line post

Sweet Chestnut (W1 2007/137 G5 on attached schedule) - east of unit 5 - fell dead stems.

Location: Temple Farm, Stock Road, Stock Applicant: Mr Thomas Frary. Approved.

Planning Appeals and Decisions.

Nothing to report.

Tree Preservation Orders.

Nothing to report.

Planning Correspondence

Bungalow in front of the Windmill in Mill Lane who have cut a vast amount of greensward to make a sweeping driveway – Nothing further to report.

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	Kingfishers, Mill Road - Mr Jewell, Enforcement Officer, at CBC had advised the Clerk that the site has been visited and the builders spoken to. The verge and the hedgerow will be re-instated once the building work is finished. Planning permission was granted for the work underway and was not required for the vehicles gaining access to the site. Mr Jewell appreciates that a lot of mud is deposited on the road when the lorries deliver, but he did witness one of the workmen clearing as much as he could with a shovel and a broom! Mr Jewell hopes that this satisfies the Parish Council's concerns. He shall be monitoring the site in 6 months time to ensure that the verge and hedgerow have been re-instated.	
	Planning Contributions for Local Amenities – Clerk had submitted form to CBC.	
	Minerals Development Document Preferred Approach –Documents to be circulated to all Councillors. Comments due by 17 th February 2010.	
	Public Path Scheme Order 2010 at Fristling Hall - Footpaths 13 (Part), 11 (Part) & 12 - Comments due by 20 th January 2011. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed at the next planning meeting.	
	Urgent Planning Matters Not On This Agenda	
	Nothing to report.	
,	FINANCE.	
	Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:	
	101600 £1,193.11 Mrs L.J. Green Salary 01.12.10 – 31.12.10	
	101601 £547.87 HM Revenue and Customs Only 101602 £166.50 Mr P.H. Williams PAYE and N.I. Grass Cutting December 2010	
	101602 £166.50 Mr P.H. Williams Grass Cutting December 2010 101603 £ 50.68 Mrs L.J. Green Expenses	
	Transfer of Funds – On 20 th December 2010 £2,500.00 was transferred from Base Rate Tracker Account to Current Account.	
	Budget and Precept 2010/11 – It was agreed that the Precept should remain at £40,000.00 and the Budget would be discussed at the next meeting.	
	Annual Donations – The Chairman advised that letters had been received from All Saints' Church, Our Lady & St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church Parish Council, The Tweedy Charity, Stock Press, Stock Cares and Essex Air Ambulance requesting their annual grants from Stock Parish Council. The Chairman felt that some organisations have enough money and suggested that a copy of each organisation's accounts is obtained before the next meeting before a donation is agreed. It was agreed that Essex Air Ambulance should receive a donation.	
•	COUNCILLOR/CLERK'S REPORT.	
	Cllr. Woodward reported that you have to look around the corner to see the bus coming from the new bus shelter as there are no windows. The Chairman advised that it had been agreed not to have windows because of them getting broken. Cllr. Phillips advised that most people are satisfied with the bus shelter.	
	Cllr. Otter had circulated information on the bus service operations and Park and Ride operations over the Christmas and New Year period and had given it to Roger Watling for the website.	
	Cllr. Rilstone asked what the policy was regarding gritting pavements in Stock when Ingatestone and Billericay were done. Cllr. Grundy advised that he would like salt in the village and would ask ECC the question.	IG
	Cllr. Grundy advised that CBC's grant had been reduced by £1.4m which was roughly what they thought would happen. Concessionary fares are going to be handled by ECC but people will have to go to CBC to get their card. It had been reconfirmed that it would start at 9.00am. People would not be getting a discount on rail as this has been withdrawn.	
	Cllr. Johnson commented on the mess in The Square following a gas leak. Notification was received the day after the work had started in Mill Road. It was reported that there was water within the gas so it was taking longer than imagined. The Water Board had turned a tap and broken it thinking it was water but it was a gas tap. Cllr. Rilstone advised that the gas was now back on full strength. Cllr. Grundy said there had been problems in Mill Road and Common Road.	

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	Cllr. Johnson reported that the pavement on the west side of B1007 was absolutely deplorable as it was so low to the road and was positively dangerous. Clerk to report to ECC.	CLERK
	Cllr. Woodward reported that it was absolutely disgraceful around The Square with pot holes etc.	
	The question was asked whether there was any further news on the Cock Car Parking area as it was wasted space. The Chairman said a lot of work was going on inside. Cllr. Rilstone advised that Michelle of The Hoop took the licence and was going to put a Manager in but decided not to take the licence because the renovation works had not been done by Enterprise Inns. No other licencee was interested in taking it up. Cllr. Johnson felt that the area should be open to the public whilst not being used as a pub. Clerk to contact Enterprise Inns and state that it would be practical, as a temporary measure, for parishioners to use the area whilst the property is vacant.	CLERK
2485.	5. DISCUSSION ITEMS.	
	Allotments – Nothing further to report.	
	Stock Library – The Chairman advised that the decision was taken at the last meeting that the Parish Council could not take on the acquisition of the old library. The Chairman, Cllr. Grundy, Jenny Berkley and Alan Le Boutillier had attended a meeting with Jeremy Lucas, Cabinet Member for Essex who looks after libraries and heritage. The building was bequeathed to ECC in the 1970's and Mr Lucas is going to delve into the deeds of transfer to see if any covenants applied to see if the building had to remain as community use or whether it could be sold. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had applied for a grant through the CIF and Mr Lucas said this was o.k. and he also knew that the Parish Council had made an offer of £10k although it could not be confirmed this offer still stood following the public meeting. The Chairman hopes to hear further from Mr Lucas after Christmas. Mr Lucas was supportive of the idea and said there should be some way found if possible for there to be a Heritage Centre in the village. There may also be a way of transferring the CIF grant to the Heritage Society and they would own the building rather than the Parish Council. Cllr. Grundy said that the meeting had been very useful. The Chairman had written to the Agent and advised that the matter was now with ECC Cabinet Members and when he hears further he will go back to them. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Grundy for setting up the meeting.	
	Youth Club – Nothing to report.	
	Parish Council Elections – The Elections will be held on 5 th May 2011. Nominations need to be received by CBC by noon on Tuesday 5 th April 2011.	CLERK
	Salt Bins –Nothing further to report. Cllr. Grundy suggesting asking Gary Stringer if he would be prepared to have a one tonne bag of salt under lock and key.	CLERK
	Future Airspace Strategy Consultation – It was agreed to defer until the next meeting.	CLERK
	Amendments to Local Council Practitioners' Guide Consultation – It was agreed to defer until the next meeting.	CLERK
	Celebrations for the forthcoming Royal Wedding in 2011 and Diamond Jubilee in 2012 – It was agreed to defer until the next meeting.	CLERK
2486.	RISK ASSESSMENT. Nothing to report.	
2487.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING.	
	The next Planning Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 10 th January 2011 at 7.30pm and the main Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 31 st January 2011 at 7.30pm. Cllrs. Rilstone, Finch and Woodward sent their apologies for the Planning Meeting.	
2488.	CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.	
	There were no tenders to discuss.	

The Chairman thanked everyone for com	ing; the meeting closed at 9.30pm.
Signed (CHAIRMAN)	DATE