

# STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2010 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK AT 7.30PM.**

**Present:** *Cllrs. Millernas, Johnson, Phillips, Woodward, Finch, Rilstone and Otter*  
**Minute Secretary:** *Lorraine Green*  
**In The Chair:** *Cllr. Dixon*  
**Also Present:** *3 Members of the Public and CBC Cllr. Ian Grundy*

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>2405.</b>	<b>DEMOCRATIC TIME.</b>  A parishioner asked whether the Parish Council had heard anything about the speeding in Smallgains Lane. The Chairman advised there was no news and that very little was happening anywhere as ECC were biding time to see what the Government were going to do and what they were going to get financially. A parishioner reported that the gates into the village were looking shabby. The Chairman advised that Highways have not got the money at present to do the work.	
<b>2406.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b>  Cllr. Hawkes and PCSO Kay Fleming sent their apologies.	
<b>2407.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2010.</b>  The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events.	
<b>2408.</b>	<b>DECLARING ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.</b>  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.	
<b>2409.</b>	<b>POLICE MATTERS.</b>  Nothing to report.	
<b>2410.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</b>  <b>Speed Indicator Signs</b> – Graham Livings of Highways had advised that due to current restrictions on Budgets and a large parking variation order that they have to fund, he is unable to commit to the relocation of any of the vehicle activated signs in the Borough at present. The Clerk had also reported that the sign is not currently working and was advised that Mr Livings would raise the sign with the Solagen Rep. However, if there are significant costs associated with any repair work these are unlikely to be ordered. It was agreed that the Parish Council would see what happens and if nothing they would see if they could pay themselves.  <b>Footway from Post Office to Greenwoods</b> – A young lady had complained to Cllr. Millernas that she could not get along with her pushchair as it very narrow due to the overgrown hedge. Cllr. Woodward agreed to speak to Greenwoods and advise that it was getting dangerous.  <b>Essex County Council Community Initiatives Fund Grant</b> – Cllr. Woodward advised that the Parish Council were now awaiting the grant funds.  <b>Bollards outside 14/16 Mill Road</b> – It was agreed that Highways had clarified the position so the matter was now closed and the item could be removed from the Agenda. Cllr. Grundy was looking into the matter. It was agreed that the Clerk would E-mail Highways advising them that the questions raised were from the Parish Council and not Cllr. Otter's personal comments.  <b>Pot Holes</b> – Cllr. Johnson reported that there were pot holes at the Well Lane/Marigold Lane junction. It was also reported that there is a massive pot hole in Smallgains Lane as you go round the bend by the small bridge and somebody has put a broken bollard over it because it is very dangerous. Clerk to report to Highways.	          <b>PW</b>          <b>CLERK</b>          <b>CLERK</b>

<p><b>Parish Sports Programme</b> – The next event will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August between 1.00pm and 3.30pm. The Sports Pavilion will be open for the event. Cllr. Woodward to arrange advertising.</p> <p><b>People parking on the grass verge by The Hoop next to the cottages</b> – Cllr. Woodward to speak to someone to erect sign.</p> <p><b>Verges dug up and the edging churned up in School Lane</b> – Highways dealing with matter.</p> <p><b>Flooding outside the Almshouses</b> – Highways dealing with matter.</p> <p><b>Buttsbury Bridge</b> – Nothing further to report.</p> <p><b>Bad Conditions at Junction of Downham Road/Mill Road</b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Overgrown hedges in village</b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Play Area Annual Inspection</b> –Chairman and Cllr. Woodward dealing with matter.</p> <p><b>Damaged Honeypot Lane sign and signpost at the junction of Ingatestone Road and B1007</b> – Clerk advised the sign had been replaced.</p> <p><b>Knocked down signpost at Ingatestone Road/Stock Road South</b> – Clerk had chased Highways as the sign had still not been replaced.</p> <p><b>Skate Board Ramps and Neos</b> – Cllr. Woodward had booked the event for 27<sup>th</sup> August. Cllr. Woodward to arrange advertising.</p> <p><b>Grass Verges at top of Whites Hill</b> – Chairman to speak to contractors.</p> <p><b>Beer Festival</b> - Cllr. Rilstone advised that he had called the Police to complain about the parking and was told that as the signs were CBC signs the Police cannot enforce. Chairman to diarise a meeting for January with the proprietor of The Hoop to discuss matters for next year’s festival.</p> <p><b>Overgrown vegetation obscuring the zebra crossing</b> – Clerk reported to Highways.</p> <p><b>Overgrown footpath and bad lighting on the footpath between Dakyn Drive and Cambridge Close</b> - Clerk reported to Highways.</p> <p><b>Two large holes on the corner of Back Lane/Dakyn Drive and new pillar is broken and another is cracked and needs to be replaced</b> - Clerk reported to Highways. Clerk to remove from Agenda as the builder had agreed to reinstate.</p> <p><b>Overgrown hedgerow on either side of Footpath 33</b> - Rob Boulton had visited the footpath and the upgrowth (grass) had recently been cut. The adjacent hedging was not encroaching on the public right of way as there is a wide track over 3m wide, well in excess of the required 1.5m minimum, so he does not intend to contact the landowner at this time. In any event ECC does not normally advocate major cutting of hedgerows during the nesting season unless they are causing a major obstruction.</p> <p><b>Dredging of Pond</b> – Cllr. Woodward was awaiting a quotation.</p> <p><b>Employing somebody to keep the village tidy</b> – Cllr. Woodward reported that The Common was an absolute disgrace on Sunday morning. It was agreed that the matter would be kept under review and Cllr. Finch would put a note in his report in Stock Press asking residents to clear the areas around their property.</p> <p><b>Grass Cutting</b> – Mr Williams had written advising that as he now has to cut the area around the play area with a pedestrian lawn mower and strimmer which takes 25 minutes extra to cut he would be charging £10.00 extra per cut. All agreed – Clerk to advise Mr Williams.</p> <p><b>Overgrown hedge outside Stock Lodge</b> - The Clerk had reported the matter to Highways.</p> <p><b>Benches for Common</b> - Cllr. Woodward dealing with.</p>	<p><b>PW</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>PW</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>
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2411.	<p><b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</b></p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <p>a) Jackie Lane of CBC regarding the Community Awards to local residents that have made a voluntary contribution to improving their local environment. Nominations to be received by 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Agreed to discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>b) Katie Canning of ECC asking the Parish Council to get involved with supporting a mobile library campaign. It was agreed the Parish Council would not volunteer as it was felt that ECC were targeting smaller parishes with no library.</p>	
2412.	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS.</b></p> <p><u>Applications</u></p> <p><b>Application No. 10/00878/FUL.</b> Single storey rear extension and part conversion of garages to habitable accommodation.  <b>Location:</b> 16 Cambridge Close, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mrs Barbara Hill.  The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><b>Application No. 10/01015/FUL.</b> Retrospective application for steel framed poly tunnel.  <b>Location:</b>, Forest Lodge Farm, Stock Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Patrick Wreathall.  The Parish Council commented that they do not support retrospective applications but otherwise have no comments to make.</p> <p><u>Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Decisions</u></p> <p><b>Application No. 10/00883/FUL.</b> Retrospective application for the construction of a car port.  <b>Location:</b> 25 Birch Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Simon Biles. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 10/00730/FUL.</b> Loft conversion with dormer windows to the rear and side.  <b>Location:</b> 4 Peter Street, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr D. Martin. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 10/00752/FUL.</b> Single storey rear extension and rear conservatory.  <b>Location:</b> Yewdale, 35 Mill Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Phillip Murphy. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 10/00760/FUL.</b> Single storey rear extension.  <b>Location:</b> 21 Mill Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs V. Zucker. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 10/00824/FUL.</b> Replacement dwelling with detached garage (retaining existing dwelling until completion of new dwelling).  <b>Location:</b> Willowbrook Brook Cottage, Stock Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs J. Mason. <b>Withdrawn.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 09/01303/NMAT.</b> Non-material amendment to permission ref. 09/001303/FUL (Replacement dwelling and garage) to 1, relocate and change size to windows; 2, integrate lean-to into main dwelling; 3, storm porch to east elevation and 4, reduction in length of dwelling.  <b>Location:</b> Brookmans Farm, Back Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs Making. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 09/01739/NMAT.</b> Non material amendment to permission 09/01739/FUL for an increase in eaves height of the conservatory by 200mm and alter style of the windows and doors in the extension.  <b>Location:</b> 3 Lilystone Close, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs M. Threadgold. <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>Application No. 10/00610/CLEUD.</b> Use of the land as private amenity land ancillary to the residential occupation of the dwelling house Birley Cottage.  <b>Location:</b> Birley Cottage, Stock Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Barry Barnes. <b>Approved.</b></p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</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>Nothing to report.</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>Long Wood, Swan Lane – TPO/2010/009 – Confirmed without variation on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010.  Little Wood, Swan Lane – TPO/2010/010 - Confirmed without variation on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010.</p> <p><b><u>Planning Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b><u>Urgent Planning Matters Not On This Agenda</u></b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>																									
2413.	<p><b>FINANCE.</b></p> <p><b>Audit of Accounts for 2009/10</b> - Clerk had sent audit documents to Audit Commission</p> <p><b>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101563</td> <td>£32.70</td> <td>AON Limited</td> <td>Insurance Premium for Play Area Fencing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101564</td> <td>£640.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting June 2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101565</td> <td>£197.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting Churchyard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101566</td> <td>£1,193.11</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary 01.07.10 – 31.07.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101567</td> <td>£ 547.87</td> <td>HM Revenue and Customs Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101568</td> <td>£ 28.75</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Transfer of Funds</b> – On the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2010 £3,000.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker Account to the Community Account.</p>	101563	£32.70	AON Limited	Insurance Premium for Play Area Fencing	101564	£640.00	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting June 2010	101565	£197.00	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting Churchyard	101566	£1,193.11	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.07.10 – 31.07.10	101567	£ 547.87	HM Revenue and Customs Only	PAYE and N.I.	101568	£ 28.75	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	
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2414.	<p><b>COUNCILLOR/CLERK’S REPORT.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Woodward advised that he had telephoned James McCarthy at CBC regarding the overgrown trees on the left hand side of Well Lane. Cllr. Woodward also advised that Mr Raeburn had agreed to coppice the tree just past Birch Lane.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson reported the overgrown hedgerow in Well Lane. Chairman to look and advise Clerk of location to report to Highways.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward advised that he had tidied up the base of the trees around the Common.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that two seats were going to be ordered and one would be put in the play area and the location of the other was yet to be decided. The seats are being sponsored and paid for by two members of the village. The benches will have plaques. The Parish Council will fund the fixing of the seats and any excess cost.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward reported that the Cricket Club had repaired the fence at the play area after it was damaged. One parent has enquired whether a Youth Club could be set up in the village. Cllr. Grundy suggested that an article be put into Stock Press to see if anybody would be interested in volunteering to set up a Youth Club. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be keen to support the Club and give financial support.</p> <p>Cllr. Phillips reported that the second 30mph sign is missing by Mill Cottage in Mill Road. Clerk to report to Highways.</p> <p>Cllr. Rilstone advised that the Parish Council will be receiving a letter from the Secretary of the Royal British Legion inviting them to the Dedication Ceremony for the new flag pole. The event will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30am.</p>	<p><b>JD</b></p> <p><b>PW/JD</b></p> <p><b>PW</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>																								

	<p>Cllr. Grundy advised that West Hanningfield are having an Affordable Housing Development built and there will be an Exhibition in the Village Hall on the 19<sup>th</sup> August between 3pm and 7.15pm.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy asked the Clerk to check with Roger Watling whether minutes are on the site as a parishioner had informed him that none are on there since February.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that that Temple Farm decision will be made in December.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that the Essex Chronicle were doing a Battle of Britain supplement in September and asked whether anybody had any information on the Battle. It was agreed that he should give the names of Jenny Berkley, Tony Webb and June Springer.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that the work to the High Street is going to be done in September. The new zebra crossing is also going ahead and is being advertised next month for consultation. Cllr. Grundy suggested the Parish Council paint the white gateways. Cllr. Grundy also reported that the Village sign needs freshening up. Cllr. Johnson agreed to speak to Judy Williams about the matter.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that the review of speed limits on A and B roads is due out in September.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson reported that the parking in the High Street and The Square is becoming a real problem and people are not being able to get in their houses. One lady had her driveway blocked at the weekend and people were parking on both sides of the road but the Police could not do anything about it. Cllr. Johnson said that the parking at the weekend is awful and people are constantly complaining. Cllr. Grundy said that the publicans should provide more parking for their customers. Cllr. Grundy agreed to take up the matter with the Police and facilitate a meeting with the Police and Parish Council. Cllr. Rilstone suggested re-opening Mr Swift's field again for the Beer Festival.</p> <p>Cllr. Dixon reported that six bags of dog faeces had been left on the verge at the Well Lane end of the footpath. It was agreed that the Clerk should order a new red Fido 25 doggy bin with post.</p> <p>The Chairman discussed the signs for the Play Area and agreed to order signs stating No Dogs and Please Close Gate. A spring has now been put on gate of play area.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson felt that the gate behind the field at Hereward Meadow could be made into a parking area as the field was a lovely area but a complete waste of time because people could not use it. Cllr. Rilstone stated that people do not know it is there. Cllr. Grundy advised that CBC maintain the land. Cllr. Grundy suggested putting in benches. It was agreed that Cllr. Finch should remind residents in his article to Stock Press about the area. Clerk to write to Lynn McLay-Kidd at CBC to see if she could make some parking available.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>IG</b></p> <p><b>SJ</b></p> <p><b>IG</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>JD</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>2415.</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION ITEMS.</b></p> <p><b>Stock Library</b> – The Chairman had circulated Jenny Berkley's comments to all Councillors.</p> <p><b>Replacement Bus Shelter</b> – Clerk had spoken to Littlethorpe who advised the bus shelter is ready for erection but they are waiting for ECC to put down the base. It was agreed the Clerk should contact Graham Livings in Highways and ask him to co-ordinate the installation of the bus shelter base at the same time as the High Street work is carried out.</p> <p><b>Allotments</b> – Cllr. Woodward had spoken to Mr Osib at Greenwoods and confirmed that the land behind the Village Hall Car Park is owned by Mrs West. Cllr. Woodward to find out Mrs West's address in order that the Clerk can write to her. It was reported that the top field by Great Prestons by the corner of Prestons Lane/Downham Road was an ideal sportsfield/allotment site.</p> <p><b>Wheelie Bins on Pavement in High Street</b> – The Chairman advised that there are two or three bins that offend but the residents have no option other than to leave the bins on the pavement. Clerk to write back to the complainant advising that there is nothing that can be done.</p> <p><b>Parking by School users in Cambridge Close</b> – The Chairman advised that he was waiting to hear back from PCSO Fleming who was going to liaise with The Cock.</p> <p><b>Changes in Responsibility to Concessionary Travel Passes and The Public Consultation</b> –Cllr. Otter explained what the Consultation was about. In April 2011 ECC will be responsible for the bus pass scheme and there are a number of anomalies that they want to sort out. ECC want to standardize bus passes and how people get them. The Consultation is for the Elderly and Disabled Bus Pass. It was agreed that posters would be put up in the village and sent to the over 60's and W.I. in order that residents could submit their views.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>PW</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>PCSO</b></p>

	<b>Consultation Exercise: Essex Development Management Policies</b> – It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the documents and the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.	<b>CLERK</b>
<b>2416.</b>	<b>RISK ASSESSMENT.</b>  Nothing to report.	
<b>2417.</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</b>  The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2010 at 7.30pm and the main Planning Meeting will be on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Cllr. Millernas sent his apologies for the Planning Meeting.	
<b>2418.</b>	<b>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</b>  There were no tenders to discuss.	

**The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 9.10pm.**

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