

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2010 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK AT 7.30PM.

Present: *Cllrs. Millernas, Johnson, Phillips, Finch, Rilstone and Otter*

Minute Secretary:

In The Chair: *Cllr. Dixon*

Also Present: *4 Members of the Public and CBC Cllr. Ian Grundy*

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| 2461. | DEMOCRATIC TIME: A question was raised about the continuing development at Scriveners Farm. It was understood that the land was now designated as Landscape rather than Agricultural. Could this be verified and why had this occurred. The Chairman advised that CBC planning enforcement staff were monitoring the situation at Scriveners Farm but the specific question would be raised with the Planning department. It was pointed out that the impression given at the recent public meeting regarding the old library was that the building would be used for meetings. This is not the intention of the Heritage Society. It would be used as a research centre/display area and for storage. It would be a central point for people to meet for small discussions etc. The Heritage Society believes there is support for use by the village within the village. | CLERK |
| 2462. | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllrs. Woodward, Hawkes, | |
| 2463. | MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER 2010. The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events. | |
| 2464. | 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. | |
| 2465. | POLICE MATTERS. Nothing to report. | |
| 2466. | MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. Speed Indicator Signs – Sign is now working remove from minutes. 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. Play Area Annual Inspection –Chairman and Cllr. Woodward dealing with matter. Grass Verges at top of Whites Hill – Nothing to report. | CLERK |

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| <p>Overgrown footpath and bad lighting on the footpath between Dakyn Drive and Cambridge Close - Nothing to report.</p> | |
| <p>Dredging of Pond – No further action before Spring. Remove from minutes.</p> | CLERK |
| <p>Missing 30mph sign by Mill Cottage in Mill Road – Highways dealing with matter.</p> | |
| <p>Village Sign – Sign has been taken down and is being collected by Stebbings for renovation. Considered that post could do with renovation. Clerk to contact Bob Hale.</p> | CLERK |
| <p>Parking in the High Street and The Square – Nothing further to report.</p> | |
| <p>Dog Bin for Well Lane end of the footpath - Nothing to report.</p> | |
| <p>Parking at Hereward Meadow – Lynn McLay-Kidd of CBC had advised the Clerk that apart from any issue of funding being available, as discussed previously they have no funding as this site was completed in accordance with the planning permission, although the Parish may have access to funds that she is unaware of - there is the problem of the principle of an access at this point. There was considerable concern from ECC Highways over them using the maintenance access off Honeypot Lane at the time of the application.</p> | |
| <p>Mrs McLay-Kidd passed the Parish Council’s request to them sometime ago and have chased them, but has heard nothing – it may be worthwhile the Parish Council also chasing them, Richard Cilvert at Country Highways. From a brief phone conversation they would not consider an entrance that had more use than their existing maintenance access which is only used max 4 times a year, so in principle a car park would not be considered. Mrs McLay-Kidd is not sure if it is still with him, as they have had a shake up recently. She too will also chase again.</p> | |
| <p>On a positive note- Mrs McLay-Kidd wonders if the Parish Council would like to meet with -herself and the NEAT officer to look at helping with some kind of activity morning on the site next Easter. which could be advertised in the village and the parish newsletter/ local schools and could include some planting and free activities, such as mini beast hunting, make a bird box/bat box for the site, plant some wildflower plugs on the area. Its seems small scale but if well advertised encourages people to walk and enjoy the space. This may help more people in the village realise it is there and where they have done similar things elsewhere shows a new level of support, it works really well in school hols.</p> | |
| <p>Agreed that some action could be taken, but without parking usage would be minimal. Clerk to arrange discussion with the NEAT officer.</p> | CLERK |
| <p>Tree Planting Initiative - Cllrs. Woodward and Johnson to organise.</p> | |
| <p>Post knocked over on the Northern side of The Paddocks and missing posts at Compass Green Highways dealing with matter.</p> | |
| <p>Drainage in Common Lane – Julie Ebbage of ECC Highways had advised the Clerk that she has now had further discussions with her drainage engineer for an update on this matter. They have already carried out jetting works to this area this year and located some private drainage systems which did not appear to link together to form any sort of system. In the main they have undertaken inspections/work to a private system which is slightly more than expected than their current responsibility as the end of Common Lane is not adopted highway. They are, however, as local authority allowed to discharge highway surface water into private watercourses and systems.</p> | |
| <p>It would take further investigation work i.e. possibly a camera survey to try and see what is happening, however due to current priorities on the whole of our road network and announcement of further cuts to our budget, the current status of the job is awaiting decision.</p> | |
| <p>Clerk to advise Roger Watling of the latest position.</p> | CLERK |
| <p>Damaged sign opposite Harnetts in Smallgains Lane and sign missing in Smallgains Lane opposite Marigolds Lane - CBC dealing with matter.</p> | |
| <p>Three public warning signs obliterated by vegetation in Smallgains Lane - Highways dealing with matter.</p> | |
| <p>Benches on The Common – Clerk to arrange to add benches to insurance.</p> | CLERK |

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| | <p>Terrible state of Pond at the back of The Cock Public House and Austen Drive – Clerk had written to the owner of 15 Cambridge Close and Enterprise Inns.</p> <p>Street light opposite the Hoop not working - Highways dealing with matter.</p> <p>Living Landscapes Project – Cllr. Millernas had attended the recent event. The project is seeking volunteers to help. One area of interest is Little Bishops Wood. Await outcome from future meetings, but any volunteers should contact the Clerk.</p> <p>Stock Beavers’ Planting Project - Clerk had written to Mrs Hill advising her to contact Cllr. Johnson regarding the project.</p> <p>Drainage Pipe Mill Road to Whites Hill - Nothing to report. Planning to be chased for comment.</p> <p>Bayleaf Takeaway – Carried forward to next meeting, awaiting details from Clerk.</p> | <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> |
| <p>2467.</p> | <p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) E-mail from Jeremy Ray advising that BT are offering a ‘VOTE NOW’ type option on their website at http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com to see what interest there is to upgrade the existing telephone line within Stock. The more votes received the better chance of having the lines upgraded. Agreed details will be included in Stock Press. b) ECC Highways advising that on 7th December they will temporarily close Lower Stock Road from its junction with Downham Road east for a distance of approximately 300 metres for a period of 4 days whilst BT cabling works are undertaken. The alternative route will be via Downham Road – B1007 Stock Road – Ship Road – Holiday Hill – Lower Stock Road and vice versa. c) Antony Bensley, Senior Sports Development Officer, of CBC regarding Review of Sports and Play Schemes in 2011 seeking the Parish Council’s views. To be considered at next meeting. d) Gemma Prigmore, Legal Assistant, at ECC regarding the installation of the new zebra crossing on B1007 High Street. A Public Notice will appear in the Brentwood Gazette on 10th November 2010. A Statement of Reasons and map illustrating the proposal had also been received. Comment due by 2nd December 2010. | |
| <p>2468.</p> | <p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p><u>Applications</u></p> <p>Application No. 10/01666/FUL. Change of use of land to the north west of the reservoir, to create 16 reed beds, upgraded access to Middlemead, new access road, hardstanding, control building, outlet pipe and landscaping. Location: Hanningfield Water Treatment Works, Middlemead, South Hanningfield Applicant: Northumbrian Water (Essex and Suffolk Water). The parish Council commented that they were very disappointed not to have been included in the earlier consultations with other parish councils. However there is no overall comment on the proposal but the Parish Council does support the adoption of Transport Option 4 using the existing ES and W treatment works access.</p> <p>Application No. 10/01734/CLOPUD. Single storey side and rear extensions. Location: Apps Farm Lodge, Mill Road Applicant: Mr Bernard Higgins. The Parish Council commented that in arriving at their legal decision the Parish Council would hope that full consideration is given to the fact that the property is situated in the Green Belt.</p> <p>Application No. 10/01735/CLOPUD. Loft conversion with dormer window. Location: Apps Farm Lodge, Mill Road Applicant: Mr Bernard Higgins. The Parish Council commented that in arriving at their legal decision the Parish Council would hope that full consideration is given to the fact that the property is situated in the Green Belt.</p> | <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> |

Application No. 10/05597/CAT. Sweet Chestnut & Sycamore – roadside boundary with Stock Road – fell to the ground and remove stumps.

Location: Greenwoods Estate, Stock Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs Lucy Harding.

The Parish Council raised no objection, but would like to see replacement trees in a suitable but visible location.

Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Decisions

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. 10/01535/FUL. Amendment to permission 09/01456/FUL (Construction of linked pool house and first floor rear extension.) to include addition of rear solar panels and single storey rear extension.

Location: 21 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr A. Raeburn. **Approved.**

Application No. 10/01453FUL. Replacement dwelling.

Location: Brook Lodge Farm, Stock Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Tahir Sharif. **Refused.**

Application No. 10/01393FUL. Retrospective application for change of use to private allotment in conjunction with the domestic occupation of Little Steels and with associated enclosing walls.

Location: Little Steels, Leather Bottle Hill, Stock.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs P & T Walker. **Approved.**

Application No. 10/01587/FUL. Dropped Kerb.

Location: Little Lattices, 11 High Street, Stock.

Applicant: Ms Christine Makings. **Approved.**

16-20 Mill Road 08/00274/NMAT Withdrawn

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

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Planning Appeals and Decisions.

The planning appeal for Elmbrook Farm, Buttsbury. Appeal Ref. APP/W1525/A/10/2138314/WF had been withdrawn.

Catherine Airnes, Planning Technician, at CBC advised that an appeal has been lodged under the Householder Appeals Service in respect of planning application no. 10/01186/FUL at 4 Webster Place. Appeal Ref. APP/W1525/D/10/2139733. Clerk to write and ask for a copy of the decision notice.

Tree Preservation Orders.

TPO/2010/011 - Hankins Wood, Swan Lane – confirmed with variation on 3rd September 2010.

TPO/2010/019 - Land Between Woodlands and Fairview, Mill Road – confirmed with variation on 2nd September 2010.

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.

Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 11th November at 7pm at CBC – Cllr. Otter had attended the event.

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| | <p>ECC and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council – Joint Waste Development Document Issues and Options Paper (October 2010) Consultation –</p> <p>The Parish Council commented that Waste Disposal is heavily dependent on road transport and as a consequence any site developed must be closely adjacent to the major highway network and not be dependent on local roads.</p> <p>The Parish Council are concerned that Essex County Council are not looking to export their waste management issues to other adjacent areas but continue to accept others regions waste into the county.</p> <p>Planning Contributions for Local Amenities – Cllr. Grundy had spoken to Joy Thomas at CBC who advised that there is £2,600.00 available for Stock with another £1,193.00 owed to the Council at present. Mrs Thomas has written to the developer recently requesting this payment. If the Parish Council has identified a project that they want to spend this money on, she will need to be advised of the details, with the cost, including evidence of the breakdown of such costs, and what funding they may have available to them as well.</p> <p>Agreed that proposals to be submitted to CBC for the short to medium term for improvements to the children’s play area (slide), and for the mid to long term the proposals would be for allotment provision and sports playing fields. It was acknowledged that the sums of money are likely to be small.</p> <p>Site Allocations Development Plan Document (SADPD) – Proposed Submission. The Parish Council welcomes the support to the Green Belt within the policy, and also the tight drawing of the DSB around the village. The Parish Council supports and welcomes the changes to the Protected Lanes within the parish. The Parish Council supports the proposed housing within the Brookmans Road area, but has serious concerns about the access to this site from the main road (B1007). The only access is via Back Lane which is single carriageway for part of its length and is already a substantial route to the school and pre-school in the area. It is likely that congestion could flow back on to the main B1007.</p> <p>Sandon Village Design Statement Supplementary Planning Document. The Parish Council has no comment.</p> <p>Danbury Planning Framework Supplementary Planning Document. The Parish Council has no comment.</p> <p>Great Baddow Village Design Statement Supplementary Planning Document. The Parish Council has no comment.</p> <p>Minerals Development Document Preferred Approach – The document will be out for public consultation from 9th December 2010 until 17 February 2011.</p> <p><u>Urgent Planning Matters Not On This Agenda</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> | <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>2469.</p> | <p>FINANCE.</p> <p>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</p> <table data-bbox="204 1637 1289 1973"> <tr> <td>101590</td> <td>£50.50</td> <td>Mr. I. Grundy</td> <td>Photocopying Public Meeting Letters</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101591</td> <td>£334.88</td> <td>Audit Commission</td> <td>Audit Fee 2009/10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101592</td> <td>£500.00</td> <td>R. Cory</td> <td>Installing Benches and Posts on Common</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101593</td> <td>£1,193.11</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary 01.11.10 – 30.11.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101594</td> <td>£111.85</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101595</td> <td>£547.87</td> <td>HM Revenue and Customs Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101596</td> <td>£20.00</td> <td>Stock Royal British Legion</td> <td>Poppy Wreath</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101597</td> <td>£417.50</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting October 2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101598</td> <td>£148.00</td> <td>Mr. P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting Churchyard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101599</td> <td>£5,146.50</td> <td>Littlethorpe of Leicester Ltd</td> <td>Bus Shelter</td> </tr> </table> <p>Transfer of Funds – On 24th November 2010 £10,000.00 was transferred from Base Rate Tracker Account to Current Account.</p> | 101590 | £50.50 | Mr. I. Grundy | Photocopying Public Meeting Letters | 101591 | £334.88 | Audit Commission | Audit Fee 2009/10 | 101592 | £500.00 | R. Cory | Installing Benches and Posts on Common | 101593 | £1,193.11 | Mrs L.J. Green | Salary 01.11.10 – 30.11.10 | 101594 | £111.85 | Mrs L.J. Green | Expenses | 101595 | £547.87 | HM Revenue and Customs Only | PAYE and N.I. | 101596 | £20.00 | Stock Royal British Legion | Poppy Wreath | 101597 | £417.50 | Mr P.H. Williams | Grass Cutting October 2010 | 101598 | £148.00 | Mr. P.H. Williams | Grass Cutting Churchyard | 101599 | £5,146.50 | Littlethorpe of Leicester Ltd | Bus Shelter | |
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| | <p>Budget and Precept 2010/11 – The Chairman circulated a draft budget document. It was agreed that the Precept should remain at £40000.00 and the Chairman asked for ideas for future Parish Council projects.</p> <p>Annual Donations – Carried forward to next meeting.</p> | CLERK |
| 2470. | <p>COUNCILLOR/CLERK’S REPORT.</p> <p>Cllr. Otter had attended the Passenger Transport meeting on 3 November. Discussions included Community Transport and Concessionary fares. There was overwhelming support for concessions to be available from 9.00 am and for companion travel, but less support for Rail travel concessions. There will be major changes to National Express rail services from 12 December and people were advised to check the website for full details.</p> <p>Additional services are to be added to the 100 route on 4, 11, and 18 December between Billericay and Lakeside.</p> <p>The Parish Forum meeting on 11 November had been quite well attended although the earlier scheduled meeting had been cancelled. The meeting focused on the current consultations. It was advised that for a trial period enforcement details would be available on the CBC website especially for Parish Councillors. A password is needed for access and details are to be obtained. There was also discussion on Permitted Development Rights and further changes to the website were announced.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that the festive lights were now on in Chelmsford. Details were awaited on the Government Grants for next year. Once received work could begin on the effects this could have on front line services. He had thanked Highways for their works so far in Stock, and now commented that efforts must be directed to The Square as a priority area.</p> <p>Localism will be the issue for next year, details awaited.</p> <p>Food waste will be a recycling issue next year and there may well be other changes to waste collection as household patterns change.</p> <p>Chelmsford is now a very busy station with extra and longer trains now a feature. There is potential for the area to be used as a feeder to the Olympics being explored using Park and Ride facilities and the rail services. The new Park and Ride north of Chelmsford will open next April.</p> <p>Cllr. Millernas enquired regarding the use of Broadband for plans, could this now be completed.</p> | |
| 2471. | <p>DISCUSSION ITEMS.</p> <p>Replacement Bus Shelter – The new bus shelter had now been installed. Comment received that it does not provide as much shelter as the original, but also many favourable comments had been received.</p> <p>Allotments – Nothing further to report.</p> <p>Stock Library – Following the public meeting Cllrs commented on the proposal. Cllr. Millernas did not see the scheme as viable. Cllr. Johnson was split down the middle, wanting the scheme but concerned on usage and cost. Cllr. Finch did not consider the proposition viable to run at a profit. Cllr. Rilstone could not see value other than to the Heritage Society. Cllr. Otter considered the site had opportunities but the numbers did not add up, and was also concerned with the condition of the building. Cllr. Phillips thought that usage would expand through time and the Parish Council should go for the building. The Chairman concluded that he considered the building could be an asset for the village but there had been no support for it other than from the Heritage Society. Indeed there had been quite strong opposition to the proposal from a number of quarters in the village. Whilst the heart said proceed the mind said no. Cllr. Phillips advised that the Mill Volunteers also support the use of the building. The Chairman therefore proposed to write to the agents saying the Parish Council could not make a financial case at the price demanded which was considered to be excessive. He would also challenge the principle that ECC who were donated the building should now be attempting to profit from the exercise and that the building should be provided at no cost to the village for the Heritage Society. Cllr Grundy is still seeking a meeting with Cllr Jeremy Lucas of ECC to discuss the issue. It was agreed to take no action for a few days to explore these last avenues.</p> <p>Youth Club – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Parish Council Elections – To be discussed at the next meeting.</p> | |

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| | <p>Salt Bins – All existing bins will be filled at the start of the winter season. However, due to the potential salt availability difficulties of last year being repeated it may mean that ECC can not guarantee to refill any of the salt bins beyond the first fill at the start of the season. The Winter Operational Plan is being amended to reflect their position that ‘they will refill only when sufficient salt supplies are available which can be spared without affecting the reserves necessary to protect the primary network’. A definitive message has been sent out to all district managers informing them to cancel all requests and orders placed but not committed for new salt bins. The ECC Salt Bag Pilot is being developed instead of previous arrangements. Every parish that has requested a new salt bin is being refused but offered the opportunity to enter into the Pilot instead. Those that partake in the Pilot will be given one salt bag (1 ton), which they must store securely. The parish can then decide how and where the salt is distributed. Every parish that participates will be guaranteed one salt bag refill over the winter season. At present more than 40 parishes have signed up to the pilot.</p> | |
| 2472. | <p>RISK ASSESSMENT.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> | |
| 2473. | <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20th December 2010 at 7.30pm.</p> | |
| 2474. | <p>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</p> <p>The Clerk had obtained quotations for a slide in the play area. The quotations were held over to a future meeting once the outcome of the grant application was known.</p> | CLERK |

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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