

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2010 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK AT 7.30PM.

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

		ACTION
2433.	DEMOCRATIC TIME. A parishioner complained about the traffic being diverted down Smallgains Lane whilst work was being carried out in the High Street which caused the lane to become grid-locked. She stated that if anybody had been ill an emergency vehicle could not get through and the lane is now severely damaged. The Chairman advised that Smallgains Lane was not the authorised diversion, which was the responsibility of Highways. Buses were diverted down the lane, as they had to keep close to their route but there were only about two an evening. The Chairman stated that emergency vehicles will always get through somehow. The Parish Council did not feel that there had been a lot of traffic and stated that it was a few evenings of inconvenience for work the village had waited years for. It was pointed out that the diversion signs were not clear and people did not know where they were being diverted to. The Chairman advised that the authorized diversion route was from the A12 and not as you approach the village as Highways had tried to divert the traffic away from the village. He stated that it was people who knew the village that had caused the traffic problem. Cllr. Johnson said how well the contractors had managed and that they had made an excellent job. Cllr. Hawkes and Rilstone commented that the contractors had been very courteous. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Highways advising that the Parish Council were unhappy with the diversion signage but the work went extremely well and staff had been very obliging and polite. A parishioner stated that the new road surface in the High Street is only partially red. The Chairman stated that he expected it to be redder as well. The parishioner stated that white lines had been put down the middle. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had understood there would be no lines but clearly Highways had changed their minds. The parishioner reported that people are now racing through the village as they go out towards Billericay. The parishioner was also concerned that the road surface is going to break-up as small holes are already appearing.	CLERK
2434.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllrs. Millernas & Finch sent their apologies.	
2435.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH AUGUST 2010. The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events.	
2436.	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. Cllr. Otter declared a prejudicial interest in planning application no. 10/05185/TPO Gingjoy, 140 Mill Road	
2437.	POLICE MATTERS. PCSO Fleming reported that she had received five telephone calls complaining about the signage when the road was being done in the High Street and she had advised the complainants to contact Highways. There had been a theft of golf clubs at Crondon Park on the 2 nd September and a dwelling burglary on the 21 st September between 9am and 5pm. PCSO Fleming had been out with CHP and reported that a huge branch has fallen off a large tree at the bottom of Dakyn Drive on the furthest footpath from the school. Clerk to report to Highways.	CLERK

	PCSO Fleming also reported that there is overgrown vegetation at the bungalow at the top of Swan Lane. The Chairman advised that the Clerk had already written to the owners regarding this matter.	
2438.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</p> <p>Speed Indicator Signs – It was reported that the device is still not working. Graham Livings of ECC Highways had advised Cllr. Grundy that it will cost £200.00 to check the device. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not pay this as it was Highways responsibility.</p> <p>Footway from Post Office to Greenwoods – It was reported that there is earth and vegetation covering half of the footpath width which is reducing an already narrow footpath. Clerk to report to Highways.</p> <p>Pot Holes – It was reported that there are pot holes in Whites Hill, Furze Lane and a very urgent one outside Farthings in The Square. Cllr. Woodward also reported that a lot of The Square is breaking up where trenches have been. Clerk to report matters to Highways.</p> <p>People parking on the grass verge by The Hoop next to the cottages – The No Parking sign had now been erected.</p> <p>Verges dug up and the edging churned up in School Lane – Highways dealing with matter.</p> <p>Flooding outside the Almshouses – Highways dealing with matter.</p> <p>Buttsbury Bridge – Nothing further to report.</p> <p>Bad Conditions at Junction of Downham Road/Mill Road – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Overgrown hedges in village – Highways advised that all works had now been completed. The boundary wall outside Stock Lodge had been reported to CBC Building Control for their attention.</p> <p>Play Area Annual Inspection –Chairman and Cllr. Woodward dealing with matter.</p> <p>Knocked down signpost at Ingatestone Road/Stock Road South – The sign had been replaced.</p> <p>Skate Board Ramps and Neos – Cllr. Woodward advised that CBC had to cancel the event as they did not have enough transport to bring the equipment and there was bad weather.</p> <p>Grass Verges at top of Whites Hill – The Chairman advised that he is waiting to speak to the contractor as the area is neat and tidy at the moment.</p> <p>Overgrown footpath and bad lighting on the footpath between Dakyn Drive and Cambridge Close - ECC are arranging for the lanterns on all three street lighting columns to be replaced along the footpath. Julie Ebbage advised that the overgrown footpath is not maintained by ECC and has therefore asked CBC to trim back the trees that are blocking the street lights. The footpath from Swan Lane to the property boundary of 59/61 still lies within the CHP managed land.</p> <p>Dredging of Pond – It was reported that Mr Williams had cleaned the pond of vegetation. Cllr. Johnson advised that there is a chemical on the market at the moment for the type of weed that is growing in the pond which is safe to fish etc. Mr Williams was going to look into the matter. The Chairman advised that CBC had said that the quote received to dredge the pond was a fair price but CBC had also recommended the chemical. It was agreed that Mr Williams should speak to Glen Parkinson at CBC. Cllr. Johnson to organise.</p> <p>Benches for Common - The benches had been delivered.</p> <p>Potential Youth Club – Cllr Woodward advised that a lot of youths are very keen to have a Youth Club in the village. He had spoken to two Mothers who were very keen to run the organization and had a lot of information. It was agreed that The Chairman and Cllr. Woodward would speak to the Mothers and invite them to the next meeting.</p> <p>Missing 30mph sign by Mill Cottage in Mill Road - Clerk had reported matter to Highways.</p> <p>Village Sign – Clerk had contacted Harry Stebbing Workshop for a quotation to renovate the Village Sign. The company had requested photographs of the sign in order to provide a quotation. It was agreed that Cllr. Johnson would speak to Andrew Pepper of the Camera Club and ask him to take the photographs for the Parish Council. Clerk to then forward the photographs onto Harry Stebbing.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>JD/PW</p> <p>JD</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>JD/PW</p> <p>SJ/CLERK</p>

	<p>Parking in the High Street and The Square – It was reported that the hatched area at the top of Mill Road was no longer there since the road resurfacing had taken place. It was agreed to monitor the situation.</p> <p>Dog Bin for Well Lane end of the footpath - The bin had been installed. Clerk to advise CBC.</p> <p>Signs for the Play Area – The Chairman advised that the matter was in hand.</p> <p>Parking at Hereward Meadow – Nothing further to report.</p> <p>Tree Planting Initiative - Cllr. Woodward advised that this still had to be organised.</p> <p>CHP Walkabout – The following items had been noted during the walkabout:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uneven path surface from 50 Back Lane to the corner of Brookmans Road. Path surface lifted by tree roots. 2. Garage site at end of Brookmans Road is untidy, over grown and has graffiti on garage doors. 3. 17 Brookmans Road – untidy garden. 4. Area of Land from the corner of Brookmans Road to 7 Daykin Drive is overgrown and untidy. 5. Vegetation growing through fence from field on the corner of Daykin Drive. Opposite bungalow at 20 Daykin Drive. 6. Footpath between Daykin Drive and Cambridge Close. Tree growth obscuring street lamps. Path surface from preschool entrance to Cambridge close has been damaged by contractors. 7. Alleyway between Daykin Drive and Swan Lane. Vegetation growing through fence of private property at 13 Swan Lane and partially blocking alleyway. 8. Faulkner Close. Path surface uneven from corner with Birch Lane to 10 Faulkner Close. 9. Vernon Corner. Road surface at the junction with Back Lane is potholed on the turn in and exit area. <p>The following action will be taken:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Essex County Council (ECC) Highways to action. 2. Chelmsford Borough Council (CBC) are aware of issues and will be taking action. 3. CHP to contact resident about tidying garden. 4. CBC land. CHP to contact CBC to action. 5. Pathway not owned by CHP. CHP to Contact CBC to action. 6. CBC and ECC to action. 7. Private resident to action. Stock Parish Council to contact resident. 8. ECC to action. 9. ECC to action. <p>Post knocked over on the Northern side of The Paddocks - The work had been carried out.</p> <p>Bungalow in front of the Windmill in Mill Lane who have cut a vast amount of greensward to make a sweeping driveway - The Clerk had informed CBC Enforcement who had advised the owners that planning permission is required for the new second access into the property. Although Mr Jewell has informed them it may not be granted, they are still going to apply and go to appeal if necessary. The crossover does not require planning permission as it is not a classified road but it does require highways consent and Mr Jewell has notified Highways accordingly. Cllr. Johnson reported that there are wires outside on the verge and she was concerned that the bungalow is going to be illuminated. Chairman to look and if necessary Clerk to contact Enforcement.</p> <p>Erecting a sign in the village square advising parishioners that there is parking in the Village Hall Car Park – Cllr. Hawkes suggested speaking to the owner of the Hoop and Pietros and ask them to advise customers that they can park in the Village Hall.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>JD</p> <p>PW</p> <p>JD/CLERK</p>
<p>2439.</p>	<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The following letters were read out:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Brian Mayfield of CBC regarding Committee Services Customer Consultation. The Parish Council had no comments to make. 	

	<p>b) Angela Balcombe of ECC regarding Voluntary and Community Sector Review. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p>c) Nick Humfrey, Flood Risk Partnerships Manager, at ECC regarding Collection of data on Surface Water Flooding. It was agreed that it floods at the top of Mill Road outside Millthorpe, 4 Vintners and 121 Mill Road. It was also imperative that the drains in the High Street are not bunged up with leaves as it always floods especially outside The Rectory Hall. Clerk to advise Mr Humfrey.</p> <p>d) Brian Goodwin, Village Agents Manager, of RCCE regarding June Project V3 Summary Report. The Parish Council did not have any knowledge of any usage of the Village Agents service in the parish. Clerk to advise.</p> <p>e) Lynn Roberts, Street Naming Officer, at CBC advising that Land Rear of 51 High Street had been numbered 51A.</p> <p>f) Brian Mayfield of CBC regarding the Parish Council Elections. Cllr. Johnson advised that voting papers had been delivered and then delivered again on a Sunday which she felt was a complete waste of money.</p> <p>g) Nick Panchard regarding mis-fueling of motor vehicles. The Chairman advised that this was a Freedom of Information request and the Parish Council had 20 working days by law to respond to the request. Mr Panchard had made 777 other requests to other local authorities asking the same questions. Chairman to draft a response and Clerk to send.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
<p>2440.</p>	<p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p><u>Applications</u></p> <p>Application No. 10/01425/FUL. Replacement dwelling and detached garage. Location: Tetlows, Downham Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr R. Warner. The Parish Council commented that this is a large scale redevelopment and is significantly larger than the existing property within the Green Belt location and the style of property is not conducive with the area. The revised location, bringing it closer to the road, will impinge on the openness of the Green Belt and be visually intrusive.</p> <p>Application No. 10/01398/FUL. Change of use of outbuilding (Building A) to use ancillary to the main dwelling house and construction of detached outbuilding (Building B). Location: Willow Brook Cottage, Stock Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs J. Mason. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p>Application No. 10/01333/FUL. Change of use of agricultural office (B1) to residential (C3) to form extension of floorspace to existing adjoining dwelling. New window to side elevation. Location: Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr R Napp. Given the large number of recent retrospective applications at this site, the Parish Council would be concerned to see further residential usage on this site.</p> <p>Application No. 10/01382/FUL. First floor side extension Location: 15 Austen Drive, Stock. Applicant: Mr J. Baker. The Parish Council had no comments to make other than they support the view of the Conservation Officer.</p> <p>Application No. 10/01453/FUL. Replacement dwelling. Location: Brook Lodge Farm, Stock Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr Tahir Sharif. The Parish Council commented that they are concerned with the very large scale development within the Green Belt of a style that is out of character. The Parish Council do consider this application less favourable than the currently approved version.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>

<p>Application No. 10/01393/FUL. 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. The Parish Council commented that they do not support retrospective planning applications.</p>	CLERK
<p>Application No. 10/01463/LBC. Replacement internal staircase, internal alterations and use of ancillary office space for seating area. Location: The Bear, 16 The Square, Stock. Applicant: Blueprint Architectural Design. The Parish Council had no comments to make regarding the proposed alteration to internal seating area but are disappointed to see that there is no corresponding increase in car parking space.</p>	CLERK
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<p><u>Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Decisions</u></p>	
<p>Application No. 10/01437/AG. General purpose agricultural store building. Location: Fristling Hall Farm, Swan Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr Gary Sharp. Prior Approval Not Required.</p>	
<p>Application No. 10/01297/FUL. Two storey side extension and rear single storey conservatory. Location: 3 Lilystone Close, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs M. Threadgold. Approved.</p>	
<p>Application No. 10/01121/CLEUD. Use of buildings and land for storage and distribution. Location: Beeches Farm, Stock Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr T Butling. Approved.</p>	
<p>Application No. 10/01237/FUL. Manege riding arena for private users only. Location: Tetlows, Downham Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr R Warner. Approved.</p>	
<p>Application No. 10/01193/FUL. Retrospective application for pool building. Location: Scriveners Farm, Madles Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr S Quincey. Approved.</p>	
<p><u>Applications for Works to be carried out on trees in Conservation Area and trees that have Tree Preservation Orders.</u></p>	
<p>Application No. 10/5185/TPO. Oak (T2 2007/085) - boundary with 6 The Lindens - reduce lateral spread towards 6 The Lindens by 3m max, reduce top height to secondary crown, cutting all to suitable growing points (Suitable growing points are side branches that are at least one third the diameter of the originating branch.) ; crown clean. Location: Gingjoy, 140 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mrs Joanne Williams. Cllr. Otter gave a statement and declared a prejudicial interest and left the room. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	CLERK
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	<p><u>Draft Little Burstead Consultation Area Appraisal and Management Plan</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk should respond by saying thanks for giving the Parish Council the opportunity to comment but they have no comments to make.</p> <p><u>Planning Appeals and Decisions.</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Tree Preservation Orders.</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Planning Correspondence</u></p> <p>The Feedback Report into the representations on the Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Potential Options was reported to the Borough Council’s Development Policy Committee on the 7th September. This includes a summary of the main issues raised in the representations together with an Officer response. The representations received have been used to prepare a revised Site Allocations Development Plan Document called the Proposed Submission version. This was also considered at the Committee and will be published for further consultation in late-Autumn this year.</p> <p><u>Urgent Planning Matters Not On This Agenda</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>																																																
<p>2441.</p>	<p>FINANCE.</p> <p>Audit of Accounts for 2009/10 – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101574</td> <td>£ 12.93</td> <td>Mr J. Dixon</td> <td>No Dogs Sign for Play Area</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101575</td> <td>£ 160.00</td> <td>Stock Gardening Society</td> <td>Donation towards Stock Village in Bloom Competition</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101576</td> <td>£ 4.59</td> <td>Mr J. Dixon</td> <td>Sign for Play Area</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101577</td> <td>£ 75.00</td> <td>Chelmsford Borough Council</td> <td>Summer Parish Sports Programme</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101578</td> <td>£1,193.11</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary 01.09.10 – 30.09.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101579</td> <td>£ 547.87</td> <td>HM Revenue and Customs Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101580</td> <td>£ 197.00</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting Churchyard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101581</td> <td>£ 603.50</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting August 2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101582</td> <td>£ 134.12</td> <td>Mr R. Hale</td> <td>Erecting Dog Bin and No Parking sign</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101583</td> <td>£ 48.74</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101584</td> <td>£ 29.00</td> <td>CPRE</td> <td>Annual Subscription Renewal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101585</td> <td>£1,031.36</td> <td>Glasdon Manufacturing Limited</td> <td>Benches for Common</td> </tr> </table> <p>Transfer of Funds – On the 21st September £3,000.00 was transferred from the Base Rate Tracker account to the Current Account.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that NatWest Bank had submitted their bond rates for consideration. It was agreed that the Parish Council wished to stay as they were with Barclays. Clerk to advise NatWest.</p>	101574	£ 12.93	Mr J. Dixon	No Dogs Sign for Play Area	101575	£ 160.00	Stock Gardening Society	Donation towards Stock Village in Bloom Competition	101576	£ 4.59	Mr J. Dixon	Sign for Play Area	101577	£ 75.00	Chelmsford Borough Council	Summer Parish Sports Programme	101578	£1,193.11	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.09.10 – 30.09.10	101579	£ 547.87	HM Revenue and Customs Only	PAYE and N.I.	101580	£ 197.00	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting Churchyard	101581	£ 603.50	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting August 2010	101582	£ 134.12	Mr R. Hale	Erecting Dog Bin and No Parking sign	101583	£ 48.74	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	101584	£ 29.00	CPRE	Annual Subscription Renewal	101585	£1,031.36	Glasdon Manufacturing Limited	Benches for Common	<p>CLERK</p>
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<p>2442.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR/CLERK’S REPORT.</p> <p>It was reported that the sign is damaged opposite Harnetts in Smallgains Lane. Also there is a sign missing in Smallgains Lane opposite Marigolds Lane. There are also three public warning signs obliterated by vegetation in Smallgains Lane. There is also a dangerous pothole in The Square. Clerk to report to Highways.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward reported that last Thursday the Chairman and himself had attended Greenwoods to listen to sophisticated equipment to soundproof music etc at functions. He advised that the system was absolutely incredible and you could not hear the music. The system will go in the marquee and the device is put above the dance floor. CBC Environmental were very impressed. Residents who have previously made complaints were invited to Greenwoods but nobody turned up.</p> <p>Cllr. Phillips had read in the newspaper last week that Basildon District Council are going to become a Borough Council.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>																																																

	<p>Cllr. Grundy advised that the drainage outside 4 Vintners should have been done. He also reported that he had been pressing for the bus shelter for a long time and the work will be done at the same time as the new crossing. Cllr. Grundy advised that a non skid dressing is to go on the approach and on the existing crossing.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that some of the footpaths have been done on Church Fields and that the footpaths look generally tidy.</p> <p>Cllr. Hawkes reported that the pond at the back of The Cock Public House and Austen Drive is in a terrible state and there are bits of wood in the pond. Cllr. Grundy agreed to get the Environmental Officer to look at the pond and sort out the ownership and clearance.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson reported that Mr Marrett, of Compass Green, had complained about the two missing posts that used to be between his house and The Hoop on the gravel drive. Mr Marrett had advised Cllr. Johnson that the posts were removed when The Hoop was revamped and had not been replaced. Cars can now drive down there all the time and block his drive. Clerk to contact Highways to see whether cars should be able to drive around there.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson reported that the street light opposite the Hoop was not working. Clerk to report to Highways.</p>	<p>IG</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
<p>2443.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION ITEMS.</p> <p>Replacement Bus Shelter – The Chairman advised that Highways do not currently have a start date programmed for the bus stop works as they are awaiting delivery of granite Kassel Kerbs. They have decided to use granite kerbs instead of standard concrete at this location to ensure that they retain the character of the Conservation Area.</p> <p>Allotments – It was agreed that the Parish Council still needed to find some land. It was agreed that the ownership of the land at the rear of the Village Hall needed to be established. Cllr. Woodward advised that the strip of land by Orchard House would be suitable. Cllrs. Johnson and Woodward to look into the matter.</p> <p>Draft Licensing Policy Consultation – The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p>Draft Sex Establishments Policy Consultation– The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p>CBC Corporate Grant Aid Scheme –Nothing to report.</p> <p>Stock Library – The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had put in an offer of £10k to the Agent. The offer had not been rejected but the Chairman had been told the amount was short of the valuation of the property. The Chairman had applied for a discount and the Parish Council would be eligible for 25% discount from the agreed valuation of the property but ECC cannot confirm fully that the Parish Council will get the discount until they can submit a detailed financial plan which the Parish Council are not currently in a position to do. Concern had been raised at the visible cracks in the building. The Chairman had taken some advice and had been advised that it was nothing much but professional advice would be needed in case of problems in the future. The Chairman said that the Parish Council needed to ascertain what the use would be of the building and they would have to fully justify the use of the building and give it justifiable use. The Parish Council need to look at how to finance the purchase and maintain the costs of running the building which the Chairman thought would be in the region of £5k - £6k per year. The Chairman advised that one application for use of the building had been received and the Parish Council needed to justify taking a loan out on this application alone. The Chairman advised that the Government have a consultation out at the moment which could probably prevent the Parish Council from increasing their Precept next year and maybe for the following year. Cllr. Johnson advised that Writtle had recently opened an archive centre. Jenny Berkley of the Heritage Society advised that the Society could probably help cover the running costs and people in the village may be able to contribute towards purchasing the building. It was agreed that the Parish Council needed to know what financial contributions the Heritage Society could give and if there were any people in the village willing to give donations to help purchase the building.</p> <p>Chairman to circulate all details to all Councillors for comment. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council need to look at what income could be generated and how they could raise money to avoid having to borrow funds as people may be willing to make donations to help with the acquisition of the building.</p>	<p>SJ/PW</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>JD</p>

	<p>Cllr. Grundy suggested putting out a consultation document and put through residents doors to get the villagers' feeling on the matter or to hold a public meeting The Chairman advised that it would cost £26,500 to acquire the building, £1,500 legal fees in connection with the purchase, £500 - £600 for a structural survey and electrical inspections would be required. It would cost approximately £30k to acquire the building.</p> <p>It was agreed that the building has got to be used for the whole village and cannot just be used for the Heritage Society. Cllr. Grundy felt that it was an investment opportunity.</p>	
2444.	RISK ASSESSMENT.	
	Nothing to report.	
2445.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING.	
	The next Meeting will be on Monday 18 th October 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.	
2446.	CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.	
	Nothing to report.	

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.05pm.

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