

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2011 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK AT 7.30PM.

Present: *Cllrs. Millernas, Johnson, Woodward, Lee, Fairman, Fenwick, Finch and Rilstone*
Minute Secretary: *Mrs Lorraine Green*
In The Chair: *Cllr. Dixon*
Also Present: *6 Members of the Public*

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2651.	DEMOCRATIC TIME. A resident had received a letter from CBC Planning regarding a planning application made by Mr Knapp of Brock Farm. The resident stated his reasons for objection and the Chairman advised that the planning application had been discussed at the last meeting. The applicant also advised that a new fishing lake was being constructed. In view of the resident's concerns and comments it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Enforcement to make sure there is no contradiction with the current application to the previous enforcement action that was required to be taken on the site and the Parish Council have also been advised that Agricultural engineering works are proceeding to construct a third lake on the site.	CLERK
2652.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. PCSO Fleming sent her apologies.	
2653.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH OCTOBER 2011. The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events.	
2654.	DECLARING ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS. Cllr. Rilstone declared an interest in the Heritage Society. Cllr. Finch declared an interest as Treasurer of the Stock Royal British Legion.	
2655.	POLICE MATTERS. Cllr. Lee advised that she was still waiting for PCSO Fleming to carry out a Risk Assessment for Speedwatch. Clerk to chase PCSO Fleming. PCSO Fleming had advised the Chairman that there was nothing to report for the last month and there had been no criminal activity.	CLERK
2656.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. Parking at Hereward Meadow – Fiona Foskett of CBC had sent a draft copy of the leaflet for the Parish Council's approval. It was agreed that a more up-to-date photograph was needed of All Saints Church. Cllr. Fenwick agreed to send a copy of the picture he had of the Church in order that the Clerk could send it to Fiona Foskett. The Parish Council were happy with the leaflet. Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge – The Chairman had spoken to CBC who advised that they own Hereward Meadow. The Parish Council would need their permission to nominate the piece of land and CBC do not wish to give permission. Agreed therefore that Clerk should remove item from Agenda. Overgrown hedge between Old School House and Stock Road - ECC dealing with matter. Potholes on Stock Road – Highways dealing with matter. Cllr. Fenwick advised that he had reported the sunken drain opposite The Bishops to Highways. Zebra Crossing – It was reported that the crossing was now finished but there were still no shades on the lights. Clerk to chase Highways.	PF/CLERK CLERK CLERK

	<p>Kingfishers, Mill Road – Clerk had written to Mr Raeburn and still had to write to Lord Petre and Planning Enforcement. Nothing further to report to-date.</p> <p>Potholes in School Lane and Swan Lane – Clerk reported to Highways. Work still not been done.</p> <p>Buttsbury Bridge – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Deep potholes at the edge of the road at the top of Whites Hill to Landry – The Chairman had failed to be able to speak to the owners despite ringing several times. Cllr. Woodward advised that the owners had put some turf down. It was agreed that the verge by the triangle needs building up. Chairman to try and speak to owners.</p> <p>Meeting with Highways –Cllr. Grundy advised that Highways were in a mess and have been for the last 6-8 months. There are a lot of changes taking place. Currently there are 10 contractors which is going to be reduced to 1 as from April. This contractor will also take on the role of communication as well. All discussions are going on at the moment and Cllr. Grundy has had a meeting with Highways and advised that it will improve. The pavement outside The Post Office will be done in the new financial year.</p> <p>Land for sale suitable for football pitch – Cllr. Woodward had spoken to Savills who advised that the piece of land is still up for sale and the price has come down to £160k. One or two people are currently interested in the land. One person is interested to use it as a burial site. The Chairman advised that the land in Smallgains Lane has received a reasonable offer and he thinks it has been sold. Cllr. Woodward advised that the site in Mill Road should have proper facilities, changing rooms and showers. It is the best pitch but they cannot get grants as only got a three year lease. It was agreed to keep this under review. Cllr. Woodward said that last time he had spoken to Mr Lister he had said if the Parish Council want to pay the right amount of money they could buy the field.</p> <p>Litter Bin on F27 at the back entrance of the school – Clerk advised that CBC were happy to empty the bin. Clerk to order bin.</p> <p>No Smoking signs in the new bus shelter outside the Bakers Arms – Chairman to order signs.</p> <p>Drains in Common Lane – Roger Watling had E-mailed advising the small drain that is in Common Lane has flooded his drive again and requested that the Parish Council re-open talks on this with Highways. He advised that if it gets to his Son’s side, his house is only sitting on 3 courses of bricks with no foundations. It was agreed the matter would be passed onto Cllr. Grundy to deal with.</p> <p>Cllr. Rilstone advised that the Hunt will be on 10th December and the hunt will be leaving at 11.15am. They have promised they will park at Greenwoods Farm.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>JD</p> <p>PW</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>JD</p> <p>IG</p>
<p>2657.</p>	<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>a) Essex Legacy 2012 Celebrations Grant. Cllr. Woodward had spoken to Mr Gurnett. It was agreed the Chairman would speak to Cllr. Grundy and find out the route of the Olympic torch and whether it was coming through Stock.</p> <p>b) The Localism Act received Royal Assent on 15th November 2011. It was agreed that the Parish Council would wait to be guided as to the next steps to take.</p> <p>c) Danielle Emery of CBC re Parish Cleansing Days for 2012. It was agreed CBC should visit in April/May for litter picking and street sweeping. Cllr. Woodward thought the Parish Council should enter the Best Kept Village Competition in 2012.</p> <p>d) Darren Smart of ECC regarding Mobile Library Service from 3rd January 2012. Cllr. Johnson to put on noticeboard and Clerk to send copy to Roger Watling for website. Visits will be to Orchard House at 9.20am to 9.50am on 6th and 20th January, 3rd and 17th February, 2nd, 16th and 30th March, 13th and 27th April, 11th and 25th May, 8th and 22nd June.</p> <p>e) Nick Blackall of ECC regarding Local Bus Tender Round 2012 Consultation. Comments by 3rd February 2012. Cllr. Lee to write an article for Stock Press advising residents to comment individually. She advised that there were revisions to the 100 service but Stock were not affected by the tender.</p>	<p>JD</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>JL</p>

<p>2658.</p>	<p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p><u>Applications</u></p> <p>Application No. 11/01637/FUL. Permanent marquee. Location: Greenwoods Estate, Stock Road, Stock. Applicant: Greenwoods Spa Retreat. The Parish Council commented that they had no comments to make but a condition of the application should be that the Marquee is never used without the noise control equipment being employed.</p> <p>Application No. 11/01778/FUL. Change of use of existing building to rest room/store associated with established equine use. Location: The Paddocks, Ingatestone Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr L. Kasparian. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><u>Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Decisions</u></p> <p>Application No. 11/01398/FUL. Installation of air source heat pump to provide heat supply to new system of radiator emitters. Location: 49 Dakyn Drive, Stock. Applicant: Mr Terry Barke. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 11/01400/FUL. Installation of air source heat pump to provide heat supply to new system of radiator emitters. Location: 51 Dakyn Drive, Stock. Applicant: Mr Terry Barke. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 11/01450/FUL. Formation of an area of hardstanding to form a base for the existing temporary cricket practice nets. Location: Stock Common, Common Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr P. Cottee. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 11/01765/CLOPUD. Loft conversion and rear dormer. Location: Duncombe, 6 Peter Street, Stock. Applicant: Mr K. Stevens. 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. 11/05616/CAT. Poplar – South Eastern boundary of the cricket pitch – fell to ground and kill/remove stump. Location: Stock Cricket Club, Common Road, Stock. Applicant: Stock Cricket Club. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p>Application No. 11/05238/TPO. Ash (W1 2007/071) – boundary with 7 The Lindens – reduce/remove over extended lateral with cavity overhanging 7 The Lindens, cutting to suitable growing points/branch collar (further works may be required after a climbing inspection). Location: Cracknels, Whites Hill, Stock. Applicant: Mr Graham Leighton. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><u>Planning Appeals and Decisions.</u></p> <p>CBC advised that an Appeal had been made by Mr S. Quincey of Scriveners Farm, Madles Lane. Alleged breach is without planning permission, the erection of a barn Comments to be made to the Planning Inspectorate by 21st December. The Parish Council supported CBC’s decision. Clerk to write to Inspector.</p> <p><u>Tree Preservation Orders.</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>
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<p>2660.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR/CLERK’S REPORT.</p> <p>Cllr. Lee reported that there is a broken right hand turn sign at the bottom of Mill Road at the junction with the High Street. Clerk to report to Highways.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward advised that Bob Hale will be installing the new bench around the Common.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward asked that something is put into Stock Press about people moving their wheelie bins from outside their properties once they have been collected. Cllr. Grundy advised that in the Spring bin collections will all be done on the same day.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward felt that it was still important to find land for allotments.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward advised that there used to be a pump between the War Memorial and the bus stop and felt that the Parish Council should find an old pump and put it back as a show piece. Cllr. Finch said there is a manhole over the well. It was reported that there are still pumps in Back Lane and outside the Almshouses.</p> <p>Cllr. Fenwick had printed the final copies of the VDS. Cllrs. to arrange distribution.</p> <p>Cllr. Fairman agreed to order the planters. He felt 4 could possibly be ordered. Chairman to look and advise.</p> <p>It had been reported that a child had nearly been hit walking down to the Rectory Hall as the pavement narrows. It was reported that more and more children are using this stretch of to get to the hall. Cllr. Grundy suggested putting up some sort of railings. He said it could possibly be a community project. Cllr. Rilstone felt that if anything is put up it will be much too narrow. It was agreed that everyone would look and discuss at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that there are going to be street wardens which is a new service being provided by CBC who have taken over the role from ECC. Applications are being taken for routine things, i.e. cleaning signs, cutting back vegetation etc. Cllr. Grundy urged the Parish Council to definitely use the service. Cllr. Woodward agreed to take on the responsibility of co-ordinator.</p> <p>Cllr. Lee advised that she was dealing with Speedwatch.</p> <p>Cllr. Finch advised that he had attended the Festival of Remembrance at The Royal Albert Hall on behalf of Stock branch of the Royal British Legion. He said it was very emotional.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>NF/JD</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>PW</p> <p>JL</p>

	<p>Cllr. Johnson reported that there are a few trees missing as you come into Stock by Farrows Farm hedge. She said it would be nice for these to be replaced with mature trees. Cllr. Woodward agreed to speak to Mrs Gurnett. The Parish Council agreed to make a contribution towards the purchase of the trees. It was reported that the area was being maintained nicely.</p>	PW
2661.	<p>DISCUSSION ITEMS.</p> <p>Stock Library –Cllr. Grundy advised that he had been able to negotiate terms with ECC and had told Jenny Berkley the news. ECC will give the library to the Heritage Society at no charge all they have to pay are the legal fees. The legal process will be starting shortly. Cllr. Grundy said this was an amazing tribute to the Heritage Society and the Parish Council had supported it all the way through. Cllr. Grundy felt it was a good end result for the village. The Chairman said it was wonderful news and the Parish Council appreciated Cllr. Grundy’s efforts and the Heritage Society and asked the Clerk to record thanks for negotiating the deal in the minutes. This was a good result for everybody. The Heritage Society said they were very grateful to Cllr. Grundy and the Parish Council for their support. They still require the Parish Council to be Trustees which was agreed. 12½% of village families had pledged money and the Heritage Society believes this may well have influenced ECC’s decision.</p> <p>Celebrations for Diamond Jubilee in 2012 - It was agreed that a meeting should be called and a Chairman elected. The Chairman advised that there is a grant available of £400.00 if there is a Committee. Cllr. Grundy and Fairman to organise meeting. A suggestion had been made to put the beacon on the edge of the car park by the Common. It was agreed that Cllr. Johnson would speak to the resident whose house it would be outside. Cllr. Fairman said planning permission may also be needed.</p> <p>Parking in the Village – The Chairman advised that a temporary Free Parking sign is going to be put up on the end of Common Road to see what reaction there is.</p> <p>State of the Common and other areas of Stock, including the pond in Mill Road - It was reported that the pond is in a sorry state. Part of the pond has been dug out but not all of it. There is very little water in the pond at the moment. Mr Williams had used the largest digger that can be used without an operator but it was not big enough to do the job and he had churned up the grass area. Mr Williams suggests hiring a bigger digger and getting steel ramps and driving into the pond. Cllr. Fenwick suggested using Carl Swift of Condron Farm as he has all the equipment needed. It was agreed that the pond looks a lot worse now than it was originally. It was agreed that the Parish Council did not want to pay any more money to Mr Williams but would prefer to use someone who specializes in this type of work and does landscaping. Cllr. Fenwick to organise a meeting with Mr Swift. Chairman to draft a letter to Mr Williams and Clerk to send.</p> <p>Salt Bags – The salt had been delivered to Gary Stringer. Chairman to look at Risk Assessment and make sure Gary Stringer is aware of all the information.</p> <p>Small jobs to be completed around the village - It was agreed that Bob Hale should be asked to trim around the Common, clean signs, install the new bench, rake the gravel in All Saints Church car park and rake the gravel on the Almshouses track. Cllr. Fenwick agreed to redefine the verge by All Saints Church.</p> <p>Review of Parliamentary Boundaries – The Chairman advised that he had looked at the document and the review is to reduce the number of M.P.’s by 50. Stock’s constituency changed to Maldon at the last Election. The proposal is to now move out and come into a constituency that stretches from Billericay to Great Dunmow. The Chairman could not see that the change would make a huge amount of difference to Stock. Cllr. Grundy advised that there had been a suggestion that Galleywood goes into Chelmsford constituency and Hanningfield comes into the same as Stock. A suggestion had been made to call the constituency West Chelmsford rather than Billericay to Great Dunmow. The Parish Council had no comments.</p>	<p>IG/NF</p> <p>JD</p> <p>PF/JD/CLERK</p> <p>JD</p> <p>CLERK/PF</p> <p>CLERK</p>
2662.	<p>RISK ASSESSMENT.</p> <p>The Chairman circulated a copy of the Risk Assessment for all Councillors to look at and discuss at the next meeting.</p>	
2663.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>The next Meeting will be held on 19th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and the next Planning Meeting will be held on 9th January 2012 in the Village Hall. Cllr. Lee sent her apologies for the December meeting.</p>	

2664.	CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS. Nothing to discuss.	
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The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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