

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25TH JUNE 2012 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllrs. Millernas, Johnson, Fairman, Woodward, Fenwick, Lee, Finch and Rilstone
Minute Secretary: Mrs Lorraine Green
In The Chair: Cllr. Dixon
Also Present: 1 Member of the Public and CBC Cllr. Ian Grundy

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2755.	<p>DEMOCRATIC TIME.</p> <p>A parishioner reported that she was very impressed with the people who cleared up after the Jubilee celebrations.</p>	
2756.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</p> <p>PCSO Fleming sent her apologies.</p>	
2757.	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST MAY 2012.</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meetings, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events.</p>	
2758.	<p>DECLARING ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.</p> <p>There were no declarations.</p>	
2759.	<p>POLICE MATTERS.</p> <p>PSCO Fleming advised the Clerk of the following incidents this month:</p> <p>6 June Burglary Dwelling - High Street, between 12:15 - 18:20 - Suspects unknown have smashed a lower pane in a back door to gain entry - search made and property removed from within</p> <p>6 June Burglary Dwelling - Well Lane, between 16:40 - 16:55 - Suspects unknown entered the property through a French patio door, suspects were disturbed by the victims dog.</p> <p>22 June Crondon Park Lane over night fence broken down and tractor stolen.</p> <p>Community Speed Watch - Cllr. Lee advised that the speed gun had now been changed and they were getting a steady flow of offenders. The Police write to most offenders and if a duplicate number plate comes up the Police visit the offender. More volunteers are needed. Cllr. Woodward had received a request to have a speed check at Furze Lane. Cllr. Lee to e-mail PCSO Fleming and ask her to carry out a risk assessment and make it an approved site. It was reported that Carl Swift had lost £30k of vehicles at the weekend. The vehicles had been driven through the woods. After the theft had been reported the Police had not arrived until Sunday night.</p>	JL
2760.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</p> <p>Parking at Hereward Meadow – CBC had sent the leaflet artwork but had retained the copyright. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p> <p>Potholes – Highways had advised the following:-</p> <p>1) Between Stock Vale and Queens Park Roundabout in Billericay – This has been passed to the South Area Office (by e-mail: highway enquiries as this is outside their area of responsibility; Highways have asked them to investigate.</p> <p>2) By Temple Farm going towards Chelmsford on B1007 – Highways have passed this to their Routine Inspection Team as Stock Road is due to be inspected in the next couple of days.</p>	

3) School Lane – the potholes that were repaired are breaking up - Highways will arrange for the location to be inspected by one of their Highway Inspectors and any defects found meeting their investigatory levels as set out in their maintenance strategy will be passed to their engineering team for their consideration.

Highways also wished to bring to the Parish Council’s attention that if the condition of the road does not pose any significant hazard to road users, no immediate repair work is likely to take place.

Cllr. Grundy advised that a further £11m is going to be spent on Highways and by the end of October every pothole will be filled and ready for the winter.

Land for sale suitable for football pitch – Nothing to report. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.

Parish Cleansing Days 2012 – CBC visiting the village on Friday 26th October.

Planters around Village Sign - Planters were now planted. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.

Rotating the VDS sign –Highway Rangers dealing with matter.

Play in the Park – Cllr. Woodward had booked the following dates:-

30th July – 1.30pm-3.30pm for ages 0-11

6th August – 1.30pm – 3.30pm for ages 12-16

24th August -1.30pm-3.30pm for ages 0-11

30th August -1.30pm – 3.30pm for ages 12-16

Cllr. Woodward organised advertising.

Painting doors in Austin Drive – Clerk had written to owners. Cllr. Millernas to try and contact them for permission.

Choral Evensong to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee - The Chairman had attended. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.

Highway Rangers - It was reported that at the top of Whites Hill there is a triangle which used to be grass but it no longer exists. Clerk to ask Rangers to tidy-up triangle and re-seed. Also on of the verges needs tidying up and re-seeding. It was also reported that the hedge is overgrown opposite the Cock Car Park, along 1 Mill Road and round The Square. Clerk to report to Rangers.

Bulb planting and sponsorship – Jackie Lane asked the Parish Council what sites they had in mind. They cannot plant on highway verges with school children and a site survey would have to be carried out and a risk assessment on any proposed site to ensure it is safe for children to carry out the bulb planting. It was agreed bulbs should be planted around the pond, under the trees around the Common and on the green by the church. Clerk to advise Jackie Lane.

Potholes in Swan Lane, just before Swan Woods – Nothing to report.

Advertising in the window of the hairdressers – Nothing to report.

Missing 30mph Repeater Sign Opposite Whitegates in Mill Road – Nothing to report.

Wicksteed Annual Safety Inspection – Inspection ordered. Due 18th July.

Young tree come down in Swan Lane just by the last house going towards Swan Woods on the left hand side – Clerk to remove from Agenda as work been done.

No path on F27 from Austin Drive to the back of the school and metal sticking up from ground outside school gate – Highways Rangers are currently in the process of arranging for contractors to attend the site to undertake some vegetation clearance and also to remove soil which has built up on the surfaced path. Once this work has been completed the route will be re-surveyed to establish if the issue has been resolved or if there is a need to investigate the possibility of widening the section of route immediately by the entrance into the school.

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	<p>New fencing encroaching Footpath 29 by the Catholic Church – Cllr. Finch to deal with. Cllr. Woodward advised that it was scrub land which he thought the church owned. A planning application had been received.</p> <p>Big Lottery Fund – It was agreed that the Clerk should remove this item from the Agenda.</p> <p>Common ash tree overhanging Gary Stringer’s garden from the roadside verge on Stock Hill – Cllr. Fairman had seen Gary Stringer. He had carried out Land Registry searches which showed the land as unregistered. The Chairman asked Cllr. Fairman to ask Cllr. Grundy to take up the matter with Highways.</p> <p>Dog fouling in Back Lane/Brookmans Road – Cllr. Millernas to speak to Cllr. Grundy when he has got more information.</p> <p>Coppiced trees on the green in Back Lane – It was reported that the trees were going rotten. CBC are keeping an eye on the trees.</p> <p>Footpath from Well Lane to the Catholic Church had been cut by a machine and a kissing gate had been removed – The Chairman advised that the gate will not be replaced as Highways have a new policy now. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p> <p>Overgrown entrance to Honeypot Meadow – Clerk reported to Highways Rangers.</p> <p>Ditch on the Common – Cllr. Woodward advised that one of the cricketers had dug out some of the ditch.</p> <p>Works to Pavement in High Street - Highways have discussed with their Capital Schemes Team and they have informed them that, the footway scheme for High Street, Stock is intended to be carried out during the School summer holidays, they regret that they are unable to provide the exact start date at this stage. Once further details are known these will be shared with the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Traffic Management for this scheme has not yet been agreed, but it is likely that a road closure will be required; however the diversion route will not include Smallgains Lane.</p> <p>Highways understand that this will not stop vehicles from using it as a cut through during the works; they regret they are unable to consider the installation of bollards in order to protect the verges. This is because the whole width of the highway needs to be available for the use of highway users; in addition the maintenance implication of installing this type of measure is prohibitively expensive.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>NF/IG</p> <p>JM/IG</p>
<p>2761.</p>	<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Karen Norris of CBC regarding the Emergency Planning Rest Centre Training on 19th July and 26th July. Chairman to attend. b) Marina Wallis and Derek Latimer both of CBC regarding the New Members’ Code of Conduct which is going to the Governance Committee for approval on 27th June. The Code will not be adopted or related arrangements for handling complaints until 18th July at full Council. c) Steve Shaw of Local Works regarding Planning Applications (Appeals by Town and Parish Councils) Bill and asking the Parish Council to write to Parliament asking them to adopt the Bill. It was agreed to wait for the Localism Bill. 	<p>JD</p>
<p>2762.</p>	<p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p><u>Applications</u></p> <p>Application No. 12/00895/FUL. Two storey rear extension. Part single, part two storey front and side extension.</p> <p>Location: 29 Well Lane, Stock.</p> <p>Applicant: Mr Tristan Bower.</p> <p>The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p>	

Application No. 12/00860/MAT. Material amendment (to existing planning approval 11/00131/FUL) for two dwellings, principally to add 2 velux windows to each dwelling & other minor changes to the elevations.

Location: Land at 45 Back Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Peter Lawrence.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Application No. 12/00952/FUL. Replacement dwelling and new garage.

Location: The Hawthorns, Marigold Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr K. Squibb.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Application No. 12/00948/FUL. Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuilding and replacement dwelling and detached garage.

Location: Goatsmoor Hall, Goatsmoor Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr S. Wray.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Application No. 12/00898/FUL. Amendment to planning permission reference 11/00087/FUL (first floor side extension, single storey rear extension & part conversion of garages to habitable accommodation. Increased width of one existing rear dormer window) to replace pitched roof on rear extension with a flat roof & omission of pitched tile element to flank elevation.

Location: 16 Cambridge Close, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs B. Hill.

The Parish Council commented that flat roofs would not be the preferred option in a Conservation Area as is recommended within the Village Design Statement.

Application No. 12/00859/FUL. Change of use of land adjoining public footpath to residential garden and construction of a 2m high timber fence.

Location: 40 Mill Road, Stock.

Applicant: Mr. Gundle.

The Parish Council strongly objected to the removal of existing hedgerows and the erection of high close boarded fences especially in the Conservation Area. The acquisition of a small piece of land is no justification for the installation of the entire length of the boundary with a close boarded fence when the existing hedgerow is already substantial. The guidance of the Village Design Statement should be applied in these circumstances - see page 12. A hedgerow if planted correctly will grow to an acceptable height and density within a relatively short period of time.

Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Decisions

Application No. 12/00668/FUL. Two sheep rearing barns, with shepherd's hut, and resurface and extend access track.

Location: Fristling Hall Farm, Swan Lane, Stock.

Applicant: Mr Sharp. **Refused.**

Application No. 12/00508/FUL. Erection of a two storey 4+ bedroom detached house for an agricultural worker, on an agricultural holding.

Location: Broomfield Farm, Broomwood Lane, Ramsden Heath.

Applicant: Mr B.J. Morter. **Refused.**

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

Application No. 12/05098/TPO. Oak (A1) - front garden - reduce top height by 2m & lateral spread by 1m, cutting to suitable growing points; crown lift to crown break Sycamore (A1) - front garden - remove 3 lowest laterals cutting to branch collar.

Location: 3 Hereward Mount, Stock.

Applicant: Mrs Bailham.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Planning Appeals and Decisions.

The appeal at Fristling Hall, Swan Lane, Appeal Ref: APP/W1525/A/11/2167817 has been allowed. The appellant's application for costs for this appeal has been dismissed.

Tree Preservation Orders.

Nothing to report.

Planning Correspondence

Conservation Area Enhancement - Nothing to report.

Kingfishers, Mill Road – Enforcement dealing with matter.

The Essex Strategy for Flood Risk Management Consultation – A consultation had been held in Chelmsford. Cllr. Grundy suspects an application will now be submitted.

ECC – Street Materials Design and Good Practice Guide – The guide had now been approved and a copy had been sent to the Parish Council.

Urgent Planning Matters Not On This Agenda

Nothing to report.

2763. FINANCE.

Cheques to be Signed -

101749	£7.99	Mr N. Fairman	Paint for Beacon
101750	£1,000.00	Cash	Cash for bands for Jubilee
101751	£440.00	Crystal Print	Programmes for Jubilee
101752	£396.00	Heybridge Publicity Ltd	Production of VDS Envelope & Covering Letter
101753	£67.00	Mr N. Fairman	Van hire, diesel and Land Registry Searches
101754	£210.00	Event Sound and Light	Lighting for stage at Jubilee
101755	£1,200.00	Mr J.R. Dixon	Reimbursement for stage for Jubilee
101756	£200.00	Heybridge Publicity Ltd	VDS on-line brochure
101757	£144.00	Heybridge Publicity Ltd	Annual website hosting charge
101758	£150.00	Eaststageing.com	Site visit for stage for Jubilee
101759	£1331.85	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.06.12 – 30.06.12
101760	£457.37	HM Revenue & Customs Only	PAYE and N.I.
BACS T/f	£270.00	Eaststageing.com	VAT on stage hire and Court fee
101761	£358.16	Mr R.S. Hale	Works in Village
101762	£209.10	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass cutting churchyard
101763	£1,120.10	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass cutting May
101764	£55.00	Rural Community Council of Essex	Annual Subscription Renewal
101765	£25.00	Essex Playing Fields Association	Annual Subscription Renewal
101766	£ 59.03	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses 22.05.12-25.06.12
101767	£60.00	Royal British Legion Stock	Hire of hall
101768	£121.56	Mr J. Dixon	Parish Councillor Allowance
101769	£121.56	Mr J. Millernas	Parish Councillor Allowance
101770	£121.56	Mrs P.J. Johnson	Parish Councillor Allowance
101771	£121.56	Mr P. Woodward	Parish Councillor Allowance
101772	£121.56	Mr N. Fairman	Parish Councillor Allowance
101773	£121.56	Mr P. Fenwick	Parish Councillor Allowance
101774	£121.56	Mr A. Rilstone	Parish Councillor Allowance
101775	£121.56	Mr C. Finch	Parish Councillor Allowance
101776	£121.56	Mrs J. Lee	Parish Councillor Allowance

Transfers - On 1st June 2012 £1,500.00 was transferred from Base Rate Tracker to Current Account. On 11th June 2012 £6,000.00 was transferred from Base Rate Tracker to Current Account.

Parish Councillor Allowances – CBC had advised that there will be a 2% increase in allowances for this year. Therefore the allowance for 2012/13 is £121.56. Clerk issued cheques to all Councillors.

Audit of Accounts for 2011/12 – The Clerk had submitted the Annual Return to the Audit Commission.

	<p>Diamond Jubilee - The Chairman had produced a spread sheet of all the income and expenditure relating to the event. The Chairman advised that a generous donation had been received from Crondon Park. Clerk to write and thank Mr Fox and also Lord Petre for opening the event. It was agreed that the Committee should write and thank all the sponsors. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council had been the bankers. Another commercial cater had not given any money and it was felt that they should do. A meeting was being held this week with the Jubilee Committee to discuss matters. The second Euro Loo invoice had still not been received. The Chairman felt that the Parish Council should donate the profit to an organisation and he suggested the Scouts. All Agreed. The Chairman said it had been a great day and was good for the village and everyone enjoyed it.</p>	CLERK/JD
2764.	<p>COUNCILLOR/CLERK'S REPORT.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward reported that concrete edging has been put down on the corner of Mill Road/Common Road. It was felt that this was urbanisation of the area and dangerous as someone could trip up. Clerk to contact Wayne Jewell in CBC Enforcement.</p> <p>It was reported that the hedges need trimming outside Magpies in Smallgains Lane as cars are getting scratched. It was also reported that there is an overgrown hedge outside Lush Hill at the junction of Common Road and Birch Lane. Clerk to report to write to residents.</p> <p>The new fencing outside the new house at The Bakers Arms was discussed. Cllr. Woodward had spoken to Planning who advised that nothing illegal has been done. The ancient hedge outside the Bakers Arms has been allowed. Cllr. Woodward went to Enforcement regarding the matter as he felt it ruins the village and a lot of parishioners are upset about it. The Parish Council agreed that they wanted the hedge replanted. The Parish Council would have the responsibility of maintaining a hedge if they planted it. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the resident advising that the Parish Council think the appearance of the fence detracts from the appearance of the village in a Conservation Area and would like to plant a hedge in front of it. The Parish Council referred to page 12 of the VDS.</p> <p>Cllr. Rilstone enquired when Ingatestone Road was going to be finished. It was reported that there is a nasty bump but it has been sprayed by Highways.</p> <p>Cllr. Fenwick reported that the path going down Stock Hill is receding and the bank of earth is eroding gradually and taking over half of the path. Clerk to report to Highways.</p> <p>Cllr. Fenwick advised that the Bishop had requested the SID be moved. Cllr. Grundy advised that the matter was with the Highway Rangers and it will be moved eventually and the situation applies to quite a lot of other villages. Cllr. Fenwick enquired whether the Parish Council could use the Highways money that was earmarked for Stock to buy another SID.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward invited everyone to Presidents Day on Sunday at 2pm at the Cricket Club.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that the children get off the bus stop outside the Village Hall and go through the gap in the hedge and walk through the Village Hall. He wondered whether it should be made an official cut through and put in a stile.</p> <p>Cllr. Millernas reported that his neighbours in Back Lane were complaining about the siege. A man was drunk in Vernon Court and had a gun and knives and was threatening residents. The Police arrived with guns. Cllr. Millernas asked the question why people like this were put in Stock. Cllr. Grundy advised that CHP will not tolerate this and will throw the person out. It was reported that the man had been arrested. Cllr. Grundy advised that CBC have no say or control in CHP as they are completely independent. Cllr. Grundy suggested that the residents write to CHP expressing their concerns. It was pointed out by Cllrs. Finch and Rilstone that the gentleman is a victim of war.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
2765.	<p>DISCUSSION ITEMS.</p> <p>Celebrations for Diamond Jubilee in 2012 – Discussed under Finance.</p> <p>Small jobs to be completed around the village - It was reported that Bob still had work.</p> <p>The Localism Act –Nothing to report.</p>	
2766.	<p>RISK ASSESSMENT.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	

2767.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next Planning Meeting will be held on Monday 16 th July 2012 in Stock Village Hall and the next main meeting will be held on Monday 30 th July in Stock Village Hall. Cllrs. Lee and Woodward sent their apologies for the Planning Meeting.	
2768.	CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS. Nothing to report.	

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.15pm.

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