

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2012 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK AT 7.30PM.

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

		ACTION
2830.	DEMOCRATIC TIME. The Manager of Orchard House advised that she had contacted CCC regarding clearing the snow in the grounds of the property. Sanctuary Housing had given the Manager salt and grit but she has nobody to spread it. She then contacted ECC who told her to speak to the Parish Council. The Chairman suggested getting community volunteers to help. It was agreed that something would be put in Stock Press and onto the website. The Manager reported that it is really dark and dangerous for residents to walk along Common Road and requested that a light is installed at the end of the drive between Orchards House and the Doctors' Surgery. The Chairman asked the Manager to find out if the light will be on Orchard House's land. He said he cannot promise anything but will look at the matter. A parishioner reported that the cars parking up to the corner of Common Road is a serious danger and that there have been quite a few near misses. Cllr. Grundy said there is one option and that is to spend some funds to put in yellow lines 9 metres from the end of the junction. This can be done under junction protection. The only problem is enforcement. It was also suggested that lines are put in Swan Lane. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council have the matter on their list of consideration and are aware of the problem and it is a problem and they will try and deal with it. A parishioner reported that someone was shooting at the back of Smallgains Lane/Well Lane. The noise was causing distress to her horses in a field near Goldstock Stables. Goldstock Stables back onto the footpath from Mill Road/Smallgains Lane. The parishioner had spoken to an adjoining land owner Mr Sharif of Brook Lodge Farm who advised that he has appointed a pest controller to manage wildlife on his farm. The pest controller shoots on Mondays. However there was some uncertainty about whether the shooting noise was emanating from Brook Lodge Farm. The Chairman asked the parishioner to determine exactly where the shooting is coming from and then he will write to the residents concerned.	JL NF IG NF
2831.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. There were no apologies.	
2832.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND OCTOBER 2012. Cllr. Rilstone asked that in the last sentence of Minutes 2821 item b, the word 'are' is changed to read 'is'. The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events.	
2833.	DECLARING ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS. Nothing to report.	
2834.	PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY. Brian Mayfield at CCC had advised the Clerk that the Parish Council were able to co-opt as nobody had requested an Election. It was reported that two people were interested in the vacancy, Colin France and Jonathan Hawkes. Both to be invited to next meeting.	

<p>2835.</p>	<p>POLICE MATTERS.</p> <p>PCSO Fleming had spoken to the ladies who run the play group and there have been youths smoking in their wendy house. They have now put a lock on it. Possibly the same youths came back a week later and made themselves at home behind the Pavilion. PCSO Fleming checked the area on a Thursday before she went on leave and there was no trace of anyone that evening. She will keep an eye out but is hoping as the colder nights are drawing in the youths might stay at home.</p> <p>Chairman to see Phil Cottee at Cricket Club about CCTV cameras.</p> <p>Cllr. Rilstone reported that on 11th November another Land Rover was stolen from his driveway.</p> <p>Cllr. Lee reported that her gates had been opened whilst she was sitting in her house.</p> <p>It was agreed that a lot was going on in the village at the moment and residents needed to be vigilant.</p> <p>Community Speed Watch - Cllr. Lee reported that there are two, possibly three, new volunteers. She is in the process of organising the training with Kay which will hopefully be done by Christmas. There are now nine volunteers in total. Cllr. Lee advised that the team had been asked to record the model of every car. They are in discussions as to how to manage this as they are not allowed to take photos. Generally things are going well. Two people have been caught speeding at 52mph on B1007. Cllr. Lee advised that the rail replacement buses are speeding and she is minded to set up a couple of speed watches on a weekend. Cllr. Grundy advised that it has been suggested that the service may cease after Christmas.</p>	<p>NF</p> <p>IG/JL</p>
<p>2836.</p>	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</p> <p>Potholes – Cllr. Millernas advised that potholes were starting to appear again in School Lane. The potholes in The Square are very dangerous especially for someone on a bicycle/motorbike or walking. Clerk to report to Highways.</p> <p>Parish Cleansing Days 2012 – Cllr. Millernas said the team did a good job and they worked all over the village. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p> <p>Rotating the VDS sign –. Cllr. Grundy advised that the matter was being discussed by the Highways Panel.</p> <p>Bulb planting and sponsorship – This had taken place on 9th November. 1,000 crocus bulbs were planted on the green area by the pond. The Conservation Volunteers managed to complete the clearance work. It is suggested another clearance takes place in May next year and with two visits a year it should keep the pond in good condition. The pond is very deep in places and it is suggested that a life buoy is put at the site. Clerk to get quotes for a lifebuoy. Map of where bulbs have been planted given to Cllr. Woodward so grass cutter knows where not to mow grass.</p> <p>Missing 30mph Repeater Sign Opposite Whitegates in Mill Road –Cllr. Grundy to chase matter.</p> <p>Common ash tree overhanging Gary Stringer’s garden from the roadside verge on Stock Hill – It was agreed the item could be removed from the Agenda as the Parish Council had done what they could.</p> <p>Overgrown entrance to Honeypot Meadow – Agreed item to be removed from Agenda.</p> <p>Works to Pavement in High Street – The work had now been completed. All residents in Common Road had been written to. ECC will make road repairs following the damage caused by the road closure and have suggested that making good may be done by end of the year. Cllr. Rilstone asked when the rest of the footpath would be done. Cllr. Grundy advised that the rest of the footpath meets the specification.</p> <p>Concrete edging on the corner of Mill Road/Common Road -. Nothing to report. Clerk to chase up matter.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>IG</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>

<p>Hedges needing trimming outside Lush Hill at the junction of Common Road and Birch Lane – Nothing to report.</p>	<p>NF</p>
<p>The new fencing outside the new house at The Bakers Arms – Clerk had written to resident. To-date a reply had not been received. The Chairman advised that he was getting a quotation from someone who knows Mrs Gurnett and has worked for her before.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Receding path going down Stock Hill and bank of earth eroding and taking over half of the path – It was reported that the area had been cleared. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Gap in hedge at the Village Hall and making an official cut through and put in a stile – Cllr. Millernas advised that the Village Hall Management Committee had said no to the proposal. They advised that if they carried out the request who would pay for it and also they are not insured and there is already a pathway there. Fencing has now been erected. Agreed Clerk should remove item from Agenda.</p>	<p>PW</p>
<p>Horizontal Bar missing from one of white gates at entrance to village - Cllr. Fairman reported that just past Bishop Thomas' house the top bar is missing on the left hand gate. Cllr. Woodward to contact Bob Hale.</p>	<p>PW</p>
<p>Marigold Lane road surface –Nothing to report.</p>	<p></p>
<p>Flooding outside Magpies in Smallgains Lane - A parishioner advised that Highways had been out and taken photos.</p>	<p></p>
<p>Winter Salt Bag Partnership Participation – Nothing to report.</p>	<p></p>
<p>Fencing mid way down Footpath 18 – Bob Hale dealing with matter.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>Parking on the Parish Council land at the church – Discuss under closed tenders. It was reported that a white car parks every week outside the posts blocking half The Paddock. Agreed registration number should be given to PCSO Fleming.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Bird Scarer at Brook Lodge Farm – It was agreed to leave the matter until the Spring as there had been no noise. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Gate and posts on Common –Clerk had reported the dustcart to CCC. Nothing further to report. Clerk to chase up matter.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>Overgrown pond at Thornton Place – Cllr. Johnson advised that the pond had been cleared and is going to be regularly cleared. It was agreed that it was not necessary now to put fish into the pond. There are newts and frogs in the pond.</p>	<p></p>
<p>Accidents on the zebra crossing outside the Bakers Arms – Nothing further to report. Cllr. Grundy advised that Speed Review Policy is under consideration. A statement is to be made early next year. The Parish Council will be able to submit a representation of a road they want a speed limit reduced on.</p>	<p>PW/CLERK</p>
<p>Poplar Trees – Vernon Corner – Cllr. Woodward dealing with matter. Cllr. Millernas reported that a tree had been taken down and the pollarding had been done. Cllr. Woodward requested that planting of new trees be put on the next Agenda.</p>	<p>JL/CLERK</p>
<p>Overgrown hedges from 20 The Square abutting High Street down to the back boundary of 1 Mill Road - The work had been carried out. Outside 20 The Square looks messy. The concrete posts cause an issue as they are pushing the buses out into the road. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council offer to get rid of the posts. Cllr. Lee to try and find out who to write to as the lady living there is elderly and infirm.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>New extractor fan that has been installed on the wall of The Bear Public House in Mill Road – It was reported that the fan had been removed. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p>	<p>JL/CLERK</p>
<p>300m/200m chevrons either missing or hidden on the B1007 on the left hand side as you come from the 60mph speed limit into the village from Chelmsford - Cllr. Lee reported that the ones are missing from the other end of the village now. Cllr. Lee to clarify and then Clerk to report to Highways.</p>	<p>JL</p>

	<p>Invitation to attend a briefing session on the workings of the South Essex Parking Partnership and Chelmsford Local Highways Panel – Cllr. Lee advised that she is unable to attend. She agreed to advise CCC and request a copy of the minutes.</p> <p>Invitation to attend Rest Centre Training on 4th December and 11th December – Cllr. Millernas to attend.</p> <p>Daffodil bulb planting on the bank and ground along Stock Hill by the Old School and on the church green - Cllr. Lee advised that CCC Parks and Heritage have a machine which can plant bulbs. It costs £150.00 to hire the machine and labour for half a day and £240.00 plus VAT to plant 1,000 daffodil bulbs. It was agreed that Cllrs. Lee and Fenwick would meet CCC and arrange planting.</p> <p>Architectural drawing of Windmill - Mr Vanner had advised the Clerk the Windmill Society would like the drawing. Cllr. Millernas advised that Mr Vanner was now in possession of the drawing and was very pleased with it.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>JL/PF</p>
<p>2837.</p>	<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>a) Lynn Roberts of CCC advised that the site at 55 Birch Lane had been renamed 55 and 55A.</p> <p>b) Stop Stansted requesting financial support. It was agreed not to support as a lot of Councillors thought Stansted is a good idea.</p>	
<p>2838.</p>	<p>PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p><u>Applications</u></p> <p>Application No. 12/01686/FUL. New triple bay oak framed detached garage. Location: Fairmead, Ingatestone Road Applicant: Mr Christopher White. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><u>Chelmsford Borough Council Decisions</u></p> <p>Application No. 12/01451/FUL. Demolish existing house and replace with two number two storey residential properties. Location: 10 The Paddock, Stock. Applicant: Mr Robin Duffy – RD Consulting. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 12/01417/FUL. Demolition of existing detached dwellings and outbuildings. Replaced with new four bedroomed detached two storey dwelling and single storey double garage/garden machinery store outbuilding. Location: Site at 97 to 99 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr G Baker. Approved.</p> <p>Application No. 12/01274/FUL. Erect two sheep rearing barns with Shepherds Hut and extend access track. Location: Fristling Hall, Swan Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Gary & Julie Sharp. Refused.</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. 12/05233/TPO. Oak x 2 (T1 & T2) – roadside boundary – crown lift to 5.2m, removing sub laterals, cutting to branch collar; clean stem. Location: 17 Well Lane, Stock Applicant: Mr J. Choat. The Parish Council had 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>Conservation Area Enhancement - This matter was ongoing. Kingfishers, Mill Road – Enforcement dealing with matter.</p> <p>Public Path Diversion Order 2011 Footpaths 11 (part) and 12 Stock in the Borough of Chelmsford & Public Footpath Extinguishment Order 2011 Footpath 13 (part Stock in the Borough of Chelmsford) – It was agreed that this was now a legal matter and should be removed from the Agenda.</p> <p>Planning Parish Council Forum at CCC –Cllrs. Fairman, Fenwick and Millernas to attend.</p> <p>Focused Review Draft Submission Document – The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p>Technical Reforms of Planning Appeals Consultation – Comments due in by 10th December to EALC, 6th December to NALC or 13th December directly to Government. The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p>Examining the Speed Limit for HGV’s over 7.5 Tonnes on Single Carriageway Roads - Comments due in by 7th January to EALC, 9th January to NALC or 1st February directly to Government. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Urgent Planning Matters Not On This Agenda</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>																												
<p>2839.</p>	<p>FINANCE.</p> <p>Cheques to be Signed -</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101807</td> <td>£25.00</td> <td>Royal British Legion Stock</td> <td>Poppy Wreath</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101808</td> <td>£1331.85</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary 01.11.12 – 30.11.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101809</td> <td>£457.37</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101810</td> <td>£366.20</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting Churchyard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101811</td> <td>£177.70</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass Cutting October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101812</td> <td>£248.98</td> <td>Mr R.S. Hale</td> <td>Works in village</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101813</td> <td>£114.05</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses 23.10.12-26.11.12</td> </tr> </table> <p>Transfers - On the 20th November 2012 £3,500.00 was transferred from Base Rate Tracker to Current Account.</p> <p>Precept and Budget – The Chairman advised that John Dixon had sent last year’s figures to him. Clerk to give the Chairman up-to-date figures for this year. Cllrs. Fairman, Millernas and Rilstone to meet to discuss the matter on 10th December. The Clerk explained the matter of Dispensations and it was agreed that this would also be discussed at the meeting.</p>	101807	£25.00	Royal British Legion Stock	Poppy Wreath	101808	£1331.85	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.11.12 – 30.11.12	101809	£457.37	HM Revenue & Customs Only	PAYE and N.I.	101810	£366.20	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting Churchyard	101811	£177.70	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting October	101812	£248.98	Mr R.S. Hale	Works in village	101813	£114.05	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses 23.10.12-26.11.12	<p>CLERK/NF/JM/AR</p>
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<p>2840.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR/CLERK’S REPORT.</p> <p>Clerk advised that the current grass cutting contract ends at the end of 2012 so quotations need to be obtained for the next three years. It was agreed that the specifications need to be looked at. It was agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that annual donations will need to be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Penny Fordham of Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council had advised the Clerk that she had noticed that the white directional sign at the junction of Ingatestone Road/Stock Lane (where it leads off to Buttsbury Ford) has fallen down. She has reported the matter to Highways.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward had received comments from parishioners about the three dishes that had been put up at The Cock. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Enforcement as he understands that planning permission is needed as it is in a Conservation Area and on a listed building.</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward reported that people are not removing their bins from opposite Mr Mellany’s</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>JL</p>																												

	<p>office. It was agreed that Cllr. Lee would put a note in Stock Press requesting that resident's take their bins in.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that ECC are auctioning off 50 plots of land around the County that are not doing anything or may be not serving any purpose. The old electrical substation behind the library is one of the sites. Cllr. Grundy thought it might be of interest to the Heritage Society so he will let them know. The auction is being held on 25th February.</p> <p>It was reported that the signpost at the top of Swan Lane keeps swinging around and is pointing people to drive into The Square rather than go to Chelmsford. Clerk to report to Highway Rangers.</p> <p>Cllr. Lee advised that she was looking for somewhere to safely store the speedwatch equipment in the village. It was agreed that she should speak to Sarge in the Post Office.</p>	<p>IG</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>JL</p>
2841.	<p>DISCUSSION ITEMS.</p> <p>Small jobs to be completed around the village - Cllr. Woodward advised that Bob has got plenty of work but he has been out of action as he has had an operation.</p> <p>The Localism Act –Nothing to report.</p> <p>ECC Speed Limit Review – The Chairman advised that the speeding restriction will come up in the New Year.</p> <p>Meetings held in August – The majority of the Parish Council agreed not to hold a meeting in August as a lot of people are on holiday. It was agreed that the first meeting in September would be made a main meeting rather than a planning meeting.</p> <p>Street Lighting Switch Off – The matter was discussed and it was agreed to await further documents before making any comments. Cllr. Grundy advised that crime went down during the pilot scheme in Uttlesford and Maldon.</p>	
2842.	<p>RISK ASSESSMENT – The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had an obligation to risk assess trees. It was agreed that the Parish Council need to establish if they own any of the trees. Clerk to write to CCC and ask if they have a plan of the land in Parish Council ownership.</p>	CLERK
2843.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>The next Meeting will be held on Monday 17th December 2012 in Stock Village Hall and the next planning meeting will be held on Monday 7th January 2013 in Stock Village Hall.</p>	
2844.	<p>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</p> <p>The quote received to put posts around Church Green was discussed. The Chairman advised that he was obtaining more quotations. Cllr. Woodward advised that he ordered 110 trees/hedges from the Woodland Trust. He advised that some could be used to put the hedge outside the Bakers Arms.</p>	NF/PW

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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