

# STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012 AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK AT 7.30PM.**

**Present:** *Cllrs. Millernas, Fairman, Fenwick, Finch and Rilstone*  
**Minute Secretary:** *Mrs Lorraine Green*  
**In The Chair:** *Cllr. Dixon*  
**Also Present:** *3 Members of the Public*

		<b>ACTION</b>
2721.	<b>DEMOCRATIC TIME.</b>  Nothing to report.	
2722.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b>  Cllrs. Woodward, Johnson, Lee and Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Ian Grundy sent their apologies.	
2723.	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012.</b>  Cllr. Rilstone asked that apologies were added from Chris Finch, Jo Lee and himself.  The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events.	
2724.	<b>DECLARING ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.</b>  Cllr. Fenwick declared an interest in planning application numbers 12/00271/FUL and 12/00272/CAC, Lammas Cottage.	
2725.	<b>POLICE MATTERS.</b>  <b>Community Speed Watch</b> - Nothing to report.  The Chairman advised that Neighbourhood Watch had reported an incident in Mill Lane.	
2726.	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</b>  <b>Parking at Hereward Meadow</b> – Fiona Foskett of CBC advised that in view of the Parish Council’s comments, CBC’s commitment to using suppliers within their print framework agreement, and costs incurred (£800) by them for development of the finished artwork, they would suggest that they retain the artwork copyright, supplying the Parish Council’s chosen Printer with a print ready format of the artwork when they have agreed terms. This will also give the Parish Council flexibility on print volume which will be influenced by their distribution of the leaflet. CBC have to support their own printing agreement. If the Parish Council wish to use their own Printer it would need to be at their own cost. CBC have already committed £800 in developing the artwork, so it would be reasonable for the Parish Council to meet the printing costs. Mrs Foskett advised that the Parish Council will note from quotes previously supplied some of their suppliers were cheaper for 5,000, whereas Heybridge Publicity were cheaper for 10,000 and 15,000, but in her opinion it is not worth spending a lot of time quibbling about the odd £30.00. The Parish Council might want to consider starting with a smaller quantity to establish demand for the Leaflet before committing to larger quantities. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Mrs Foskett to send the print artwork to the Parish Council and retain the copyright and the Parish Council will print the leaflets themselves.  <b>Potholes on Stock Road</b> – It was reported that there are potholes between Stock Vale and Queens Park Roundabout, Billericay, and also by Temple Farm going towards Chelmsford on B1007. Cllr. Millernas also reported that the repairs carried out in School Lane were breaking up. Clerk to report to Highways.  <b>Land for sale suitable for football pitch</b> – Nothing to report.  <b>Parish Cleansing Days 2012</b> – CBC visiting the village on Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October.	  <b>CLERK</b>              <b>CLERK</b>

	<p><b>Planters around Village Sign</b> - It was agreed that the Clerk should speak to Bob Hale to see when the planters would be put in place. If it was going to be a while then Cllr. Fairman agreed to sort it out some other way.</p> <p><b>Rotating the VDS sign</b> –Highway Rangers dealing with matter.</p> <p><b>Traffic priorities at the junction of Fosters Close and School Lane</b> – Clerk had written to Highways requesting that there are new road markings as they have disappeared and new signage is required.</p> <p><b>Play in the Park</b> – Cllr. Woodward had booked the following dates:-</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> July – 1.30pm-3.30pm for ages 0-11  6<sup>th</sup> August – 1.30pm – 3.30pm for ages 12-16  24<sup>th</sup> August -1.30pm-3.30pm for ages 0-11  30<sup>th</sup> August -1.30pm – 3.30pm for ages 12-16</p> <p>Cllr. Woodward organising advertising.</p> <p><b>Litter bin by the entrance to the footpath between The Cock Inn and Austin Drive and painting doors</b> – Clerk had written to the residents requesting their permission to paint the garage doors.</p> <p><b>Best Kept Village Competition</b> – After discussion it had been agreed not to enter the competition. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p> <p><b>Dog Fouling</b> – Cllr. Grundy had spoken to Cllr. Millernas regarding the problem in Back Lane. The problem would now seem to be rectified. CBC had written to the owner. The signage had been put up in the village. Clerk to remove item from the Agenda.</p> <p><b>Choral Evensong to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee</b> - Chairman to attend.</p> <p><b>Highway Rangers</b> - Clerk had e-mailed the Highway Rangers asking them to carry out some litter picking on the hill down from the church towards Billericay. She had also asked them to clear the fly tipping. Clerk to contact Highways Rangers as the work had still not been done.</p> <p><b>Bulb planting and sponsorship</b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Potholes in Swan Lane, just before Swan Woods</b> – Highways were arranging for the location to be assessed by one of their Highway Inspectors and any defects found meeting their investigatory levels as set out in our Maintenance Strategy will be passed to their Engineering Team for their consideration.</p> <p><b>Advertising in the window of the hairdressers</b> – It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Planning if permission is needed to advertise in shop window. Cllr. Fairman to send photos to Clerk to forward to Planning.</p> <p><b>Missing 30mph Repeater Sign Opposite Whitegates in Mill Road</b> – Highways to reinstall the repeater sign.</p>	<p><b>CLERK/NF</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK/NF</b></p>
2727.	<p><b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</b></p> <p>a) Megan Hinds regarding the hedges in Dowsett Lane. I live in Ramsden Heath but frequently drive to Stock along Dowsetts Lane. I would be grateful if you would ask your councillors to inspect the hedging on both sides of the road in Dowsetts Lane on the perimeter of Stock village as vegetation is encroaching on the highway making driving and walking hazardous.</p> <p>The stretch of road in question runs from the Dowsetts Lane T junction (near White Lilies) signposted Ramsden Heath and up as far as the sharp left hand corner going towards Ramsden Heath. From the sharp corner to the Ramsden Heath village sign there is no problem at all as the hedges are set back from the road and there are wide grass verges.</p>	

I thought that maybe this area of roadway was part of South Hanningfield Parish Council but was informed by Julie Moule that this part of Dowsetts Lane is Stock Parish Council's area.

I notice that the hedging approaching Stock from the T junction at White Lilies is really well clipped back exposing wide grass verges on both sides giving good visibility and safe run off should the need arise however Dowsetts Lane barely has room for two cars to pass safely. There is absolutely no space to "tuck in" should a vehicle be approaching from the opposite direction. Brambles are now spilling out in to the road which could easily cause damage to vehicles and possible injury to walkers.

I appreciate that this time of year birds are nesting and it is not an ideal time to cut hedges but I think it would not be detrimental to wildlife to trim back just the lower part of the hedges to expose the grass verge and give more space for vehicles and walkers to pull over without fear of damage to their vehicle.

My wing mirrors have been badly scratched from the brambles in Dowsetts Lane and I fear that it will be the bodywork next.

The Chairman advised that it is the landowners' responsibility but unfortunately the Parish Council do not know who owns the land. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward a copy of Mrs Hinds' E-mail to Highways to deal with.

- b) Mark Threadgold regarding speed of traffic on B1007 Stock Road/Lilystone Close. Would it be possible for these concerns to be raised with the PCSO at the next Parish Council meeting and perhaps taken forward to Chelmsford / Essex Council? If there is another process I should follow then please let me know. I have already raised this concern with Chelmsford Council Highways department, via email.

My wife and I (plus our neighbours) have been concerned for some time now about the speed of traffic along the B1007 section as cars leave the village of Stock in the direction of Billericay. As cars leave the 30mph zone they speed up down the hill and then have to contend with the bend and junction of Honeygot Lane. Motorists leave the village and see that the speed limit increases from 30mph to 40mph and speed up accordingly, but due to the downhill section of road and poor driving the amount of cars driving at greater than 40 mph is a serious concern.

There have been 2 accidents in the last week just before the Lilystone Close turning (traffic travelling in the direction of Billericay). Late evening on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April a car ended up on its roof and mounted the pavement, fortunately the driver was ok and the only damage done was to tree's and the BT telegraph pole (although I have now not had telephony services ever since, whilst BT restore this). Last night on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April another accident occurred, this time involving 3 cars; again it was fortunate that none of the drivers were seriously hurt, but two of the three cars looked to be damaged beyond repair. Also, in a repeat of the earlier incident one of the cars mounted the pavement just outside Lilystone Close.

My primary concern is for pedestrians using this section of pavement to walk into the village of Stock. My daughter has just started attending the Stock Pre-School and now the spring weather is here, my wife was planning to walk my daughter to school and back. We no longer feel that it is safe for my wife to use this section of pavement. As a consequence my wife and daughter will be deprived of the experience of walking to school together and enjoying everything that this brings. Stock is a wonderful place to live, but the speed of traffic and unsafe pavements is a blight on this. We should be able to use the pavement without fear of serious injury.

I am keen to hear your thoughts on this matter and am also keen to what the process is for lobbying for slower speed limits for this section of the B1007.

Clerk to write back to Mr Threadgold advising that the Parish Council share his views and have done so for many many years and continuously try in vain to get speed limits adjusted. Clerk to send a copy of Mr Threadgold's E-mail to Highways and suggest to Mr Threadgold that he may wish to lobby Highways himself.

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	<p>c) Invitation from The Mayor Designate, Councillor Christopher Kingsley, for the Chairman to attend the Annual Civic Service at Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Chairman to advise the Clerk if he is able to attend.</p> <p>d) Wicksteed regarding the Annual Safety Inspection. It was agreed that the Clerk should request an Unaccompanied Inspection at a cost of £45.00 together with a Risk Assessment at a cost of £15.00.</p> <p>e) Letter from Mr Laurence Turnbridge had been received regarding the planning application at 55 Birch Lane. The Chairman advised that the letter had been sent second class to an address the Parish Council do not use. Clerk to acknowledge letter.</p>	<p><b>JD</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>2728.</b></p>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS.</b></p> <p><b><u>Applications</u></b></p> <p><b>Application No. 12/00271/FUL.</b> Demolition of existing house and construction of two detached houses including improvements to existing access drive and associated landscaping.  <b>Location:</b> Lammas Cottage, High Street, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr J &amp; R Fenwick.  The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><b>Application No. 12/00272/CAC.</b> Demolition of existing house and construction of two detached houses including improvements to existing access drive and associated landscaping.  <b>Location:</b> Lammas Cottage, High Street, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr J &amp; R Fenwick.  The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><b>Application No. 12/00526/FUL.</b> Timber foot bridge over existing ditch between two meadows on site.  <b>Location:</b> Scriveners Farm, Madles Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr S. Quincey.  The Parish Council commented that the style and structure of the footbridge is inappropriate for a rural setting. The Village Design Statement states it should reflect the rural nature of the village.</p> <p><b>Application No. 12/00527/FUL.</b> Replacement stable/storage building and new tennis court.  <b>Location:</b> Scriveners Farm, Madles Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr S. Quincey.  The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><b>Application No. 12/00424/FUL.</b> Retrospective application for installation of 8x Mitsubishi pv solar panels to south facing roof (SE). These will lie beside existing hot water solar panels.  <b>Location:</b> The Stock Surgery, Common Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Dr. David Acorn.  The Parish Council commented that they do not support retrospective planning applications other than that no comment.</p> <p><b>Application No. 12/00518/FUL.</b> Retrospective application for an amendment to permission reference 11/00340/FUL (Relocation of garage approved by 10/01838/FUL from forward of the front building line of 11 The Paddock to a new position level with the front building line of 11 The Paddock.) to change the bay window roof from pitched to flat, to insert a daylight non opening obscure glazed window to store over garage, to remove window from side of garage and to build the garage 225mm higher than approved.  <b>Location:</b> 11 The Paddock, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Tony Martin.  The Parish Council commented that they do not support retrospective planning applications but have no comments to make on this application.</p> <p><b><u>Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Decisions</u></b></p> <p><b>Application No. 12/00330/FUL.</b> Demolish existing bungalow and replace with two number single storey residential properties with rooms in the roof.  <b>Location:</b> 55 Birch Lane, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Silverswan Services Limited. <b>Approved Subject to a Unilateral Undertaking under S106.</b></p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>

**Application No. 12/00401/FUL.** First floor side extension.

**Location:** 41 Myln Meadow, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr Trevor Deykin. **Approved.**

**Application No. 12/00039/FUL.** New vehicular entrance gates at main entrance of site, with wrought iron railings and pedestrian pass gate and new hedging behind.

**Location:** Scriveners Farm, Madles Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr S. Quincey. **Approved.**

**Application No. 12/00316/FUL.** Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement 2 bed dwelling and new garage.

**Location:** The Hawthorns, Marigold Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr K. Squibbs. **Refused.**

**Application No. 12/00276/CLOPUD.** Construction of annexe ancillary to dwelling.

**Location:** Brocklands, Stock Lane, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr P. Pykerman. **Refused.**

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

**Application No. 12/05535/CAT.** 4 x Holly and 1 x Oak on front boundary and extending across front of Bakers Arms car park - fell to ground level and replace with 3 x new trees across frontage; 1 x Holly on southern side boundary - reduce to hedge level to become part of hedge line; 1 x Silver Birch on rear southern boundary - reduce to previous cutting points.

**Location:** 3 High Street, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs Gurnett.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

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**Application No. 12/05537/CAT.** Leyland Cypress x 1, Lawson Cypress x 1 - on boundary with 51 High Street - fell to ground and remove stumps.

**Location:** 49 High Street, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs Hawkes.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

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**Planning Appeals and Decisions.**

Nothing to report.

**Tree Preservation Orders.**

Nothing to report.

**Planning Correspondence**

**Conservation Area Enhancement -** Bob Hale was painting the chains.

**Peter Street and Brittons Lane –** The Chairman had looked at the Definitive Map from ECC which clearly indicates a through route and shows Brittons Lane and Peter Street as a continuous road with no break in between and a through route.

**Kingfishers, Mill Road –** Nothing to report.

**The Essex Strategy for Flood Risk Management Consultation –** The consultation runs from 16<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The Chairman asked the Clerk to make a notice advertising the Presentation on the 14<sup>th</sup> May by the Environment Agency on Flood Alleviation works for Chelmsford in the Wid Valley.

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	<p>E-mail received from Mr Matthews asking for advice to convert an existing building into a Farm Shop at Farrow Farm on B1007. Mr Matthews has been looking for a suitable property for some time and feel this property would be ideal, the farm would produce eggs from free range chickens and Turkeys at Christmas, as well as beef from the farms cattle. A plan was attached showing A Farm Shop, B Carpark and C using existing entrance- this may change under advice from professionals. The farmshop will also operate a Cook frozen food franchise please see <a href="http://www.cookfood.net">www.cookfood.net</a>, as well as a butchers, fresh produce and cafe, Mr Matthews estimates the set up costs of the farm and project to be around £250,000 and he will employ professional planners to make the application but wondered if he could get some advice and views first.</p> <p>Clerk to write back to Mr Matthews advising that as a Parish Council they are pro business but in the context of this particular site they are concerned about the impact on the rural nature of this location and they consider the existing entrance to Farrows Farm to be on a hazardous stretch of a busy road.</p> <p><b><u>Urgent Planning Matters Not On This Agenda</u></b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p>																											
<p><b>2729.</b></p>	<p><b>FINANCE.</b></p> <p><b>Cheques to be Signed -</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101728 £4,471.25</td> <td>C.R. Swift Landscaping Ltd</td> <td>Dig out village pond</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101729 £ 410.00</td> <td>Mr. J.R. Dixon</td> <td>Premise licence, advert for Essex Chronicle and fireworks for Jubilee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101730 £1,331.85</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary 01.04.12 – 30.04.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101731 £ 457.37</td> <td>HM Revenue and Customs Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101732 £ 157.10</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass cutting churchyard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101733 £ 15.50</td> <td>NALC</td> <td>Annual Subscription Renewal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101734 £ 293.00</td> <td>Mr R. Hale</td> <td>Works in Village</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101735 £ 967.90</td> <td>Mr P.H. Williams</td> <td>Grass cutting March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101736 £ 102.21</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses 27.03.12-30.04.12</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Transfers -</b> On 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012 £10,000.00 was transferred from Base Rate Tracker to Current Account. On 30<sup>th</sup> April £20,000.00 was transferred from Current Account to Base Rate Tracker.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> half Precept received from CBC amounting to £20,000.00.</p>	101728 £4,471.25	C.R. Swift Landscaping Ltd	Dig out village pond	101729 £ 410.00	Mr. J.R. Dixon	Premise licence, advert for Essex Chronicle and fireworks for Jubilee	101730 £1,331.85	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.04.12 – 30.04.12	101731 £ 457.37	HM Revenue and Customs Only	PAYE and N.I.	101732 £ 157.10	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass cutting churchyard	101733 £ 15.50	NALC	Annual Subscription Renewal	101734 £ 293.00	Mr R. Hale	Works in Village	101735 £ 967.90	Mr P.H. Williams	Grass cutting March	101736 £ 102.21	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses 27.03.12-30.04.12	
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<p><b>2730.</b></p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR/CLERK'S REPORT.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Rilstone advised that concern was expressed at the Heritage Society at the design of the envelope distributing the VDS document.</p> <p>Cllr. Millernas reported that a young tree had come down in Swan Lane just by the last house going towards Swan Woods on the left hand side. Clerk to report to Highways.</p> <p>Cllr. Millernas reported that there is no path on F27 from Austin Drive to the back of the school. You now have to walk in the mud to get into the school as the footpath is covered in vegetation. A Mother had an accident on the footpath as she fell on a metal plate that is sticking up at the entrance to the school. An ambulance had to be called. Cllr. Finch agreed to look at the footpath and report to ECC Foothpaths.</p> <p>It was reported that on Footpath 29 by the Catholic Church, new fencing had been put up by the owners of the new property and it was now encroaching on the footpath. Cllr. Finch to look at the Footpath and deal with the matter.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p>																											
<p><b>2731.</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION ITEMS.</b></p> <p><b>Celebrations for Diamond Jubilee in 2012 -</b> Cllr. Fairman was happy with the insurance requirements. A letter had been given to Cllr. Fairman regarding the Fire Assessment. Cllr. Fairman collecting beacon on 12<sup>th</sup> May and had ordered the timber. Cllr. Fairman advised that there were a lot of enthusiastic people involved who were getting on with organising the event. There were lots of nice posters to go up in the village. The Chairman advised that he will know by the end of the week if the premises licence has been approved.</p> <p><b>State of the Common and other areas of Stock, including the pond in Mill Road -</b> The work on the pond had been completed. It was reported that ducks were on the pond today and the grass seed is coming through.</p>																												

