

# STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014 AT STOCK ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK AT 7.30PM.**

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

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>3056.</b>	<b>DEMOCRATIC TIME.</b>  A parishioner from The Lodge, Greenacre Lane, reported that there have been dog fouling on the bridleway. Signs have been put up and the situation has dramatically improved. The parishioner requested that a dog bin is sited where the Bridleway meets Goatsmoor Lane as there are no bins in the area. The Chairman said the Parish Council would look into the matter.  A parishioner, Alan Monk, who had recently bought Pettons reported that it is difficult to walk to the village as the footpath is badly overgrown with brambles and thistles. He reported that he has to walk onto the B1007 which is extremely dangerous and it is impossible to walk with a pushchair. Highways have looked and said there is no problem. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk contact Highways Rangers and ask them to clear the area.  A parishioner enquired whether the speed limit had been looked at on the B1007. The Chairman advised that speed surveys have been carried out and the speeds are excessive. The Parish Council are looking to put up average speed cameras and they may be able to get S106 money to control speed throughout the village.	<b>NF/ CLERK</b>  <b>CLERK</b>
<b>3057.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b>  There were no apologies.	
<b>3058.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014.</b>  The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events.	
<b>3059.</b>	<b>DECLARING ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.</b>  Cllr. Woodward declared an interest in planning application no. 14/00093/FUL, 10 Common Road.	
<b>3060.</b>	<b>POLICE MATTERS.</b>  The Clerk had received the following report from PCSO Carr:-  12:30-13:30 16/02/2014  All Saints Church, Stock  Statue stolen from wall of church  20:00-21:00 17/02/2014  Whites Hill, Stock  Obscured CCTV camera, broke hasp on outbuilding and stole items from within  20:30 18/02/2014 – 07:15 19/02/2014  Brookmans Lane, Stock	

	<p>Number plates stolen from vehicle</p> <p>18:00 18/02/2014 – 08:00 19/02/2014</p> <p>Dakyn Drive, Stock</p> <p>Attempted theft of number plates from vehicle</p> <p>Cllr. Lee felt that given the extensive lists of crimes over the past few months that the Parish Council should request some Police presence in the village. Clerk to contact Inspector Kilgallen.</p> <p><b>Community Speed Watch</b> - Cllr. Lee advised that the group has a new speed gun. The Police had asked the Parish Council to purchase the gun which would cost £860.00. All agreed that the gun should be purchased. Cllr. Lee to organise payment with the Clerk. Three new volunteers had been trained.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that PCSO Carr would like a list of regular events that go on in the village, i.e. over 60's. Cllr. Millernas agreed to send a copy of Stock Press to PCSO Carr and Cllr. Rilstone agreed to compile a list of all clubs to send to her.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>JL</b></p> <p><b>JM/AR</b></p>
<p><b>3061.</b></p>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</b></p> <p><b>Potholes</b> – Clerk had reported the potholes in Goatsmoor Lane to Highways but they want an exact location. The Clerk was advised that it is in-between Bishops Farm and down to Oak Hall. There is also a pothole in the dip in Smallgains Lane. Stock Road and Ingatestone Road are also very badly potted as well at the whole length of School Lane. Clerk to report to Highways. Cllr. Grundy advised that there is a policy in hand for all main roads and B roads and that there are 24 four man gangs dealing with potholes,</p> <p><b>Bulb planting and sponsorship</b> – It was reported that the bulbs planted are all coming up and the crocuses by Thornton Place look lovely. Clerk to chase CCC regarding obtaining the sacks of bulbs for this year. Clerk to also ask Circles Farm to help plant the bulbs in the Autumn. Clerk to ask Circles Farm if they are able to maintain and plant the flower beds around the bus shelter again this year.</p> <p><b>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</b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Buttsbury Bridge</b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Old metal BT post by the Old Rectory is leaning and moving and has no lamp in it</b> – Cllr. Finch advised that he had inspected the post and advised it is not moving just leaning. Agreed Clerk should remove item from Agenda.</p> <p><b>CCC Local Highway Panel</b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Drainage on Common</b> – It was reported that the ground is still wet. Cllr. Woodward asked the Clerk to contact Swift Landscapes and ask them to put some top soil and seed on as the cricket season is about to start. Clerk to write and see what proposal is and if he is leaving the drainage work until October to arrange for grass seed to be put down on the open trenches.</p> <p><b>Speeding</b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Advertising boards in the village</b> - Cllr. Grundy advised that the policy is now in place but mainly applies to the city centre. If 'A' boards are a problem in the village the matter should be reported to CCC. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p> <p><b>Triangle at top of Whites Hill</b> – Nothing to report. It was agreed the Clerk should remove the item from the Agenda. Cllr. Woodward advised that at the Swan Lane entrance to Crondon Park the manhole cover has been lowered and tarmaced. The Chairman advised this is to do with the Flood Alleviation Scheme.</p> <p><b>Replacement of rubbish bin next to the bus shelter</b> – Cllr. Lee dealing with matter.</p> <p><b>Drains blocked in Back Lane</b> – Nothing further to report.</p> <p><b>Broken Marker Posts in Smallgains Lane and Well Lane</b> - The Chairman gave the Clerk the map to submit to Highways.</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> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>

<p><b>Resurfacing of Church Car Park</b> – The Clerk had spoken to Highway Rangers who had agreed, as a one off, to move some of the higher levels of stone etc into the holes/divits. They normally only deal with Highway land. Cllr. Fenwick to ask Carl Swift what could be done at entrance to church car park.</p> <p><b>Knocked down posts in Church Car Park</b> – The work had been done. Awaiting invoices.</p>	PF
<p><b>Storage Space at Heritage Centre</b> – Cllr. Millernas was dealing with the matter. Lord Petre is opening the centre on 26<sup>th</sup> April. It was agreed that copies of the VDS should be put in Mellany Estates and given to new purchasers.</p>	PF
<p><b>Renovation of War Memorial</b> – Cllr. Fenwick had spoken to Michael Hurst and he advised that the work can be done by the Parish Council as long as it is not jet blasted. Cllr. Woodward to ask Bob Hale to clean War Memorial.</p>	PW
<p><b>Parish Noticeboard</b> - Clerk had found a suitable noticeboard and was awaiting a sample.</p>	
<p><b>Wall in Back Lane</b> – Clerk had advised Michael Hurst of residents addresses in Austen Drive. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p>	CLERK
<p><b>Flooding in Smallgains Lane where the culvert is at the bottom plus further up the road</b> - It was reported that the ditches need to be dug out.</p>	
<p><b>Clearing ditches around the village</b> – Cllr. Grundy asked the Councillors to compile a list of ditches in the village so ECC know where they are. A lot is going on regarding flooding at the moment at ECC and they are trying to make sure preventative work is carried out. The landowner has the responsibility. Well Lane has a big problem as there is a lot of debris. Mr Small owns one of the ditches. Clerk to chase matter with Highways again. Cllr. Grundy asked the Clerk to have a separate Agenda item for flooding then he will take to ECC to get a plan together. Cllr. Finch also reported there is a problem at the bottom of Mill Lane due to a blocked culvert.</p>	ALL/IG/ CLERK
<p><b>Cold Calling Information</b> – Cllr. Lee dealing with matter.</p>	
<p><b>Mobile Youth Centre</b> – Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>RCCE Streetlife social network</b> – Cllr. Lee to attend course being held by EALC regarding matter.</p>	
<p><b>Secretary of Chelmsford City Fairtrade Campaign</b> – Agreed not to pursue matter. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p>	JL
<p><b>Damage to Brittons Lane</b> - Nothing to report.</p>	CLERK
<p><b>Stone pathway from The Square to Paddocks</b> – Cllr. Woodward to ask Bob Hale to look at the path</p>	
<p><b>Drain blocked outside P.O.</b> – The drains had been jetted. Clerk to remove item from Agenda.</p>	PW
<p><b>Request drain to be put in at bottom of Stock Hill</b> – Highways dealing with matter.</p>	CLERK
<p><b>Play in the Park</b> - Cllr. Woodward had booked the event for 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and posters had been received.</p>	
<p><b>Trees overhanging outside Stock Lodge blocking the footpath and also hedge outside Church Green Cottage needed cutting back</b> - Clerk to write to Mr Philips at Stock Lodge, High Street, and Mr Alan of High Trees, Back Lane asking them to carry out the work.</p>	PW
<p><b>Choral Evensong</b> - Cllr. Rilstone to attend.</p>	CLERK
<p><b>RCCE 2014 Essex Village of the Year, Best Kept Village Competition and Best Kept Churchyard Competition</b> - Cllrs. Johnson and Woodward dealing with matter.</p>	
<p><b>Parish Cleansing Days for 2014</b> – The team are coming to the village on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April.</p>	PW/SJ
<p><b>Old large tree which is overgrown with ivy and brambles and is in need of cutting back and the verge area on the junction of High Street and The Square adjacent to 27 The Square</b> – Cllr. Woodward had spoken to Graeme Smith of Timbertec for an estimate.</p>	PW

	<p><b>Replanting tree on greensward outside Mr Raeburn's in Mill Road</b> – Cllr. Woodward had ordered a Silver Birch tree which Bob Hale was planting tomorrow morning.</p> <p><b>CCC's Mobile Customer Information Service</b> - The Clerk and Cllr. Grundy had written to CCC requesting the service comes to the village. Cllr. Grundy advised that it would include the PCSO and a representative from CCC and Fire Service. Cllr. Grundy asked Cllr. Millernas to put something in Stock Press and highlight where parishioners can get dog bags, recycling sacks etc from and also give them the contact details for Hit Squad. Cllr. Millernas to ask Post Office if they will store dog bags and recycling sacks.</p> <p><b>Potholes in Almshouses track</b> – The matter is still outstanding.</p> <p><b>Brownies Centenary suggested bulb planting in the village</b> – Cllr. Fenwick was happy to have the bulbs planted on the land outside his property.</p> <p><b>Car parking on the corner of Birch Lane</b> – The Chairman advised that the construction work has now finished but cars are still parking on the corner of Birch Lane. Clerk to write to resident advising that the Parish Council would like the greensward reinstated assuming the building work is now finished, especially as the Best Kept Village Competition is coming up. Clerk to also remind parishioner that he should not be parking on the greensward as there are no drop kerbs so cars are being parked illegally.</p>	<p><b>PW</b></p> <p><b>JM</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>
<p><b>3062.</b></p>	<p><b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.</b></p> <p>a) EALC Social Media for Parish Councils to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 1pm. Cllr. Lee wished to attend.</p> <p>b) Lucinda Witney from Stock Children's Centre had requested permission to use the green space on Common Road for small one off activities during the Summer. The Clerk had advised her to contact the Cricket Club. Cllr. Rilstone suggested using the church and advised the Clerk to get Mrs Witney to write to him as Church Warden with the request.</p> <p>c) CCC regarding Control of Street Trading. CCC intends to pass a resolution that all streets within the district of Chelmsford, except for those within the Council's Parks and High Chelmer Shopping Centre, shall be designated as consent streets. This means that the Council's consent must be obtained before the sale of any goods may take place in a designated street. Any comments to be made by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Agreed Clerk should write a letter of support.</p> <p>d) ECC regarding changes to Mobile Library Service to Orchard House as from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014. The time will change to 9.30am - 10.00am.</p> <p>e) Invitation from Lord Petre to commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Essex Playing Fields Association at Ingatestone Hall on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May between 7pm – 9pm. Chairman to attend and RSVP.</p> <p>f) Dennis Gilham, Treasurer of Our Lady &amp; St. Joseph Catholic Church, thanking the Parish Council for their donation.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>NF</b></p>
<p><b>3063.</b></p>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS.</b></p> <p><b><u>Planning Applications</u></b></p> <p><b>Application No. 14/00376/FUL.</b> Refurbishment of shop front including new awning.  <b>Location:</b> 18 Mill Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Ian Raindle.  The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><b>Application No. 14/00256/FUL.</b> Proposed single storey kitchen side extension and relocation of garden shed.  <b>Location:</b> 3 Hereward Mount, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs M Bailham.  The Parish Council had no comments to make.</p> <p><b>Application No. 14/00093/FUL.</b> Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 2 No. detached 5 bedroom houses with integral garages.  <b>Location:</b> 10 Common Road, Stock.  <b>Applicant:</b> Stock Home Ltd.</p>	<p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p> <p><b>CLERK</b></p>

Cllr. Woodward declared an interest. Stock Parish Council's objections still apply. Stock Parish Council object to this application which is contrary to the adopted Stock Village Design Guide. Paragraph 3.6 of the VDS "Residential Buildings" states that "Any development should be sympathetic in scale, design and materials to existing nearby properties". The proposed development would result in an overdevelopment of the existing plot and would not be sympathetic in scale to existing nearby properties. It would have a detrimental effect on the street scene. The proposal would require the construction of a new cross over and the partial loss of an established hedge which forms an important back drop to the historic Stock Common. We are aware that neighbours have objected to this application and a number attended a recent Parish Council meeting to express their concern about the application.

**Results**

**Application No.** 13/00936/AOD/1. Condition 3 - Landscape Management Plan.

**Location:** Cherrytree Cottages Stock Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mrs K West. **Conditions Discharged.**

**Application No.** 12/01451/AOD/2. Condition 8(c) - Code for Sustainable Homes Final Certificate (Plot 10A only)

**Location:** Former 10 The Paddock, Stock.

**Applicant:** Mr Robin Duffy. **Conditions Discharged.**

**Application No.** 13/01802/FUL. Removal of agricultural occupancy condition on planning permission ref CHR/613/73.

**Location:** The Granary, Whitelilies, Hawkswood Road, Stock.

**Applicant:** Dr. John Beadle. **Withdrawn.**

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

**Application No.** 14/05531/CAT. Blue Cedar in rear garden on south east boundary – fell to ground level.

**Location:** Hawthorns, Common Road, Stock .

**Applicant:** Mrs A. Mather.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**CLERK**

**Application No.** 14/05069/TPO. Weymouth Pine (T2) - southern boundary - reduce lateral spread by 2m, cutting to suitable growing points.

**Location:** Mericot Marigold Lane, Stock .

**Applicant:** Mr Bellamy.

The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**CLERK**

**Application No.** 14/05073/TPO. Oak (T1) - boundary with 25 Mill Road - crown reduce by 2m (2.5 max), cutting to suitable growing points.

**Location:** 10 The Square, Stock .

**Applicant:** Mrs J Cano-Lopez. The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**CLERK**

**Application No.** 14/05502/CAT. Cherry Laurel x 1 in rear garden – cut back.

**Location:** The Chestnuts, 22 The Square, Stock

**Applicant:** Brenda Kelly. **Approved.**

**Planning Appeals and Decisions.**

**Notification of Appeal Decision.** 13/05094/TPO – 59 Well Lane. The appeal is dismissed.

**Notification of Appeal Decision** 13/01083/FUL – Holes Place Farm, Downham Road. The appeal is allowed.

**Tree Preservation Orders.**

**TPO/2013/035 – Longmeads, Ingatestone Road –** The Order was confirmed on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014.

**Planning Correspondence**

**Minerals and Waste Planning applications electronically on their new website –** Chairman to draft letter.

**NF**

	<p><b>Dartmeet, 1 Mill Lane</b> – Clerk had reported to Enforcement that the owner was encroaching on land outside the property and had planted laurel trees.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that Cherry Tree Cottages was being redeveloped and a condition had been put on stopping parking on the opposite side of the road. Permission had been granted for vision display. Councillors to monitor and if they do not stop parking report to Enforcement.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that a public consultation is being held for the redevelopment of Temple Farm and CCC are now waiting for the official application to come in.</p> <p><b><u>Urgent Planning Matters Not On This Agenda</u></b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>																									
<b>3064.</b>	<p><b>FINANCE.</b></p> <p><b>Cheques to be Signed -</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101921</td> <td>£3206.88</td> <td>C.R. Swift Landscaping Ltd</td> <td>Grass Cutting Village</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101922</td> <td>£1355.49</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary 1.3.14 – 31.03.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101923</td> <td>£ 431.38</td> <td>HM Revenue &amp; Customs Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101927</td> <td>£ 60.00</td> <td>Post Office Ltd</td> <td>Postage Stamps</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101928</td> <td>£ 54.22</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses 25.02.14 – 24.03.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101929</td> <td>£ 52.50</td> <td>Abercorn Garden Centre</td> <td>Silver Birch Tree, delivery, stake &amp; tie strap</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Transfers -</b> On the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 £3,000.00 was transferred from Current Account to Base Rate Tracker.</p> <p><b>Clerk's Salary</b> – Chairman and Cllr. Lee dealing with matter. Meeting with Clerk to be organized.</p> <p><b>Approval of Budget</b> – Chairman and Cllrs. Millernas and Rilstone had met before the meeting and had set the budget.</p> <p><b>Internal Audit for 2013/14</b> – It was agreed that the Clerk should speak to Les Doubtfire and see if he would be prepared to carry out the internal audit this year as a one-off.</p>	101921	£3206.88	C.R. Swift Landscaping Ltd	Grass Cutting Village	101922	£1355.49	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 1.3.14 – 31.03.14	101923	£ 431.38	HM Revenue & Customs Only	PAYE and N.I.	101927	£ 60.00	Post Office Ltd	Postage Stamps	101928	£ 54.22	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses 25.02.14 – 24.03.14	101929	£ 52.50	Abercorn Garden Centre	Silver Birch Tree, delivery, stake & tie strap	<b>CLERK</b>
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<b>3065.</b>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR/CLERK'S REPORT.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that ECC are reviewing all items of revenue expenditure which includes pedestrian crossings around the County. This includes all zebra and pedestrian crossings. All schools are being asked if they need a lollipop lady/man on the crossing. It was agreed that one is definitely needed in Stock given the speed of traffic in the village. Cllr. Grundy had spoken to the Headteacher and M.P. and had also spoken to parents. Cllr. Grundy advised that the Parish Council need to submit something detailed and factual to ECC. The service costs £6,000.00 a year. If ECC chose not to pay for the service the school or community will be asked to fund it. Chairman, Cllr. Grundy and Cllr. Lee to deal with matter. ECC consultation ends 24<sup>th</sup> April.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy advised that the new Mayor of Chelmsford had chosen Royal British Legion as his chosen charity, particularly due to WWI. Cllr. Rilstone advised that the Legion are doing something on 4<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson reported that outside Hawthorns, next to the Doctors Surgery, in Common Road, there is a very large pothole which is extremely dangerous. There used to be a drain there. Two cars have fallen down the hole and had to get mechanics to get them out. Report to Highways.</p> <p>Cllr. Johnson reported that cars are parking on the corner opposite Royal British Legion Hall which is dangerous.</p> <p>Cllr. Grundy reported that there is a scare going on about cuts on footpaths, stiles etc. There is dialogue taking place but he thinks the matter will get sorted out.</p> <p>Cllr. Cooper reported that Stock had received the Sunday Times Best Villages Award.</p>	<b>NF/IG/JL</b>       <b>CLERK</b>																								
<b>3066.</b>	<p><b>DISCUSSION ITEMS.</b></p>																									

	<p><b>Small jobs to be completed around the village</b> - Cllr. Woodward to ask Bob Hale to look at the path from The Paddocks to The Square.</p> <p><b>ECC Speed Limit Review</b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Yellow lines in Village</b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Emergency Planning</b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>WWI Commemoration</b> – The Chairman advised that most of the equipment has now been hired. The cost of stages is quite high so the Committee are now looking at a potentially cheaper scaffold stage. There will be an exhibition and also a concert involving music and poetry. The Committee are hoping to receive some donations to help fund the event. The performers are all booked. Cllr. Rilstone advised that a lot of people are concerned the event is turning into a celebration rather than a commemoration. The Chairman said that people have not attended the meetings and are coming to the wrong conclusions. Cllr. Rilstone said that the Committee need to convince the residents and tell them what is happening. The Chairman advised that he will announce final details of the day when the arrangements are finalised.</p> <p><b>Temple Farm Wish List</b> – Cllr. Grundy advised the Councillors that they need to start producing a list of potential planning gain items associated with the anticipated JW planning application.</p>	<p><b>NF</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>
<b>3067.</b>	<p><b>RISK ASSESSMENT.</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<b>3068.</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</b></p> <p>The next planning meeting will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in Royal British Legion Hall and the next main meeting and Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April in Stock Village Hall. The Chairman and Cllr. Lee sent their apologies for the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April. Cllrs. Cooper and Rilstone advised that they would be late for the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr. Woodward sent his apologies for the meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> April and Cllr. Lee said she will be late.</p>	
<b>3069.</b>	<p><b>CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	

**The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 22.00pm.**

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