

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH APRIL 2011 AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK AT 7.30PM.

Present: *Cllrs. Millernas, Phillips, Woodward, Finch, Hawkes, Rilstone and Otter*
Minute Secretary: *Mrs Lorraine Green*
In The Chair: *Cllr. Dixon*
Also Present: *1 Member of the Public and CBC Cllr. Ian Grundy*

		ACTION
2531.	DEMOCRATIC TIME: Nothing to report.	
2532.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr. Johnson sent her apologies.	
2533.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH MARCH 2011. The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events.	
2534.	DECLARING ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS. Cllrs. Phillips and Rilstone advised that they were members of the Heritage Society. Cllr. Phillips was also a volunteer at The Mill. Cllr. Finch advised that he was the Treasurer of the Royal British Legion Hall. Cllr. Woodward declared an interest in Planning Application No. 11/00370/FUL.	
2535.	POLICE MATTERS. PCSO Kay Fleming sent her apologies and submitted the following report to the Clerk:- 10 April - Buttsbury - Burglary Other - Fan heaters stolen during the day 13 April - Stock Road - Driver stopped for no insurance and no licence vehicle seized at 2:27am Please be aware of any suspicious vehicles especially a red vauxhall van 's' plate with 3 white males. If seen please call us as this vehicle may have been being used in local burglaries. Cllr. Grundy reported that the battery had been stolen off the temporary lights by the Post Office.	
2536.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. Footway from Post Office to Greenwoods – Pedestrian crossing still not completed. Pot Holes – Highways dealing with matter. Verges dug up and the edging churned up in School Lane – Highways dealing with matter. Flooding outside the Almshouses – Highways dealing with matter. Buttsbury Bridge – Nothing further to report. Bad Conditions at Junction of Downham Road/Mill Road – Nothing to report. Overgrown hedges in village – Highways dealing with matter. Grass Verges at top of Whites Hill – Nothing further to report. Overgrown footpath and bad lighting on the footpath between Dakyn Drive and Cambridge Close - Nothing to report. Missing 30mph sign by Mill Cottage in Mill Road – Highways dealing with matter.	

	Village Sign – The sign was now back in position. Clerk to remove item from Agenda. Parking in the High Street and The Square – Nothing further to report. Parking at Hereward Meadow – Nothing further to report. Drainage in Common Lane – Cllr. Grundy advised that it was all on Roger Watling's land and that he would speak to Highways about the matter. Three public warning signs obliterated by vegetation in Smallgains Lane - Highways dealing with matter. Street light outside Greenwoods not working –Highways dealing with matter. Stock Beavers' Planting Project – Nothing to report. New Slide in Play Area – Awaiting quotes. Posts to be erected either side of railings outside School – Cllr. Grundy suggesting waiting for the localism to see how it works and for the work to be carried out at the Post Office. State of verges in village – Nothing to report. Knocked down Bus Stop Post on B1007 - In place now. Item to be removed from Agenda. Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge – Cllr. Dixon dealing with matter. Play in the Park (Sports & Play Scheme) 2011 – Event been booked for 1st August. Cllr. Woodward to distribute leaflets. Annual Keep Britain Tidy Campaign 2011 –The Big Tidy Up and Parish Cleansing Days – The StreetCare Team will be visiting Stock on Friday 3rd June. It was agreed to leave which Councillors would meet the team on the day until the new Council were appointed. Mrs Lee's letter regarding HGV's and speeding in Stock and Mrs Evan's letter regarding HGV's using the roads in the village – Clerk advised that Mrs Lee had written a further letter to Highways. It was reported that the ramblers had parked in Mill Road. Cllr. Grundy had told them to park in the Village Hall. Cllr. Otter reported that Common Road had been made into a single carriageway tonight due to cars being parked in the road. Cllr. Woodward advised that it was a one-off because there was a cricket event being held on the Common. It was agreed that the Parish Council need to persuade the Village Hall to allow people to park at any time in the car park with no time restrictions. Cllr. Rilstone suggested that people use the Church car park as it is a public car park. Cllr. Woodward felt that the Parish Council should seriously consider double yellow lines in the village as the cones have worked. It was also suggested that the parish Council put up a blue 'P' parking sign at the Church car park to encourage people to use it. The Chairman asked the Councillors to advise people to park in either the Village Hall or Church car park. The Chairman felt that a vigorous debate was needed regarding parking in the village. Lane outside The Almshouses – The work had now been carried out. Church car park had been repaired as well. Clerk to remove item from Agenda. Cock Inn Pond – It was agreed that the Hit Squad would be asked to deal with this when they come to the village on the 3rd June. Speed Indicator Device - Cllr. Grundy advised that he would take the matter of moving the SID pole by the zebra crossing and repositioning elsewhere in the village up with Highways as it was part of the agreement that the sign would be rotated. Cllr. Grundy advised that CBC were leading the partnership of South Essex Parking Partnership in which 6 districts were involved. ECC would be funding this for a year and CBC would be in charge of on street parking, signs and lines.	CLERK IG CLERK PW CLERK IG
2537.	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. The following letters were read out:- a) Wicksteed Leisure advising that the Annual Safety Inspection is due. Clerk to organise unaccompanied inspection at a cost of £45.00.	CLERK

	b) Janet Alderman, Civic Services Manager, inviting the Parish Council to the Annual Civic Service on Sunday 19th June 2011 at Chelmsford Cathedral at 11.15am. Agreed to defer to next meeting. c) Mr Surgenor regarding Street Lighting in Mill Road. Cllr. Finch advised that people had been walking down that piece of road for many years and taking care. It was agreed that the bus diversion was not helping at the moment. Cllr. Rilstone felt that the Parish Council would have to wait until the work has finished at the Bayleaf and the buses stop using the road as these are temporary issues at the moment. It was agreed that the Clerk should acknowledge the letter and advise that the Parish Council will review the comments made along with other highway matters once matters have settled down in the village. It was agreed that generally the village supports a no street light approach. Cllr. Grundy to check with CBC why there is no street lighting in Mill Road but various areas are well lit, i.e. adopted estate roads.	CLERK CLERK/IG
2538.	PLANNING MATTERS. <u>Applications</u> Amended Application No. 11/00370/FUL. Practice cricket nets at cricket pitch. Location: Stock Common, Common Road, Stock Applicant: Mr P. Cottee. Cllr. Woodward advised that the amount of netting was much smaller, declared an interest and left the room. Cllr. Hawkes felt there could be scope for a football goal on the Common. Chairman to speak to Cricket Club. The Parish Council had no comments to make. <u>Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Decisions</u> Application No. 11/00340/FUL. Relocation of garage from approved application 10/01838/FUL. Location: 11 The Paddock, Stock Applicant: Mr Tony Martin. Approved. Application No. 11/00187/FUL. New detached single storey garage, replacement roof & vehicular access. Location: Apps Farm, Mill Road, Stock Applicant: Mr B. Higgins. Approved. <u>Applications for Works to be carried out on trees in Conservation Area and trees that have Tree Preservation Orders.</u> Application No. 11/05527CAT. Oak tree - rear boundary 18 The Square, overhanging 1 Mill Road and High Street - Pollard OR crown reduction by 25% (3m) maximum, All cuts to suitable growing points. (Suitable growing points are side branches which are at least one third the diameter of the originating branch.) Location: 18 The Square, Stock Applicant: Mrs Lee. Approved. ECC Consultation Exercise: Street Materials Guide, Design and Good Practice – The Parish Council endorsed this as appropriate for an urban environment. Clerk to submit comments. <u>Planning Appeals and Decisions.</u> Nothing to report. <u>Tree Preservation Orders.</u> Nothing to report. <u>Planning Correspondence</u> Drainage Pipe Mill Road to Whites Hill – Nothing further to report. CBC Parish Forum to be held on 24th May - Defer to next meeting.	CLERK CLERK

	Hoarding coming towards highway at development at 16 Mill Road – The Chairman advised that the hoarding had been moved back from the highway line and there was nothing further to report. <u>Urgent Planning Matters Not On This Agenda</u> Nothing to report.																									
2539.	FINANCE. Cheques to be Signed - The following cheques were approved for payment and signed: <table><tr><td>101624</td><td>£1,283.21</td><td>Mrs L.J. Green</td><td>Salary 01.04.11 – 30.04.11</td></tr><tr><td>101625</td><td>£ 453.16</td><td>HM Revenue and Customs Only</td><td>PAYE and N.I.</td></tr><tr><td>101626</td><td>£ 53.08</td><td>Mrs L.J. Green</td><td>Expenses</td></tr><tr><td>101627</td><td>£ 324.00</td><td>Maple Landscapes</td><td>Work to Lane outside Almshouses</td></tr><tr><td>101628</td><td>£ 40.00</td><td>Mr. R. Hale</td><td>Removing Village Sign, renovating post and replacing sign</td></tr><tr><td>101629</td><td>£ 428.50</td><td>Mr. P.H. Williams</td><td>Grass Cutting March 2011</td></tr></table> Transfer of Funds – No transfers were carried out. Budget 2010/11 – Agreed new Council should set their own budget for the next financial year.	101624	£1,283.21	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.04.11 – 30.04.11	101625	£ 453.16	HM Revenue and Customs Only	PAYE and N.I.	101626	£ 53.08	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	101627	£ 324.00	Maple Landscapes	Work to Lane outside Almshouses	101628	£ 40.00	Mr. R. Hale	Removing Village Sign, renovating post and replacing sign	101629	£ 428.50	Mr. P.H. Williams	Grass Cutting March 2011	
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2540.	COUNCILLOR/CLERK’S REPORT. Cllr. Otter advised that the 100 bus service Lakeside to Chelmsford timetable was changing on Monday to Friday from 1st May 2011. It is proposed that the 08.30, 08.50 and 09.10 buses will leave Lakeside five minutes earlier, i.e. 08.30 will leave Lakeside at 08.25.....time at Stock was 10.06 now proposed 10.01 08.50 “ “ “ “ 08.45..... “ “ “ “ 10.26 “ “ 10.21 09.10 “ “ “ “ 09.05..... “ “ “ “ 10.46 “ “ 10.41 First have confirmed that the earlier times apply throughout the route. Cllr. Otter advised that she is due to attend a Passenger Transport Meeting tomorrow. Cllr. Otter had raised two questions regarding the life span of valid train tickets and purchase of bus plus tickets. Cllr. Grundy asked her to report to the meeting that the village appreciates the efforts made to maintain the bus service in the village since the incident occurred at the Post Office. Cllr. Grundy advised that a season ticket holders only sign had been erected at the car park at Billericay station. Cllr. Otter agreed to raise the matter at the meeting and to find out what was happening and where the parking was for picking people up at Billericay station. Cllr. Rilstone advised that the Doctors’ Surgery needed more footpath maps. Cllr. Millernas to deliver some. Cllr. Grundy advised that changes are still being made at ECC Highways. Cllr. Woodward reported that during the school holidays footballs had been kicked all over the place. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council would be supportive to have a discussion with the Cricket Club regarding having a goal post made.	MO JM																								
2541.	DISCUSSION ITEMS. Stock Library – It had been acknowledged that the Parish Council were not going to purchase the building but if they could offer any assistance to the Stock Heritage Society other than financial they would. Whilst the Parish Council have still got an interest vested ECC will not sell it. Discussions were still being held at Cabinet level at ECC. Youth Club – Nothing to report. Parish Council Elections – Clerk advised that the Parish Council had gone to Election which would be held on 5th May 2011. Amendments to Local Council Practitioners’ Guide Consultation – Chairman dealing with matter.	JD																								

	Celebrations for the forthcoming Royal Wedding in 2011 and Diamond Jubilee in 2012 - Cllr. Rilstone asked why people were being charged to attend the event after the Parish Council had given a donation. Cllr. Grundy advised that the tickets were not covering the total cost of the event. Cllr. Hawkes felt the way the tickets were sold was shambolic and should have been sold to villagers first as people from Billericay whose children go to Stock school were attending and other children in the village could not get tickets. Cllr. Grundy advised that the mum's of the village had done a fantastic job. Cllr. Hawkes advised that the parents had apologised for the way the tickets have been sold and allocated. It was agreed that a lesson needed to be learnt from this for any future events. It was agreed that the Diamond Jubilee celebrations should be discussed at another meeting. Chelmsford City Bid Application – CBC had written asking the Parish Council to support their bid. It was agreed that individuals should comment and that it was not a Parish Council decision. Letter to be put on noticeboard and on website. Proposal for a Shadow Local Healthwatch Organisation in Essex – It was agreed that the Parish Council should not comment and parishioners should comment as individuals. Re-adoption of Financial Regulations – Agreed to defer to next meeting and let new Council re-adopt.	CLERK CLERK
2542.	RISK ASSESSMENT. Nothing to report.	
2543.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next Planning Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10th May 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and the main Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 23rd May 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.	
2544.	CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS. No tenders to discuss.	

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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