

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs. Millernas, Johnson, Woodward, Fairman and Fenwick
Minute Secretary: Mrs Lorraine Green
In The Chair: Cllr. Dixon
Also Present: 2 Members of the Public

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2707.	DEMOCRATIC TIME. A parishioner said that the speed of traffic in Smallgains Lane was horrendous. Cllr. Johnson agreed with the parishioner. The parishioner stated that the grass verges were disappearing. The Chairman said that everyone agrees but as the legislation stands the speed limit is correct for the type of environment. There is new Government legislation called Localism Act which Essex County Council are looking at and how they can adopt proposals and pass the responsibility onto Parish Councils and Borough Councils. Cllr. Johnson said that a weight limit was needed on the road as lorries are going over the hump back bridge. A parishioner from Brittons Lane/Peter Street advised that he had had to stop the lady who had recently moved in the road from having a 16½ tonne truck driving down the lane. He advised that she was setting up a business and the lady had informed him that ECC are going to tarmac the road. Cars and vans are driving down the road at 30mph – 40mph which is dangerous as there are children in the lane. The Parish Council had not been told the road was being tarmaced only that minor repairs were being carried out. The Chairman had spoken to another parishioner in Brittons Lane who had asked him to look at the Definitive Map for Stock parish to see what designation is attached to Peter Street and Brittons Lane. It was reported that someone had widened the lane without permission as you never used to be able to drive down there. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council needs to find out what the definitive is of the road and if it is a byway they need to inform ECC that the classification of the road is wrong. The facts also need to be established if the lane is not a byway. It was also felt that it should be investigated as to what the field is going to be used for as it is Green Belt.	JD
2708.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllrs. Finch, Rilstone, Lee and Chelmsford Borough Cllr. Ian Grundy sent their apologies.	
2709.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2012. The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events.	
2710.	DECLARING ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS. No declarations were made.	
2711.	POLICE MATTERS. Community Speed Watch - Cllr. Lee had advised the Clerk that more volunteers were needed and suggested putting an article in Stock Press. The system was working well and people liked it. People are slowing down which is making a difference.	
2712.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. Parking at Hereward Meadow – Fiona Foskett had provided a breakdown of the costs to produce the Stock Walk map. 1. Create digital reference map of stock area using screen grabs from Google maps - £30.00 2. Create a vector line drawing traced from the reference map adding details and annotation along with setting a style, colour palette and line thickness. Submit for approval - £360.00 3. From reference given, add walk routes to map and create information icons. Submit for approval and wait for feedback - £180.00 4. Act on client feedback and discuss and implement the final changes, modifications and	PF/CLERK

refinements to complete the map and supply in a print-ready format - £80.00 Print - Chelmsford Borough Council is registered with the Government Procurement Service Paper Buying Framework ref: RM655. This enables printers for the Council to purchase paper at highly competitive rates when working for the Council. They have a print contract with 9 suppliers, which were all briefed with the Hereward job. Cllr. Fenwick agreed to send the Clerk a quotation to print the leaflets and submit to CBC. The Parish Council agreed to offer CBC £250.00 towards the map. Potholes on Stock Road – Still outstanding. Kingfishers, Mill Road – Nothing to report. Land for sale suitable for football pitch – Cllr. Woodward had spoken to Strutt and Parker and they will let him know if the current land the football pitch is on comes up for sale. Litter Bin on F27 at the back entrance of the school – The bin had now been installed. Clerk to remove from Agenda. Parish Cleansing Days 2012 – CBC visiting the village on Friday 26th October. Planters around Village Sign - The planters had been delivered. Bob Hale to put down concrete slab and fix the planters down. The planters were very good quality. Trees missing as you come into Stock by Farrows Farm hedge- Cllr. Johnson still to organise. It was agreed to take the item off the Agenda until the Autumn. Rotating the VDS sign –Highway Rangers dealing with matter. Traffic priorities at the junction of Fosters Close and School Lane – ECC advised that a Traffic Officer from their department has investigated this matter and ascertained that in this instance, the line of route at this location is from Back Lane to the Fosters Close development. In order to reinforce this line of route, a 'pinch point' verge build out has been put in place at the junction of School Lane and Fosters Close to create deflection, in order to slow vehicular traffic. In addition, a give way road marking is clearly marked at the junction of School Lane and Fosters Close, in order to reinforce the traffic priority. Furthermore, as the majority of traffic would be generated by the Fosters Close development, as this road is wider and this route would be in continuous use by those residents and their families, whilst School Lane is a narrow, single lane, rural track road and subject to occasional use. Whilst they appreciate the Parish Council's concerns regarding road safety on the above road, they rely on Police reported accident information to enable them to identify accident hotspots. This way, they can focus their budgets and concentrate on lowering the number of collisions, serious injuries and fatalities on County roads at specific accident locations. In addition, the process to fund, design and implement such measures are rigorous, time-consuming and prohibitively expensive. Highways wish to assure the Parish Council that ECC takes its Health and Safety responsibilities very seriously, as the above process for allocating their limited road safety budget indicates. The Council continues to take reasonable measures to improve road safety and continue to monitor collision data for this and all other roads in the County. Unfortunately, no road safety scheme can guarantee to eliminate all road collisions or personal injury accidents and regrettably, there is the potential for an accident to happen on any road in the county, at any time. Furthermore, drivers have a responsibility to drive with due care and attention and with reasonable consideration for other persons using the road or place and those that fail to do so are committing an offence under the Road Traffic Act. Following the results of this investigation, it is considered that the traffic priorities at this location are correct and appropriate for the location and intended to serve the residents of Fosters Close. Therefore, Highways regrets to inform the Parish Council that they are unable to take this matter further. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back urgently requesting that there are new road markings as they have disappeared and new signage is required.	PW CLERK SJ/CLERK CLERK
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<u>Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Decisions</u> Application No. 11/00120/FUL. Amendment to permission 11/01232/FUL (single storey rear extension) to reduce the size of the extension to form alterations to the roof, the formation of a canopy to the side elevation and alterations to the fenestration. Location: 34 Mill Road, Stock. Applicant: Dr. E. Lightowler. Approved. <u>Applications for Works to be carried out on trees in Conservation Area and trees that have Tree Preservation Orders.</u> Application No. 12/05529/CAT. Pine (T3 on attached plan), Prunus (T4 on attached plan), Cypress (TG1 on attached plan), Cypress x 6 (TG2 on attached plan), Mixed Species Group (TG3 on attached plan) inc Beech & Horse Chestnut - boundary with The Old School - fell to ground level and kill stumps. Location: The Old School House, School Road, Stock. Applicant: Infront Innovation. The Parish Council commented that they never like to see trees being removed and clearly any tree has to be removed for a reason. The Parish Council would defer to the professional guidance from the tree specialists at CBC. <u>Planning Appeals and Decisions.</u> Nothing to report. <u>Tree Preservation Orders.</u> Nothing to report. <u>Planning Correspondence</u> CBC Parish Forum Meeting - Keith Holmes, Developments Manager, at CBC had invited the Parish Council to a meeting on Monday 16th April at 7pm. Clerk to decline invitation as it clashes with the Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting. Conservation Area Enhancement - Clerk advised that CBC had credited the bank account with £870.00 in order for the various works that had been agreed to be carried out. Lord Petre had given his consent to the tree seat and timber posts. It was reported that Bob Hale had started painting the chains and posts. CBC to install seat in April. Peter Street and Brittons Lane – A parishioner had advised that having read the minutes they wished to clarify a few points, the no through road signs have been in place for 30 years and the road has not been passable by vehicles since 1982. In 2009 someone in Brittons Lane had the lane cleared, it has now become dangerous as delivery vehicles drive through at excessive speeds. The parishioner had spoken to the Chairman - see Democratic Time. New Coffee Shop – Clerk to remove item from Agenda as everything had now been sorted out. In and Out driveway at new house in Mill Road, opposite Whites Hill – The Chairman advised that the driveway was clearly shown on the plans. The verges had been turfed and the builders' had cleared up well. Kerbs had been put in which was not felt to be villagey and not in keeping. The Parish Council felt it should have been a gravel drive but it has now been done and permission was granted. Solar Panels in Conservation Area - Cllr. Fairman had looked into the matter and advised that having checked the Planning Portal website it would appear that roof mounted solar panels in a conservation area do not require planning permission only wall mounted panels. See extract below: Roof and Wall Mounted Solar Panels The following limits apply to roof and wall mounted solar panels: • Panels should not be installed above the ridgeline and should project no more than 200mm from the roof or wall surface.	CLERK CLERK
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	If your property is a listed building installation is likely to require an application for listed building consent, even where planning permission is not needed. Wall mounted only - if your property is in a conservation area, or in a World Heritage Site, planning consent is required when panels are to be fitted on the principal or side elevation walls and they are visible from the highway. If panels are to be fitted to a building in your garden or grounds they should not be visible from the highway. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Consultation – The Chairman had looked at the document and could not see any problems but agreed to have one final look. All agreed sounds quite good scheme. <u>Urgent Planning Matters Not On This Agenda</u> Nothing to report.																			
2715.	FINANCE. Cheques to be Signed - <table border="0"> <tr> <td>101722 £300.00</td> <td>Euroloos</td> <td>Deposit for hire of toilets for Jubilee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101723 £1,386.41</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary 01.03.12 – 31.03.12 and backdated pay to January 2012</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101724 £ 522.98</td> <td>HM Revenue and Customs Only</td> <td>PAYE and N.I.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101725 £ 278.00</td> <td>Mr R. Hale</td> <td>Works in Village</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101726 £ 14.40</td> <td>Glasdon U.K. Limited</td> <td>Bin Fixing Kit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101727 £ 62.83</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses 28.02.12-26.03.12</td> </tr> </table> Transfers - No transfers were carried out. Payments Received:- VAT reclaimed £457.90 Stock Cricket Club contribution towards grass cutting £410.93 CBC Conservation Area grant £870.00	101722 £300.00	Euroloos	Deposit for hire of toilets for Jubilee	101723 £1,386.41	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.03.12 – 31.03.12 and backdated pay to January 2012	101724 £ 522.98	HM Revenue and Customs Only	PAYE and N.I.	101725 £ 278.00	Mr R. Hale	Works in Village	101726 £ 14.40	Glasdon U.K. Limited	Bin Fixing Kit	101727 £ 62.83	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses 28.02.12-26.03.12	
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2716.	COUNCILLOR/CLERK'S REPORT. Cllr. Lee had asked the Clerk to see if the Highway Rangers could carry out some litter picking on the hill down from the church towards Billericay. There was also fly tipping – some at the back gate to Stock Brook on the Ingatstone Road at the junction with Honeypot Lane and at Buttsbury in two areas before you get to the ford. Clerk to report to Highway Rangers. Cllr. Lee also asked whether Bob Hale could work on the patchy / messy area after the bus stop on the main road as you turn left into The Square. She said it would be nice to do some planting there. Cllr. Lee also advised that there do not seem to be many bulbs come up in the village this year and enquired whether Bob Hale or volunteers would be able to plant some more later in the year. It was agreed that Cllr. Woodward would ask Bob to tidy up this area and plant some bulbs. It was agreed that the Parish Council would ask other companies in the village to sponsor bulbs. Cllr. Woodward to speak to The Bear, The Bakers Arms and The Hoop. Cllr. Millernas reported that the residents in No 15 are letting their dog foul, according to another resident in the flats, on the grass verge abutting the flats in Dakyn Drive. There is another gentleman from the area who is letting his dog foul outside the bungalows in Back Lane. Clerk to report matter to Environmental Service and Cllr. Grundy. Cllr. Millernas reported that the potholes that were repaired in Swan Lane, just before Swan Woods, have started to break up. Clerk to report to Highways. Cllr. Fairman complained about the advertising in the window of the hairdressers. He said it was atrocious and in view of the Best Kept Village Competition felt it was detracting from the village square. Cllr. Woodward to speak to hairdresser. Cllr. Fenwick advised that work was starting on the village pond next week. Cllr. Fenwick advised that the VDS were now all collated and ready to be delivered. Cllr. Fenwick to organise distribution amongst Councillors.	PW CLERK CLERK PW PF																		
2717.	DISCUSSION ITEMS.																			

	Celebrations for Diamond Jubilee in 2012 - Cllr. Fairman reported that the meetings were going exceedingly well and there were a lot of enthusiastic people and things were being done. Power had been laid on for the stage. During the day there will be music, food and drink on the Common, children's entertainment, face painting, races etc, mini Olympics, Tug of War etc. In the evening there will be two or three groups and singers on the stage and the drinks tents will be remaining. There will be fireworks and lighting of the beacon. There will be no charge and it will be a free event. Chairman to organise applying for a Premises Licence for 4th June 2012 in the name of Stock Parish Council. Clerk to chase insurance company regarding the Public Liability and cancellation insurance. The Chairman advised that the money that the Parish Council had donated (£2k) had been used. Crondon Park Golf Club were sponsoring the music bill and had put forward prizes for the raffle. Greenwoods had put up prizes. The Committee were visiting other companies to obtain more prizes. The beacon was on order. Cllr. Fenwick was producing a programme and that will be his contribution to the event. The Committee were going to get people to advertise to help pay for the programme. The media were also going to get involved. There will be a raffle to raise money to cover the costs. If the tickets are not presold a licence will not be needed to sell the tickets. It had therefore been agreed to just sell tickets on the day. State of the Common and other areas of Stock, including the pond in Mill Road - Work was starting on the pond next week. Clerk to advise Paul Williams to discontinue the maintenance of the pond. Small jobs to be completed around the village - Cllr. Woodward was organising the jobs with Bob Hale. Cllr. Woodward said Bob had repaired the seats around the Common. The Localism Act – Nothing further to report. Parking in the village and yellow lines – Cllr. Millernas reported that the parking was getting terrible in the village and a lot of people had contacted him about the parking in Mill Road and The Square. Cllr. Grundy advised that CBC were planning to make some proposals to the Parish Council about enhancements to The Square. It was reported that parking is a serious problem at school time. Mill Road is also an issue. The shops are doing well in the village but parking is a problem.	JD CLERK PW
2718.	RISK ASSESSMENT. Nothing to report.	
2719.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next Planning Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 16th April 2012 in the Royal British Legion Hall and the next main meeting will be held on Monday 30th April. Cllr. Woodward sent his apologies for both meetings. It was agreed that the Planning Meeting would be held at 7pm and the APM at 8pm.	
2720.	CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS. Nothing to report.	

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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