

STOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2015

AT STOCK VILLAGE HALL, COMMON ROAD, STOCK

Present: *Cllrs, Millernas, Johnson, Lee & Cansdale*

Minute Secretary: *Mrs Lorraine Green*

In The Chair: *Cllr. Fairman*

Also Present: *29 Members of the Public & Chelmsford City Councillor Ian Grundy*

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3206.	DEMOCRATIC TIME. A parishioner, John Sawkins, stated that he was very impressed with the design on the new buildings proposed for the Harvard Inn car park. However he was concerned that parking is a major problem and there are not enough car parking spaces included in the scheme. The Chairman advised that the Back Lane entrance to the Harvard is for servicing of the pub and not for use by the general public. Another parishioner stated that the Harvard car park application was contrary to the Village Design Statement. A parishioner stated that some of the land is public open space. The Chairman advised that the application is in the confines of the Harvard ownership. The Chairman read out Michael Hurst, CCC Conservation Officer's, comments on the application who states he wants the car park concealed. Another parishioner enquired whether the school would receive a payment for infrastructure. The Chairman advised there will be a CIL payment paid by the developer which will be for the benefit of the village. It was generally felt that parking spaces were an issue when you take into account staff, residents, guests etc and the car park needs to be made bigger rather than be built upon. Another parishioner stated that the building looks very attractive but if the owner built a bigger car park nobody would object. It was stated that there are no spaces in The Square and another village car park is needed. Another parishioner enquired whether there was a flooding issue at this site. Cllr. Lee advised that the Environment Agency have identified the area as an area prone to surface water flooding. Another parishioner suggested putting the proposed building further back on the site and putting in more car parking on that corner.	
3207.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllrs. Cooper , Fenwick, Rilstone & Woodward sent their apologies.	
3208.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH JANUARY 2015. The Minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were then duly signed as a true record of events.	
3209.	DECLARING ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS. Chairman declared an interest in planning application no. 14/02113/FUL, The Cock Inn.	
3210.	POLICE MATTERS. 14:00-15:45 13/12/2014 Stock Road, Stock Items stolen from within secure vehicle – entry gained by smashing window 18:00 12/12/2014 – 08:40 15/12/2014 Ingatestone Road, Stock Entry gained to an office by breaking door, keys obtained for outbuilding and items stolen from outbuilding 22:00 15/12/2014 – 07:00 16/12/2014 Hawkswood Road, Downham Electric gates stolen from property 08:00 17/12/2014 – 19:30 18/12/2014 Stock Lane, Stock Water bowser stolen from field	

17:00 22/12/2014 – 08:00 23/12/2014 Roman Road, Margaretting Copper wiring stolen from property under construction 16:00 24/12/2014 – 16:00 27/12/2014 Maldon Road, Margaretting Dwelling burglary – entry gained by smashing kitchen window – items stolen 14:00-14:30 30/12/2014 Small Gains Lane, Stock Distraction burglary – suspect entered property and stole a quantity of money 14:26 30/12/2014 Short Lane, Ramsden Heath Distraction burglary – suspect entered property but did not manage to steal anything 24/12/2014 – 07/01/2015 Wantz Road, Margaretting Lead stolen from premises roof my means unknown 02:30 - 03:30 10/01/2015 Well Lane, Stock Garage door forced open and two bikes stolen, one tricycle and one bicycle 10:30-14:00 13/01/2015 Back Lane, Stock Attempted burglary dwelling – attempt made to force side window causing it to crack – no entry gained 12:00 13/01/2015 London Road, Widford Theodolite stolen from insecure premises 21:30 15/01/2015 – 07:50 16/01/2015 Outwood Common Road, Ramsden Heath Entry gained to office by forcing patio doors – items stolen from within Ramsden Heath and Stock were both the victims of a distraction burglary on the 30th December 2014. The circumstances were: Stock: A male attended the home of an elderly lady posing as a plain clothed police officer. During the course of his visit he managed to steal a quantity of money whilst the lady was distracted. Ramsden Heath: A male once again attended the home of an older gentleman posing as a plain clothed police officer. The male left empty handed on this occasion. PCSO Carr would urge you all to think about your safety and that of those around you, please be aware of people coming to your homes. Please make sure you ask for identification prior to allowing them entry to your homes. If the person claims to be a police officer, whether uniformed or not, please ask to see their identification, we must carry our id card at all times. Important things to look out for are: 1. Picture matching person; 2. Name; 3. Collar number; 4. Force badge; 5. Hologram of Essex Swords; 6. Braille markings on back of card. If you have any doubt that the person on your doorstep is not a police officer, tell the officer that you wish to check their details before you allow them entry. Please phone 101 and quote the officer's name	
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	and number and our switchboard should be able to confirm that they are an officer of Essex Police. The officer should be prepared to wait on the doorstep until such time that you are satisfied with the result. Hopefully between us we can stop this person from gaining entry to any other homes again. Community Speed Watch - A parishioner had E-mailed the Clerk advising that cars are still travelling at speed in the village and are only slowing down because they see the Speed Watch signs and men in yellow jackets. Cllr. Lee advised that people do slow down and that there are now 9 volunteers. She explained the system to parishioners in case anybody wished to join the rota. The commitment is 45 minutes every two weeks and one hours training by Essex Police. The more people on the rota the more patrols can be carried out. The submission to the Local Highways Panel is going to the meeting in March and if approved a whole road safety report will be carried out which costs £3,000.00. Essex Police Club Watch Scheme – Nothing to report.	
3211.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. CCC Local Highway Panel – Cllr. Lee had submitted various submissions. Cllr. Grundy advised that Buttsbury Bridge is being looked at and the objective is to go for a HGV ban. Broken Marker Posts in Smallgains Lane and Well Lane - Nothing to report. Resurfacing of Church Car Park – It was agreed that remedial works should be carried out to the bad parts. It was reported that HGV's are still parking in the car park. Clerk to speak to Swift Landscaping about giving a quotation to repair the holes on the frontage as there is not enough money to completely re-do the whole car park. Clearing ditches around the village – Cllr. Johnson had met with Carla Davis of Conservation Volunteers and she is happy to carry out work to the ditch opposite the pond at Thornton Place. There is a huge amount of debris to come out and Cllr. Grundy had agreed to speak to Parks Services to help remove this. The work will hopefully be carried out in March. Cllr. Grundy said he will get Highways to blow out the drain once the ditch is cleared. The water in the ditch outside Cobblers is too deep and will not be able to cope so therefore needs draining. Cllr. Grundy to get Highways to look at this. Hankins Wood –The Chairman advised that the Woodland Trust want the Parish Council to put money into the maintenance but he needs to find out what they want to do and how much they need. Cllr. Grundy advised that the lease has still not been drafted yet. Signpost pointing to shops and pubs –Cllr. Lee dealing had sent a submission to the Local Highways Panel. Winter Salt Bag Partnership Scheme – Nothing to report. Play Area Inspections – Cllr. Woodward dealing with matter. The Chairman stated that there was nothing significant to look at to be done. Cllr. Lee suggested Councillors attending a RoSPA course and carrying out the inspections themselves. Overgrown tree and hedge at Play Area - Cllr. Woodward dealing with matter.. Barbed wire that has gone around the pond and gone onto bridlepath on bridleway off Greenacre Lane – The Clerk had reported the matter to CCC Enforcement who had visited the site and advised it is not an enforcement matter and should be referred to Highways. The Clerk had therefore written to Highways. Impassable footpaths off Marigold Lane as trees have fallen down – Nothing to report. Footpath in Smallgains Lane that runs around the bottom of the fields is very overgrown and a tree has come down – Work has been carried out. The Chairman reported that the footpath has eroded due to the brook and is now falling in and is dangerous as a person could fall down the bank. Cllr. Millernas to report matter. Enforcement of Yellow Lines – A parishioner was regularly reporting offending vehicles to the Clerk and South Essex Parking Partnership. Cllr. Grundy had instructed South Essex Partnership to come up at weekends and carry out inspections. He said the scheme is generally working especially outside the	CLERK SJ/IG NF PW JM

	Bakers Arms. Speeding in Mill Road - Cllr. Lee had sent submission to Local Highways Panel. Cuttings left by grass Cutters in Back Lane - Nothing to report. Reducing Speed Limit on B1007 – Cllr. Lee had submitted submission to the Local Highways Panel. Culvert blocked at bottom of Smallgains Lane - Highways dealing with matter. Overhanging branches at Forest Lodge Farm – Cllr. Millernas advised that the owner was not replying to anyone. He had ignored the Parish Council, Cllr. Millernas and the insurance company. Cllr. Millernas said the claims department are not letting the matter go. The owner has still not cut the branches back. Highways have been down to look and Cllr. Millernas has also put a claim into them as well. Overgrown hedges at Lushill, Birch Lane – It was agreed that as the hedges had still not been cut back the Clerk should report the matter to Highways Enforcement as it was narrowing the highway. Essex Police Escorts on Remembrance Parade – Cllr. Grundy had drafted a letter for the Clerk to send to Inspector Kilgallen expressing the Parish Council's extreme disappointment that the Police would not be providing Police Escorts in future. The Chairman advised that it is all to do with the cost as he had heard that it costs £1,000.00. Emergency Planning Visit by CCC - Clerk to arrange for them to attend a planning meeting. Advertisement Boards at Greenwoods - Benjamin Firth, Enforcement Officer, at CCC advised that the boards have now been removed. State of verges and ditches outside The Nook - Clerk had written to Mr Archer asking him to reinstate the verges and ditches. Trucks using the grass verge as a diversion on the corner of Brookmans Road and Back Lane- Clerk had written to Highways who were looking at the damage to the grass verge. As regards erecting bollards this request has to be submitted to the Local Highways Panel. It was suggested that the Parish Council obtain support from the Councillors and residents to add weight to the request. Cllr. Lee had submitted an application to Highways Panel. Flooding on the Billericay side of Smallgains Lane opposite the hump back bridge and pond overflowing onto the road - Clerk had reported matter to Highways who were investigating the matter. Request for 'Unsuitable for Larger Vehicles' notice to be erected on wall on corner of Back Lane – Clerk had contacted Highways. Noticeboards - Cllr. Cooper dealing with matter. Clerk to E-mail Cllr. Cooper chasing the matter as Cllr. Johnson said a new noticeboard is desperately needed now. Play in the Park - Cllr. Woodward had organised for the event to take place on Tuesday 4th August between 1.30pm and 3.30pm.	JL JL CLERK IG/ CLERK JL KC/ CLERK
3198.	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. a) Kerry Rolf of EALC asking the Parish Council to consider supporting Wingham Parish Council's proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act for Parish and Town Councils to be made statutory consultees on vehicle operator licence applications and renewals. It was agreed the Parish Council supported Wingham Parish Council. Clerk to write. b) Chris Fox of ECC Highways advising of ditching works being carried out in Goatsmoor Lane in preparation for a surfacing scheme planned for early in the new financial year. The works commence on 26th January from 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday. A temporary Traffic Regulation Order will be in place for a road closure from Whites Hill to Potash Road and diversion routes will be signed to direct through traffic around the road closure. c) Charlotte Michaels of CCC regarding the annual Parish Cleansing Days. Various dates are available from 9th April to 15th October but are on a first come first served basis. Form to be	CLERK CLERK

	completed and returned by 20th February 2015. Clerk to return form. d) Roger Watling regarding the ditch on the common. He advised that the ditch on the common by the posts by the children's playground is overflowing and turning the area into mud. Also the ditch on the bend in Common Road is being crushed by vehicles navigating around the builders vehicles. There is one hole if a car did not see it would most likely ground out. There is also a drain from the ditch opposite the children's playground (on the left if you have walked up Common Lane) which is blocked and when it rains the water runs down Common Lane. The ditch along Common Road is blocked with leaves. e) A television production company regarding a new Channel 4 Series. They are interested in getting in touch with owners of beautiful period houses across Britain and wanted to see if there were any such houses in Stock. Anyone interested should contact Ellie Gibbs on 020 7290 0663 or E-mail houses@betty.co.uk. f) Rachel Price of ECC regarding launching of Getting Around in Essex Consultation which is to obtain views on how they could improve the county's bus and passenger transport network. Comments by 31st March 2015. It was agreed this was not applicable to Stock. g) Liz Dixon of ECC advising of a temporary road closure in Marigold Lane from a point of 200 metres east of its junction with Smallgains Lane eastwards for approximately 100 metres. The closure is scheduled to commence on 24th February for 7 days. Alternative route will be via Smallgains Lane, Well Lane, Mill Road, White's Hill, Madles Lane and vice versa. h) Sandra Mealey of ECC regarding Round 7 of Sports Englands Protecting Playing Fields Scheme. It was agreed the E-mail should be sent to Geoff Tully as he is trying to acquire the freehold for the football field. i) Miranda Young enquiring whether there was any way of logging traffic incidents in the village following a near fatal accident on the zebra crossing outside the Bakers Arms. It was agreed the Clerk should write back and explain what the Parish Council are doing. j) Justine Cano-Lopez regarding the grass verge outside her house constantly being driven over by lorries, vans or people trying to park for the pubs in The Square or the School. She advised that she has replaced the turf on numerous occasions and is constantly trying to repair it and make it neat and tidy but is now becoming an issue, especially in the Winter months. Her neighbours have the same problem. Mrs Cano-Lopez has tried to contact Lord Petre to no avail. She would like to erect large stones or small posts like 21 Mill Road but wishes to seek the appropriate permission. It was agreed the Clerk should write back advising Mrs Cano-Lopez to write to CCC Planning Department to see if planning permission is required as the verge is in the Conservation Area. The area is not under the control of the Parish Council and therefore permission is needed from Lord Petre. k) ECC regarding the new Equalities Strategy survey which requires completion. The Parish Council had no comments to make. l) EALC regarding Police Partnership Conference to be held on 25th March at Foakes Hall in Great Dunmow. The events is priced at £20 per head. Nobody wished to attend. m) ECC Press Release regarding Quiet Lanes proposed for rural Essex. ECC will be asking each of the County's 12 Local Highways Panels to identify two roads to be considered as Quiet Lanes. Cllr. Grundy stated that Swan Lane is a protected lane and is the most obvious lane in Stock to be put forward. He said there are two woods down there and could do with a 20mph speed limit and HGV ban. It was agreed that the Parish Council should get a joint approach with Margaretting as half of the lane is in their parish. Cllr. Grundy to speak to Margaretting Parish Council about the matter and Clerk to submit request to ECC.	CLERK CLERK CLERK CLERK
3212.	PLANNING MATTERS. <u>Planning Applications</u> Application No. 14/02113/FUL. Construction of 2 houses and 2 apartments on the car park of the former Cock public house (Harvard Inn) and 3 letting rooms in a single storey building to the rear of the Harvard Inn. Reconfiguration of the car park to provide 37 spaces for use by the new residential accommodation and the Harvard Inn..	CLERK

Location: The Cock Inn, High Street, Stock. Applicant: Mr Paul Fenwick. The Chairman declared an interest and left the room. The Parish Council objected to this proposal on the grounds that the car park provision is inadequate for the proposed development. The proposed building would affect the openness of the surrounding area.	
Application No. 15/00060/FUL. Demolition of existing rear conservatory. Single storey rear extension and first floor front and side extension. Location: 32 Birch Lane, Stock Applicant: Mr & Mrs B Swanston. The Parish Council had no comments to make.	CLERK
Application No. 15/00099/FUL. Retrospective application for the replacement of a hedge (over 1m high) and wooden gate with 1.5m high metal fencing and metal gate. Location: Home, Smallgains Lane, Stock Applicant: Mr Derek Ward. The Parish Council had no comments to make.	CLERK
Application No. 15/00068/FUL. Demolish existing bungalow and out building. Divide site into two plots and construct two chalet style properties. Existing vehicle/pedestrian access onto Garden End altered and form additional vehicle/pedestrian access onto Garden End. Location: Torc Cottage, 3 Garden End, Stock Applicant: Mr Peter Woodward. The Parish Council had no comments to make.	CLERK
<u>Results</u> Application No. 14/01804/FUL. Part single, part two storey rear extension. Single storey side extension, front porch and internal alterations. Location: Goatsmoor Farm, Goatsmoor Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mr C Holmwood. Approved. Application No. 14/02012/FUL. Retrospective application for a replacement dwelling with basement, variation of application 12/01716/FUL. Location: Site at Tetlows, Downham Road, Stock. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Warner. Approved.	
<u>Applications for Works to be carried out on trees in Conservation Area and trees that have Tree Preservation Orders.</u> Application No. 15/05021/TPO. Oak (W1) – eastern boundary with Lilystone Hall – reduce lateral spread into Lilystone Hall by 2.5m max and shape over, cutting to suitable growing points; crown lift to 3.5m, removing sub-laterals, cutting to branch collar; remove deadwood over 25mm in diameter. Location: The Molineux, Honeypt Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mrs Mary Couzens. The Parish Council had no comments to make. Application No. 14/05332/TPO. Oak (T1) – front garden – crown reduction by 2.5-3m max, cutting to suitable growing points; crown lift to 5.2m, cutting to branch collar; remove deadwood over 30mm in diameter. Location: 32 Birch Lane, Stock. Applicant: Mrs C Swanson. Approved. Application No. 14/05691/CAT. Leyland Cypress – rear garden – reduce height by 3-4m and trim sides. Location: 54 High Street, Stock. Applicant: Miss Yasmin. Approved.	CLERK
<u>Planning Appeals and Decisions.</u> 14/01479/FUL – Brock Farm, Ingatestone Road – Appeal Ref. APP/W1525/W/14/3001693. Siting of one container. An appeal has been lodged. Comments to Planning Inspectorate by 4th March 2015. The Parish Council’s comments still stand. Clerk to advise Planning Inspectorate. <u>Tree Preservation Orders.</u>	CLERK

	Nothing to report. <u>Planning Correspondence</u> Planning contributions money – Nothing to report. Cherry Tree Cottages, Stock Road – Nothing to report. Container sited in the field adjoining Fairfield, Marigold Lane – Nothing to report. ECC revision to its Guide to Infrastructure Contributions – Comments due by 3rd March 2015. <u>Urgent Planning Matters Not On This Agenda</u> Nothing to report.																
3213.	FINANCE. Cheques to be Signed - <table><tr><td>102008</td><td>£</td><td>6.00</td><td>Mrs J. Lee</td><td>Cable Ties</td></tr><tr><td>102009</td><td>£</td><td>760.00</td><td>Mark Henderson</td><td>Grass Cutting Churchyard</td></tr><tr><td>102010</td><td>£</td><td>78.60</td><td>Mrs J. Lee</td><td>Signs for Speed Watch</td></tr></table> Transfers No transfers carried out. Clerk’s Salary – Chairman and Cllr. Lee dealing with matter. Meeting with Clerk to be organised. Budget – The Budget will be prepared in due course. Change to Bank Mandate - Barclays had confirmed that the Chairman and Cllr. Lee were now on the mandate. Clerk to remove item from Agenda. Annual Donations – Defer to next meeting.	102008	£	6.00	Mrs J. Lee	Cable Ties	102009	£	760.00	Mark Henderson	Grass Cutting Churchyard	102010	£	78.60	Mrs J. Lee	Signs for Speed Watch	
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3214.	COUNCILLOR/CLERK’S REPORT. Cllr. Johnson reported that a skip has been parked outside Kingfishers on the Parish Council land for about three weeks and the resident had not asked permission. It was suggested that the area be made into a car parking area. Clerk to put idea to Michael Hurst for his opinion. Cllr. Grundy suggested asking the Catholic Church to use their car park. Cllr. Grundy enquired whether any Councillor was attending on behalf of Stock Parish Council at the Police meeting in Writtle on 10th February. Cllr. Millernas said he would try and attend.	CLERK JM															
3215.	DISCUSSION ITEMS. Small jobs to be completed around the village - Deferred to next meeting. Emergency Planning – Deferred to next meeting.. Ideas for Local Highways Panel – Deferred to next meeting. Social Networking for Parish Council – Deferred to next meeting. Door to Door Sales – Deferred to next meeting.																
3216.	RISK ASSESSMENT. Nothing to report.																
3217.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next main meeting will be held on Monday 23rd February 2015 in Stock Village Hall and the planning meeting on 9th March 2015 in Stock Village Hall. Cllr. Woodward sent his apologies for the meeting on 23rd February. Cllrs. Johnson and Cansdale sent their apologies for the meeting on 9th March.																
3218.	CLOSED MEETING FOR OPENING TENDERS.																

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The Chairman thanked everyone for coming; the meeting closed at 10.15pm.

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