



Stock Parish Council
The Tythe Barn, High Street, Stock, Essex. CM4 9BU

Minutes of Meeting

held at the Village Hall
Monday 10th October 2022

Attendees: Councillors P Fenwick (Chairman), Grace Fullam (Clerk), Matthew Gray, S Porter, J Walter, J Millenas, M Taylor, M Rolph, I Grundy

• **Welcome by Chairman and apologies of absence.**

The Chairman welcomed the Councillors and the attending public to the meeting. He also welcomed Grace Fullam who had been appointed as Clerk to the Parish Council.

• **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of meetings held on 27th September were agreed by Councillors and approved by the Chairman.

• **Declaration of Councillor Interests relating to the Agenda**

JW declared an interest on the Homestead planning application. MT declared an interest on the application for the improvement of parking and drainage on the Common.

• **Public participation**

A Swan Lane resident asked what progress had been made on improving dangerous parking by people dropping off and picking up children from the School. MG stated that he is still waiting a response from the South Essex Parking Partnership to take action by placing parking restrictions in the danger areas and obtaining cooperation from the School. PF and IG added that Chelmsford City Council is currently implementing a scheme at other schools called 3PR which stands for 3 parking rules- care, consideration and caution. The aim of the scheme is to prevent inconsiderate and dangerous parking around schools thereby reducing the risk of accidents and tension between schools, parents and neighbours. Measures such as placing red lines on roads where dangerous parking is taking place, and encouraging parents/guardians to park in a safer place (in the case of our village Stock Village Hall) and walk with the children to the School. **IG agreed to speak to the Stock School Head Teacher about the scheme. MG stated that he would attend the meeting with IG.** The Swan Lane resident stated the he would be hoping for a prompt response from SEPP as tension on the parking problem remains at a high level and there is a need to protect property which has been damaged by dangerous parking in the past.

Planning Matters

- **22/00024/DOC/1: 46 Well Lane Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9LZ**

Condition 3 - Materials, Condition 6 - Hard/Soft Landscaping - **NO COMMENT**

- **22/00541/NMAT/1 | 9 The Paddock Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9BG**

Non-Material Amendment for Planning Application 22/00541/FUL:- (Demolish existing dwelling and garage. Construction of 2 dwellings with formation of access.) To Plot 1: Increase width of garage. Change roof covering from clay tiles to natural slate. Incorporating in line PV Cells to front elevation. Changing second floor games room to fifth bedroom. Move building envelope towards Plot 2 by 500mm. | - **NO COMMENT**

- **Ref. No: 22/01377/FUL: Apps Farm Mill Road Stock Ingatestone CM4 9RU**

Demolition of existing dwellings and buildings. Construction of 3 buildings to accommodate 47 residential apartments (Use Class C3) with associated infrastructure, pavillion building, tennis courts and landscaping. Formation of access. - **Objection on a number of counts. MT to advise CCC Planning of objection details. IG will also refer objection to CCC Committee.**

- **Ref. No: 22/01554/FUL: Homestead 43 Mill Road Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9LN**

Replacement dwelling and new formation of access. Alterations to boundary wall. | - **NO COMMENT**

- **Ref. No: 22/01611/FUL: Land Rear Of 3 The Lindens Stock Ingatestone Essex**

Construction of two storey dwelling in the rear garden of 3 The Lindens, including formation of access | - **NO COMMENT**

- **Ref. No: 22/01734/FUL: Farrows Farm Stock Road Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9QX**

Two storey side extension, part single part two storey front extension, single storey rear extension, balcony, alterations to the fenestration, additional windows, cart lodge, wall and gate. - **NO COMMENT**

- **Ref. No: 22/01811/CLOPUD: Heathfield Dowsett Lane Ramsden Heath Billericay Essex CM11 1JH**

Construction of incidental domestic outbuilding - **MT to ask CCC Planning for more detail.**

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Review of Sale of Stock United Football Club

PF stated that a legal defence statement for members of the Parish Council had been submitted against the Mill Lane landowner proposal for an injunction to stop Stock Parish Councillors "interfering" with the onward sale of the land. The premise of the defence is that Councillors have not acted unlawfully, and only in the interests of the village community. Councillors await response. PF confirmed that legal costs for the statement are covered in an SPC insurance policy.

PF reported that the SPC application to make the SUFC pitch an Asset of Community Value has been approved by Chelmsford City Council. Approval for the simultaneous application for an Article 4 Enforcement on the land (preventing development) is awaited but is expected to be equally successful. PF stated that the landowner appears not to have sold any part of the land and that a third auction for plots is expected later in the month.

MT proposed that PF be commended for the substantial amount of work that he personally had put in on the legal statement and applications above. Other Councillors agreed.

Highways & maintenance

- **Parking:** this subject had been covered during Public Participation.
- **Speeding:** MG confirmed that he is progressing the installation of speed cameras as well as organising speed strips to determine average speeds of vehicles driving through the village. In

addition, he will propose to CCC that the current 30mph sign at village entry (Chelmsford end) be moved further down the road towards Crondon Park GC in an attempt to slow vehicles sooner before hurtling through the village.

Environment

- **Hankins wood:** awaiting response from CCC. PF requested assistance from IG in progressing the response.
- **The Common Tree Survey, Drainage and Car Park Project:** MR confirmed that Brand Consulting of Chelmsford had been engaged to prepare an engineering assessment to aid the planning application for the project.
- **Tree planting:** JW reported that some 20 trees, including at least one oak, had been ordered free of charge under the Queen's Canopy scheme. Delivery to the village is expected by 13th December.
- **Where does the water go project:** MR reported that recruiting volunteers for the project continues to be difficult. He stated that he would contact Essex Flood Management to seek approval for fewer volunteers to work over a period of weeks rather than the usual survey which is conducted by 12 volunteers in the course of a few hours on one day. In the meantime posters for recruiting volunteers will continue to be posted on notice boards and media sites. **Action MR to progress.**
- **Footpath 45:** The bridge on the border of Stock and Ingatestone parish Councils is in need of replacement. Councillors agreed that SPC would pay for a new bridge . **IG was requested to progress a response from Essex Highways on the matter. IG reported that Footpath 32 is blocked by a fallen tree, and that he would be progressing clearance with Essex Highways.**
- **Litter Pick:** Likely to be Saturday 29th October. Meet on the Common at 10am - to be confirmed on Facebook site.

Community Initiatives and Events

- **Affordable Housing Update:** PF stated that he would invite Lara Atkinson to the next meeting to discuss next steps on this project.
- **Special Constables:** MR reported that he had not received any more interest in this voluntary role but would keep advertising. MT reported that he is aware that a local resident had shown interest in the role and had contacted the Police accordingly.
- **Christmas Fayre:** Arrangements for the Fayre on Saturday 3rd December continue to be progressed; a poster advertising the event had been designed and was approved. PF reported that warm white lighting for the stalls would cost £263.97. This cost was approved by Councillors. Procurement of a Christmas Tree and lighting is to be progressed, as is a stand and weatherproof covering for the Silver Band (**Action PF and MG**). Matting for walking around the stalls will be provided by CR Swift. Christmas Music to be played during Band intermissions to be arranged **by SP & JW**. 12 stallholders keeping to the crafts theme have been identified so far. There are up to 20 stalls available. The event will run from 2 till 6pm. Stallholders will be asked to provide a donation to SPC chosen charities (Stock Cares and Stock Pre-School Group). They will also be asked appropriately decorate their stalls and provide own power source as required.
- **Neighbourhood Plan.** PF progressing. Likely to be completed next year.
- **Review of Activities on the Common:** Awaiting response from Insurance Brokers on liability status . MT to provide contact details of the personal trainer who uses the Common for exercise classes to determine if he has appropriate company liability insurance.

Finance

- **Review Monthly Schedule of Accounts Payable:** PF had previously distributed Accounts and Balance Sheet. Councillors confirmed receipt and approval.
- **Review of Bank Balances:** As above.
- **Review of VAT claim:** no VAT to reclaim currently.

PF reported that Barclays Bank administration of acquiring a BACS account was proving difficult. It was agreed that the Council would make one last effort to get this issue resolved , before seeking a new Bank for the SPC account.

Essex County Council / Chelmsford City Council Report

IG reported that a full Council meeting will take place on 11th October. The Public Health Director is likely to make a call for a purge on prevention of ill health. He further reported that the public Health Watch scheme which monitors complaints against Hospitals, GP Surgerys, and on Mental and Dental care found that the Mid-Essex region compares well against the other two regions in the County. Concerning Covid 19 cases, IG reported that hospital admissions were up 3 fold, and that there is a plea for people to have their booster jabs when offered.

Lastly, IG stated that the pond in Mill Road needs clearing out. **MR agreed to engage TCV for the work.** IG confirmed that he would arrange for the resulting rubbish to be cleared once the pond had been cleaned.

Chairmans Report

PF reported that the private security company engaged to patrol the village on a one month free trial had completed the assignment. Nothing too untoward had been attended to in the period save for undesirables being moved away from All Saints Church. Councillors agreed to further engage the services of the company on the basis of 2 patrols per week at a cost of £80. Councillors will continue to review the service.

Clerks Report

MR again welcomed Grace Fullam to the team. Current work to be handed over in the coming weeks.

MR reported as last month, that there are still two vacancies for Parish Councillors. Interested parties may enquire through any of the current Councillors or Clerk

Administrative

- **SPC Website update:** Current status of the new website is deemed good. Any future comments on the site to be raised with PF.

Village Information Exchange:

- MR reported that the disintegrating concrete plinth holding the recently painted fence in Dakyn Drive is a matter for Housing Association repair, as is the rectification of the trees that have grown on the HA plot that have become a potential threat to the properties adjacent to the fence. **MR will contact the HA to notify it of this health & safety issue.**
- JM reported that numerous saplings sewn from the parent trees have appeared on the green on Back Lane. PF agreed to contact CR Swift to remove them.

Date of Next meeting

- Monday 14th November 2022 at 7pm at the Village hall

MR 23.10.22

Approved:

Date:

Chairman: P. Fenwick