

Stock Parish Council Minutes

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

Minutes

Meeting held at Stock Cricket Club, The Club House, Common Road, Stock,
CM4 9NF
at 7pm on Tuesday 14th March 2023

Minutes

**Present: Chairman - P Fenwick. Councillors; S Clark, R Pritchard,
M Gray, J Walter, I Grundy, M Rolph (acting Clerk)**

1. **Welcome by Chairman and apologies of absence.**
Apologies from Councillor M.Taylor, and from Clerk Grace Fullam (on maternity leave)
2. **Minutes of last meeting**
as held on 14th February were approved and signed by P Fenwick.
3. **Declaration of Councillor Interests relating to the Agenda**
All Councillors declared an interest in the Planning Application to improve drainage on The Common.
4. **Public participation**

Public were not in attendance at the start of the meeting.
5. **Planning Matters**

Councillors

. Reference: 23/00253/FUL: Shires The Paddock Stock Ingatestone
Description of works: Single storey front extension to replace bay and form canopy over porch.
New roof over existing rear balcony, changes to windows and doors and external finishes.
Please return your comments to us by: 22nd March 2023: **NO COMMENT**

. Reference: 23/00208/FUL: Newnham House Ingatestone Road Stock Ingatestone
Description of works: Single storey side extension.
Please return your comments to us by: 21st March 2023: **NO COMMENT**

. Reference: 23/05037/TPO: 19 Well Lane Stock Ingatestone Essex

Description of works: Prune T3 Oak (T1 on mp) - Located at left hand side of rear garden- Reduce the height of the tree by up to 4m. Prune lateral spread by up to 2m: **NO COMMENT**

. Reference: 23/05035/TPO: 12 Birch Lane Stock Ingatestone CM4 9NA

Description of works: G1 Holly - Located at front of property- Reduce the crown by up to 2.5m and prune the sides to shape. Reason: General maintenance

Please return your comments to us by: **NO COMMENT**

. Reference: 23/00220/FUL: Stock Common Common Road Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Extension of existing car park to create 15 spaces in total. Engineering works to create drainage swales.

Please return your comments to us by: **NO COMMENT (Councillors declared interest)**

. Reference: 22/02315/FUL: Imphy Hall Back Lane Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Demolition of existing agricultural barn and the construction of two new dwellings with garages.

Please return your comments to us by: **OBJECTION (as commented on previous application the works are not in keeping with the outlook of the Hall and surroundings).**

. Reference: 23/00083/FUL: 130 Mill Road Stock Ingatestone CM4 9LR

Description of works: Erection of new entrance gates and 1m high fence to front boundary

Please return your comments to us by: **OBJECTION (works not in keeping with vicinity and Village Design Plan).**

. Reference: 21/00448/S73: Land Rear Of 4 The Lindens Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Variation Condition 1 to approved planning application 21/00448/REM

(Application for the approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale) in relation to outline planning permission 20/00246/OUT for 1 new dwelling and detached garage) to alter the design and layout of the dwelling and garage.

Please return your comments to us by: **NO COMMENT**

. Reference: 23/00119/FUL: Foxhunters Stock Road Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Retrospective Application for the Demolition of residential dwelling and annexe. Construct 2 dwellings and all associated works.

Please return your comments to us by: **NO COMMENT**

6. Matters Arising

Review of Sale of Stock United Football Club Pitch

P Fenwick confirmed that plots of the land appear to have been sold. There is no option for SPC to buy the whole (which would be required as a recreational facility). Councillors agreed that this item should be taken off the Agenda.

Highways and Maintenance

Parking – M Gray awaiting response from ECC. Will progress chase.

Speeding – M Gray awaiting response from Spencer Clark / ECC. Will progress chase.

Environment

Hankins Wood – Ian Grundy reported that he had been informed that required Documents were now back with SPC solicitors. P. Fenwick agreed to progress chase.

The Common Tree Survey, Drainage and Car Park Project – M.Rolph reported that the application is with CCC/ECC. Awaiting approval.

Tree Planting – planting being arranged.

Where does the water go project – M Rolph sent an update on email to say he was chasing this but not getting anywhere. All councillors agreed to take this off the agenda until there is any further comment from ECC as they were the ones that asked for this to be looked at in the first place.

Footpath 32 – I. Grundy reported that a fallen tree is blocking the path. Councillors agreed that it is the tree owners responsibility to have it removed. Clerk to determine who the owner is and contact accordingly.

Who owns the Street lights in High street (Swan Lane, Bus Stop, Zebra Crossing) – Councillors reported that no organisation appears to be taking responsibility for these individual lights. I. Grundy agreed to speak the Highways Agency again on the matter.

Community Initiatives and Events

Affordable Housing Update – Need to get back the organisation representative to review the next steps. To be invited to attend the Council meeting after the Coronation Picnic event (see below).

Special Constables – M. Rolph reported that 3 applications had been received by Essex Police for parishes other than Stock in Essex. The new Special at Margaretting will be attending their Council meeting in due course. I. Grundy agreed to invite M. Rolph to the Margaretting meeting so that he might gain some insight into the inspiration that brought the Special Constable to that parish.

Kings Coronation Plan – Councillors reported that arrangements for the Picnic on The Common on Sunday 7th May are going well. A notice advertising the event has been placed in the April Edition of Stock Press; poster for the event have been printed and will be placed around village notice boards/shops/pubs; notices also to be placed on the SPC website and Village Facebook site. Order of the day and conditions for the Bake-off and Fancy dress competitions now to be determined by the event working group, details of which to be posted in due course.

Neighbourhood Plan – To form a subcommittee. N Fairman has agreed. P Fenwick to ask another person about planning side. Another meeting organised with J Robinson.

Full Fibre in Stock – M. Gray to invite Country Broadband to the next meeting.

Finance

Review Monthly Schedule of Accounts Payable: Cheques payable to James Todd (Accountant) £6; S-Type Security £432; and Defibrillator Pad replacement £532.80

Review CIL Payments: None received this month

Review bank Balances – Current Account £129,680.61;
Savings Account £88,023.40

Review of VAT Reclaim - no VAT reclaim this month

7. Essex County Council / Chelmsford City Council Report

- I. Grundy reported that the new booking system for using the Mountnessing Recycling Centre has caused some comment and concern amongst the community. Bookings can be made on 03457 430 430 - open between 0830 and 1700 Mon. to Fri. Flooding reported in Smallgains Road is being handled by Enforcement on the pond owners/landowners.

Swan Lane closures to replace gas main (as advertised).

8. Chairman's Report

P. Fenwick reported that a mandate for Barclays on-line banking had been granted which will make payment of invoices much easier.

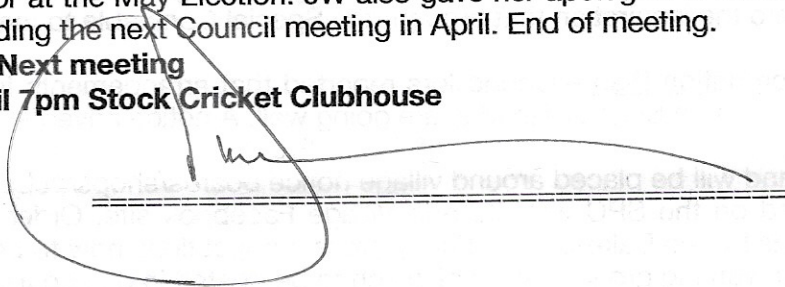
Dispute with HMRC regarding a PAYE payment is ongoing although HMRC have agreed that all is in order from a SPC perspective but it has to resolve a reference reconciliation issue with Barclays Bank.

9. **Clerk's Report** - Report received concerning badly cut tree by N Power in School Lane has been inspected by David Swift Tree Surgeon. In DS opinion the tree is safe but should be reviewed in 2 years time for any potential unbalancing that might render it unsafe. Clerk to notify N Power of the concern. Regarding clearing of the pond in Mill Road, the volunteers had been contacted but have not responded. I. Grundy to supply Clerk with telephone number of the contact at the volunteers.

10. **Village Information Exchange** - continue to seek village handyman for odd jobs around the Parish. S. Clark reported that David Swift had quoted £180 to remove dead trees at the Mill Road pond and one on the Common. Councillors requested that the fallen tree at the south end of the Common also be taken away - expected total c.£250. R. Pritchard reported that the fence in Swan Wood previously reported as in need of attention is now in good order. Member of public (arrived after start of meeting), Steve Champion, reported the Woodland Trust is reviewing the possibility of installing a more permanent and safer swing in Swan Woods than the one that is erected by the general public. Councillor Janet Walter after some discussion announced that she would not be putting herself forward as Councillor at the May Election. JW also gave her apologies in advance that she would not be attending the next Council meeting in April. End of meeting.

11. Date of Next meeting

11th April 7pm Stock Cricket Clubhouse



Approved:

P. Fenwick
Chairman