

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

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**Minutes**

Meeting held at Stock Cricket Club, The Club House, Common Road, Stock,  
CM4 9NF  
at 7pm on Tuesday 11th April 2023

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**Present: Chairman - P Fenwick.**

**Councillors; M Gray, I Grundy, M Rolph (acting Clerk)**

1. **Welcome by Chairman and apologies of absence.**  
Apologies from Councillor M.Taylor, Sophie Porter, Rob Pritchard and from Clerk Grace Fullam (on maternity leave)
2. **Minutes of last meeting**  
as held on 14<sup>th</sup> March were approved and signed by P Fenwick.
3. **Declaration of Councillor Interests relating to the Agenda**  
No declarations of interest.
4. **Public participation**  
  
Public were not in attendance. County Broadband apologised for not being able to attend the meeting, but will hopefully attend the next one.
5. **Planning Matters** Councillors

**Reference: 23/00121/FUL**

Address: The Willows Stock Road Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Demolition of existing side extension and front porch. Construction of part single part two storey side extension. Two storey rear extension with internal alterations. Alterations to fenestration. Addition of solar panels and air source heat pump. Formation of new access. **No comment**

**Reference: 23/00283/FUL**

Address: Farrow's Farm Stock Road Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Two storey side extension and part two storey, part single storey rear extension. Part demolition of existing two storey front section of building and new front extension. Re-location of entrance door and addition of porch. Alterations to fenestration and associated works including wall and gate. **No comment**

**Reference: 23/00406/FUL**

Address: Hippodrome Farm Goatsmoor Lane Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Demolition of existing dwelling and construct 4 bed replacement dwelling with cellar. **No comment**

**Reference: 23/00442/FUL**

Address: Land Adjacent Heathfield Dowsett Lane Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Change of use of land to form paddock for private recreational use. Construction of timber fence and gates. **No comment**

**Reference: 23/05533/CAT**

Address: The Chestnuts 22 The Square Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Lime- standing within fence and needs pollarding. Reason: The tree is close to a zebra crossing whereby the branches are now impeding the sight of people crossing or in cars. **No comment**

**Reference: 23/00415/FUL**

Address: 49 High Street Stock Ingatestone Essex

Description of works: Removal of an existing single storey detached garage and rear single storey extension. Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Internal alterations and alterations to fenestration. **Object - supporting comments made by Planning Listed Buildings and Conservation.**

**Reference: 23/00424/FUL**

Address: 8 Myln Meadow Stock Ingatestone Essex

Description of works: First floor extension to the front. Entrance porch. Conversion of garage into habitable space. Part single, part two storey extension to the rear with juliet balcony. Alterations to fenestration. **No comment.**

**Reference: 23/05532/CAT**

Address: The Old School Stock Road Stock Billericay

Description of works: Silver Birch-Located front of property- Fell. Reason: Potential damage to property as touches property. **No comment**

**Reference: 23/05536/CAT**

Address: Land South Of All Saints Church High Street Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: T1 Prunus (Cherry Blossom)- Located beside the garden of Rememberance- Fell to ground level. Reason: Poor condition. **No comment**

**Reference: 23/00140/FUL**

Address: 21 Well Lane Stock Ingatestone Essex

Description of works: Demolition of existing dwelling and garage. Proposed replacement dwelling with detached garage. **Object - overdevelopment of property with particular reference to proposed Garage being constructed at the front/roadside of the plot.**

**Reference: 21/01978/NMAT/2**

Non-material amendment to planning permission 21/01978/FUL - (Single storey side and rear extension). Remove bay projection to rear extension, change window & door arrangement - The Old Surgery 27 Mill Road Stock Ingatestone CM4 9LJ. **No comment required**

**Reference: 23/00444/FUL**

Address: Heathfield Dowsett Lane Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Construction of ancillary domestic stable building. **No comment**

**6. Matters Arising**

**Highways and Maintenance**

Parking – M Gray still awaiting response from ECC. Will continue to progress chase. Regarding Swan Lane parking issues, IG and MG to arrange meeting with School Head Teacher to gain support for responsible parking plan.

Speeding – M Gray awaiting response from Spencer Clark / ECC. IG agreed to progress chase. Initial step is to place speed strips at village entries to confirm placing of speed cameras.

**Environment**

Hankins Wood – PF reported that SPC Solicitors have not received any correspondence from CCC legal department regarding completion of agreement for SPC to manage/maintain Hankins Wood. IG agreed to speak to CCC Legal to ascertain reason for the delay.

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

Tree Planting – planting being arranged.

Footpath 32 – I. Grundy reported that the fallen tree blocking the path has now been removed. He also reported that a new bridge has been installed between FP 32 and FP 30. In addition, he confirmed that FP 54 which had been blocked is now clear.

Who owns the Street lights in High street (Swan Lane, Bus Stop, Zebra Crossing) – Councillors reported that still no organisation appears to be taking responsibility for these individual lights. IG 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 5 applications had been received by Essex Police for parishes other than Stock in Essex of which 4 had passed initial assessment of suitability.

Kings Coronation Plan – Councillors reported that arrangements for the Picnic on The Common on Sunday 7th May are going well. Although the event was originally to end at 5pm, the number of contributors/performers coming forward now means that celebrations should carry on into the early evening possibly culminating with the lighting of the Beacon. Event timings and conditions for entry/judging of the Bake-off and Fancy Dress competitions will be posted on the SPC website and local media.

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 – Invited Country Broadband to the next meeting.

**Finance**

Review Monthly Schedule of Accounts Payable: Cheques totalling £6,844.92 paid to D. Swift for tree removal; CR Swift for quarterly ground maintenance contract; S Type Security for village patrols; Clerk salary; and HMRC.  
Review CIL Payments: None received this month

Review bank Balances – Accounts as reported last month: Current Account £129,680.61; Savings Account £88,023.40. Clerk had not received the latest hard copy monthly statement from Barclays (*Barclays will not provide SPC with on-line banking facility - Clerk progressing transfer of account to HSBC*).

Review of VAT Reclaim - no VAT reclaim this month

**7. Essex County Council / Chelmsford City Council Report**

IG reported that Highways Enforcement has made the clearing of the flooding in Smallgains Lane a top priority. The issue is for an adjacent landowner to resolve its pond overflow problem. The planned closure of Well Lane has been postponed until the flooding in Smallgains Lane has been resolved. IG further reported that Highways are gradually repairing major potholes. Residents should advise IG of any major potholes of concern and he will direct Highways accordingly.

**8. Chairman's Report**

P. Fenwick proposed that the SPC AGM should be held on the same evening as the next Council meeting (16th May, 7pm at the Cricket Club) as has been the practice in previous years. The AGM will be announced on the SPC website, local notice boards and media.

9. **Clerk's Report** - the pond in Mill Road will be cleared by the volunteer group in mid May (*cannot be done in April due to the tadpole season*). The Volunteers will be asked to conduct another clean up of the pond in October. Local Elections are taking place on 4th May (*remember your ID when voting*). Only 3 Parishes in Essex have contested Councillor seats. No seats in Stock are contested and Councillors will remain as follows:- Paul Fenwick (Chairman); Matthew Gray (Vice Chairman); Sophie Porter; Rob Pritchard; Mark Taylor; Mark Rolph. Grace Fullam is Clerk.

10. **Village Information Exchange** - MG reported that a local resident had brought to his attention that the verges along Stock Road north of Downham Road do not appear to be maintained. IG agreed to bring the matter to Highways attention. Concern was expressed by all attendees of the double decker buses that are now being used on the 300 route. Unlike the single deckers previously used the DD's do not have a facility for lowering the bus to enable easier access/egress for infirm users. In addition, the height of the DD's is gradually destroying tree branches as they drive through the village. The single decker service was rarely full of passengers (*most likely only during school opening and closing times*) and as such Councillors cannot see why DD's are being utilised for this route. A letter will be prepared expressing SPC concern and IG will advise the best avenue to direct the letter.

11. **Date of Next meeting (and AGM)**  
**16<sup>th</sup> May 7pm Stock Cricket Clubhouse**

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Approved:

**P. Fenwick**  
**Chairman**