

# Stock Parish Council

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

# **Parish Council Minutes**

held at Stock Cricket Club, The Club House, Common Road, Stock, CM4 9NF at 7pm on Tuesday 12th September 2023

### 1. Apologies of absence

Sophie & Matthew are both sick. Quantum of 3 so we are fine to proceed

# 2. Minutes of last meeting

(as held on 11th July to be agreed / approved).
P Fenwick Asked for any comments. None added so minutes were signed

# 3. Declaration of Councillor Interests relating to the Agenda

(to be recorded)

P Fenwick asked if anyone had declaration of interests, no one had any

#### 4. Public participation

Over 10 residents were present in the meeting. A resident started by saying they had come to this meeting previously and the same things were on the Agenda, parking and speeding. He Asked what is being done about having 20 mile per hour limit, he commented that there never seems to be any progress. He mentioned that they had put a message on Facebook to get the rest of the village to put forward any issues they had on parking and speeding.

P Fenwick said about a Petition. Advised that the council has tried very hard with Chelmsford Council - average speeding and Essex parking partnership. Chelmsford seem extremely slower.

I Grundy advised that we would need to wait until autumn as a strategy document on the 20mph speeding trials was due. Resident pointed out that Ingatestone and Billericay were both 20mph now.

P Fenwick advised Highways need to approve for speed cameras to go up. Also mentioned that SPC have offered to buy them

G Fullam to contact Highways to see if we can get a sign with a speed camera on put up at each end of the village.

M Rolph mentioned about Speed watch and starting a new group. Both himself and Matthew have volunteered and need a team of 10 volunteers before Essex police will give training. Also asked for anyone in the village to come forward and email Clerk@stock-pc.gov.uk

M Rolph replied to a question asked by parishioner that if you clock someone speeding that you hand all information over to the police and the person would get a caution

A Parishioner brought up about the crossed by Budgens being really dangerous to cross.

Another Parishioner brought up about getting the road toward Galleywood down to 40mph as 0.6mile is 60mph. G Fullam to look into requesting this as new houses have recently gone up in that area. The idea would be to slow the traffic down before it gets into the village.

R Pritchard advised parishioners that the best way to get this moving faster was to contact the media

I Grundy advised that speed checks have always come up below the speed limit. Have put strips down outside the village. P Fenwick advised they are re-doing this and will change positions slightly.

I Grundy is going to talk with S Clark at CCC and see if he can get this moving as its been with him for over 2 years

Parishioner asked would it be worth going along to CCC next meeting to broadcast out to everyone that we are waiting on this person. It was advised by P Fenwick that it is controlled by the police and not the council.

P Fenwick advised the positions of speed cameras would be just before the village hall and at the brow of the hill when leaving the village to Billericay.

A Parishioner mentioned about turning into Back Lane from the high street is really dangerous and could this be a 1 way street. P Fenwick advised this would not be possible as it had been brought up before and has always been this way.

Parking in Cambridge close and Austin Drive is really bad at school tomes and a Fire Engine wouldn't be able to get down. Can there be traffic restrictions at school hours. I Grundy advised the council is working with South Essex Partnership and trying to have a walking bus from the village hall again. Waiting on a meeting with the school.

Parishioner also mentioned that with regards to speeding nothing will be done unless someone is killed and that living near the ship no car does under 40 on that stretch of the road.

M Rolph brought up about the special constables and how he has struggled to recruit any for the village. Mentioned that the council will pay for the expenses of the volunteer.

The volunteer would have to do 16hrs a month and would be fully trained by the police.

R Pritchard mentioned about people parking on double yellow lines in the square so we have no one to police this when it's happening now. Top end of Mill Road they are now double parking. By the Catholic church is getting really bad and also by the florist. It was asked if it was still the people parking there and then getting the bus into Billerciay station.

The Bear has recently put up marquee over covid and so car park is no longer available for customers. R Pritchard asked if we can have yellow lines from on the junction and by the corner of the bear.

Parishioner asked if we can get a special constable that is now in stock and use them to help with policing he parking. M Rolph advised that there is a new person in margaretting. I Grundy advised that now the person had not taken up the roll. He also mentioned there had been 10 application in the whole of Essex. 6 had passed the preliminary stage. And only 4 have managed to get through the full system. A lot of these people start out but then move on into the police force.

Parishioner asked P Fenwick to advise who does what on the council. He advised that Matthew is talking the S Clark and he should be liaising with the police on our behalf.

Parishioner mentioned that a car in Mill Road was clamped recently as the wheels were on the pavement.

P Fenwick advised that we would report back in the next meeting on what progress we have made and thanked parishioners for coming and voicing their concerns.

# 5. Planning Matters

# Ref. No: 23/00999/FUL - Heath House Downham Road Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9RJ

Demolition of existing Outbuildings and Dwelling and replacement with a new dwelling.

All councilors agreed no comment

# Ref. No: 23/01076/FUL - Oaklands Downham Road Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9RB

Retrospective application to reposition vehicular access

All Councilors agreed they don't support retrospective

# Ref. No: 23/01187/FUL - Sweetdrops Lower Stock Road West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM4 9RD

Proposed new outbuilding to form a home office and gym space.

All councilors agreed No Comment

# Ref No: 23/01234/FUL - 6 High Street Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9BA

Demolition of existing garage and front boundary fencing and gates. Proposed pool house with plant. New boundary wall and gates, new attached garage, and stone portico.

Councillors are still concerned with the build and how it is out of keeping in the conservation area especially noted the Velux windows in the roof. Having a big brick wall and gates is a total disregard to the conservation area. Planning have already put in some comments on this. Public comment mentioned its more in line with a town house then a house in a village conservation area. Conservation officer report – moved the garage back and approved the swimming pool. Councillors all agreed it looks over sized for the plot that it is on.

All councillors agreed they don't support. The wall and the gates don't conform with Village Design Statement and the village scene

# Ref. No: 23/01330/FUL - Foxhunters Stock Road Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9PH

Drop kerb new vehicular access to serve residential dwelling at Foxhunters

Highways have approved it.

Local Resident said he would prefer a shared drive.

Councilors agreed no comment

# Ref. No: 21/00448/S73/11 - 138 Mill Road Stock Ingatestone CM4 9LR

Variation of Condition 1 to approved planning application 21/00448/S73 (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) to alterations to fenestration

As it's a variation to condition councilors agreed they don't need to consider this

# Ref: 22/01611/S73 - 136 Mill Road Stock Ingatestone CM4 9LR

Variation of Condition 2 to approved planning application 22/01611/FUL (Construction of two storey dwelling in the rear garden of 3 The Lindens, including formation of access) to Proposals to now include basement

As it's a variation to condition councilors agreed they don't need to consider this

# Ref: 23/01306/FUL - 43 Mill Road Stock Ingatestone CM4 9LN

Replacement Dwelling with formation of access.

All councillors agreed No Comment

# Ref: 23/01425/FUL - 2A Myln Meadow Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9NE

Proposed single storey side and rear extension

All Councillors agreed No Comments

2 Residents who had recently moved into the village asked about planning advice for a change of their garage into a workshop. It was advised my Chairman P Fenwick that they would have to submit the plans as per all other applications through Chelmsford planning and then it would come to Stock Parish Council for comment. M Rolph mentioned that they take all comments from other parties into account when considering applications. It was confirmed that the residents could submit a basic drawing of the change.

Laura Atkinson from Rural housing enabler came along to the meeting. Explained how she supports villages to remain sustainable and thriving in Essex.

Confirmed they run a housing needs survey in 2022 and previously presented back in October 2022 the results. She advised she will support the community with their options. Can start to look at Rural exception site areas, this is to allow affordable rented or shared ownership houses to be built. They work on small schemes only with an identified needs. The Houses would stay in the parish or local connection in perpetuity. With regards to the shared ownership you can buy a maximum of 80% of the house. Looking at sites they would need to be near or butting onto a developed boundary. The land still needs to be agricultural value. Get grant funding from Homes England. Next steps would be to introduce you to England Rural they recently did a development in Roxwell. Set up a working party to meet with them. Once initial conversations have happened then they can start talking to local land owners that match the needs. The Rural specialist try to match the design of the village and can make sure it's a real assed of the community to sustain your schools

P Fenwick said he is currently going through village plan and identifying some areas. Would like to meet up with England Rural to help us move things along. Would prefer to meet in person with England rural. Larua to Email G Fullam with connection.

I Grundy asked about the response rate being low. L Atkinson advised it was 17% response rate vs 25% normally. Although still high amount of houses olds- 24 saying they have a need in the next 5 years.

# 6. Community Areas

# Highways and Maintenance

Parking –I Grundy said he will come back next month and update on liaising with the head teacher.

Speeding –South Essex partnership – Have a meeting with the school – G Fullam to follow up with Matthew and see if she can help.

#### **Environment**

Hankins Wood – I Grundy to confirm if L Brown email was sent and what it said.

Stuck in not planning, still not heard anything. Leave with Ian

The Common Tree Survey, Drainage and Car Park Project. Waiting for Simon to confirm G Fullam to chase up Simon

Who owns the Street lights in High street – Ross to change lightbulbs P Fenwick to update – P Fenwick to liaise.

Flooding – Smallgains lane update – Pot holes reported – Trying to contact the land owner and enforcement – haven't been clearing the ditches. Reference number for potholes. It's a maintenance job. Highways job.

Painting of signs – Junction by Swan lane. Bakers of Danbury update. Confirmed and invoice being sent. Sophie to update on junction sign in next meeting

Bus Shelter - M Gray update on price

# **Community Initiatives and Events**

Affordable Housing Update – As per above comments from Laura Atkinson

Special Constables – M Rolph already updated in the public participation. Look to invite S Champion to November meeting to see how we can help communicate more and g9ve him update on S Type Security

Playground – G Fullam talked through the proposal for playgroup upgrade from Wickstead. R Pritchard asked if we needed another Quote; P Fenwick asked G Fullam to gain 2 more quotes and then can decide.

Christmas Market on the Common

- 30 Stalls ordered
- Booked Village Hall Car Park Confirmed
- Silver Band confirmed
- Stall List Sent email to all last year's stall holders. S-Type Security also confirmed for a stall. G Fullam to send update by end September. R Pritchard then to advertised on Stock Village Facebook Group.
- Our Local Butcher, Jamie Coffee Van, Cricket Club Alcohol, Mulled Wine, Jeeves Food
- Kids choir GF to check with the School
- Face painting GF can't get face painter. Still looking. Might need to advertise on the Stock Facebook group.
- Stock Pre School Kids Tombola confirmed

- Peter blacksmith needs a bigger stall.
- G Fullam to Swift 1st Christmas Tree's

Neighborhood Plan -

P Fenwick advised Stock having a premium on land that everything will be magnified got to take on board for the affordable housing. Charitable land owners going to be low. Identify neighboring sites. We can then approach. BT station possibly try to buy it and turn it into a parking area. Currently waiting for Jenny Robinson to come back to P Fenwick with next steps

# 7. Matters Arising

#### **Finance**

Review Monthly Schedule of Accounts Payable

Cheque's paid; G Fullam wages, HMRC £38.92, Essex Pension Fund £71.39, S Type Security £972 ( 2 months), Wickstead Leisure Inspection £134.64, Stanley Tee LLP £606.00 Review CIL Payments – N/A

Review bank Balances

Audits – had back 1<sup>st</sup> feedback from external Auditors. G Fullam to reply and advise if any issues

Change account to NatWest G Fullam to proceed

# 8. Essex County Council / Chelmsford City Council Report

I Grundy – discussed all speeding an 20 mile per hour. Waste strategy consultation document which is for the next 25/30 years. 25% black bin waste is food waste. Consultation on the booking system at the Tip. Still issues with parking in Hylands and cabinet meeting tonight about this. Now they have cordoned off areas where you can't take your dogs.

Revising the penalty rates on environmental things, fly tipping was £400 now £1000 Littering was £150 now £500. Essex County police numbers are at record high levels. Bike ride was a success and didn't cause any issues.

Can G Fullam organise conservation people to clear the pond on Mill Road again – G Tree come down footpath no 29 – I Grundy to sort out.

#### 9. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report

#### 10. Clerk's Report

G Fullam asked for Declaration of Interest forms back from P Fenwick. He advised he was a volunteer and hadn't undertaken this before during the 14 years approximately of being a parish councillor. He also feels the required information is an invasion of his privacy.

G Fullam to go back to ECC

#### 11. Village Information Exchange

M Rolph to do the minutes for October meeting as G Fullam is on Holiday. G Fullam to prepare the Agenda prior to the meeting.

#### 12. Date of Next meeting

10th October 2023.

This has now been changed due to Clerk and another councillors being on holiday. New meeting will be 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Approved: Chairman

Paul Fenwick