



Stock Parish Council

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

Minutes

to be held at Stock Cricket Club, The Club House, Common Road, Stock, CM4
9NF
at 7pm on Thursday 19th October 2023

Councillors Present: P Fenwick, M Rolph, S Porter, R Pritchard, I Grundy

Agenda

1. Apologies of absence

P Fenwick accepted Matthew Gray's Absence

2. Minutes of last meeting

P Fenwick asked if approved any councilor has any comments about September Minutes. All Councilors agreed they had nothing to add so P Fenwick signed the minutes

3. Declaration of Councillor Interests relating to the Agenda

P Fenwick asked if any councilors had any declarations. Only P Fenwick had Church Green Lamas, change of name.

4. Public participation

A parishioner started by saying they would like to hear the actions from the last meeting. That there were several chase up emails and to speak to people on various aspects of parking and speeding.

P Fenwick said M Gray covers both parking and speeding and is on holiday for tonight 's meeting. He mentioned that the SEPP had previously done a survey and highlighted 10 locations to put potential parking restrictions/changes. The same parishioner mentioned they had seen this previously and felt it was over the top having all the restrictions.

P Fenwick stated he had tried to email Russel from Chelmsford but that his email address was invalid. He also said he had found his superior N Binder and the same address was invalid. Both were Chelmsford.gov.uk email address. G Fullam to look into this and see if she can get correct email address as I Grundy stated that N Binder still works at Chelmsford.

The Parishioner asked P Fenwick to explain what the survey was for other residents who were also present in the meeting

P Fenwick explained that we had a visit from a representative from Chelmsford. Surveyed village about parking and traffic flow. From that he came back with a letter outlining all that was discussed. With the 10 locations of what we could possibly have new restrictions. He was going to set up a visit with the school but nothing happened. P Fenwick said instead of starting the process again from the beginning we want to pick up where we left off with this survey and hoping I Grundy might be able to help. I Grundy said N Binder is one of the few that go into the Chelmsford office. He advised that If you have a scheme you want to proceed with you have to go through the SEPP application form. Some of the issues highlighted by P Fenwick was about policing the issues and parking on double yellow lines. I Grundy said you can have junction protection and that you can submit application for that. School walking bus, I Grundy spoke to Chelmsford they are trying to get the school to be a bit enthusiastic but they are still not being forthcoming. It's supposed to be lead in the way by the children and that the staff need to be involved. I Grundy also said it's not dead by any means.

P Fenwick also mentioned that previously M Gray went round to residents in the square about parking restrictions but the residents were not favorable. A Parishioner mentioned that they can't see why they wouldn't want to agree to parking restrictions in the square. They also mentioned that parking on mill road would be better. I Grundy disagreed and said he used to be able to walk down and no one parked on that road.

Another parishioner mentioned that people don't use village hall car park enough.

P Fenwick said he had looked at restricting the current parking by budgens to be parking area, but this was rejected by Chelmsford.

I Grundy said he was due to have a meeting with the Headteacher at the school

A Parishioner said can you send a letter instead of email. P Fenwick stated that not many people worked at the Chelmsford office and that it would have to be given to a receptionist. Also acknowledged that it is very slow at getting responses from anyone at Chelmsford

P Fenwick moved the conversation onto speeding and cameras. He had chased up S Clark at Chelmsford office. He came back at 4pm this afternoon. P Fenwick read the email back to the meeting about S Clark and what he is waiting on with regards to cameras being sorted.

P Fenwick reiterated in the meeting that this is for average speed camera's, 1 being at the village hall and the other at the brow of the hill on the way to Billericay. Parish council will have to pay for them. I Grundy also stated he tried to find S Clark in Chelmsford today but he was not there. M Rolph mentioned about the Speed Watch team of 10 that we need. Advised we have 3 members of the parish council who have come forward. Himself, M Gray and G Fullam. R Pritchard offered to also be a member. 4 members of the public agreed to put their names down. 1 member of the public advised they would get more people to message the clerk email address and hopefully we will have 10 residents by next week. G Fullam to advise M Rolph when we have enough volunteers.

M Rolph had contacted about training and also said that the speed watch team came back to say the speed watch equipment doesn't need recalibrating

A parishioner asked what was happening about the bad state of the pavements in the village and that is was a safety issue for her. G Fullam advised she reports them to Highways. M Rolph mentioned his neighbour has been complaining for 10 years and hasn't seen an improvement. He said he has seen the highways van's around the high street and when checking with them they have the issues down as urgent but some requests were over 2 years ago. G Fullam to check if new house being built in high street is on there, Corner by village shop on Mill Road, Estate Agents up to All Saints church both sides of the road. To then send reference numbers to I Grundy so he can capture them and raise with Chelmsford to see how long they will take to get resolved.

P Fenwick mentioned he has looked into street lighting and having to get a cherry picker from Swift before we can replace the lights that Chelmsford don't admit to owning. No one seems to claim they have put them there.

I Grundy mentioned that the 20mile per hour speed limit that G Fullam will need to raise an application into highways and that then he will be able to support it. He mentioned that they will need speed strips data. P Fenwick said we have already organized this and M Gray has also advised where to place them. 1 by Village hall and 1 by the brow of the Hill towards Billericay. G Fullam to chase up with Chelmsford of when this will be sorted

Parishioner said Billericay has now got 20mile per hour signs up. Lots of people didn't realise its 20mph.

M Rolph read from the SPC publication booklet from a couple of years ago where previous councilors Maggie put forward average daily speed 31.9mph. He also mentioned that we did another one after that and the average was higher. S Porter mentioned that someone was going 83mph down the hill at 6am in the morning. Mentioned that last time strips were near the crossing and that slowed down the average speed result.

A Parishioner suggested about having another zebra crossing to slow traffic down.

A Parishioner asked what happens if people get caught by speed watch team. M Rolph mentioned that the speed gun data gets sent off to the police. The police send the speeding motorist a letter. He also said you have to put so many warning signs out to give people the option to slow down, just like the speed camera signs you get on motorways.

The training course will be run here in the village Its about 90 mins long with on the road training to follow after. The 4 positions are already approved from previously. High Street by Common Road, High Street by School Lane, Mill Road by Mill Lane and Mill Road by Common Lane

P Fenwick advised we had to now move onto planning if no one from the public had anything else to add.

5. Planning Matters

Ref. No: 23/05613/CAT - 27 Back Lane Stock Billericay Essex CM4 9DE

Norway Spruce- Located in rear garden of 27 Back Lane- Reduce by approx 5m to boundary.

Reason: Overhanging into garden.

Tree officers will go back on this

Ref No: 23/05602/CAT – 23 Mill Road Stock Ingatestone CM4 9LJ

Located at front of property- Crown reduction by approx 8m in height and lower branches by approx 3m. Reason: Dominating front garden; Eucalyptus- Located front of property- Fell.

Reason: Dying inside and too big for the area.

Tree officers will go back on this

Ref No: 23/01516/FUL – Pear Tree Cottage Smallgains Lane Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9PR

Conversion of existing outbuilding (garage) into Granny Annexe

It's the same size just taking garage doors off. Footprint stays the same. Internal changes. All

Councillors agree No comment

Ref No: 23/05193/TPO – 3 Hereward Mount Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9PS

All in A1- T1 Horse Chestnut- Thin by 30%, T2 Sycamore- Remove suckers , T3 Turkey Oak- Reduce by max 3m. Reason for all: General maintenance.

Tree officer will go back on this

Ref No: 23/05197/TPO – 26 Myln Meadow Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9NE

T14 Oak- Thin canopy by 30%. The tree canopy lies about 85% to one side of the point where the trunk leaves the ground. The trunk slopes at 55 degrees in the direction of the majority of the canopy. A small number of the remaining branches would be trimmed back to approximately 0.5m to achieve the maintenance of the shape. Reason: The aim is to achieve a more balanced canopy.

Tree officer will go back on this

Ref No: 23/01538/FUL – 21 Well Lane Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9LT

Demolition of existing dwelling and garage. Proposed replacement dwelling with detached garage

It is close to boundary. Within the regulations. Coming out the back a lot more. Extended dormer. House next door has been replaced and that the house sits a long way back from the road and hidden. Kept it in line from street scene

All Councillors agree No Comment

Ref No: 23/01486/FUL – Goatsmoor Hall Goatsmoor Lane Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9RS

Formation of wildlife pond

All Councillors agree No Comment

Name Consultation letter – Site at Lammas Cottage. Name collection of properties Church Green.

Name of church Green cottages.

No Comment made by Councillors

Additional application Ref. No: 23/01323/FUL 1 Rectory Close, Stock, Ingatestone, CM4 9BP. Retrospective replacement single storey outbuilding for ancillary domestick storage use to front garden area

Councilors all agreed they don't support retrospective planning and that they wanted to add additional comments as to why. The application had stated from the residents that a shed was already there and that it was under a lot of bushes, and that they didn't believe they needed planning permission to build the structure. P Fenwick said that the house is in a conservation area and that they are a listed building and that he can't accept these comments by the residents. S Porter said you can see that there was something on that site before as you can see on google maps. M Rolph said that on the application the Insurance company has said they must replace like for like and that the new building is slightly bigger than the original building. The old building was black and this is grey. The consultants said it was regressive returning it to former or less developed state. It is a more developed state. P Fenwick said when enforcement commented on it they referred to the original construction not having a concrete slab. He also stated that the VDS has been completely ignored, and stated other people in the village who develop houses have had to abide by the rules that this is a total disregard for planning policy.

M Rolph said that the consultant who has written the application has put in photos of the new structure and its clear how offensive it is. They have also put in the application about enhancing the historic environment and clearly It's not done the job. In our own design plan we have reference to surrounding area and that All saints church is a character area. The other question the hedging they have put up is conifers and again. In our VDS conifers are considered inappropriate in the surrounding area.

All Councillors agree they don't support.

P Fenwick said he will speak with M Hurst

6. Community Areas

Highways and Maintenance

Parking – P Fenwick We have talked about don't need to go over

Speeding – P Fenwick We have talked about. Go through local highways panel Grace to raise 60-40 mile change

Speed Watch – P Fenwick advised we have spoken about this

South Essex partnership – P Fenwick advised SEPP we have talked about.

Transport Meeting Agenda – G Fullam said this meeting has now been Pushed back to march 2024

Environment

Hankins Wood – I Grundy advised this was still stuck in property in Chelmsford. Going on for 5 years. Chelmsford giving us a lease of Hankins wood taking over responsibility of the woods. G Fullam to email L Brown

The Common Tree Survey, Drainage and Car Park Project. G Fullam advised she was still waiting. P Fenwick said he thought he had seen a response. G Fullam to check. If not P Fenwick will chase up Swift. S Porter mentioned about the tree's on the common and that D Swift said He wants to do the tree cutting back in spring. S Porter to chase up. Also mentioned about a Tree on the walkway from common road to Mill Lane a dead Tree. Councilors all agreed this should be removed. S Porter to ask D Swift to cut back tree overhanging residents house on the common. From Email sent to Clerk

Who owns the Street lights in High street –P Fenwick we have talked about this.

Flooding – Smallgains lane update – G Fullam advised we have raised it on highways. No other residents have come forward to report this anymore. P Fenwick confirmed to remove it from the next meetings

Painting of signs – S porter Junction by Swan lane. Bakers of Danbury update collecting WC 23rd October

Bus Shelter – M Gray update on price P Fenwick advised we are waiting on M Gray for this

Footpath 29 (Catholic church) – Tree come down I Grundy advised this will be cleared before Christmas.

Pond Clearance – Date confirmed 8th November. I Grundy advised he will organise waste collection but that G Fullam should send photos prior to show how bad it is.

Trees – Free Tree Giveaway – All councilors agreed tree's were very small so to leave them

New Tree's to be planned 4th Novemeber 10am meeting on Common. S Porter to get tree's from J Walter

Community Initiatives and Events

Affordable Housing Update –P Fenwick advised to move this date to January as we have a busy time ahead with Xmas Fayre. G Fullam to go back to Graham

Special Constables – M Rolph said 11 applications in Essex this year. 1 failed on 1st pass. 7 passed. 6 passed next vetting. 6 went into the final vetting 4 passed. Special that margarett recruited

haven't turned up. Propose to take it off the agenda but that he will put out on Facebook any new information. We have leaflet drop and tried to recruit through Facebook and that the rest of Essex have the same problem. He said its voluntary and we would pay for their expenses. Maldon have tried for 5 years and have eventually got one. Strick vetting. Can't have anyone on it. P Fenwick agreed it should come of the agenda

Playground – G Fullam has spoken with Ingatestone Clerk – As works will be over £25,000 we have to go out for formal Tender on contracts finder website. Then playground installers will show an interest and tender for the works. Councillors agree for G Fullam to go to tender.

Christmas Market on the Common

- 30 Stalls ordered
- Booked Village Hall Car Park Confirmed
- Silver Band confirmed, Carly Singer, M Rolph contacting Emma, S Porter contacting Church choir
- Stall List – 23 confirmed – 3 waiting to confirm Our local butcher, Swift & JMCG (fashion stall). Still waiting to hear back from 4 people but have sent chaser emails

P Fenwick asked S Porter about if we can have the Christmas tree supplied by the same as last year. S Porter confirmed she had requested this. P Fenwick to ask Swift about Astro turf for Fayre and agreed with S Porter to have Xmas Tree's put up on Saturday 25th November and that P Fenwick and S Porter to decorate that week.

Neighborhood Plan – Had a letter from J Robinson – P Fenwick read this letter out loud.

What we proposed was to try and get car parking leisure football/cricket ground. And affordable housing. We would have to purchase land in stock and also propose some houses to be built and sold to pay for this initial purchase of land. She has advised its very doubtful and that we would have to approach this before a neighbourhood plan. He mentioned about the old football field that he had a phone call from an individual about purchasing what was left of the field. That we could as a parish council look to purchase from the land owners who sold it and have an agreement with the individual about the field. P Fenwick mentioned he is a bit frustrated as we have had 2 meetings with J Robinson and felt like we have gone round in circles. P Fenwick will talk with Nick and Paulette and have a meeting in November and talk about it then.

Also talked about how negative they were about purchasing the phone exchange. A Resident mentioned they had been in contact with the owner of the BT site for personal reasons and it's not likely to be vacated in the forcible future.

7. Matters Arising

Register of Interest Forms - Only council Highlighted as Red – 4 Vacancy's and 3 forms outstanding. G Fullam discussed about Code of conduct form, and mentioned it would need to be considered by councilors for adoption. G Fullam to send to all councilors and wait for an agreed answer from all.

Remembrance Parade – M Rolph & M Gray confirmed to help leaflet residents in Mill Road. Double Decker Bus issues was discussed by G Fullam

Finance

Review Monthly Schedule of Accounts Payable

Review CIL Payments No Cil Payments.

Precept payment 22.10.23 £25,819.50

Review bank Balances

Change account to look into Lloyds as the new bank option

8. Essex County Council / Chelmsford City Council Report

There is a cabinet reshuffle. New cabinet member Tom Cunningham taking over highways, Lee Scott has done it for 2 years.

Manchester and West Midlands have mayors. Deep evolution level 2 which doesn't have an elected mayor and would enable us to bring in Thurrock and Southend. This will enable county to have more accountability. We support certain bus routes but have no say in timetable. Colchester busses are all out of sync to the train timetable.

Big meeting tonight at Chelmsford regarding Highlands Park and dog public protection. They aren't going to drop the parking charges.

9. Chairman's Report

Nothing more to go through

10. Clerk's Report

John & Janet – Previous Councilors agreed to give Vouchers for their time. G Fullam to speak with M Gray to see if John's has been sorted. G Fullam to speak with Janet

11. Village Information Exchange

M Rolph – proposal take over the stock litter group. Spoke to Janet and she has put M Rolph on as the admin of the litter group. M Gray has all the gear. Pick a suitable date in March to do a litter pick

R Pritchard saw an email about Ingatestone road being closed. R Pritchard to post about it.

Grace to order bins for event council

12. Date of Next meeting

7th November Parish Council meeting change.