

Stock Parish Council

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

Minutes

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

Minutes

P Fenwick said good evening and welcome to stock parish council. On behalf of stock parish council hearing of the tragedy that occurred on Friday in our village. We send our condolences to the family and friends of the 2 boys. We will now hold a minutes silence.

P Fenwick then started the meeting

Present: G Fullam, P Fenwick, I Grundy, M Rolph, M Gray, S Porter, R Pritchard

1. Apologies of absence

P Fenwick confirmed all present

2. Minutes of last meeting

P Fenwick asked if any councilors had any comments. No comments. P Fenwick signed minutes from 19th October meeting

3. Declaration of Councillor Interests relating to the Agenda

P Fenwick asked if councilors had any declaration of interests. R Pritchard said he pays a fee to Apps Farm for drainage at his property every year. P Fenwick advised that Apps Farm was not going to be discussed as application had been made invalid

4. Public participation

Parishioner started by saying he runs a couple of society's in stock and all are volunteers and that he is grateful for what they do. He also stated he is grateful for you pushing 20mph speed limit.

He asked have you approached it from the point of view of pedestrians? Accident that happened on Friday. I feel now I tend to walk round the village more as I don't get my car out. I try going on School Lane and Back Lane rather than going through the High Street. Because its built up and the speed of the cars that go through. The pavements are 2ft 6 wide when I measured them. You can't walk with a child side to side. So they have to go in front of behind. The vehicles that go through they are speeding and the wing mirror over hangs over the curb in some places. Have you approached the highways on that part. Not looking to widen the pavements. Looking at 20mph options.

P Fenwick advised the council had tried this. They have stated it's an emergency route. Also stated because of Friday's accident this may change the way we now go forward with applications M Gray stated the High Street is classed as a PR1 (Priority Route 1) for emergency services. They don't allow 20mph for that policy. Billericay is temporarily 20mph. Another resident stated that Ingatestone was 20mph and that is was permeant. M Gray advised Ingatestone is not an emergency route.

G Fullam explained that she had been in contact with both Ingatestone and Billericay Clerks in the days before the meeting. Billericay is Temporary and was done by Essex Highways as an 18months Temporary order in Covid. Ingatestone was also done at the same time again by Essex Highways but they have now gone through consultation and it has been made permanent. Another resident added that this was done last year and that it has been extended to both sides of the roads.

A Resident brought up that it's not just the High Street lots of lanes in the village have speeding. Advised that the 20mph will get through. M Gray explained it's a council policy set by Cabinet, and we can't change that policy and advised again 20mph is not permitted on priority route 1.

A parishioner said previously I would drop down to 30 now I will drop down to 20. At least other cars will have to slow down. All villagers should try and slow down.

Another Parishioner asked when is the Cabinet document due to be reviewed. I Grundy advised to them that its only possible to get 20mph if it's in the vicinity of the school and around the school. He advised they are national guidelines. This Parish council have a lot of initiatives that they are trying to put in place. The same parishioner stated that wasn't my question. They asked when are speed limit trials happening. When were the trials started and concluded. If we are going to argue for the 20mph going forward. The side roads are the issue. Well Lane in particular was used as a side thoroughfare. The reckless diving on Friday was bad. Mill lane was also bad. Entirety of the village was dangerous.

M Gray said if Billericay get 20mph then that gives us leverage for our areas. He advised that Traffic orders have to do the consultation for Billericay High Street and they have to consult all emergency services, local area, businesses and residents. If they get it approved then we have a precedent set until we have something solid its hard. He advised that this is decision of Essex Highways – we can only report back.

A Parishioner asked how do we lobby and could we propose a 20mph temporary speed through the High Street. R Pritchard stated he had only been on the council for 6 months. A lot of these processes the other councilors have been through before and haven't got passed. But now might be able to push back in the light of what has happened we all feel it is necessary to try again. Make a case to slow traffic down. He asked does anyone want any other areas. A parishioner said school areas

A parishioner asked why are we not policing the area. R Pritchard said about Speed Watch and that we have 20 people signed up for training. Our training would be prioritised because of the accident we have been advised. M Rolph said we have spent a long time trying to get volunteers. Speed Watch partnership in Essex, we needed 10 volunteers for training to commence. We have spent ages trying to get volunteers but we have finally got the message through. We now have 20

volunteers we have been on the priority list now for 3 weeks. Waiting for the training to be held in the village hall.

A Parishioner asked where were you advertising for volunteers. M Rolph advised for years we have been trying to get people Speed Watch. The Parishioner advised they have been here for 3 year and are not on Facebook and that they don't really find out what is going on. Only knew about the meeting today. I would of liked to have known last week. Communication needs to be proactive. M Rolph advised its on our website.

P Fenwick reads out a prepared statement to help explain what has been done in the village.

I understand the frustration and disappointment you have with regard to this terrible tragedy, however I would like to go through the attempts to reduce speed in the village of Stock, by Stock Parish Council over the past 5 years.

We have contacted Highways and Essex County Council, to request,

- lower speed limit, 20 mph to replace the 30mph limit.
- speed cameras, now average speed cameras.
- crossings, an extra crossing by All Saint's Church.
- Traffic lights in the centre of Stock by the pinch point.

Stock Parish Council has funded traffic reports, speed strips, and collated much data and analysis from its own funds to support and evidence their concerns to Highways and Essex County Council.

We have also discussed the installation of speed bumps, road narrowing, new awareness installations to the entrances of the village.

The reply we have received to most of these is that the B1007 is an emergency route and has to be kept free of such changes.

Approximately 4 years ago, we organised a survey of the B1007 through Stock with Highways, their representative met with councillor Ian Grundy, Matthew Gray and myself. We walked the length of the High Street observing vehicles seemingly speeding and discussed various of the proposals I have already mentioned, we also covered parking issues at the same time.

These were noted by the Highways representative and we were told that a report would be produced and sent to councillor Grundy, this was read to the council at a later meeting disclosing that none of the proposals would be possible.

We have also been working tirelessly for the installation of speed cameras, this commenced during lock down, after numerous emails and phone calls we have received a reply and quotation, this is dated 30/10/23 just over a week ago.

The cost to install two cameras either end of the village would be £80,000 plus a power supply to each, an infrared illumination for all weather conditions and lighting.

We will need the support of SERP, South Essex Roads Partnership, plus a consent licence from ECC as the Highways authority and it may also require verifying at the local Highways panel {LHP}

SPC therefore need to agree a budget of £100,000 and I propose that we as a council vote on this now to proceed

before commencing with the agenda, are we all agreed to vote?

Councillor all Vote on the 100K budget towards speed cameras. All councilors agreed so P Fenwick states it is carried. He advises average speed camera will be just as you enter the village and that we stand far greater success then 20mph. We have to be realistic that we might not get 20mph. M Rolph states that this has been in the process for 3 years.

A Parishioner asked can the CIL money be used for this. P Fenwick explains CIL money can be used for open spaces and we are limited with what we can spend it on. What we have spent it on so far is drainage of the common. We will have to pay for speed cameras out of the funds as a parish council. G Fullam advised its precept money.

A parishioner said it was good news about the average speed cameras. One thing that I would like to be looked at, the police were here in that meeting last year. The whole stretch from Billericay through to Stock. There are numerous accidents with over turned cars on that corner by Stock hill (Honeypot Lane) Obviously it is very dangerous as only pavement on one side. Significantly more problems from speeding in this area. He has witnessed speeding at about 60-70mph by Old Kings Head and dangerous overtaking. It's in the village we are all paying our parish council money. What can be done about this area can we have a 30 mph sign. M Gray said we have applied for Stock Road from The Ship down to Stock for it to be 40mph as its currently national speed limit. So we can look at this as well and apply for 30mph. A Parishioner asked can Smallgains Lane 60mph also be addressed and Well Lane as they are still doing 50 by the time they are up that road.

M Gray said we have been approached by people in Common Road, Mill Road and Back Lane and we can add those to the request. We should note that we could be turned down by Essex. I Grundy advised the results of the speed surveys will come to the parish council and they will put it on the agenda. He said he is a consultee on the HLP.

G Fullam advised Well Lane isn't a Priority 1 Road so can put forward different calming measures to the High Street. It was stated they refused Well Lane before because of it being a relief road. It was agreed G Fullam is to contact through neighbourhood watch group each street and capture with M Gray what residents want to put forward for each street. M Gray advised speed bumps are frowned upon because of emergency services and that speed cushions are preference to them. A Parishioner mentioned high street Brentwood they have cobbles and they slow the traffic down well. Gray said they are so expensive and doubt if Essex would fund that and the parish council don't have that kind of finds available. The same Parishioner said Uppminster has a road called Hall Lane I wouldn't know but I would assume same status as our road a PR1. They have 5 of 6 speed bumps. M Gray advised that was a London borough of Havering and they have different guidelines to Essex as well as different pockets of money they can get. Traffic calming scheme that Essex has as a police doesn't follow the London scheme. For example like the ULEZ scheme.

A parishioner mentioned Wickford road called Brock Hill without knowing the status has Chicane's and that slows down the traffic well. It was advised this would be down to funding and Essex would have to fund it. The parishioner said it's a priority route we are not stopping emergency vehicles. If they want to get through they will get through. People will move and park to 1 side when they see the light.

A parishioner asked what's the principals of what they have agreed in the guidelines. I Grundy said there is an awful lot of hard work and ECC following what their procedures say. The parishioner said should we also be lobbying John Whittingdale our local MP. I Grundy confirmed this has already been discussed. He is very aware of all the problems.

A Parishioner said they are very much in agreement at looking into speed bumps going into the zebra crossings. Reducing the speed down to 20mph wouldn't of stopped the person who came in on Friday. I go into Wickford the chicane slows you down. They also have long stretches into zebra crossings. So many times I have had to pull my partner back. We need to find a way to slow people down. We need to have something that slows you down. I don't accept they will not allow it. They will allow it if we fight hard enough. I have been a borough councilor before.

Another parishioner said as a village we now get the message we need to slow down. Couple of points I would like to make the amount of HGV's that come through the village and double decker buses are a concern. Started working at Chalmers and that is natural Chicane. We see on a daily basis a nearby accident as huge trucks go through they don't slow down for cars. The cars have to jog into the road Back Lane. It's a major road between the A12 and Billericay. Is there a different way the bigger vehicles could go. I live at the other end of the village. Number of times they sale past the zebra crossing. A bus stopped at the crossing the other week but someone overtook him. I don't walk to the school anymore as its like taking your life in your hands. If you asked other residents I bet most would say they have had a near miss on 1 of the crossing. People need to drive more responsibility. Can we get better signage coming into the village.

R Pritchard explained about speed watch and that we are looking at volunteers. We detect their speed like a police gun. The information gets sent to the police.

M Gray said we need speed loops that record the speeds that people are doing. Essex use mean speeds and it is an average of what the speeds are. A parishioner said it would be interesting to do the stretch down the hill towards Billericay. He said there is 2 issues. Appropriate of speed limit and adherence to that speed limit. Taking from both angles. Average speed camera's would have an effect . P Fenwick stated that is the most important part to start with.

P Fenwick also mentioned about the bus stop opposite School Lane. It needs to be at the wider stretch of the road and a zebra crossing. And zebra crossing from All Saints Church. Now they use double decker buses. – G Fullam to apply for bus stop change.

R Pritchard said the flashing speed signage coming up the hill have we got authority to install more of those being in a conservation area. P Fenwick said it has to go through Conservation Officer and we have tried before and it had been refused that particular idea. But we can try again another option. P Fenwick said the volume of traffic had doubled from the surveys the A130 was built as a bypass but didn't really work. A parishioner said in relation to the double decker buses we are very fortunate that we have a great bus service. P Fenwick said there is a theory on the buses. M Gray explained the ULEZ sold off cheap busses and put here in Essex.

Parishioner asked can we sort out the hedging on the side of the church – Bishops house hedge G Fullam to raise with Highways. Also accident black spot - Honeypot lane Sign obscured by hedging. Have done a bad job. Get improved signage – G Fullam to raise and send reference number to I Grundy

A parishioner said they live on the high street and could the parish council employ a traffic management consultant to look at the village as a whole. Another parishioner said to them the amount of work that councilors have already done they are constricted by the guidelines from ECC so wouldn't be worth getting a consultant. M Gray said the consultant would have to bring regional and parish councils together. Its what ECC already do.

A parishioner said about the zebra crossing by the shop – can't see people waiting to step onto the crossing and the light is not visible

Another parishioner said I walked down the hill several weeks ago and noticed in the road a man hole cover was broken, it was missing it was a drop into the drain. I phoned Highways department and they stated that they had put a cone in the manhole. It goes to show they won't come out and put it in. Really hard to get a reaction from CCC.

A parishioner mentioned about the street lights and that they are still out. P Fenwick advised that apparently no one owns the street lighting and that the parish council are replacing the bulbs ourselves as no one is doing it.

R Pritchard said the other councilors are very hard working ladies and gentleman – as you try and move up the authority its really slow. I use to be a local reporter for the Echo and I often went out and reported on things. Similar incidents to what happened on Friday. I have a nephew who is 11 and gutted by the accident on Friday. I would encourage you to all speak to the local media and tell them about your concerns for your roads. The reporters will take your call and are interested to hear what you have to say. Public pressure gets things done.

M Rolph wanted to address a few points that had been raised tonight he said about speed restrictions and that he had read the Essex Highways Local Highways guide for members. In here it shows we are lucky to have a red road. It also explains all the things you can do. Speed watch someone said what's the point of having them in high vis jackets. He said it's a 90 min course and the trainer will take us out on the road and show us the most efficient way to be affective. For the Speed Watch teams on occasion the police will come out and join the team. Speed Watch team can only give information to police and they send a letter to the car if caught speeding. When the police actually join us they will stop the car and fine them immediately. Also the last couple of years I have been pushing this like crazy (referring to Special Constable leaflets) I have leaflet drops to get a Special Constable it has full police powers it's a voluntary service. Parish Council will pay all expenses. 16hrs minimum a months at your discretion. Full powers and training. Someone like that walking round our village will help with parking problems that we have. Plus again seeing someone like that around the village will deter things form happening. Also mentioned about S type security company – they drive around the village and report back any finding and ask people to move on if being antisocial

I Grundy thanked everyone for coming and understand and appreciated all comments. He said the Parish Council have been attempting to get everything done on past. But we will now double down our efforts to get something moving. I sit on the panel for Essex Highways. Speed strips you can fund them £300+. We have done this fairly regularly over the last few years. The volume of traffic that has gone up. If it had gone over the speed limit we would of stood a chance of having things done. North of the village and also the other end with speeding. Brock hill has the chicane's I don't think they will ever do that down the B1007. This is the ideal time to push something forward. I will get someone from traffic to come along and join the meeting soon. We will just reemphasis what the need is. He said the Neighborhood Watch what's app group is a good way of communicating but if its important or a serious issue please report it.

Parishioner said about Flooding of Smallgains Lane.

Another parishioner stated why can't we have safer pedestrian crossing why don't we have proper pelican crossing.

P Fenwick said we need to now move on to planning matters.

5. Planning Matters

Councillors

Ref. No: 23/05203/TPO - Mill View Common Road Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9LY

Remove deadwood 30mm, prune lateral spread to the northeast over the rear garden of 4 Myln Meadow by approximately 1.5 metres and prune lateral spread of lower limbs to the southwest over the rear garden of The Oaks by approximately 3 metres to create clearance from the rear elevation of the dwelling. Reason: To maintain the tree within its current location.

Don't need to discuss no comment as its tree office to report on

Ref. No: 23/01522/FUL - 4 Stock Lodge 60 High Street Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9BS

Demolish existing walls and pillars and construct replacement with wider access. Installation of new electric gate. Replace driveway surface with gravel

The plan was hardly legible and dimensions was hard to read. The wall would be the same height and they gave an example of the photo. Conservation officer has asked for a new block plan

G Fullam to email them directly advising we are waiting for new block plan

Ref. No: 23/01651/FUL - 9A Mill Lane Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9RY

Demolition of full-width conservatory at rear, proposed full-width single storey pitched roof extension. Alterations to fenestration.

No comment

Ref. No: 23/01660/FUL - Apps Farm Mill Road Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9RU

Demolition of existing dwelling and buildings. Construction of 3 buildings to accommodate 45 x over 55s specialist residential units (use class C3), pavilion building and associated infrastructure. Relocation of existing greenhouse. Landscaping including new ponds. Formation of new access.

Been made invalid as lack of information. Planning will advise when this is back online for comments.

6. Community Areas

Highways and Maintenance

Parking – Meeting date with the School. M Gray and I Grundy to advise if they have a date P Fenwick said over to M Gray – We have had a response SEPP for us to progress any of the parking restrictions from the survey that was carried out we would need a petition from the residents & business. What they need is an idea of how much support for any of the restrictions to progress. They said the cost and use of staff to prepare for consultation documents and they don't really do this unless they have substantial support.

S Porter mentioned that a few years ago there was a plan for the square and make that all 1 way. And submit that to the council again could be an option. 1 of the residents in the square was going to oragnaise a petition.

A parishioner asked what this was about and M Gray advised. This is to prevent parking – we have had a few requests for certain locations to ban parking. On the corner of the Bear down Mill Road. Across Back Lane and Cambridge Close. We need supports from residents in form of petitions. The other alternative is to park at village hall and have a walking bus have a 3PR scheme.

S Porter said we need co-operation of the school. We have done this for many years – need school parents to be involved. The zebra crossings we need to work with lots of different people. The school aren't co-operating. They haven't been supporting it. Been in touch with head teacher previous councilors been in many times. We have tried to get them to send letters home. A Parishioner asked have you gone to school PTA or the governors. S Porter said no we have just gone through the Headteacher. She said quite a lot of people don't come from the village and have

to drive. She said parents drive down Back Lane and pass children walking at ridiculous speeds. Cambridge Close square Daykin drive. They can park in village hall car park and church car park. When I was at school people did the walking bus. Its about educating the parents via the Head teacher. If we can get petition signed. If you all sign it parents would have to do it. We have tried it over the years but parents who are on board then their kids leave the school. Betty calms the traffic. Looked at no parking a few years ago. P Fenwick said we walked the village as well with the guy from CCC we walked the village 3 years ago and I remember I Grundy talking to someone who parked across a drive. Was told impolitely where to go. She had parked across someone's drive. Parishioner asked can we set a petition up online that way we could all sign it. S Porter said we would like residents only parking and more yellow lines and we need to educate parents 1st. A parishioner said I am a parent and I would be concerned about these restrictions. P. Fenwick said the village has been out grown by modern life. The quantity of vehicles, significantly higher proportion coming from Billericay to the school. Those people are trying to find safe places. S Porter said there are 90 spaces in village hall they just don't park in there. Its more dangerous for the children being let out of the cars in the road the standard of driving is more dangerous than taking groups of people from the car park. The lollipop lady would see them across the road safely. When we did have the walking bus it worked really well. We need to re-visit the school and start the process again. A Parishioner said she is a parent and lives down the Hill I don't want to drive but I am having to drive because of what happened. S porter said people who live in Smallgains Lane drive children to school in the square and walk or drop them off. Church car park and public car parks could be used. A Parishioner mentioned about the overgrowing hedges at the church. A lot of parents are running late so they are not going to go to the village hall car park. Most are driving from outside the village. They also could be having to go to work after so don't have the

A Parishioner said talking to the head teacher and seeing if parents could car share. Another parishioner who was a parent said this would be far too complicated.

Speeding –Update received from S Clark for average speed cameras and new strips Cheques raised for signature later – talked about this already Speed Watch – Already discussed earlier South Essex partnership – Survey already discussed earlier

Environment

The Common Tree Survey, Drainage and Car Park Project. P Fenwick chased Swift they will commence mid-November — Weather permitting this is the common, digging out the ditch semi mechanically and cage inserted for extra drainage. Extending the car park and mentioned that we had to go for planning. A parishioner asked about Lushhills bollards are laying on the ground can Swift sort that out. G Fullam ask swift. P Fenwick mentioned due to the pot holes being resolved after the work might have to put posts up again to stop the parking. Parishioner mentioned the cricket days parking is bad. S Porter advised they should park at the village hall.

Bus Shelter – M Gray bus shelter Ship pub falling down. 10K to replace it. Similar to the one opposite the Hoop. That's including removing the old one and traffic management we don't know at the moment how much that might be. M Rolph said that's a reflection of prices today. We were fairly committed to this when it 1st came up. Is it a well-used stop. Because of public concern. S Porter said to refurbish it we have quite a lot of residents living up there. Someone said would it cost the same for moving the one where the accident was. P Fewncik said no as that one is just a bus stop not a shelter. All councilors agreed to cost.

Pond Clearance – Date confirmed 8th November. G Fullam meeting them there.

Trees – Resident Common Road. Issue with Tree overhanding boundary from the common. D Swift hasn't given a price while he is in the same area. S Porter liaising with D Swift to get these cut back and he knows the resident. G Fullam to email resident.

Community Initiatives and Events

Affordable Housing Update – Confirmed with councilors meeting to be 9th January 4pm Christmas Market on the Common

- Silver Band confirmed M Gray to ask them 2 sets 45mins 12.30pm 1st set. 1.45pm 2nd set, Carly Singer 1.15pm (15mins) Emma 2.30pm-3pm, Church choir 3.30pm.
- P Fenwick to sort out PA System so we can play music in-between singers and band. G Fullam to arrange festive playlist
- Stall List 30 stalls confirmed. Layout to be sent round by G Fullam now she has P Fenwick's plans.
- P Fenwick to check if we need more lights for stall.
- Mulled wine -P Fenwick sorted out with Adam
- Astro turf confirmed Christmas Trees and confirmed to go up Saturday 25th December.
- Time of meeting on the day 9am
- Rob to post on Facebook the poster. G Fullam to put poster up in the village.

7. Matters Arising

Register of Interest Forms & Code of Conduct to be adopted. P Fenwick said need to discuss for council to adopt Code of Conduct, Legislation in 2020 and introduced to local government and in terms of parish council which is why I wasn't aware of it. We have to adopt it. We haven't got a choice. M Rolph said It's not arduous its standard stuff. P Fenwick asked is everyone in agreement Formally adopted. All Councilors agreed to adopt Code of Conduct.

Finance

Review Monthly Schedule of Accounts Payable

Review bank Balances. Cheques to HMRC, Clerks wages & £328.20 to ATP for survey Resident asked can we move money from business current account to savings account. Audits submitted

Change account to HSBC update

8. Essex County Council / Chelmsford City Council Report

Ian Grundy

Level 2 devolutions expecting an announcement in the November. Particular transport very much includes the buses. Lots of discussions happening with Sectary of State it has support of and Southend and Thurrock.

A Parishioner said aren't all MP's against it. I Grundy said our MP is supportive of it. It's up to us to involve the MPs. Parishioner said public consultation has come after the fact of it happening. I Grundy said we don't know what the offer is yet so we can't speculate. Parishioner asked is there finalised benefits. We have to watch this space. If we could get something away from central government. Parishioner said isn't it just another layer of government. I Grundy said John Wittingdale is in favour. Until he knows all the facts we won't know for sure. We don't know yet until probably December.

800K supporting various bus routes going to satisfy them as there is a local need another say about timetable and how they communicate with the residents. Hopefully we can improve them. Parishioner said are you going to act as in-between or as a middle man. I Grundy said we want to try and make it better for the residents. Colchester and Chelmsford are out of sync to the timetables of the railways. They have developed over the year. It's not adding another layer it's given ECC to make decisions. It's a strategic partnership levels and deals with Kent and West

Sussex. Its not actually at the end of the day they are not putting in another layer of government. Don't knock it lets see what we can get out of it. Parishioner said adding yet more people into an organization I can't see it making it any better. And saying you are strongly in favour but we don't know all the details. It just sounds like more council executives and longer decision making. I Grundy said Remembrance Sunday. P Fenwick has got the wreath

9. Chairman's Report

Chairman

Nothing to report other than the investigation. CCTV footage from where we live adjacent to the High Street and past the Hoop the police have asked us not to disclose the information.

10. Clerk's Report

Clerk

Parish council car park at the church. P Fenwick said the area is regarding the 2 posts put by the entrance. Before these were put in the HGV were parking there – using it as a depo off-loading from another lorry to another. Needed substantial posts so they couldn't be knocked over or pushed. They are imbedded into concrete. If the church wanted to do something. They could re visit parking adjacent to the side. Happy to meet and discuss that with them again. They were more concerned about the Summer Fete Flower Festival at that time. S Porter said they have had cars park on the glebe. M Rolph said there has been a lot of complaints coming out of the parish car park. You can see both ways from the glebe exit and there is more viability you have fewer houses down there. P Fenwick will circulate a letter and confirm all councilors are happy before replying

11. Village Information Exchange

R Pritchard has tree been removed by catholic church I Grundy confirmed being removed before Christmas.

S Porter said we had to cancel tree planting on Saturday. Saturday 18th plant trees Meeting at common at 10am. Got sites and places to put them.

Christmas trees coming 25th Tree decorating 10am

12. Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 12 th December	
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Approved:	Chairman Paul Fenwick