

# Stock Parish Council

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

# Council Minutes

held at Stock Cricket Club, The Club House, Common Road, Stock, CM4 9NF at 7pm on Tuesday 9th January 2024

# PRESENT: G Fullam, P Fenwick, M Gray, S Porter, R Pritchard, M Eade,

# 1. Apologies of absence

P Fenwick said Councillor Ian Grundy, Councillor Paulette McAllister, Councillor John Pye & Councillor Mark Rolph accepted absence **Minutes of last meeting** as held on 12<sup>th</sup> December to be agreed / approved All Councilors' had No further comments

Minutes approved by Chairman P Fenwick

# 2. Co -option of new Councilors

P Fenwick announced that Stock Parish Council have Co-opted 3 new members. John Pye Paulette McAllister Mark Eade

#### 3. Declaration of Councillor Interests relating to the Agenda Nothing to Declare

Nothing to Declare

# 4. Public participation

Fenwick asked to keep each parishioner comments to 3 minutes each.

A Parishioner brought up about the flooding issues in Smallgains Lane. P Fenwick advised that potholes have been reported to Highways and that drainage is another problem as some of the ditching falls on private land. A person who owns some of the Land is keen to dredge it but there is another environmental problem that has occurred. We can report it to Highways. Another parishioner mentioned they did a lot of work last summer but it

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didn't improve anything and a lot of HGV's and Farm traffic go down Smallgains to the new barns that have been put up. Another Parishioners of Smallgains said that it is a low point of the road that floods. The Farm vehicles are coming down Smallgains to the huge Cattle barns. The vehicles go back and forward all day of the night, Saturday & Sunday they are destroying the verges. While they are waiting to get into the field they block the road.

A Parishioner asked to share any reports with them for Smallgains area when we get them in future.

Action: G Fullam to Report to Highways and to Environmental about the flooding.

P Fenwick message the farmer about the issues on the road with Vehicles

A parishioner wanted to make a point of clarification from the previous minutes from December meeting. She was referenced as saying, she made a formal objection to the average speed cameras. That wasn't the point that she made, her objection was to the Parish Council's decision to allocate up to 100K to the project. Which seemed to be in advance to any consultation, or any consultation of alternative options, that might apply on the High Street. So if on consultation the village wants to go ahead with average speed cameras, she is more than happy with that. It was about the allocation of spend before the consultation of the project that she objected to.

A Parishioner asked what are the priority order for the LHP log. Will the parish have to pay for all of this? P Fenwick confirmed that the parish council would most likely have to pay for it. There are grants available for the average speed cameras, which we will pursue. We would also look to get fundraising in the village if the application is granted by Essex Highways Local Panel. G Fullam confirmed that we have the budget for all the surveys to take place

# 5. Planning Matters

# Ref. No: 23/01976/FUL – 3 The Lindens Stock, Ingatestone, Essex CM4 9NH

*Proposed two storey side extensions, with a single storey rear extension replacing part of existing conservatory* 

We were told by residents that the garage has been demolished. That is entirely up to the application, it's not in a conservation area. So that forms part of their own decision. Councillors agreed to comment Over development

# Ref. No: 23/01896/FUL - 29 Back Lane, Stock Ingatestone, CM4 9DE

Demolish existing rear conservatory and construct single storey rear extension. Demolish side porch and construct new glass canopy. Internal alterations and changes to fenestration **Councillors all agreed No Comment** 

# Ref. No: 23/01974/FUL – 130 Mill Road Stock Ingatestone CM4 9LR

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\_Two storey front extension. Part single part two storey rear extension. Single storey side extension. New roof and loft conversion. New porch canopy, raised patio to rear, alterations to fenestration and new access.

All Councillors agreed No Comment

# Ref. No: 23/01956/FUL – Mill Cottage 150 Mill Road, Stock, Ingatestone, CM4 9RU

Proposed new car port and entrance gate. Falls in conservation areas and feels it is acceptable. The Conservation officer was happy with this. All Councillors agreed No comment

# Ref. No: 23/02009/FUL - Hawthorns Common Road, Stock, Ingatestone, Essex CM4 9NF

New residential dwelling in rear garden of existing house with access off existing private road and associated parking area. Associated storage shed and erection of new fencing and wall 1<sup>st</sup> application refused on demolition. From the conservation officer view. All agreed No Comment

### Ref. No: 23/01973/CLEUD – Cockshill Cottage Swan Lane Stock Ingatestone CM4 9QR

*Certificate of lawfulness to regularise loft conversion with dormer carried out in May 2018 within permitted Development Rights* 

4 to 10 year period results from a retro planning. All Councillors agreed to Leave this to Chelmsford to decide

6. Community Areas Highways and Maintenance

Parking

Stock School – Update from meeting with Ian and Head Teacher

- G Fullam had a call with Headteacher to discuss how the meeting with I Grundy went.
- Make the Survey Monkey Questionnaire for the village specific to school parking and restrictions
- J Pye taking over Parking and he will be in the next meeting to go through his plans in more detail

Action: Refer back to safety officer at Essex, ask him to pursue the parking options

South Essex Parking Partnership keep in tandem with what is going on

Speeding & Road Safety

LHP Application Log supplied. P Fenwick read through the log.

20mph Zone's M Gray stated all roads coming off the High Street will be the start of the zone. They will go to end of where the village is. Where there is 30mph there would be 20mph. There will be signs at the beginning of most roads. Highways will have to survey the roads and once we get the results back from Highways we can discuss with Highways before it goes to the panel. Timeline not able to confirm at this stage Action: G Fullam to keep pushing if too much time passes with LHP forms progress

Online questionnaire to help back up LHP application's – Sign off of questions **Action**: G Fullam to update comments from John Pye and Mark Eade's emails 20mph Mill Road(PR2) & High Street(PR1) –

G Fullam read through the email from J Simmons (Chelmsford & Colchester Highways Liaison Officer) On email it confirmed that they made the Cabinet Member Action (CMA) permanent on a Chelmsford City Centre PR1 road. P We can pursue it. High Street to be 20mph to come back after the questionnaire confirmation from residents

Action: LHP form to be raised for 20mph on Mill Road.

Email from parishioner – lack of cats eyes on Stock Road from top of the hill to Old Kings Head Pub. Road works planned for January on Stock Road

### Speed Watch

M Gray taken over while M Rolph is away. Speed gun wasn't working, a new one has been delivered and hopefully go out in the next week to use it. Training  $25^{th}$  January 7pm online

Action: M Gray to get the carry kit equipment from P Fenwick to see if it works

### Zebra Crossing

Village Hall End – Reported faded lines ref: 2882850 Resolved: Remove off the Agenda

### Street Lights

Still waiting for lights to be fixed Ref: FLT013314 High Street Light outside Bellman's Farm – Who owns this? Resolved: Remove off the Agenda

#### Signs

Painting S Porter Swan Lane sign removal

S Porter taken sign down on Friday and work in progress. It will be back up by the weekend.

Bakers of Danbury taken Village Sign for repair and Wooden Post Grace to chase them

Action: G Fullam to chase them up for ETA

Lushhill post & Common Post – Swift to confirm start date

Gravel Path's resurface

Alms Houses & High Street Frontage Road Swift

P Fenwick has reported it and waiting for Swift to undertake the work and date to be confirmed.

### Highways Reporting

Yellow lines faded by square

Action: G Fullam to take photos of the yellow lines and report it

### Environment

### Hankins Wood

P Fenwick update from our solicitors on document

It's in our hands at our solicitors.

**Action**: Grace to look for a tree report S plumb agriculturalist. Can't do anything until lease is signed.

**Action**: check for report on the laptop & P Fenwick to get a copy from Steve Plumb. **Action**: P Fenwick to chase the solicitors again

The Common Tree Survey, Drainage and Car Park Project.

Price quoted 9/11/21 £21,440.40 start date

Weather waiting on it. Materials in and waiting to start.

### **Bus Shelter**

Agreed Cost of 10K in November meeting. M Gray to confirm when work will start he is waiting for suppliers to come back, before starting the removal of existing one. Removal of existing one is not included in cost at the moment

### Pond Clearance

Need to pay cheque for work in 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Action: new check to be raised for November pond clearance

### Trees

Two resident's on Common Road. Issue with tree's overhanding boundary from the common.

David Swift had a look some of them are TPO. One that is rotten over drive way needs to come down. Bottom of trees are sprouting up

Going to give us a quote to take the rotten tree down

D Swift to provide a price for rotten Tree on Mill Walk

Action: G Fullam to raise a TPO planning application for the common.

### Tree Planting Date

**Action**: S Porter Plant 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in Feb and to check the tree's condition. Plant tree for the Queen as well.

# **Community Initiatives and Events**

Affordable Housing Update -

Meeting cancelled because Laura Atkinson couldn't make it.

Action: Wednesday 24th Am confirmed new meeting date

Play in the Park 2024

Had it before and its not been well attended as a lot of people on holiday. Look at other things instead of Play in the Park to involve the children in the Village.

# 7. Matters Arising

Councillors

Local Government Boundary Commission already shared on website Action: R Pritchard to share on social Bench for Freddie Coleman Action: Move current metal bench to Daykin Drive.

#### 8. Finance

Review Monthly Schedule of Accounts Payable 30<sup>th</sup> Nov £138,670.07 Savings £88,553

Review bank Balances Cheques TCV volunteers £612, Swift £1126, Clerks Wages, Mutts Butts £104.78, ATV Speed Cameras £736.40, HMRC £38.92, Janis Garlick £56

CIL Payment N/A

Budget & Precept 2024/25 Band 'D' sign off

**Action**: band D £41.92 (4p down on last year). Not asking for increase from residents for 24/25. Need to sign Document

**9. Essex County Council / Chelmsford City Council Report** Ian Grundy No city councillor report from Ian as absent

# 10. Chairman's Report

Chairman

Paulette McAllister has become a councillor and is planning and conservation office for another area. She will be heading up the neighbourhood plan, VDS as well as the conservation appraisal.

# 11. Clerk's Report

G Fullam read through Councillor J Pye email comments about the agenda as he wasn't able to attend the meeting.

**Action**: J Pye wants to meet with J Simmons in the village to discuss parking

# 12. Village Information Exchange

M Gray and S Porter Summer Fayre -

- Pop up cinema on the common kids film
- Strawberry fayre summer May Bank holiday event 27<sup>th</sup> May

Action: Add Summer Fayre as an Item on the agenda for February meeting Action: Add Christmas market on the agenda

Action: Check Stock School PTA & Cricket Club dates they have for events so we don't clash

R Pritchard - Road works on local roads to continue to post them on social and our website to advise residents.

Action: G Fullam to find out if Stock Road is a night closure.

P Fenwick introduced Mandy Baker who is a candidate for Parish Council. M Baker talked through why she wants to join SPC

S Porter mentioned about having scarecrows at the village signs to help remind people not to speed.

R Pritchard – discussed about having a day to push activity on Stock Against Speeding. To meet in the square and have a push to get people in the village to support campaign. **Action**: 'Stock Against Speeding' added to the agenda and all councilors come up with ideas for February meeting.

# 13. Date of Next meeting

13th February – 20:35pm closed meeting