



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 12th March 2024

1. Apologies of absence

P Fenwick accepted apologies of absence from
Paulette McAllister, Mark Eade, Mandy Baker, Ian Grundy

2. Minutes of last meeting

Signed minutes for February 24 Meeting

3. Declaration of Councillor Interests relating to the Agenda

No Declarations declared

4. Public participation

A parishioner asked for an update about the repairs in Smallgains Lane, due to the flooding and potholes. P Fenwick discussed with residents present, what Stock Parish Council had done in February to help with the flooding and advised that the next stage is Highways to fill the potholes and Essex Waterways to look at the ongoing issue of flooding in this area.

ACTION: G Fullam to call Essex Highways to see if they can rearrange the pothole fixing before road closure planned in Well Lane

Another parishioner confirm that the private footpath that runs from Mill Road to Well Lane will be sorted on 2nd week April as it's in a poor state and hard for anyone to get past. Another parishioner asked for an update on parking and P Fenwick handed over to Councillor J Pye to update parishioner present. J Pye said he has submitted parking restrictions to the centre village and school side of B1007. Did this on 20th February. Had a meeting with Traffic Regulation Order (TFO) team, SEPP School and Pre School.

School were very helpful and wanting to get a solution. 3PR scheme is being looked into with the school and SEPP. R Panther who works for SEPP has been really helpful. On site meeting with Andrew Clay in April, to look at what is possible with parking restrictions. SEPP and TRO will be coming to stock on a regular basis to enforce the parking restrictions.

R Pritchard mentioned about looking at having permits for residents might be better than yellow lines from experience where he has lived before.

P Fenwick Yellow lines are ignored so they have to be enforced 1st and then look to extend parking restrictions in other areas. M Rolph said the yellow lines are there for safety concerns on the junctions.

A residents said can Stock Parish Council put a letter on the car's that park on the double yellow lines to be more considerate and follow the highway code. M Rolph mentioned that this had been looked into before but we aren't allowed to touch other people's property and it could hold us liable to damage of a vehicle

A resident has asked, have they agreed to give you feedback on how many attendance they are making. See how many times they have come in and how often. John Pye will keep pushing it.

ACTION: Grace to contact highways for the pothole.

ACTION: J Pye to ask if it's possible for SEPP and TPO if they can give feedback on attendance and PCN tickets issued in Stock

5. Planning Matters

Councillor

Ref. No: 24/00195/FUL – 4 Peter Street Stock CM4 9PY

Proposed conversion of existing stables to one bedroom annexe.

No Comment

Ref. No: 24/00179/FUL – Albards Farm Great Prestons Lane Stock CM4 9RL

Demolition of existing domestic swimming pool and construction of replacement building

No Comment

Ref. No: 24/00302/FUL – Newham House Ingatestone Road Stock CM4 9PE

Conversion of existing garage and construction of new detached garage.

No comment

Ref. No: 23/01994/FUL – 11 Mill Lane Stock CM4 9RY

Conversion of approved garage outbuilding and splitting the plot into two separate dwellings

Removed – G Fullam left this on from previous month by accident

6. Community Areas

Highways and Maintenance

Parking

- Been through parking already in section 4

Speeding & Road Safety

- PO's raised Well Lane & Zebra Crossing G Fullam paid the invoice for Well Lane and Zebra Crossing LHP's cheque to be raised £973.10 & £736.40
- Survey results on High Street question are split 50/50 next steps. Did councilors want to make a change to the LHP to be 20mph instead of 30mph, but still to have average speed camera's. All councilors present voted in favor of changing it to 20mph

ACTION: G Fullam to email J Simmons to change the LHP form for the High Street to be 20mph with Speed camera. Also to send the letters from Freddie Coleman's family that they received from local MP's.

R Pritchard discussed the event on 16th March 'Stock Against Speeding' and asked parishioners present to attend.

A parishioner mentioned that the pinch point in the road by Mill Road is not sufficient enough and is less than 8 meters wide.

ACTION: M Gray to notify the police of the 'Stock Against Speeding' event.

ACTION: G Fullam to send articles of 'Stock Against Speeding' to support LHP forms.

- Black Posts near Paddocks entrance have been damaged.
3 down the High Street are damaged or missing. The councilors discussed in detail but came to the conclusion that they believe they are Highways responsibility.

ACTION: G Fullam to report the posts damaged or missing to Essex Highways

- Footpath Common Road by Doctors – parishioner has asked if this could be possible

Councilors discussed that they believe the land is owned by Lord Peter and we would need to seek permission and then go to the Conservation Officer for approval even though it would be a temporary type footpath

ACTION: G Fullam Letter to Lord Pete about footpath.

ACTION: P Fenwick to speak to Conservation Officer about footpath

A resident mentioned that it's a Registered Village Green.

Speed Watch

- Training update & Speed Watch Group
M Rolph advised 10/11 trained up already. 10 volunteers that weren't able to attend the original training session. Arranged another training session for 21st March to all volunteers.

A resident asked how does it get reported and what authority does speed watch have. M Rolph stated we have a special report we have to fill in and send to SEPP. They then send a letter to the speeding motorist. The police will also attend sessions and can fine on the spot

One of the speed watch volunteers asked if it would be possible to set up a rota of advanced dates.

ACTION: M Rolph to set future dates rota

Signs

- Painting S Porter Swan Lane sign removal
Completed and cheque to be signed
- New wooden post for Stock Sign – Cheque to be raised for £258.10
- Lushhill post & Common Post – Swift to confirm start date
Ones to be repaired on left hand side going out of stock. On the right hand side haven't been installed. The earth would be dug away from the gabion basket and put on the other side to raise the area and would need to be planted. Posts would be put along the side of the gabions basket and infilled with type 1 to improve the drainage. Waiting for Swift to send through

quotation for the digging out of the earth. The posts are already in the previous quote.

Gravel Path's resurface

- Alms Houses & High Street Frontage Road Swift update
Potholes have been filled and waiting for good weather to dress them

Highways Reporting

- New Log with all Essex Highways reporting attached
G Fullam issues a new log of anything we raise on Essex Highways so we can keep a track of them

All Saints Church

- Bollards to Car Park email

Could they have fold down bollards. It is a public car park. Some parishioners have a problem getting in and out there.

ACTION: G Fullam to arrange meeting on Sunday 12pm 24th with All Saints PCC

M Rolph said that parking on the glebe would be a good option as well. P Fenwick mentioned it had been looked into previously so could pick this up in the meeting.

A parishioner mentioned it's the diocese that own the glebe and not the church.

Environment

Hankins Wood

- P Fenwick update from our solicitors
- P Fenwick informed everyone we have received the tailor made Insurance policy. We would need to extend the insurance policy we already have. P Fenwick read through the repair. It was discussed that maybe the person who has written it has not been to the wood as no grass in the wooded area. Also to keep dogs on the lead. Council would need public liability for £10Million
ACTION: Paul to contact insurance and reply back on the issues raised in the email as everyone was not happy with what was on it.

The Common Tree Survey, Drainage and Car Park Project.

- Work has begun on the Drainage 16/01/23 update on project
1st stage has been down the gabion cage. Works to the car park still to be done as it the swale, grips drainage from the common into the gabion cage and the ditch going around the common to be dug out. Waiting for the weather to be dry. Digging the ditch round the side to the back. Plus the posts adjacent to the Common. J Pye mentioned the drain has still not been cleared by highways.
ACTION: P Fenwick to see if Swift can clear the drain
Look at the dead tree by the nook and can this be removed
ACTION: D Swift to remove this tree when he comes
ACTION: remove the Common Tree Survey as that part has been completed

Bus Shelter

- Agreed Cost of 10K in November meeting. M Gray to confirm when work will start

M Gray - Cost have increase by £4520 now looking at £14K doesn't include instillation, traffic lights while the work is done and licenses to work on public highways. Going to come to approx. 20K. Same company that did the shelter to the Hoop and by JW roundabout. Go down and do a condition survey and see if this can be refurbished. Missing pieces of wood.

- **ACTION: M Gray to complete a condition survey with P Fenwick and bring back to committee meeting**

Trees

- Raised a planning application for TPO tree on the common to be reduced D Swift will remove the dead tree that is pushing into the fence of a neighbor
ACTION: G Fullam to remove from agenda and just liaise with the resident

- Plant Queen's tree & check tree's from previous year are ok to plant Swap it out with Oak tree to be dug out.

ACTION: S Porter and P Fenwick to put it either on the green by the entrance to the Square to sit alongside the Duke Of Edinburgh Tree. Or it would go the other side of the road

- A parishioner in Hereward Mount has raised issues with tree's around his plot Councilors believe it is owned by Barry Woodgate address letter to his daughter who lives in the village to find our more

ACTION: G Fullam to send letter to B Woodgate regarding trees

Flooding

Smallgains Lane

-Environmental Floods department still waiting for a response to email dated 15/01/24. Confirmation of receipt of email, expected response time 28 days

-Works to clear the road & Potholes filled

Already discussed in section 4

Downham Road

-R Prichard investigated the flooding on Downham Road reported in February Meeting

ACTION: Grace to report the flooding Downham Road

ACTION: R Pritchard to send photos of Downham Road flooding to G Fullam

Community Initiatives and Events

Christmas Market Date to be confirmed 2024

ACTION: 30th November Christmas Fayre

Summer Fayre cancelled date 27th May as clashed with Hoop Beer Festival

Litter Pick April 2024 date confirmed Saturday 13th April

ACTION: M Rolph to organise 10am meeting Common and include sign cleaning

6th June 2024 80th D Day – Light Beacon. Yes go ahead

ACTION: G Fullam to speak to P Hill to confirm and Cricket Club to open the bar if they can

7. Matters Arising

Councillors

- Defibrillators – Upgraded new Defibrillators. They will be installed by L Melleney W/C 11th March. Cheque to be raised for £2,640
 - 2 x semi-automatic defibs £1,990 +VAT
 - 1x set replacement pads £210 +VAT

ACTION: Rob to take a photo with Liz Melleney to add to Facebook and thank her for organising. Also to advise parishioners of there the defibs are in the village

- Move Queens metal bench to Daykin Drive or another location
 - Put the bench by Daykin Drive

ACTION: G Fullam to inform Swift to put a bench by footpath on Daykin Drive

8. Finance

Review Monthly Schedule of Accounts Payable

Cheques raised:

HMRC £38.92,

G Fullam,; wages, LHP form LCHE233009 £973.10, LHP LCHE232023 £736.40, Ink curry's £29.99, Defibrillator £2640.00

S Type Security £504.00

Swift Invoice 4798 & 4799 £2,764.20

Tylers Elite £258.10

S Clark £880.00

Essex Pension Fund Deficit £53.57 (October23-March24)

Review bank Balances – Didn't have latest statement available for meeting to read out as not been

9. Essex County Council / Chelmsford City Council Report

No report

10. Chairman's Report

No report

11. Clerk's Report

Audit with M Eade and external Audit will be end of April.

A12 will be for a whole weekend so Rob to post

Have got all email accounts to be set up for councilors

12. Village Information Exchange

M Rolph Pond clearance in spring. Councilors confirmed, M Rolph to arrange. M Rolph contacted by PCSO who run events called 'Lets Talk' and did we want one in Stock. To speak with Stephen at Neighbourhood Watch to see if they would like this event.

R Pritchard – trying to be more proactive on media and publishing information on the whole village and making more statements.

Bus stop opposite Ellis cottage – get a quote on getting it repainted can we action that early part of this year. Green Bench and bus stop quotes.

Action: Add to agenda for next month repainting of bench and bus stop

13. Date of Next meeting

9th April 7pm Cricket Club

Meeting closed 8.30pm.