



Stock Parish Council

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

Council Minutes

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

Minutes

1. Apologies of absence

P Fenwick accepted apologies from Paulette McAlister, Mark Rolph, John Pye and Rob Pritchard

2. Minutes of last meeting

G Fullam hadn't printed out minutes from March meeting. So they will be signed in May Meeting

3. Declaration of Councillor Interests relating to the Agenda

No

Declarations

4. Public participation

Reference made to Road closure in Well Lane. G Fullam confirmed this looked to be cancelled as had come off One Network.

Smallgains Lane update. _ P Fenwick spoke with John Whittingdale and also mentioned Cllr Cunnings and he should follow that through. Residents mentioned there was around 50 tractors in 1 day this week and damage to the road. P Fenwick said we can look do discuss further. We have also written to the person who owns the Pond in Smallgains Lane and waiting for them to reply. Discussion about what has been dug out with the ditches and how the water travels in that area. Drainage and pipe work has been down there. Ariel from Floods Department, who is coming down on Thursday to work on the project 'Where the Water Goes'. The water is now affecting the right of Way now due to the flow of water. Still blocked after the bridge. A resident said no one has clear guidance on who is responsible. Both land owners were written to last August by Lee Bellinger in Floods Department.

G Fullam has sent potholes enquiries to I Grundy to see if he can push from his end into Highways. Has also sent to I Grundy the date and timed email of the original planned road closure in Smallgains Lane that got cancelled.

A resident said they had spoken to Cllr Roy Whitehead and he could help step in while Cllr I Grundy is not able to attend at the moment.

The works on the Common. P Fenwick advised it has currently come to a halt as we are dealing with Chelmsford Council. They want to see an arboricultural report. G Fullam has advised we will work with Chelmsford Planning authority and update when we can as the letter was only received at 3.15pm today. A resident asked if there was a supplementary planning application alongside the original application. P Fenwick advised there was only one.

Some residents were concerned that it has breached planning application and work shouldn't have continued.

P Fenwick said as soon as we have more information from Chelmsford we will update further.

5. Planning Matters

Councillor

M Gray said he can't comment on them as he couldn't access them online.

Ref. No: 24/00338/FUL – 23 Myln Meadow Stock CM4 9NE

Two storey side extension, single storey side extension. First floor front extension. New front porch and rear canopy. Alterations to fenestration

No Comment

Ref. No: 24/00320/FUL – 3 High Trees Stock, CM4 9DQ

Alterations to swimming pool to create ancillary annex accommodation

No Comment

Ref. No: 24/00315/FUL – Templeton House honeypot Lane Stock CM4 9QG

Demolition of existing vehicle/pestrian gates and construction of new vehicle and pedestrian gates along with brick piers and walls.

No Comment

Ref. No: 24/00387/FUL & 24/00388/FUL– Land East Of Ragged Robins Lower Stock Road, West Hanningfield

Erect a cow barn

Concerned about the potential state of the road with the large vehicles going through as per Smallgains Lane and Swan Lane. To get Highways to have a look at it.

Ref. No: 24/00386/FUL & 24/00389/FUL – Land East Of Ragged Robins Lower Stock Road, West Hanningfield

Erect a Hay barn

Concerned about the potential state of the road with the large vehicles going through as per Smallgains Lane and Swan Lane. To get Highways to have a look at it.

Ref. No: 24/00412/CUPAR – Bishops Lodge Broomwood Lane Stock CM11 1JR

Determination as to whether the prior approval of the local planning authority is required for the proposed change of use from agricultural to commercial

Concerned about the extra traffic that this will produce for the Lane

Ref. No: 24/00407/LBC – Windmill, Mill Lane Stock

Temporary removal of the cap and sails to enable their repair, refurbishment and reinstatement and to enable structural repairs to the tower with associated building conservation comprising exterior brickwork repairs and re-pointing, repairs to exterior joinery and replacement windows, as well as cleaning and redecoration of the interior brickwork and specialised repairs to the mill machinery.

No comment

Ref. No: 24/05617/CAT – 36 Mill Road Stock CM4 9LJ

T1, T2, T3 Maple- Re-Pollard back to previous & historic pollard points by 2m.

Leave to the agriculturalist to come back on

Ref. No: 24/05621/CAT – Verge Vernon Corner

2x Cherry Trees- Crown reduce by 3 metres and shape as a single, balanced crown form

Leave to the agriculturalist to come back on

6. Community Areas

Highways and Maintenance

Parking

- Parking restriction in central village and SEPP patrols
- School parking progress 3PR Scheme

G Fullam read through statement from J Pye as he wasn't in the meeting. Been in regular contact with SEPP and TRO teams. Misconception that there will be double yellow lines throughout the village and that is not the case. Double Yellow lines to be on junctions and the long blind bend on Mill Road. Explained in detail the next steps and how they will have informal discussions with business and residents. Residents have said they would be keen to have parking bays and business have said they are against this. SEPP and TRO in their opinion would not be an options so we won't be going forward with this. The 3PR scheme was rejected by the School Governors but are still in talks with SEPP

Speeding & Road Safety

- Raise PO's for Downham Road & Stock Road towards Billericay. Councilors to agree.

Councilors agreed to raise PO's

ACTION: G Fullam to raise PO's and send to Highways Local Panel.

- Footpath Common Road by Doctors – parishioner has informed us that it is registered Village Green. Ref no: VG92. This is the land running adjacent to Lushills

P Fenwick said we need to find out who owns it.

ACTION: G Fullam to contact Lord Petre to see if they own it.

- Parishioners have requested to look into having Street Lighting for Well Lane and Smallgains Lane
Would need to have a consultation in Well Lane as might be seen as out of character.

Environment

Hankins Wood

- P Fenwick update from our solicitors
P Fenwick has sent the conditions back from our solicitors so waiting for them to come back

The Common Drainage and Car Park Project.

- Parishioners concerns on Social Media and email
Common drainage is on hold and discussed in section 4 public participation

Bus Shelter

- Stock Road near Ship pub. Cost update
Ship Pub Bus Shelter opposite. J Pye went to view it and said the Structure looks like it can be repaired. Instead of having 20K for new cost it would be £2040 by Harry's Son Handy Man services.
J Pye and M Gray advised this was a good price and should proceed. Councilors want to get 1 more quote to compare and could Tylers quote on this?
Bus Shelter by War Memorial this needs to be cleaned and repainted. 2 Quotes we have received. We will go ahead with Tylers Elite Finishers for £720.

Trees

- Plant Queen's tree & check tree's from previous year are ok to plant
Wait till Autumn to plant the saplings that Janet had. S Porter to keep them at her house and re-pot them.
- Parishioner in Hereward Mount has raised issues with tree's around his plot
Sent a letter to a resident to see if they owned that land. G Fullam to follow up.

Flooding

Where does the Water go Project

- Date confirmed 11th April, update on volunteer numbers and what the day involves
10 volunteers coming on Thursday meeting at Village Hall. Map out the whole of the village and create 1 map to share back with Floods Department to improve the flow of water.

Smallgains Lane

- Environmental Floods department Ariel replied.
- G Fullam raised a complaint about potholes to Essex Council
- P Fenwick met with NHW for Smallgains Lane, Kerry. They walked through the issues. Outcome from meeting was SPC to contact Highways for potholes & general state of the lane. Pond drainage. Who is responsible for ditch ownership in the field. Farmer to look to use smaller vehicles that fit on the lane. Discuss issues with John Whittingdale,
A resident said the water course at the side of the pond has been blocked by the road into the field. Need to have someone with expertise and oversight

of Ariel. P Fenwick said we would have to follow a plan. We will see what happens with Ariel in Floods Department and what she suggests.

Downham Road

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

S Porter said it is flooding but it is running. It looks like it could be an issue from further up Stock Road because we had water leaks.

ACTION: G Fullam to report it as a Water complaint

Mill Road Pond Clearance

- Date confirmed 8th May £350+VAT

Councilors all agreed to this cost. G Fullam advised it is done by the TCV volunteers

Community Initiatives and Events

Litter Pick 13th April 2024

Love Your Parish are attending and bringing more equipment and cleaning of Signs.

6th June 2024 80th D Day – Light Beacon – National Fish and Chip Day

G Fullam read through RBL email. They are having a Quiz, Lay a wreath and Commemorative service.

Light the Beacon at 9.15pm. Fish and Chip Van to contact them and the Cricket Club to open drinks in the pavilion.

7. Finance

Review Monthly Schedule of Accounts Payable G Fullam didn't have the latest statement of accounts as hadn't received it.

Review bank Balances, HMRC £38.92, Clerks Wages, Heybridge Creative £1242, S type £588, D G Swift £140

Internal Audit – G Fullam to prepare for end of April.

8. Essex County Council / Chelmsford City Council Report

No Report

9. Chairman's Report

No Report

10. Clerk's Report

LHP Well Lane and Smallgains Lane has been postponed to 23rd May due to Potholes not being Filled in. The LHP for 20mph J Simmons has advised no ATC at the moment.

Bollards have been reported in several places in the village. Stock sign at end Mill Road, Give Way signs in the roads to be repainted in various locations.

G Fullam read out a letter from solicitors at Stock Cricket Club from 8th April 2024

We will go back to them once we have discussed with the local planning authority

Other emails received this month were discussed.

2 Freedom of Information acts 1st and 2nd April.

G Fullam confirmed her resignation. Last date 15th May

M Baker discussed about people working in Good Faith and working together.

Resident said councilors should be taking their responsibility serious. You should all expect check and challenge. A resident said they were a member before but chose not to stand again.

11. Village Information Exchange

S Porter Summer event this year look at Dog Show and Pop up Cinema for Kids. S Porter to get a few things together and bring it forward for next meeting. Whites Hill 140Mill Road. Pipe that has been put onto the Highway.

M Gray – Can S Type security look at Back Lane, Daykin’s and Brookman’s to patrol these areas due to parts of cars being stolen.

12. Date of Next meeting

14th May Annual Meeting