



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

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# **Minutes**

**for meeting held at**  
**The Cricket Club Pavilion**  
**Tuesday 9th July 2024**

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## **Welcome**

Paul Fenwick welcomed the public to the meeting.

Paul then read a short eulogy of John Millernas who had recently passed away. John had served the Parish as Councillor for some 17 years before retiring. He had always been active in the community also serving as a regional Scout Commissioner for a period of time. He did much to ensure the maintenance of our public footpaths around Stock.

A 1 minute silence was given by the meeting in respect of the passing of this community serving resident.

## **Apologies of absence**

Apologies had been received by Ian Grundy, Paulette McAllister, and Mark Eade

## **Minutes of last meetings**

The minutes from May were approved without comment.

## **Declaration of Councillor Interests relating to the Agenda**

No interests were declared.

## **Public participation**

Paul Fenwick read out the new policy regarding public participation questions for the meeting, confirming that this new procedure was to ensure all public attending Parish Council meetings at the opportunity to fully air their questions and concerns.

A resident from The Lindens expressed concern over the lack of maintenance of verges and hedges in the road. The areas in question had become unsafe to pedestrians and motorists. The resident stated that they had been led to believe that such maintenance had been contracted out by the Parish Council. Paul Fenwick and some other Councillors responded that this wasn't the

case, but as similar concerns had been expressed in other parts of the Village the Parish Council would review extending the current maintenance contract. Councillors also expressed some caution in this, as areas currently not contracted for maintenance in the Village are designated as coming under the auspice of Essex Highways department. Any expenditure by the Parish Council in these areas would in fact be taking on Essex Highways already nominated duties.

**Action: Paul Fenwick to review**

An Austin Drive resident expressed continued concern about the poor parking habits of those dropping off and picking up children from the School. Such poor habits include parking over private drives, blocking pavements, and general abuse to residents. The resident appreciated all the work done so far by the Parish Council (particularly John Pye) in progressing a solution to the parking problems in the Village, and questioned why the Glebe couldn't be opened up for general parking to help relieve the situation. Paul Fenwick responded that the Parish Council had asked the PCC at All Saints Church the same question however this area of land is managed by the Diocese. Paul stated that he had asked the PCC to arrange a meeting with the Diocese to discuss the possibility of parking on the Glebe.

**Action: Paul Fenwick and other Councillors.**

As a further response, John Pye read out a statement expressing the the work done so far with CCC/ECC on progressing parking restrictions around the Village. The progress is slow but moving forward.

**Action: John Pye**

There were no further queries from the Public

### **Planning Matters**

. Reference: 24/00888/FUL

Address: 6 Hereward Mount Stock Ingatestone Essex

Description of works: Single storey flat roofed rear extension with lantern rooflight

**No Comment**

. Reference: 24/00868/FUL

Address: Elizabeth Cottage Mill Road Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Demolition of existing dwelling, detached garage and outbuildings. Construction of replacement dwelling (revision to scheme approved under 21/02346/FUL).

**No Comment**

. Reference: 04/00242/S73

Address: Stable Block Adjacent Church Green Cottage High Street Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Variation of conditions 2 & 6 to approved planning application 04/00242/FUL (Demolition of stables and erection of a single dwelling) Amendments to approved scheme. Condition 6 to be varied to state "The access shall be retained in accordance with drawing number MTF24/PROP/01/1.

**No Comment**

. Reference: 24/05642/CAT

Address: 21 Mill Road Stock Ingatestone CM4 9LJ

Description of works: T1 Silver birch- Crown Reduction - Reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 2m cutting back harder on neighbours side to reduce canopy overhang.  
G1 x3 Plums- Reduce the height of three trees by approx 1m and cut back on this side. Reason: lack of sunlight in neighbouring property.

**No Comment**

. Reference: 24/00789/FUL

Address: 6 Hereward Mount Stock Ingatestone Essex

Description of works: Formation of new access and entrance gates leading to new parking area

**No Comment**

## **Matters Arising**

### **Highways and Maintenance**

#### **Parking**

As recorded in Public Participation, John Pye had read out a statement on discussions and general communication with CCC/ECC regarding parking restriction proposals around the Village.

#### **Speeding & Road Safety**

John Pye read out a statement on Parish Council discussions with CCC/ECC and including our MP John Whittingdale on Parish Council proposals to improve the problem of speeding motorists and road safety around the Village. Regrettably it would appear that statistically the speed strips placed around around the Village, at Parish Council cost, did not reveal a significant enough issue to employ the use of average speed cameras John mentioned that Residents and the Parish Council may wish to consider a proposal for match funding the installation of speed cameras for the High Street which could amount to some £125k on our part.

**Action: to be considered**

On a more positive note, John reported that the proposal to install a Puffin Crossing at the Swan Lane junction had met a better response and is likely to be achieved. John added that "Quiet Lane" proposals for Well lane and Smallgains Lane were also being reviewed by CCC/ECC.

A general vote of thanks was given to the Community SpeedWatch team whose weekly plus monitoring of motorists speeds along Mill Road and the High Street have led to over 75 warnings being sent to motorists by Essex Police. Councillors Sophie Porter and Mandy Baker proposed to lead a local awareness campaign of the dangers of speeding eg. posters, stickers, general media, in the hope that if residents slow down so will the through traffic.

**Action: S. Porter and M. Baker**

#### **Bus Shelter**

John Pye reported that the refurbishment of the Bus Stop Shelter by the Ship Pub had been completed, as well as the bus stop shelter at the War memorial. A number of benches around the Village had also been refurbished. The other Councillors thanked John for organising these refurbishments with local businesses. Janis Garlick of the Women's Institute was particularly thanked for replanting the shrubbery around the War Memorial bus stop (as well as her work around our Village sign).

#### **All Saints Church**

Paul Fenwick reported that the Parish Council has yet to have a meeting with the PCC to review new parking proposals for the Church.

### **Environment**

#### **Hankins Wood**

Paul Fenwick reported that matters had come to a standstill between Parish Council Solicitors and CCC Solicitors. Councillors considered that on further review, in view of potential liability issues the Parish Council would no longer further the application to manage this land.

**The Common Tree Survey, Drainage and Car Park Project**

Paul Fenwick reported that the Parish Council is awaiting a response from CCC regarding an amendment to the original planning application for this project.

**Flooding**

Mark Rolph reported that he continues to liaise with Essex Flood Assets on flooding issues. The next Village survey is planned for November.

**Norwich to Tilbury Pylons Consultation**

The Parish Council has submitted its rejection to this project on behalf of residents. The consultation for this project has been extended to 26th July.

**Community Initiatives and Events**

Councillors agreed to set a provisional date for the Village Christmas Fayre for 30th November. Sophie Porter, Mandy Baker, Matthew Gray and Paul Fenwick agreed to form a WG for this event.

**Finance**

Paul Fenwick confirmed that Mark Eade is processing the transfer of the Parish Council bank account from Barclays to Unity Bank. Unity will allow the Parish Council electronic payment of invoices (Barclays does not) and will be less expensive.

The bank account balances as of 28th June are:  
Business Current Account: £100,569.16  
Business Savings Account: £89,527.27

**Essex County Council / Chelmsford City Council Report**

No report due to absence of Ian Grundy.

**Chairman's Report**

Nothing to report

**Clerk's Report**

Clerk's position is currently vacant.

**Village Information Exchange**

Matthew Gray queried the status of replenishing the gravel between Marvels and The Square.

**Action: Paul Fenwick to arrange.**

John Pye queried the replacement of the missing post along the gravel path.

**Action: Paul Fenwick to arrange with CR Swift.**

John Pye queried the poor state of the curtsied opposite the Rectory.

**Action: a road-sweeper to be requested.**

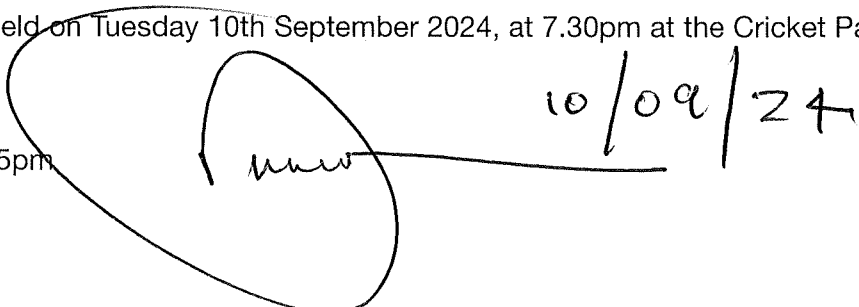
**Date of Next meeting**

The August meeting is cancelled for the usual Summer break (some Councillors and Residents on vacation).

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th September 2024, at 7.30pm at the Cricket Pavilion on Common Road.

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The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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