



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

Minutes

for meeting held at
The Cricket Club Pavilion
Tuesday 15th October 2024

Present: Chairman: Cllr P Fenwick
Vice-Chairman: Absent

Councillors: M Eade, R Pritchard, S Porter/Clark, M Rolph, J Pye

Also present: the Parish Clerk

1. Welcome

Cllr P Fenwick welcomed the public to the meeting.

2. Apologies of absence

Apologies had been received by County Cllr I Grundy, Cllrs M Grey, M Baker and P Mcallister

3. Minutes of last meetings

Resolved to **Approve** the Council minutes held on 10th of September 24 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Declaration of Councillor Interests relating to the Agenda

No interests were declared.

5. Public participation

Several members of the public expressed their concerns over parking in the village, potential yellow lines being put in the village and speeding. Cllr J Pye read out a report with regards to what is happening with these items (please see **Parking & Speeding and Road Safety**)

There were no further queries from the Public.

6. Planning Matters

Reference: 24/05691/CAT

Address: 1 Stock Lodge 60 High Street Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Magnolia (Rear garden) - Fell - Reason: Too large for our garden's size and is causing a nuisance to the neighbouring property, which lacks side access to clear the fallen leaves.

Resolved to leave to Tree Arboriculture

Reference: 24/01247/FUL

Address: Broadmore Madles Lane Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: To erect a post, rail fence and access gates around the perimeter of the property and to fence off the public footpath.

Resolved to Support

Reference: 24/01248/LBC

Address: Broadmore Madles Lane Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: To erect a post and rail fence around the perimeter of the property and to fence off the public footpath that bisects the land.

Resolved to Support

Reference: 24/01324/FUL

Address: Green Loanings Goatsmoor Lane Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Installation of an air-source heat pump

Resolved to Support

Ref. No: 23/02009/DOC/2

Address: Hawthorns Common Road Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9NF

Description of works: Condition 4 (j) - Large scale drawings - Brick boundary wall, Condition 6 - Boundary treatments, Condition 7 - Hard and Soft Landscaping -

Resolved to Support

Reference: 24/05216/TPO

Address: 9 Mill Lane Stock Ingatestone Essex

Description of works: T1 - Sessile Oak adjacent to entrance. To crown reduce back to previous cutting points and usable suitable growing points by 2-3m, Remove deadwood. Reason: given clearance to service cables to prevent damage to tree by high sided vehicles entering property entrance and to give clearance to service cables last completed in 2017 and to stop impeding on property frontage to both 9 and 7A Mill Lane. T2 - Oak front boundary. To crown reduce by 2m - 3m max cutting to suitable growing points, remove deadwood. Reason: To contain front boundary.

Resolved to leave to tree arboriculture

Highways and Maintenance

7. Parking

Cllr J Pye confirmed the plans for yellow lines on all dangerous road junctions and the long blind bend on Mill Road has been accepted in principle by SEPP. Funding needs to be approved and things should start to move in the first quarter of 2025. A 21 day consultation period will commence concerning the proposed restrictions once funding is approved and during this time anybody can object to or support the proposal.

Parking at Stock School

The TRO team have recommended double yellow lines on the junctions of Back Lane, Cambridge Close and Austin Drive. They also recommended restricted parking times in Swan Lane. SEPP team have confirmed that Stock School have agreed to join their 3PR Bronze Scheme. All notices and

leaflets are ready and SEPP are now waiting to agree a launch day with the School. The scheme is totally funded by SEPP.

8. Speeding & Road Safety

Cllr J Pye confirmed the following:

1. The upgrade to the Pedestrian Crossing is at least a year away.
2. Average Speed Cameras are not possible at the moment as Essex Highways are waiting for Department of Transport guidance.
3. Moving the bus stop at Bishops House is still being validated.
4. Reducing speed limits on all roads in Stock (apart from the High Street) and that we are required to pay for 12 sets of ATC's at a total cost of £4,418.40 before this is considered for validation.
5. Roads in and out of Stock and on Downham Road were found not to justify a reduction in speed limit. Any appeal on this needs to be via our County Councillor.
6. We have applied for a LHP for a new Pedestrian Crossing at the Stock Hill end of the High Street (this was put on hold until the bus stop was moved) and we need to pay £973 for a Pedestrian Vehicle Conflict survey into place.
7. We plan to apply for **LID/VAS** signs at each end of the Village High Street and perhaps one in Mill Road.

All Cllrs present voted in favour to -

- a) apply for a Licence to install a LID/VAS sign at each end of the High Street and perhaps one in Mill Road (Cllr J Pye confirmed a budget of £15,000 for three devices should be allowed)
- b) to pay £973 for the Pedestrian Vehicle Conflict survey
- c) to pay for 12 sets of ATC's at a cost of £4,418.40

9. SpeedWatch

Cllr M Rolph confirmed we have 20 volunteers that come out each week for an hour or two. Since March we have clocked over 300 speeding drivers with speeds up to 51MPH both in the High Street and Mill Road. All speeders are reported to Essex Police and they send a warning letter to them and any further offences will result in prosecution.

Cllr M Rolph gave information on SpeederBot, which is a GPS system that records drivers speeding at a cost of £10 to install and a possible road sign to go onto private land.

It was resolved that Cllr M Eade will look into setting this system up.

10. Highways Reports

Cllr J Pye confirmed that the repainting of all the Road Markings including both Pedestrian Crossings, All Junctions and the Bus Stops was completed although the Give Way markings were missed and Essex highways have been made aware. Cllr Pye also reported 12 outstanding items.

11. Street Care

Cllr J Pye confirmed that a permanent rubbish bin has been ordered for the Bus Stop opposite The Ship Public House. Several footpaths in the village have been made passable by cutting back over-grown foliage.

12. General Maintenance

Cllr J Pye confirmed the 'Kissing Gate' at the end of Mill Walk has been reconstructed to a very high standard by Harry's Son. An order is to be placed with C R Swift for repairing the gravel path from the Square to the Lattices including repairing the pot holes and the white posts. A price was also obtained to refurbish the bench on the Green in Back Lane which is in poor condition.

Resolved that the clerk will raise a PO for C R Swift.

13. All Saints Church

Nothing to report.

Environment

14. The Common Tree Survey, Drainage and Car Park Project

Cllr J Pye requested that the project is pushed along before the floods start happening with the seasons changing.

4 Councillors voted for and 2 voted against

15. Tree Planting

Cllr S Porter reported the trees she has got are quite small and will give them to the preschool. Cllr P Fenwick suggested that we approach the company we used before and obtain a quote for more trees.

16. Flooding

Cllr M Rolph reported that he has contacted Essex Flood Assets Department to see if we can identify who has responsibility of the Brook in Smallgains Lane. The 'Where does the water go' project will be coming out with Essex Flood Assets in January/February time to do a survey and analysis.

Community Initiatives and Events

17. Litter Pick

Cllr M Rolph confirmed that the litter pick held on Saturday 28th September was a success clearing 23 bags of rubbish.

18. Christmas Market

At present, we have 16 stalls filled. The clerk confirmed she would email stall holders from last year who haven't responded to try and fill the remaining spaces. Cllr R Pritchard is also going to advertise a Facebook post. **It was resolved** that SPC would also provide the mulled wine again this year. Cllr S Porter confirmed she will organise the Christmas Tree. A Working Group Meeting is to be organised for week commencing 28th October.

19. Other Matters

It was resolved that the Clerk will email Chelmsford to ask why do they propose to move Footpath 34. Cllr P Fenwick asked if it could be put on record that C R Swift undertake work for his own companies and that Heybridge Creative is owned by Cllr P Fenwick's relatives. All Councillors agreed to the mailbox gigs being increased.

20. Finance

Cllr P Fenwick confirmed the transfers of some of the monies from the Barclays accounts to Unity Trust Bank had been successful and we can now start to use Unity Bank.

The bank account balances as of 15th October 2024 are:

BARCLAYS Business Current Account: £5,005.00

BARCLAYS Business Savings Account: £89,862.08

UNITY Instant Access: £50,000

UNITY Business Account: £50,000

Essex County Council / Chelmsford City Council Report

Councillor Grundy was not present.

Chairman's Report

Cllr P Fenwick confirmed he met with Simon Lister regarding the Affordable Housing Scheme. Not much can be done further until a meeting with Laura Atkinson is arranged.

Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

Village Information Exchange

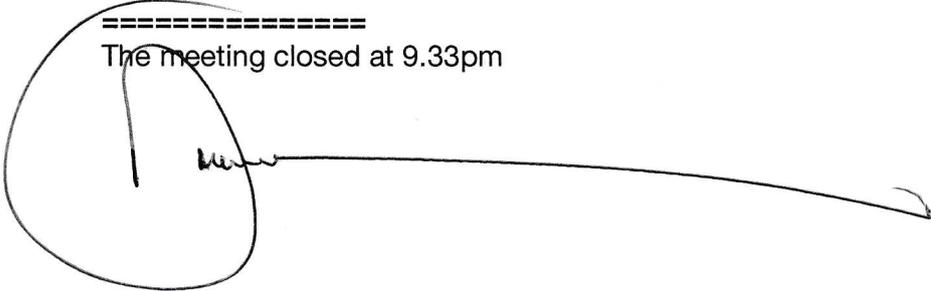
Cllr R Pritchard reported he would like reach out to the Administrators of the Village Facebook page and ask them to monitor particular comments that are made towards Councillors.

Date of Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th November 2024, at 7.30pm at the Cricket Pavilion on Common Road.

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The meeting closed at 9.33pm

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