



**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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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

**Councillors:** M Eade, R Pritchard, S Porter/Clark, M Rolph, P Mcallister

**Also present:** the Parish Clerk

**1. Welcome**

Cllr P Fenwick welcomed the public to the meeting. Paul then read out a short eulogy of Cllr Ian Grundy who has recently passed away. Ian had served as a Councillor for many years and worked tirelessly to advise and support the residents in Stock. Our condolences go out to Ian's wife Shirley and family at this sad time.

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

**2. Apologies of absence**

Apologies had been received by Cllrs M Grey, M Baker and J Pye

**3. Minutes of last meetings**

Resolved to **Approve** the Council minutes held on 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

Paul Fenwick read out the new policy regarding public participation, confirming as stated on the agenda any questions to be put to the council should be emailed 3 working days before the meeting and that only questions would be taken during public participation if relevant and appropriate.

A resident gave his apologies for his outburst on the villages social media recently. Another resident reported that the bin lorries are ruining the grass verges on School Lane/Stock Road. Cllr P Fenwick suggested we could approach Highways to try and resolve.

There were no further queries from the Public.

## **6. Planning Matters**

Reference: 24/01369/FUL

Address: Stock House Ingatestone Road Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Demolition of existing dwelling, garages and summer house. Construction of new replacement detached dwelling and associated carport

**Resolved to support**

Reference: 23/01837/S73

Address: 6 High Street Stock Ingatestone Essex

Description of works: Removal of Conditions 4 and 5 to approved planning application 23/01837/FUL (Proposed pool house with plant. New attached side garage and front stone portico to house.) As subterranean development is omitted, no archaeological written scheme of investigations necessary, and alterations to design of pool house, including omission of clock tower.

**Resolved to support**

Reference: 24/01304/FUL

Address: 18 Myln Meadow Stock Ingatestone Essex

Description of works: Proposed outbuilding with temporary living accommodation during the construction / refurbishment of the main house.

**Resolved to support**

Reference: 24/05233/TPO

Address: 32 Birch Lane Stock Ingatestone CM4 9NA

Description of works: T1 Oak - Crown Reduction - Reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 2.5metres or back to previous pruning points

**Resolved to leave to tree arboriculture**

Reference: 24/01448/FUL

Address: 34 High Street Stock Ingatestone Essex

Description of works: Replacement of ground floor window with new French doors, proposed new brick wall to divide existing courtyard

**Resolved to support conservation officers report**

Reference: 24/05231/TPO

Address: Primrose Lodge Common Road Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: T20 - Oak - Crown reduction of up to 2.5m, remove deadwood - Reason: Encroaching on neighbouring property, and maintain the trees longevity.

**Resolved to leave to tree arboriculture**

## **Highways and Maintenance**

### **7. Parking**

Cllr M Rolph read out Cllr J Pye's report in his absence –

The application to South Essex perishing Partnership was submitted on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024. On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, Cllr P Fenwick and J Pye met with Andy Clay of the Traffic Regulation Order Team (TRO). Andy reported that the initial assessment had been agreed to install double Yellow lines to all dangerous road junctions and the bend on Mill Road. Each household in the vicinity will

be written to and Yellow planning application signs will be erected. Any objection to the proposal will be considered and there will be a public meeting in the Court Room at Chelmsford Council. This is now in the hands of SEPP who has advised that work should commence until the first quarter of 2025 when funding is approved.

### **Parking at Stock School**

The TRO team have recommended a parking restriction period in Swan Lane at School times. They also propose double Yellow lines in Back Lane, Cambridge Close and Austen Drive.

Stock Primary Schools Head and Governors have agreed to join the 3PR Bronze Scheme. This scheme is totally funded by SEPP. The launch date was originally for 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024, but has now been put back to w/c 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 due to the sad passing of Cllr Ian Grundy.

### **8. Speeding & Road Safety**

9 LHP applications have been submitted since November 23 requesting speed reductions, speed cameras and improvements. Unfortunately to date we have had very limited positive results. The only success has been the dangerous Pedestrian Crossing outside Budgens did warrant a Puffin Crossing, but this has now been downgraded to a Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Scheme (costing £20,000) as design technicians could not develop a scheme for a Puffin. We do not know when this will commence as funding needs to be approved.

We as a Parish Council consider this all to be totally unacceptable. Therefore, we met with MP Sir John Whittingdale who has agreed to take our concerns to Tom Cunningham (the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation) to have all of our LHP's revisited.

As we cannot at the moment get Average Speed Cameras, we have applied for a Licence to put 3 Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) at each end of the High Street and one in Mill Road costing within the agreed £15,000 budget - **All Cllrs present voted in favour.**

Cllr P Fenwick stated the Parish Council have spent nearly £10,000 and haven't got anywhere with the current LHPs. Cllr P Fenwick suggested that we get a petition started to help push the 11 LHP applications we have outstanding. **It was resolved** that Cllr R Pritchard confirmed he would organise the petition and that we would have a stall for the petition at the upcoming Christmas Market.

### **9. SpeedWatch**

Cllr M Rolph reported that over 20 trained volunteers go out in groups and monitor the traffic with a speed gun. This happens for an hour or two each week at various points along Stock Road and Mill Road. Every speeding motorist gets a warning letter sent out to them from Essex Police. Since March, we have recorded roughly 360 speeding motorists with speeds recorded up to 51MPH.

### **10. Highways Reports**

Cllr Pye also reported 11 outstanding items. Highways have now added the knocked down give way sign and the blocked drain outside The Bear to their scheduled to do list.

### **11. Street Care**

Cllr J Pye confirmed that a permanent rubbish bin has been ordered for the Bus Stop opposite The Ship Public House. 15 out of date Yellow Planning Application signs have been removed as requested by Chelmsford Planning Department. Cllr J Pye has applied to have the High Street swept of leaves. We have been put on the priority list, however the street care manager pointed out he has 1300km of road to look after.

### **12. General Maintenance**

The Kissing Gate at the end of Mill Lane/Mill Walk has been fully rebuilt. **It was resolved** that the Clerk will raise a PO for the renewal of the Gravel Path from The Square past The Hoop.

### **Works to be agreed for next year**

-Refurbish the bench in Back Lane – budget price of £420

- Clean & tidy up Bus Shelter opposite The Hoop after house construction completion – budget price of £220

- Reconstruct and repaint Village Gateways to be agreed, to make drivers more aware they are entering a Village.
- Repair and repaint Kissing Gate halfway down Mill Walk.

### **13. All Saints Church**

Nothing to report.

## **Environment**

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

Cllr J Pye stated we haven't heard anything back from Chelmsford Council with regards to the drainage or The Common. We are going to raise a PO for the Car Park works which was agreed at the last meeting.

### **15. Tree Planting**

Cllr S Ported suggested hedging where the posts are on The Common and surrounding areas. **All Cllrs voted in favour**

### **16. Flooding**

Cllr M Rolph reported some big issues we have in Smallgains Lane. He's identified various problems with the main being a blocked brook on some farmland and the ponds waterflow being inhibited by some concrete. He confirmed he has been trying to track down the land owner of the brook and continues to do so.

## **Community Initiatives and Events**

### **17. Litter Pick**

Cllr M Rolph confirmed the next Litter Pick will be held in the new year.

### **18. Christmas Market**

At present, we have 23 stalls filled at present. The clerk and Cllr S Porter will continue to work to get the remaining stalls filled. Cllr M Rolph suggested the timings for the band and confirmed that the Cricket Club bar will be open for refreshments.

**It was resolved** that on the 25<sup>th</sup> November at 10am, the Christmas tree will be put up by available Councillors.

### **19. Other Matters**

- The tree near The Hoop has been looked at by a number of Councillors and they have no reason to believe it proves to be dangerous.
- 136 Mill Road planning breach has been reported to Chelmsford by a parishioner.
- The damaged bin on the green near Alms Houses was dug up and cleared by Cllr J Pye.
- Councillors confirmed that mailboxes are now fully functioning.

### **20. Finance**

**It was resolved** that the accounts for payment for November 2024 be approved as follows:

HMRC	£0.97
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Essex County Council	£5391.50
S Type Security	£1134.00
Ray Linge Market Stalls	£1884.00
Essex Pension Fund	£7.44
Janis Garlick	£13.00
Mark Rolph (expenses)	£109.99

The bank account balances as of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 are:

BARCLAYS Business Current Account: £9936.25

BARCLAYS Business Savings Account: £89,862.08

UNITY Instant Access: £50,000

UNITY Business Account: £50,000

**Chairman's Report**

Nothing to report.

**Clerk's Report**

Nothing to report.

**Village Information Exchange**

Cllr M Rolph confirmed that The Conservation Volunteers were tidying the pond today and will make contact to the correct people to clear the pond debris.

Cllr S Porter reported about the white chains being knocked down and Cllr P Fenwick confirmed this would be fixed when the works commence with the resurfacing. The Queens Tree to be dug up and re-planted. To create a memory tree for people that have passed away on the tree at All Saints Church.

Cllr P Fenwick suggested we get a quote for the Christmas Trees and Cllr S Porter will also get a quote elsewhere.

**Date of Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th December 2024, at 7.00pm at the Cricket Pavilion on Common Road.

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The meeting closed at 8.55pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Rolph', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.