



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

Minutes

for meeting held at
The Cricket Club Pavilion
Tuesday 21st January 2024

Present: Chairman: Absent
Vice-Chairman: Present

Councillors: R Pritchard & J Pye

Also present: the Parish Clerk

1. Welcome

Cllr M Rolph gave apologies on the meeting being postponed last week and also gave apologies for the absence of several Councillors.

2. Apologies of absence

Apologies had been received by Cllrs P Fenwick, M Gray, M Eade, S Porter, M Baker, P Mcallister

3. Minutes of last meetings

Resolved to **Approve** the Council minutes held on 12th of December 24 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Declaration of Councillor Interests relating to the Agenda

5. Public participation

- A resident who is a member of the PTA at Stock School made a presentation to ask if the Parish Council could help with a grant towards the reception play area.
It was resolved that the Parish Council would help with the project providing we have funds within the CIL money that we receive.
- The Chairman of Stock Village Hall made a presentation asking for financial help towards the Village Hall and the usage of the Car Park.
It was resolved that the Parish Council are willing to help with funds providing we have funds within the CIL money that we receive.

- An employee from S Type Security gave an annual review of the services they provide to the Village and an update of recent patrolling.

7. Planning Matters

Reference: 24/01660/EB

Address: 40 Mill Road Stock Ingatestone Chelmsford CM4 9LJ

Description of works: Existing church and customer electricity service to be transferred to a new pole and stay. New single phase service cable to be installed in customer installed duct and straight jointed to existing service cable. Re-string first 2 spans of 95 ABC to allow for new pole location. Church service to remain overhead

Resolved to Support

Reference: 24/01562/FUL

Address: Byfield House Stock Road Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Single storey side extension

Resolved to Support

Reference: 24/01680/FUL 24/01695/FUL

Address: Heathfield Dowsett Lane Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Construction of replacement home office/gym/games room
AND

Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new replacement dwelling

Reference: 24/01628/FUL

Address: 27 High Street Stock Ingatestone Essex

Description of works: Application to subdivide the building and plot to form two separate dwellings, with associated building work.

Resolved to support but to query the tree in photographs

Reference: 24/01629/LBC

Address: 29 High Street Stock Ingatestone Essex

Description of works: Application to subdivide the building and plot to form two separate dwellings, with associated building work.

Resolved to support conservation officers report

Reference: 24/01738/FUL

Address: Emilie Stock Road Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Demolish existing outbuilding. Proposed summerhouse in the same location

Resolved to support

Reference: 24/01647/FUL

Address: 21 Mill Road Stock Ingatestone CM4 9LJ

Description of works: Single storey infill extension to garden room and internal alterations

Resolved to support conservation officers report

Reference: 24/01756/FUL

Address: Land North East Of 34 High Street Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Proposed new 2 bedroom dwelling

Resolved to support

Reference: 24/05727/CAT

Address: 21 High Street Stock Ingatestone Essex

Description of works: T1 - Contorted willow - Remove larger limbs over the garden and reduce the remaining tree by up to 2m to reshape. G1 Shrubs - Cut back all shrubs in borders by 500mm back to wooden edge, T2-3 Conifer - Remove selected low branches to deter children from climbing the trees. T4 Magnolia - Remove large low branch over the garden and prune back

smaller branches over garden. Reason: works required to open up the garden space but keep the natural borders.

Leave to tree arboriculture

Reference: 24/01771/FUL

Address: Bower House 3 Common Lane Stock Ingatestone

Description of works: Proposed single storey rear extension with replacement windows and doors throughout including a Juliet balcony to rear. Internal changes, and alterations to external cladding.

Resolved to support

Reference: 24/05723/CAT

Address: 5 Austen Drive Stock Ingatestone CM4 9FB

Description of works: x2 Snake Bark Maple - Crown re-shape by 1m max & thin by 20%. Reason: To re-gain crown shape following poor quality reduction.

Leave to tree arboriculture

Highways and Maintenance

8. Parking

We submitted our application to SEPP on 15th May 2024. On 16th December 2024, we received an email from Andy Clay (manager of the SEPP's Traffic Regulation Order Team) confirming that the application had been successful and funding for it has been put in place.

There will be a 21 day consultation period starting with a statement in the Essex Chronicle in the first quarter of 2025. Each household in the vicinity of any proposed double yellow line or restriction will be written to by SEPP. There will be a 21 day consultation period starting with a statement in the Essex Chronicle in the first quarter of 2025.

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Yellow Planning Application Signs will be put up detailing restriction proposals.

Any objection to the proposal will be considered and the opportunity to meet with an SEPP Officer will be available to consider and resolve if possible.

Anybody that submitted a representation during the statutory 21 day period will receive a copy of the Committee report.

Finally, there will be a public meeting in the Court Room at Chelmsford Council where a final decision will be made on the proposal. Any member of the public who submitted an objection will be invited to speak to the Committee members at that meeting.

This is now in the hands of South Essex Parking Partnership and not Stock Parish Council.

8a. Parking at Stock School

We understand that Stock School (Head Teacher & School Governors) have agreed to join the 3PR Bronze Scheme.

This is basically a scheme that produces Signs, Leaflets and Information packs to make pupils and parents more respectful of their neighbours when parking and also to Park away from the School if possible.

3PR stands for 3 Parking Rules

Care- Be careful where you park

Don't cause an obstruction.

Use a Car Park if available

The launch date for this is week commencing 20th January 2025

9. Speeding & Road Safety

There has been no change since Cllr J Pye gave his last report at our December Parish Council Meeting.

10. Vehicle Activated Devices

Cllr J Pye reported that the order for the 3 VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) has been placed and we can expect these to be delivered at the end of January 2025. These will be installed by Cllr J Pye and a few volunteers from the Village.

11. SpeedWatch

Cllr M Rolph reported that the team get out to speed watch where possible, however lately it has been difficult to do so due to weather and illness. He also reported that we are going to use Trucam on a trial basis for one hour per week. Trucam is a service where trained operatives by the Police use a Trucam speed gun to catch speeding motorists and are issued fines.

12. Highways Reports

Cllr Pye reported 10 outstanding items which have been reported to Highways. These include blocked drains, missing bollards, kerbs, pavement conditions and road markings.

13. Street Care

Cllr J Pye has asked the Street Care Team to organise a road sweeper to attend Stock High Street to sweep the gutters and gulleys. They have agreed and this will happen in a couple of weeks. He also reported that a small team of litter pickers empty the bins every other Tuesday.

14. General Maintenance

Cllr J Pye reported that we now need to agree the actual design and positioning of the Village Gateways. This has to be in accordance with the requirements of Michael Hirst, The Conservation Officer. A basic design has been agreed with Harry's Handyman for 2 sets of bespoke gates and a supplier has also been located for purpose made signs with STOCK VILLAGE printed on them. The overgrown hedges at both ends of the village have been cut back to allow the new gates to be clearly seen. The budget for the new Village Gateways is £5,000.

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
- Repair and repaint Kissing Gate halfway down Mill Walk – budget price of £110

15. All Saints Church

No update.

16. Litter Pick

Cllr M Rolph reported the Village is in a fairly tidy condition, however when the weather gets better, he will organise another litter pick.

Environment

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

Cllr M Rolph reported that the works on The Common can proceed although an enforcement notice was issued to have the work done by the end of January 2025.

17. Trees in the Village

Cllr J Pye has been in contact with Chelmsford Arboriculture to establish who is responsible for the trees on the Common. It's been confirmed that they are Stock Parish Councils responsibility.

We have obtained a quote from Branches Tree Services to fell a number of dead trees in the Village that have been deemed quite dangerous.

The 4 dead trees on the bend of Common Road have been felled on 18th January 2025 with the permission from Chelmsford Arboriculture.

Future tree works have been booked in for 18th March 2025.

The Clerk reported that she has been in contact with CHP regarding the planting of hedges around the sheltered accommodation on Dakyn Drive. She is awaiting a response from them for the go ahead.

18. Flooding

Cllr M Rolph reported that he has been working with Essex Flood Assets doing a ditch and drain survey around the Village. **It has been resolved** that Essex Highways, Essex Flood Assets and some volunteers will clear the blockages around Smallgains Lane.

19. Other Matters

Precept 25/26

It was resolved that the Precept for 25/26 financial year is to be raised by 2.5% in line with inflation.

Cllr J Pye has suggested that the day of the week in which the monthly Parish Council meetings take place could possibly be changed from the second Tuesday of each month, to the second Monday of each month. A poll will be put out to all Councillors to vote on what day suits best for each of them and move forward from there.

20. Finance

It was resolved that the accounts for payment for January 2025 be approved as follows:

Sage Monthly Fee	£30.00
Essex Pension Fund	£7.44
O2 Monthly Bill	£13.57
HMRC Employer Contributions (December Pay)	£20.63
Clerk Wages (December Pay)	£907.50
HMRC Overdue Interest	£96.53
S Type Security (Dec Patrols)	£588.00
Libra Signs	£30.00
The Havard Inn	£192.55
Jack Smith (Trees)	£1050.00
Information Commissioners Office (Data Protection)	£40.00
Swift (Spraying various sites in village)	£720.00
TCV (Pond clearance)	£420.00
Paul Fenwick (Electricity Reimbursement)	£100.00

The bank account balances as of 21st January 2025 are:

BARCLAYS Business Current Account: £9593.26
BARCLAYS Business Savings Account: £89,862.08
UNITY Current T1: £33,426.64
UNITY Instant Access: £50,000.00

22. Chairman's Report

Chairman not present.

23. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported she has been in Contact with Adam Murray from Caloo, a playground equipment provider, to obtain a quote for the playground refurbishment on the Common. **It was resolved** that Cllr M Rolph would meet with Adam for a visit to discuss plans.

The Clerk also reported that she will be taking 15 hours annual leave over the February Half Term week.

Cllr M Rolph also mentioned the repairs that Wicksteed had quoted for the playground after there inspection. The Clerk will forward the email to Mark regarding the repairs and organise for the repairs to take place.

24. Village Information Exchange

25. Date of Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th February 2025, at 7.30pm at the Cricket Pavilion on Common Road.

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The meeting closed at 9.26pm

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