



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

Minutes

of

Meeting

held at

Stock Cricket Club Pavilion
Common Road, Stock, CM4 9NF
on Tuesday 14th July 2026

All Members of the Committee are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Public Meeting of Stock Parish Council for the purpose of transacting the following business:

Attendees: Paul Fenwick, Mark Rolph, Liz Foster, Tony Netherton, John Pye

1. Welcome by Chairman

Paul Fenwick opened the meeting by welcoming the numerous attendees from the Public.

2. Apologies of Absence

CCC Cllr. Gillian Bonnet, ECC Cllr. Mike Steel, SPCllr Rob Pritchard, SPCllr Mark Eade

3. Minutes of last meeting

No comments. Approved and signed by PF.

4. Declaration of Councillor Interests relating to the Agenda

None

5. Public Participation

The public attending the meeting filled the pavilion and overflowed to standing room outside. Windows were opened so that outside public could both hear and comment on reports.

PF commenced by acknowledging that residents had probably come to the meeting to discuss the proposed acquisition of the former football ground in Mill Lane to become a Leisure facility for the Village. PF stated that the Parish Council would hear all comments

and queries on the proposal but first read out an update statement on the process. The statement was as follows:-

“Over the past 3 months I have been immersed on behalf of SPC in the business of the former Stock Football Ground Mill Lane. The prospect of this being sold in part or in total to travellers had become a reality, all measures have been taken with CCC, however their legal position states until there is proof of the ground being invaded by travellers no action could be taken. SPC then contacted Brentwood Council and Navestock Parish Council, to enquire into the background of the owner of the largest plot of the former football ground, I was told that the owner had a history of dealings with travellers.

A meeting was arranged with the owner on site for first discussions; I was told that travellers had offered £360,000 for the land, a second meeting was arranged and an offer of £320,000 was put to the owner but with a 6 months completion deadline, this was accepted.

A second plot has been agreed at £60,000 which is in the hands of solicitors at present and a sum of £40,000 has been proposed for a third plot which is agreeable with the owner.

I have the contacts and titles to the 3 remaining plots which I have yet to contact, I require the council's agreement to pursue these, I would prefer to undertake this imminently to try and agree purchase prices before the prementioned sums become common knowledge.

SPC have set up a charitable trust, CIO, which can take 6 months or more to register, we have given substantial evidence to try and fast track the registration. With regard to Gift Aid and Tax Relief, both rely on the CIO being registered, the following suggestions are for the consideration of you all, I must emphasise we do not have the luxury of time.

I have thought along the lines of a promissory note which could be emailed to parishioners for the amount and signature, this could then to be fulfilled and returned to SPC, when the charity is registered the sum would be called for to be paid directly into the charities account, this would then qualify for Gift Aid and any potential tax relief for the donor.

SPC have no given deadline for the registration of the charity, or if the charity will be accepted by the charities commission.”

The statement having been read, the Public then began to ask questions of the Parish Council mainly along the lines of:

- . How much money is required to purchase the plots on the land?
- . How is this going to be raised?
- . What is the status of negotiations will the plot owners?
- . How long will it take to put a Charitable Trust in place to achieve the acquisition of the land?
- . How will Gift Aid to donations be received?
- . How will SPC keep residents advised of the progress of the acquisition?

All queries were answered and this item of the Agenda drew to a close with offers of support from the Public regarding leaflet drop volunteers, preparing notices and reports for local media, and helping with the fund raising.

A member of Public then gave a vote of thanks to the SPC for its work so far on the project to which the majority of the room applauded.

PF then closed this item on the Agenda to move on to the next item.

6. Planning Matters

[. Certificate of lawfulness to regularise an existing outbuilding within residential curtilage](#)

33 Mill Lane Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9RY

Ref. No: 26/00689/CLEUD

No Comment

[. T1 - Olive - Reduce crown in height and lateral spread by approximately 1.5-2m, pruning to balance and shape. Reason - General maintenance. T2 - Norway Maple - Reduce in height and lateral spread by approximately 2m, pruning to balance and shape. Reason: - General maintenance](#)

4 Hereward Mount Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9PS

Ref. No: 26/05118/TPO

No Comment

[. Application for reserved matters relating to 25/00591/OUT \(Outline application for the construction of a building for the purpose of Environmentally Controlled Agriculture \(ECA\) with all matters reserved\) for details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.](#)

Land At Rear Of Former Brook Farm Smallgains Lane Stock Ingatestone

Ref. No: 26/00702/REM

No Comment

[. T1 - Horse chestnut - Reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 3m. Cut back low branches. Reason - to clear road sign and reshape T2 - Horse chestnut - Reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 2.5m. Reason - to reduce branch weight T3 - Oak/Maple - Crown lift to 4m and cut back by 1.5m. Reason - Clear canopy overhang away from building T4 - Oak - Reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 1m. Reason - Reshape trees T5 - Apple - Reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 2.5m. Reason - Reshape trees T6 - Sycamore - Remove dead stems and low branch, crown lifting one side to 3m. Reason - To protect neighbours building T7 - Cedar - Remove broken branch and any deadwood. Reason - To remove damaged branch and heavy deadwood.](#)

40 Mill Road Stock Ingatestone Chelmsford CM4 9LJ

Ref. No: 26/05652/CAT

No Comment

[. Part single, part two storey rear extension and loft conversion. Raise garage roof to create first floor habitable space. Internal and external alterations.](#)

New Harvard House 30 High Street Stock Ingatestone Chelmsford Essex CM4 9BA

Ref. No: 26/00750/FUL

Councillors supported comments previously made by the Planning and Listed Buildings officer. A discussion was also held on Public Comments concerning proposed dormer windows which would look onto a neighbouring back garden. Councillors that agreed that the Planning Committee should take these comments into consideration when reviewing the application.

[. Removal of the existing 24m lattice tower, 3 no. antennas, and installation of a new 22.5m monopole with a new headframe \(25.6m to the top\), 3 no. antennas, 2 no. transmission dishes, and ancillary development thereto.](#)

Vodafone Site Crondon Park Lane Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9QT

Ref. No: 26/00811/TEL56

No Comment

[Certificate of lawfulness to regularise the continued existing residential use \(Use Class C3\) of two caravans.](#)

Round Farm Goatsmoor Lane Stock Ingatestone Essex

Ref. No: 26/00798/CLEUD

No Comment

A1 - Chestnut (marked T1 on map) - Reduce by approximately 2.5m and shape crown back to previous pruning points. Crown raise up to 3m. Reason - to reduce over extended limbs and reduce proximity to house. A1 - Acer (marked T2 on map) - Reduce back to previous pruning points approximately 2. Reason - to reduce overhang from vehicle and pedestrian road/walkway without unbalancing crown.

3 Hereward Mount Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9PS

Ref. No: 26/05143/TPO

No Comment

A1 - English Oak (marked T1 on map) - Reduction of height and lateral spread by up to 3 meters. Reason - to manage the size of the tree, to maintain structural integrity, reduce potential wind resistance and storm damage, and improve light penetration beneath the canopy, while preserving the natural form and health of the English Oak.

13 Hereward Mount Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9PS

Ref. No: 26/05148/TPO

No Comment

7. Highways and Maintenance

Cllr. John Pye had submitted a report (as below), which had been previously distributed to all Councillors. The report was reviewed.

- . **Parking**)- *JP report*
- . **Speeding & Road Safety**)- *JP report*

- . **SpeedWatch**

MR reported that the SpeedWatch volunteers continue to monitor sites along the High Street and Mill Road. The Police have attended on 3 separate occasions and caught a number of speeding motorists. Trucam Services stationed at Rectory Close have also reported speeding motorists.

- . **Highways reports**)- *JP report*
- . **Street Care**)- *JP report*
- . **General Maintenance work**)- *JP report*

- . **Litter Pick**

MR reported that despite the heat volunteers had turned out for a group litter pick Saturday 11th July. 4 large bags of rubbish were collected together with a window frame that had been left by the roadside.

The next village litter pick will be held towards the end of September. Anyone wishing to do an individual litter pick in the meantime can obtain full kit by contacting **info@stock-pc.gov.uk**.

- . **Public Footpaths**

LF stated that she is still awaiting responses from Essex Highways on the recent Footpath reports. LF has been informed by EH that this could take up to 56 days.

John Pye's report follows:-

PARKING RESTRICTIONS & PARKING NEAR TO THE SCHOOL.

The Road Safety Audit has now been carried out and we await to hear the outcome.

We have been informed that the Safety Audit when carried out will not be acceptable to SEPP (Nick Binder) as a means to apply for a new Traffic Regulations Order.

The very latest is that Cllr. Mike Steel and myself joined a Teams meeting Surgery with the new Cabinet Member Cllr. Webster to try and unravel this unacceptable situation. To say the least this was very disappointing as Cllr. Webster seemed only to take notice of his Team. Essex Highways have no control over SEPP.

VILLAGE SPEED MANAGEMENT

We were further disappointed to hear that the new Reform Council have scrapped the Local Highways Panel reporting system and everything in it. See below how this will affect our out-standing LHP's

I detail all of the Local Highway Panel Applications that SPC have been pursuing since November 2023.

1. Average Speed Cameras at both ends of Stock Village.
Will not happen.
2. Pedestrian Crossing outside Budgens to be converted to a Pelican Crossing.
Pelican crossing not possible due to technical reasons of not being able to install the equipment.
The best we can hope for is that the previously validated upgrade will be possible if SPC fund it.
3. Upgrade Pedestrian Crossing at Common Road end of High Street.
Possible if SPC are allowed to fund it.
4. Introduce a buffer Zone of 40 MPH when entering the Village from Chelmsford.
Not considered necessary by Highways Safety Advisor. Possible SPC Fund or Safer Essex Strategy might do if approved.
5. Introduce 20MPH Zones to all roads both sides of The High Street.
Will not happen unless Safer Essex Strategy is introduced.
6. Downham Road Speed Limit to be reduced from 60 MPH to 40MPH
Will not happen unless Safer Essex Strategy is introduced.
7. Move the Bus Stop at the top of Stock Hill.
Will not happen.

Currently there is no new Local Highways Panel in place to address Road Safety issues. There is also no money available to carry out any alterations until budgeted for in March 2027. That is why it was suggested that SPC may be able to fund some items but they would need to be in line with current Highways legislation.

VEHICLE ACTIVATED DEVICES

The VAS devices at both ends of the Village are working well.
We are certain that most motorists take note of these and slow down.
It is hoped that in the future that Data downloaded from these will assist one day in obtaining Speed Cameras.
We have extended the Warranty on these by 3 years.

HIGHWAYS REPORTING

I have reported the many Pot Holes on the High Street. The initial response was that they are not that serious.

We are hoping that all of the 12 pot holes will be repaired soon under the "Pothole Emergency Scheme."

STREETCARE REPORTING

Recently it was noted that the Rubbish bin next to the bus shelter opposite the Ship Public House had gone. On investigation we now find that it was knocked down by a car and destroyed. StreetCare plan to replace it soon.

MAINTENANCE WORKS IN THE VILLAGE

COMMON ROAD VERGE & Posts

POSTS

Considerable damage has been caused to a number of posts on Common Road outside The Nook.

This is due to numerous builders vehicles parked opposite the Common while working on a house called Mill View. This has restricted the width of the Road. Large lorries have damaged and in some cases knocked out the posts because of this.

Furthermore, considerable damage has been caused to the verges in this area.

I have spoken to the owner of Mill View who has agreed to pay for the damage. I have arranged for one of our approved contractors to carry out the work.

DRAINS

Two Drain pits outside Hawthorns in Common Road have been badly damaged by Lorries entering and leaving the Building Site.

I have spoken to the owner who has agreed to repair them.

TREES IN THE VILLAGE

I have placed an Order with one of our approved Tree Surgeons to carry out the dead wooding to all trees on both sides of Common Road.

This is where falling branches are likely to cause damage and danger to motorists and pedestrians. This is phase 1 of three phases of dead wooding required.

HEDGES

Following several complaints hedges in various locations have now been cut back.

FOOTPATHS

The StreetCare Team have now got back a Team called the Rangers. This Team is available to SPC should we need overgrown vegetation cut back etc.

MEMORIAL TREES

The Parish Council is obliged to replace removed Dead Trees with new ones.

A Memorial Tree Policy has been produced and incorporated into Stock Parish Councils Rules and Regulations.

We have now planted four trees.

We possibly have up to six further trees in the pipe line.

PONDS

MILL ROAD

This has been cleared recently

AUSTEN DRIVE

I believe the pond will be dredged soon.

NOTICE BOARDS

I have placed an Order with Elite (an approved contractor) to prepare and re paint/stain all four of our Notice Boards.

I have contacted the Community Groups who advertise on them to inform them of this and arrange for their new notices to be affixed.

I think that in future we need to restrict the use of the Notice Boards to Stock based Organisations. We can probably do this by putting a notice to this effect on each board.

I also suggest that the position of our Defibrillators is shown.

8. Environment

. Trees

As reported in the JP report above.

. Flooding

No flooding incidents reported.

9. Events 2026

.Christmas Market

The Stock Village Christmas Fayre will take place on The Common on Saturday 5th December between 12 noon and 6pm.

A working group is organising the Fayre and is reviewing the possibility of an undercover event utilising 3 marquees; crafts, food and children's activities. Stock Cricket Club is supporting the event and has agreed to open its pavilion for refreshments.

.Remembrance Service

A working group is preparing for the event to include the Three Churches service at the War Memorial and parade by the Royal British Legion. The WG is applying to CCC for a road closure permit.

10. Finance

To review and authorise online payments.

Essex Pension Fund (Marnie Dillon)	£501.28
HMRC NI Cont.	£ 18.39
SType Security	£546.00
Clear Councils insurance Renewal	£849.96
Holly Lewis Accts. Admin.	£320.00
Sage Payroll Fee	£ 13.20
Xero Accts. Software	£ 0.96
Total	£2,249.79

To review bank balances

Current	£30,807.90
Deposit	£112,436.37

11. Essex County Councillor Report

Cllr. Mike Steel previously submitted a comprehensive report on his activities which was distributed to all Councillors. In his absence the report follows:-

Highways

At the first County Council meeting, I asked what was happening to the consultation results of the new Speed Strategy and whether the Highways Cabinet Member would be taking it forward to policy. The strategy sets out a new, flexible and evidence-based approach for introducing safer speed measures across Essex. Speed is the biggest factor in fatal road collisions in Essex. In 2025, 60 people died on Essex roads, with almost half of deaths linked to excess speed. The strategy supports Vision Zero – the ambition that no one should be killed or seriously injured on Essex roads by 2040. In my opinion it is the start of a major shift towards slower speeds and lower speed limits. Despite asking, I have been given no indication as to whether this will continue and be adopted as policy.

I have submitted the same question to the Main meeting of 14th July (for the third time!)

I do know that the Members Highways Initiative has been ceased. This is where each Cllr was able to prioritise highway defects including pot-holes, pavements, signs, drains, verges, etc. Instead, the teams have been moved to just road defects and in isolated areas. So, I can no longer control

such repairs. I had 3 jobs planned for w/c 8th June and 2 were completed. This looks like the last of the repairs under MHI.

We have access to the MHI website which shows the status of jobs submitted by Cllrs, but I cannot see Stock or Margaretting ones following the boundary changes. I asked for an update on these and was told I can only see the ones I submitted.

In replacement to MHI, each Cllr was asked to submit 3 roads in their division, but were only given 48 hours to do so. I quickly consulted with my PCs and made a submission (of 4) including the road past Gardening Express.. One of my 4 has already been done and they repaired around 30 holes in a 2 mile stretch of Pleshey Road!

The Reform Administration have also declared a “pothole emergency”, but we do not have any details behind what that means.

Highway Rangers

This was previously funded by ECC but was discontinued a couple of years ago. I did object, as I believe it is a valuable service.

Chelmsford City Council have brought it back for Chelmsford, and I welcome this initiative.

The Rangers can undertake a range of minor environmental and maintenance tasks, including:

- General tidying and vegetation cutting on footpaths
- Cutting back overgrown paths
- Cleaning street name plates and road signs
- Painting village gates and structures
- Basic maintenance of parish seating

The service will not cover:

- Replacement of ECC road signs
- Repairs to paving defects or kerbs
- Large-scale vegetation works
- Weed spraying

A small materials budget is available, but parish councils may be asked to contribute towards larger jobs.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and Devolution

The Govt has announced that Chelmsford will join Brentwood and Maldon, along with Essex County Council services, to form a new mid-Essex unitary authority from April 2028. This forms part of the wider five unitary model which has now been selected for Greater Essex. Until 1 April 2028, Chelmsford City Council and Essex County Council will continue to operate as usual.

Elections for the Unitary Authorities will take place in May 2027 but the Cllrs will not take control until April 2028. However, the new Reform ECC Administration have written to Steve Reed MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and stated that ECC “*will utilise all resources at our disposal to challenge and resist LGR*”. They have now decided to submit a formal judicial review. It remains to be seen whether LGR will go ahead. If it does, the plan was to have elections for Unitary Councils in May 2027. If it doesn’t, the Chelmsford City Council elections will need to be held in May 2027.

Devolution is separate from LGR, and delegates further powers from Central Govt to County Authorities. Given the direction of Central Govt, it seems highly likely that a Greater Essex Combined County Authority (GECCA) will still be formed and we will have elections for a Mayor in 2028. But nothing is certain!

Update on Minerals Local Plan

The Minerals and Waste Planning Authority received just under 10,000 comments as part of the last public consultation. They have now almost completed assessing all the comments received and will subsequently make amendments to the Plan and Site Assessments accordingly. They will

then devise a draft site selection methodology and then present a draft list of Preferred Sites alongside reports justifying the draft list and how comments received in the previous consultation were taken into account. This work will then undergo a further public consultation.

The Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) sets out the timetable for policy preparation. It outlines the documents that we will produce and when.

The current [MWDS](#) was adopted in November 2019 and Appendix 2 sets out a timetable for the Minerals Local Plan review which is now out of date. A review of the Minerals Local Plan is however still being advanced, with progress to date and the next steps set out on our [consultation webpages](#)

Following local elections, a new Portfolio Holder now covers County Planning and there will be the requirement for briefings ahead of the Portfolio Holder confirming the preferred future direction for the Minerals Local Plan Review. This includes the need to take account of the new regulations for local plan making published in March 2026. A new timetable will be agreed with the Portfolio Holder in due course.

Pylons

I am aware that NG intend to submit planning applications for temporary compasounds in advance of the decision on the DCO, an so they will have re-instatement plans.

I am only aware of these as local residents have been informed and thye passed it on to me.

These are the ones I am aware of:

Chelmsford 1 - Goodmans Lane

Two temporary site access points on Goodmans Lane and Paulk Hall Lane.

Chelmsford 2 - Little Waltham

- A temporary construction compound off the A131 Braintree Road
- A site access point off the A131 providing access to the compound
- A site access point on the B1008 Essex Regiment Way
- Two site access points on Chatham Hall Lane.

Chelmsford 3 - Minnow End

- Two temporary site access points on Chelmsford Road, at Minnow End.

Chelmsford 4 - Chignal Road

- Two temporary site access points on Chignal Road.

Chelmsford 5 - Mashbury Road

- Two temporary site access points on Mashbury Road.

Chelmsford 6 - Roxwell Road

- Two temporary site access points on Roxwell Road.

As of today, City Council Planning have not yet received any applications – although some have been delivered to the more northern districts.

We are members of a joint comms group on these, as there is a desire to be consistent

Stock Windmill

Further to the enquiry at the last meeting, I enquired about what is happening to any planned refurbishment of Stock windmill.

I have had it confirmed that it is an ECC asset and that there is an ongoing programme with the repairs (as opposed to a refurbishment) to Stock Windmill that will be ongoing for the next 18 months or so.

I don't have any more details than this.

Traffic Issues in Stock

Myself and Cllr Pye met with the Highways Cabinet Member 8th July plus Highways' Officers.

Below is the **summary note** I presented to the meeting (and sent in advance) and my notes from the meeting.

I am okay for these to be published.

Summary Note:

In advance of tomorrow's meeting, I have produced the following summary and intro.

I will quickly go through this to kick off the meeting, but I would like to get to the debate and use the time usefully to get the issues out and reach any conclusions:

1. Stock is village cut in two by the B1007 which is a busy road with an average of 13,000 vehicles a day (as per ECC surveys)
2. The issue originates from a fatality in Stock November 2023 where a schoolboy was killed (and another seriously injured) by a speeding driver. The driver was travelling at 67mph in the 30mph zone to the south of the village and hit 2 children on the pavement. (Fatality report attached)
3. Stock Parish Council have previously met with the Highways Cabinet Member, to initiate a number of actions. As the new Member for Stock (which came into my area after boundary changes), I have inherited these issues.
4. As a result of various meetings, a number of improvements have been identified, but these have not moved forward. Some are fairly straightforward, and others are more involved and expensive:

Potential Straightforward Improvements:

1. **Reposition the bus stop** where the fatal collision occurred. Currently, a stationary bus means that cars either have to wait, or cross (illegally), the double white lines. The PC have proposed a move to a different position, but ECC highways deem this position to be less safe.
2. The southern approach to the village has a **40mph buffer zone**. This is not the case for the northern approach, which transitions from 60mph to 40mph at the village boundary
3. **Dangerous parking** – having walked through the village many times, I can support the premise that there seems to be an abundance of vehicles parked in areas that create a hazard. This should be straightforward to resolve through SEPP, but somehow, this got out of hand, and a limited number of restrictions proposed by the PC, grew into a massive village-wide project which drew much negative residents' feedback and a petition against. The PC are funding ECC to produce a safety audit on yellow lines for consideration by SEPP. But this has gone off the rails – the ECC Highways audit does not address the need for restrictions, rather it looks at the safety implications of having restrictions. This is not what SEPP want. I would like to address this mismatch at the meeting!
4. **The zebra crossing in the centre of the village has poor visibility splay** to the right when crossing from the south side – the school is on the other side to a main residential area. Significantly improving the visibility is impossible as it is obscured by the adjacent dwelling. But some improvements could be made by regular foliage maintenance on the tree (or removing the tree - which belongs to the resident). There is a vacancy for an SCP, but it remains unfilled.

More Difficult Improvements

5. **Speed limit change to 20mph in the village.** Several ECC speed surveys have been done and in general they show average 27mph, 85th percentile 31mph i.e. ECC Highways would not deem that there is a speeding problem.
6. **Average Speed Cameras** – I cannot see ECC supporting these as the speed survey evidence does not support the case.
7. **Upgrade the central village zebra crossing to a signalised one.** I believe this was previously considered by LHP many years ago, but did not make it to the implantation list.

8. **Add an extra zebra crossing** near the collision site. I am not aware of any PV2 analysis being done on this. V would score high, but I suspect P would not.

It is also worth noting that the PC are willing to fund solutions!

Summary of the meeting and actions

Potential Straightforward Improvements:

1. **Reposition the bus stop** - ECC will not support. Not connected to the fatality.
2. **Northern 40mph buffer zone** – ECC surveys show good speed compliance – so buffer not justified. Countdown markers were installed before policy applied, and ECC do not replace such things that do not meet current DfT policy. Speed Management Strategy (Place/Movement) may address in future. LHPs closed to new requests. Third Party (PC funded) scheme may be an option but still has to meet Highways Policy – Cllr Webster will consider whether this could be a Third Party (PC funded) scheme?
3. **Dangerous parking** – ECC have no control over SEPP which is the agency for requesting restrictions. Noted that the last request grew to the point where there was a public backlash. Noted that the ECC audit will not answer the question on requirement for restrictions. PC need to re-apply to SEPP for a more modest scheme that will more likely be acceptable to residents. ECC safety audit to be completed and issued (Dan Maclean) noting it will not support the case, but can avoid areas where it contravenes the case.
4. **The zebra crossing in the centre of the village has poor visibility splay** – whilst the LHP scheme from 2 years ago did not make it to funding, it did get validated. This included extra signage and lining. At the time it was estimated at £17,000 but will be more now. Warning to motorists would also be improved if flashing yellow beacons were added. ECC will not fund - without LHPs, the only mechanism is via Casualty Reduction, and lack of injury accidents means it does not qualify. Cllr Webster will consider whether this could be a Third Party (PC funded) scheme?

More Difficult Improvements

5. **Speed limit change to 20mph in the village.** – surveys show good compliance to current 30mph limit, and lack of injury accidents means ECC will not progress this. Possibly, the Speed Strategy (Place/Movement) may globally address in the future.
6. **Average Speed Cameras** – surveys show good compliance to current 30mph limit, and lack of injury accidents means ECC will not progress this. Alos costs of installation and maintenance is a an issue, requiring strong justification!.
7. **Upgrade the central village zebra crossing to a signalised one** – not possible to fit into the space – but see 4 above.
8. **Add an extra zebra crossing near the collision site** – PV2 won't justify – this is a combination of vehicles and pedestrians needing to cross, and the latter is unlikely to support.

Supplementary note: - it is my understanding that the process whereby Parish Councils can request to fund Highways schemes, is still in place, so I am not sure if we have to have Cllr Websters approval to proceed with this. I suggest that we wait for a response to these 2 actions. If a response is not forthcoming, I will chase for one. If that doesn't work, it may be worth just submitting a request via the ECC Parish Council request email.

12. Chair Report

As in Public Participation

13. Village Information Exchange

JP reported that Essex Police are holding regular meetings at Stock School library for residents to register their local concerns. It was agreed that SPC would publish dates and times of these meetings.

TN brought to Councillors attention that the latest report of open cases from Planning Enforcement appears to have dropped its actions at Hippodrome Farm on Goatsmoor lane. Councillors agreed that SPC should contact PE to ask for an explanation as it believes that none of the previous enforcement actions on the property have been resolved.

Date of Next meeting
Tuesday 8th September 2026