

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, The ARC, Stocksbridge on Thursday, 8th April 2010

PRESENT : Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford (Chair); Cllrs. Mrs W M Kaye, A S Law, K Davis and J Clarkson

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Cuthbertson – Item 292

291. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. D L Lyons, R Marsh-Smith and M C Brelsford.
292. Public Questions and Petitions
The Chairman welcomed Ian Cuthbertson to the meeting.
I Cuthbertson noted that the General Election had been confirmed as 6th May 2010 and stated the importance of the election not just for the country but this Town, advising that dependent upon who was elected, the industry in the Town could come to an end. I Cuthbertson advised that several hustings had been held in neighbouring Towns and he requested the support of the Town Council in hosting such a meeting in this area, inviting all candidates to put their different points of view and for members of the public to ask questions. The closing date for nominations was 20th April 2010.
Cllr. J Clarkson stated that he fully supported what Ian had said but raised his concerns with respect to the Clerk needing to contact candidates within a very short space of time to arrange the meeting.
Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford stated that it was a good idea in principle.
Cllr. K Davis advised that hustings in other areas had been well attended and he felt that such a meeting would also be well supported within this area.
Proposed by Cllr. J Clarkson, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council give delegated authority to the Chair and Clerk to arrange the public meeting with candidates from all political parties being invited to attend. The Clerk was requested to contact The Venue to ascertain availability of the Steel Room in which to hold the meeting.
293. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 11th March 2010
Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th March 2010, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
294. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th March 2010
With reference to item 201 Maples Garden Centre. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Planning Inspectorate advising that the appeal in respect of development of the site at the Maples Garden Centre had been dismissed due to it being inappropriate as the site lies within the Green Belt. This correspondence was noted.
Cllr. A S Law stated that this was excellent news.
Cllr. J Clarkson requested that in view of the news that the development had been refused the Town Council write again to the Enforcement Officer requesting that the matter of tidying up the site be

pursued as a matter of urgency as the state of the site was detrimental to the rest of the area and was a safety hazard to local children. All members were fully supportive of this request.

With reference to item 263 – Sixth Form Admissions. The Clerk reported that no response had been received from SCC at the present time.

Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford advised that parents had been told that 6th form provision was still going ahead for this side of the City, however, this would not be available until next year. She had been advised that no appeals had been heard last year as all students had been given a place following publication of GCSE results. It was, however, a very complex system that was causing a lot of anxiety and stress to both parents and students.

With reference to item 266 second paragraph – Stocksbridge Leisure Centre. The Clerk advised that David Hempsall had not yet confirmed which Town Council meeting he would be attending.

With reference to item 280 – Palace Mall. Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye noted that she had heard that there were plans to have a garage at the back of the building and raised her concerns at the extra traffic that would result on what was a very narrow access road.

Cllr. J Clarkson also raised the issue of whether the Palace Mall building and the old Wash House on Pearson Street should be listed buildings. If these building were destroyed the area would be losing part of its history.

Following discussion the Clerk was requested to write to SCC asking for clarification on the use of the current building and if consideration could be given to listing the Palace Mall and old Wash House.

With reference to item 283 final paragraph – Morehall Fishery. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Brendan Gillespie, Planning Enforcement advising that he had spoken to the new landlord who had recently taken on a 5 year lease and was hoping to clean up and improve the site and hopefully attract more custom. As far as he is aware there is no other use planned in the short term other than the Fishery which complies with current planning permission. This correspondence was noted.

With reference to item 286 (ii) Stocksbridge Fire Cadets. Cllr. A S Law stated that it had been good to see the Fire Cadets in Look Local. The Clerk advised that further information regarding the logo's had been received today.

With reference to item 288 – Walkers Are Welcome. Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford noted that a presentation had been given at the Community Forum and she was pleased that the Town Council were supporting the initiative which she felt would be good for the area.

The Clerk reported that she had received further correspondence today from Rebecca Hughes providing an update on the current position with respect to the Walkers Area Welcome initiative which was now moving onto the next stage.

295. To Receive and Approve Balances and Comparison of Spending Against Budget The Clerk reported that the details of the Balances & Comparison of Spending Against Budget had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the balances and comparison of spending against budget for March 2010 as supplied by the Clerk.

296. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations The Clerk reported that she had received from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations correspondence inviting nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and representatives on the Joint Executive Committees prior to the annual meeting to be held on 23rd June 2010. This correspondence was noted.

297. SYPTE The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYPTE enclosing details of bus service changes to be implemented week commencing 24th April 2010 plus details of timetable changes for the Easter period.
58 Stagecoach Sheffield – Stocksbridge service
Saturday 0613 and 0713 Oughtibridge – Sheffield withdrawn (alternative journeys available on First service 57). Sunday 1043 Oughtibridge to Sheffield extended back to start from Stocksbridge at 1021. This correspondence was noted.
298. Waldershef Choral Society The Clerk reported that she had received notice that Waldershef Choral Society would be holding a coffee morning in Stocksbridge Library from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday 17th April 2010. This correspondence was noted.
299. North Rural Neighbourhood Action Group The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of the North Rural Neighbourhood Action Group Pt A (General) meeting held on 16th February and an agenda for the next meeting to be held on 23rd March 2010 at 9.30 a.m. at Wharncliffe Side Community Centre. This correspondence was noted.
300. Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C. inviting the Mayor to present prizes at their forthcoming Presentation Nights on 26th and 27th May 2010. The Clerk noted that this invitation would be added to the Mayor's Diary for the new Mayor elected. This correspondence was noted.
301. Sheffield Community Transport The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Sheffield Community Transport advising that they had had to review their travel rates in light of increased overheads. This correspondence was noted.
302. Legal Services The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Legal Services with respect to the Public Inquiry to be held on 21st April in the Town Hall advising that notification of the date/time etc., was published in The Star on 18th March 2010.
303. South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority The Clerk reported that she had received from the South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority a copy of their monthly report for April 2010, copies of which were circulated to members'. This correspondence was noted.
304. Historical Photographs of Stocksbridge The Clerk noted that photographs had been presented to the Stocksbridge History Society from the Parish Archivist at Bradfield Parish Council. These photographs had recently come into his possession. The Clerk circulated an index of the photographs to members advising that they were available to view on a usb should they wish to do so. A panorama view of Stocksbridge had also been received which the Clerk undertook to have framed and hung in the Council Chamber.
Councillors requested that a letter be sent to Malcolm Nunn, Parish Archivist thanking him for the photographs.
305. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members?
a) Cllr. J Clarkson reported that following Mr Ockerby's attendance at the last Town Council meeting he had met him on site in order to discuss possible ways forward. Cllr. J Clarkson stated that the roads were in a very poor state of repair. He was pleased to advise that the local residents had set up an action group, accounts and a constitution and would be looking for funding from the Town Council etc., to assist with improving their area. They had met with the recently formed Hunshelf Bank Community Association to gain ideas for re-surfacing the roads and a Highways Officer was also to visit the site to offer advice and assistance re scrapings etc. Sheffield Homes owned Spring Mill Terrace Park and were keen to get involved in the community initiative and

would be removing some trees and generally tidying the area, working together with Valley In Bloom to create a planting area.

Cllr. J Clarkson was keen to note that SCC would not tarmac unadopted roads, this responsibility lay with local residents. He urged other residents living on unadopted roads to contact the Town Council as there are ways in which we can assist.

b) Cllr. K Davis noted that the residents of Oaks Avenue/Woolley Road backed onto an unadopted road and they were currently forming an action group.

Cllr. K Davis had also been in contact with the owner of the Engineering Workshop on Wood Royd Road which was in a derelict state with demolition in progress following concerns regarding safety issues. He had requested that the area be fenced off whilst the building was fully demolished and the site cleared.

c) Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye advised that she had attended the following meetings:-

12th March – Community Health Forum

13th March – In Bloom Coffee Morning, which had been very successful

18th March – TARA AGM at The Venue

21st March – clean up in Clock Tower Gardens and litter picks

31st March – Bolsterstone Community Group AGM

7th April – Stocksbridge In Bloom Spring judging

d) Cllr. A S Law reported that he had attended the Stocksbridge Advice Centre meeting and Stocksbridge Community Care Group meeting.

Cllr. A S Law noted that he had recently attended a number of tree planting events and, as part of his forthcoming duties as Lord Mayor of Sheffield he wished to promote the Stocksbridge area by planting some trees, a number of sites for which had already been identified, however, he would welcome any further ideas from members.

306. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford reported that she attended the following event since the last meeting:-

13th March – In Bloom Coffee Morning

14th March – tree planting event at Hunshelf Park community orchard

19th March – North Area Assembly Blast Off Final event at Hillsborough Arena

22nd March – Steel Valley Beacon workshop on the history of Stocksbridge

24th March – Stocksbridge Community Forum with a presentation on the Walkers Area Welcome initiative

25th March – tree planting event at Stocksbridge Fire Station

7th April – In Bloom Spring Judging – Cllr. A E Brelsford stated what a huge difference had been made to the area since the In Bloom Group had started with residents becoming proud of their Town.

Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye advised that the date for the Summer judging was 12th July 2010.

307. To Consider Planning Applications and Receive the Decisions of the Sheffield City Council North West Planning Board

Note: *Cllr. J Clarkson declared an interest and left the room for this item.*

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from John Williamson in response to a complaint lodged by Cllr. D L Lyons that comments made by the Town Council on planning applications were not always published on the SCC website.

J Williamson had contacted the office to ascertain when comments had been sent with respect 10/00388/FUL and confirmed that these had been received on 16th March, having been sent directly to the Planning Officer concerned. However, due to illness and part time working the comments had not been passed immediately for scanning onto the website, for which he apologised, noting that this had not prevented the comments from being taken into account. J Williamson had also looked into further issues raised by Cllr. Lyons and advised that if the Town Council are not happy with the

response received the matter could be referred to a senior manager not connected with the original complaint.

Cllr. A S Law stated that this response was not acceptable, part time working was no excuse. The Town Council was representing the views of local residents and if they were not seen on line then it looked as though the Town Council had not responded. He requested that a letter be written to Les Sturch to this effect.

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and

RESOLVED:- That no objection be made to the undermentioned planning applications:-

10/00740/FUL	15 Princess Drive, Stocksbridge	Retention of first-floor side and front extensions to dwellinghouse.
10/00741/FUL	8 Broomfield Court, Stocksbridge	Erection of front porch to dwellinghouse.
10/00192/FUL	Stocksbridge Nursery & Infant School, Pot House Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of playground canopy.
10/00878/OUTR	Curtilage of 7 Clay Pits Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of 2 dwellinghouses (renewal of application no. 07/00016/OUT).

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council instruct the Clerk to write to Planning Department with regard to the undermentioned planning application raising their objections due to over development; access/egress concerns; overlooking neighbouring properties and it being a back garden development.

10/00881/FUL	11 Smithy Moor Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of detached single storey living accommodation.
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Proposed by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council instruct the Clerk to write to Planning Department with regard to the undermentioned planning application raising their objections due to over development; access/egress concerns and requesting a site visit be undertaken.

10/00870/FUL	15 Park Drive, Stocksbridge	Two-storey side extension including garage and single storey front extension to dwellinghouse.
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Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council instruct the Clerk to write to Planning Department with regard to the undermentioned planning application reiterating the objections previously made, namely the unsuitability of the development in a green belt area.

10/00718/FUL	New Hall Farm, New Hall Lane, Stocksbridge	Application to clarify northern boundary, re-positioning of garage block and revision to existing and proposed window openings (amendments to 07/03298/FUL).
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308. Planning Applications – Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been granted conditionally:-

10/00008/FUL	11 Moxon Close, Deepcar	Two-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.
10/00100/FUL	2 Broomfield Road, Stocksbridge	Two-storey front extension and single-storey side extension to dwellinghouse, alterations to existing detached garage including side/rear extension to form ancillary living accommodation.
10/00212/FUL	7 St Hilda Close, Deepcar	First-floor side extension and single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions		£2658.92	LGA72(S111)
ARC Management	Office rent for Mar 2010	£ 423.48	“
Yorkshire Water	Rates for Man. Rd toilets	£ 24.19	PHA1936(S87)
Yorkshire Water	Rates for Bolsterstone Toilets	£ 33.91	“
Arena Group Limited	Photocopier usage	£ 189.15	LGA72(S111)
Zurich Insurance plc	Town Council insurance	£ 905.52	“
(ii) That cheques be paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-			
Zurich Insurance plc	ARC building insurance	£2363.92	LGA72(S111)
Yorkshire Water	ARC water rates	£ 133.21	“
Pointer Limited	Replacement of 2 smoke Detectors	£ 58.28	“
Firths Window Cleaning Services	Window cleaning	£ 55.00	“
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	Photocopier rental	£ 298.52	“
(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debits payments made in April 2010:-			
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Town Council Offices	£ 73.25	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Man. Rd. Toilets	£ 34.32	PHA1936(S87)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates - Bolsterstone toilets	£ 42.75	“
(iv) That approval be given for cheques signed at the Finance Committee in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-			
Stocksbridge In Bloom	Grant Aid	£ 550.00	LGA76(S19)
Stocksbridge Young Fire Fighters	Grant Aid	£ 250.00	“
Stocksbridge Photographic Society	Grant Aid	£ 300.00	“
Valley Pentecostal Church	Grant Aid	£ 200.00	“
Hunshelf Park Community Group	Grant Aid	£ 500.00	“
Southern Electric	ARC building	£ 917.70	LGA72(S144)
Geo Supplies Ltd	Stationery	£ 115.34	LGA72(S111)
Laidlow Solutions Ltd	Keys for The ARC	£ 68.74	“
Firths Window Cleaning Services	Window cleaning	£ 55.00	“
Micro Alarms Ltd	Intruder alarm call out	£ 58.75	“
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC	£ 662.20	“

Chairman