

## STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, The ARC, Stocksbridge on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009

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PRESENT : Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford (Chair); Cllrs. Mrs W M Kaye, M C Brelsford, J Clarkson, R Marsh-Smith and K Davis

IN ATTENDANCE: M Dransfield, Dransfield Properties – Item 187 only

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186. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A S Law and D L Lyons.
187. Public Questions and Petitions  
Mark Dransfield updated Councillors on progress to date with respect to the proposed development on the Outo Kumpo site. He noted that despite the current climate Dransfield/Gallaghers were still committed to delivering the project. Lengthy discussions were currently being held with Corus and he was hopeful that further planning applications would be ready for submission by March/April 2010. He was also pleased to report that the grant application was progressing well.  
Discussions had been held with the Environment Agency with respect to an area designated for housing and they would be writing to SCC noting their views.  
Cllr. R Marsh-Smith asked how many houses were proposed for the site.  
M Dransfield stated that he was unsure at the present time but noted that they would be 3/4 bedroomed properties.  
Cllr. K Davis asked what access road would be utilised.  
M Dransfield advised that a new road would be built to the site.  
Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye asked if there were protected areas on the site and noted that wildlife was returning to the river in some sections.  
M Dransfield noted that they did not wish to harm the ecology of the river and would be clearing the river of debris along the route which should enhance both the area and river.  
Cllr. M C Brelsford stated that further clarification was required with respect to the flood plain issue.  
Cllr. J Clarkson asked if all the applications were interspersed, one needing the other to see the project through.  
M Dransfield stated that this was the case, if approval was not granted for the housing site application then the scheme would not be viable.  
The Mayor thanked M Dransfield for attending the meeting.
188. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.  
Proposed by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and  
**RESOLVED:-** That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

189. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
With reference to item 147 – The Clock Tower Flag. Cllr. M C Brelsford commented that the sentiments of David Hempshall were made clear at the Recreation and Environment Committee meeting and he was confident that such an occurrence would not happen in the future. He was also impressed with the reaction to requested solutions, these being carried out or on schedule to be undertaken in the near future.  
The Clerk reported that an officer had attended the Town Hall today to look at the state of the flag pole and would be sending out a steeple jack to ascertain what repairs were required prior to a flag being hoisted.
- With reference to item 160 St Matthias Church. Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye noted that the Christmas Tree situated in the Church grounds looked very nice.
- With reference to item 169 second paragraph – Parish/Town Panel Group meeting. Cllr. R Marsh-Smith enquired when the next meeting was scheduled.  
The Clerk advised that the meeting would be held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and she would be adding the item to the agenda of the January Recreation and Environment Committee in order that Councillors could raise items they wished to be taken forward.
- With reference to item 178 Planning Applications – Decisions. Cllr. M C Brelsford stated that he was annoyed to note that an objection to a planning application raised by the Town Council had not been taken forward to the Planning Board meeting but approved by a Planning Officer.
- With reference to item 180 Finance Committee – Item iii) Don Valley Railway. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Don Valley Railway accepting the Town Council's offer of office space within The ARC with a grant to cover the full market rent for the first 12 months.
190. 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. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and  
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the balances and comparison of spending against budget for November 2009 as supplied by the Clerk.
191. North Rural Neighbourhood Action Group The Clerk reported that she had received an agenda for the North Rural Neighbourhood Action Group meeting to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at Wharnccliffe Side Community Centre commencing at 9.30 a.m. This correspondence was noted.
192. Northern Community Assembly The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Northern Community Newsletter, Edition 2, November 2009. This correspondence was noted.
193. War Memorials The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Les Sturch regarding the maintenance, repair and protection of war memorials and in particular the penalties for vandalism, suggesting that Parish/Town Councils may wish to erect notices with a digest of the penalties near war memorials at risk of damage. This correspondence was noted.
194. CPRE The Clerk reported that she had received from CPRE a copy of Fieldwork, December 2009. This correspondence was noted.

195. Legal Services The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Legal Services enclosing a copy of the Public Notice with respect to the Public Inquiry regarding the public footpath at Wind Hill Farm to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in Stocksbridge Town Hall. This correspondence was noted.
196. 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 December 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated to members'. This correspondence was noted.
197. 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 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 and an agenda for the meeting to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at Wharncliffe Side Community Centre at 9.30 a.m. This correspondence was noted.
198. Local Council Review The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Local Council Review, Winter 2009. This correspondence was noted.
199. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'  
 a) Cllr. M C Brelsford reported that he had attended several STEP Board meetings which he would report on further in Part 2. He had also attended a meeting with Bloors, together with Cllr. J Clarkson, and was pleased to report that they were happy to work together with the Scouts and Deepcar Village Community Association in respect of the community building to be located on the site.  
 b) Cllr. J Clarkson advised that he had attended the Community Forum AGM at The Venue; Neighbourhood Action Meeting and the Community Association Have Your Say training day. He had also attended the Bloors meeting and the Switch On Ceremony of the Christmas Illuminations.  
 c) Cllr. K Davis reported that he had attended the Community Forum AGM; the Switch On of the Christmas Illuminations and had done the public collection for the Christmas Illuminations. Cllr. Davis had also undertaken some minor repair works at Bolsterstone public toilets.  
 d) Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye advised that she had attended the Community Health Forum meeting and met Stacey Leever who had given an update on proposals for improvements at the Leisure Centre. Cllr. Mrs Kaye had also attended In Bloom meetings; the Switch On of the Christmas Illuminations; the tree planting event at the Rugby Club site; the official opening of the Children's Centre and the Carols on the Quad event. She wished to thank Roger Moss and Mick Hood of Corus for all their assistance and the very nice presents which the children received. She noted however that not many people had attended and requested that the item be raised at the Recreation and Environment Committee in order that advertisement of the event could be discussed.
200. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor  
 The Mayor, Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford reported that she had attended the following events since the last meeting:-  
 BIG - Make it your Business meeting  
 Simon Green the new Head of DEL had visited and toured the area  
 1<sup>st</sup> December – Children's Centre opening  
 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Stocksbridge & District Federation of Racing Pigeons Presentation Night  
 4<sup>th</sup> December – Switch On Ceremony of the Christmas Illuminations  
 5<sup>th</sup> December – Tree planting event at the Rugby Club site with 500 trees being planted in 55 minutes  
 6<sup>th</sup> December – Carols in the Quad  
 8<sup>th</sup> December – Waldershelf Choral Society Carol Concert at St John's Church, Deepcar  
 9<sup>th</sup> December – Stocksbridge High School Carol Service

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

*Note: Cllr. MC Brelsford did not leave the room for this item as applications raised had been discussed at previous Town Council meetings.*

Proposed by Cllr. J Clarkson, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and

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

The Clerk reported on correspondence received from Cammish & Company regarding application to vary conditions in relation to Pharmacy at Stocksbridge.

The Clerk reported that she had received copy correspondence from Cllr. Dan Lyons which he had sent to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the undermentioned planning application which had been presented to Councillors at the Recreation & Environment Committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009. The Clerk noted that she had also written to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Town Council reiterating the objections previously made:-

Site of Maples Garden Centre, Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar, Sheffield, S36 1QP

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Planning Inspectorate noting the Town Council's objections and advising that they would be taken into account as per procedures. Cllr. M C Brelsford requested that a copy of this correspondence be sent to Les Sturch as a matter of urgency.

The Clerk reported that she had received from Kier a bi-monthly list of potential properties intended for sale as follows:-

22 Haywood Avenue – proposed sale of garden land to rectify unauthorised use by occupier for 23 years.

09/03297/FUL	49 Fox Glen Road, Deepcar	Single-storey front extension and 2-storey side extension to dwellinghouse – additional drawing.
09/03361/FUL	11 St David Road, Deepcar	Single storey front extension to dwellinghouse.
09/03578/FUL	Peas Bloom Farm, Morehall Lane, Bolsterstone	Retention and creation of access and driveway with associated landscaping works.
09/03679/FUL	163 Woolley Road, Stocksbridge	Single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
09/03701/FUL	Curtilage of 1 Wheatacre Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of bungalow – resubmission of planning application 08/03210/FUL.

Proposed by Cllr. J Clarkson, 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 reiterating their objections due to access/egress to the site, it being a back garden development and flood risk issues. It was also requested that it be noted that all Town Councillors, including four City Councillors would like this application to be presented to the Planning Board.

09/03374/FUL	12-14 Vaughton hill, Deepcar	Erection of two dwellinghouses with integral garages and erection of detached double garage to serve existing dwellinghouse No.14 Vaughton Hill (re-submission of 08/04743/FUL).
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Proposed by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye, seconded by Cllr. J Clarkson 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 access/egress to the site which would be extremely dangerous due to reduced visibility.

09/03423/FUL	Land adjacent 16, plots 1 and 2, Newton Avenue, Stocksbridge	Erection of 2 semi-detached dwellinghouses and a garage.
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202. Planning Applications – Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been granted conditionally:-

09/02613/FUL	Avis Royd, Hunshelf Road, Stocksbridge	Conversion of flat and outbuildings into 2 no. dwellinghouses.
09/03088/FUL	65 Patterson Close, Stocksbridge	Two-storey side/first floor side extension to dwellinghouse.

203. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 1st December 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye, seconded by Cllr. J Clarkson and

RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.

With reference to item 5 – Dransfield Development - Ford Lane. Cllr. M C Brelsford reported that he had sent the petition to the Government Office of the Yorkshire & Humber but it should have gone to the Government Office for the North East. However, this had now been rectified.

204. Finance Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. M C Brelsford and

RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Finance Committee be accepted.

With reference to item 9 Senior Citizen's Christmas Party. The Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting to discuss final arrangements for the party and was pleased to note that all aspect of the event appeared to be covered.

205. Quarterly Newsletter Sub Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Quarterly Newsletter Sub Committee of the Town Council, held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

RESOLVED:- That the report of the Quarterly Newsletter Sub Committee be accepted.

206. The ARC Management Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of The ARC Management Committee of the Town Council, held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

RESOLVED:- That the report of The ARC Management Committee be accepted.

207. Accounts

Proposed by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

RESOLVED:- (i) That the cheques be paid in settlement of the under mentioned accounts.

Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions		£2671.45	<u>Made Under Power</u>
ARC Management	Office rent for Sept 09	£ 414.47	LGA72(S111) “

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A Johnson	Interim Audit	£ 115.00	“
Micro Alarms Ltd	Call out charges	£ 103.50	“
Gemcall	Supply/service sanitary Units	£ 402.50	“
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	Photocopier Rental	£ 258.84	“
O & P Construction Services Ltd	Re-pointing works	£ 287.50	“
AquaPoint	Water cooler	£ 79.25	“
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for Xmas Lights expenditure	£ 77.02	LGA72(S144)
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for Xmas Party expenditure	£ 360.00	LGA72(S137)
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for camera	£ 139.99	LGA72(S111)
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for Norton Security package	£ 54.99	“
A to B Couriers	Collection of Accounts From Internal Auditor	£ 88.55	“
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning services – Nov09	£ 421.66	“
Look Local	Christmas advertisement	£ 211.60	LGA72(S144)
Priority Care Group	First Aid for Switch On	£ 50.00	“
Npower	Precinct (Xmas lights)	£ 35.46	“
Bolsterstone Village Hall Trust	Grant Aid	£1000.00	LGA76(S19)
Carers Group – Royd Nursery & Infant School	Grant Aid	£1000.00	“
Public Works Loans Board	PWLB repayment	£3379.37	LGA72(S101)
(ii) That retrospective authority be given for Direct Debits payments made in May 2009:-			
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Council Offices	£ 81.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates - Boslterstone Toilets	£ 45.00	PHA1936(S87)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates - Manchester Rd Toilets	£ 37.00	“
And Direct Debit payments made June-Dec 2009:-			
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Council Offices	£ 80.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates - Boslterstone Toilets	£ 45.00	PHA1936(S87)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates - Manchester Rd Toilets	£ 37.00	“
(iii) That approval be given for the cheques signed in November by the Clerk on the Petty Cash Account in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-			
Post Office Ltd	Postage stamps	£ 30.00	
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for toaster and microwave	£ 49.79	
Bluebell Wood Children’s Hospice	Christmas Cards	£ 9.50	

Proposed by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and

**RESOLVED:-** That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public are excluded for the following item(s) of business as the Council considers that the nature of the business to be transacted is prejudicial to the public interest.

208. Town Hall Lease

The Clerk reported on the current position with respect to the Town Hall lease advising on issues arising at a meeting with the Town Council's solicitor. The Clerk was requested to put forward a proposal to the solicitor in an effort to progress matters.

The Clerk noted that she not yet received the Accounts from STEP and raised her concerns again in this regard, noting that although an extended date of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 had been given she would need to ascertain prior to this any invoicing required for the beginning of the New Year.

Cllr. M C Brelsford undertook to write to Andy Clarke requesting that the Accounts be handed over immediately.

209. The Venue

Cllr. M C Brelsford updated members on the current situation with regard to The Venue and noted that a different approach to entertainment provision was to be undertaken.

Chairman