

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, The ARC, Stocksbridge on Thursday, 14th January 2010

PRESENT : Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford (Chair); Cllrs. Mrs W M Kaye, D L Lyons,
R Marsh-Smith, K Davis and J Clarkson (from item 224)

210. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A S Law and M C Brelsford.
211. Public Questions and Petitions
None.
212. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 10th December 2009
Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th December 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 A E Brelsford and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
213. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th December 2009
With reference to item 187 – Dransfield Properties. Councillors noted that Dransfield's had made an appeal with respect to the pharmacy element of the application. It was also noted that Cllr. M C Brelsford had undertaken to seek clarification with respect to the flood plain issue.
- With reference to item 189 – Flag Pole. The Clerk reported that she had been advised that the flag pole was safe to use. She therefore undertook to purchase a flag and have it hoisted.
- With reference to item 199 c) Bolsterstone Public Toilets. Members thanked Cllr. Davis for recent repairs undertaken at Bolsterstone public toilets. The Clerk advised that the toilets were closed at present whilst the wallgate units were fitted, which was nearing completion. However, due to the recent weather conditions the toilets would have been closed due to frozen pipes, so the works had been carried out at an opportune time.
- With reference to item 201 paragraph 2 – Maples Garden Centre. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Les Sturch in response to the Town Council's queries regarding the process of deciding how a planning appeal will be dealt with, copies of which had been previously circulated to Councillors. This correspondence was noted.
214. 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. Mrs W M Kaye, seconded by Cllr. D L Lyons and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the balances and comparison of spending against budget for December 2009 as supplied by the Clerk.

215. Deepcar Village Community Association The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Deepcar Village Community Association thanking the Town Council for their continued grant support towards the Community Bonfire. This correspondence was noted.
216. North Rural NAG Meetings The Clerk reported that she had received a list of North Rural NAG meeting dates for 2010. All meetings will commence from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and be held at Wharncliffe Side Community Centre. This correspondence was noted.
217. Yorkshire Local Councils Association The Clerk reported that she had received from the Yorkshire Local Councils Association a copy of the White Rose Update, issue 3/09, December 2009, copies of which had been circulated to Councillors. This correspondence was noted.
218. Bolsterstone Village Hall Trust The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Carol Webster thanking the Town Council for the grant awarded towards funding the costs of renovation works to the Village Hall. This correspondence was noted.
219. 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 January 2010, copies of which had been previously circulated to members'. This correspondence was noted.
220. Clerks & Councils Direct The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Clerks & Councils Direct, issue 67, January 2010. This correspondence was noted.
221. Peak District National Park Authority The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Peak District National Park Authority regarding their consultation on Preferred Approaches for the Peak District National Park Core Strategy requesting feedback from parishes by 26th February 2010. This correspondence was noted.

The Clerk reported that she had also received a copy of the Peak District National Park Authority's Community Newsletter, Issue 9, January 2010. This correspondence was noted.

222. SYPTE The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYPTE enclosing a list of Bus Service Changes due to be implemented week commencing 30th January 2010. Services effected in the area as follows:-
201 Meadowhall – Stocksbridge service. Minor timetable change and route change in Stocksbridge to address late running at various times of day.
Middlewood – Stocksbridge Supertram Link. Minor time changes; buses will also serve the Middlewood Road/Winn Gardens bus stop to serve Fairlawns Medical Centre.
This correspondence was noted.
223. Community Forestry, Parks & Countryside The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Tim Shortland thanking everyone who attended the BBC tree planting event held in December 2009 and providing an update on community forestry undertaken in Stocksbridge. This correspondence was noted.

Cllr. J Clarkson joined the meeting at this point.

224. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye reported that the 57/58 bus service to Unsliven Road would be kept as part of the route.

Cllr. Kaye also wished to pass on her thanks to the gritting teams for clearing the footpaths in the area.

b) Cllr. R Marsh-Smith reported that he had attended the Senior Citizens Christmas Party which had been very good with everyone enjoying the entertainment.

Cllr. Marsh-Smith also noted how well Street Force had coped with the recent weather conditions, managing to keep all main routes clear and some secondary routes.

c) Cllr. D L Lyons reported that he had attended the tree planting event in December at the Rugby Club site. Cllr. Lyons has also attended the Planning meeting regarding the wind turbines; Standards Committee meetings and the Steel Valley Steering Committee. He had also lodged an objection with the Planning Inspector in respect of the Maples Garden Centre site.

Cllr. Lyons advised that Bolsterstone Community Group were trying to ascertain who owned the stocks in Bolsterstone in order that they could be maintained.

Cllr. Lyons reported that he was still involved in enforcement issues in respect of unauthorised structures at New Mill Bank/Race Lane, which had been ongoing for since Spring 2008. He requested the support of the Town Council in writing to Les Sturch to bring the matter to his attention and request immediate action.

With regard to the proposed Bloors development Cllr. Lyons noted that this may be dependent on Yorkshire Water moving the water treatment works and he was unsure if this would happen.

d) Cllr. J Clarkson reported that he had attended the Planning meeting with regard to the wind turbines, the Senior Citizens Christmas party and dealt with numerous calls regarding gritting.

225. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford reported that she had been round the area prior to Christmas and judged the competition for the best decorated homes the winners being homes on Royd Lane, Deepcar and Cross Lane, Stocksbridge.

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

Proposed by Cllr. D L Lyons, seconded by Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford and

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

09/03754/FUL	Agricultural building off Machin Lane, Stocksbridge	Construction of lean-to to existing agricultural livestock building 24.384m x 9.144m (80' x 30').
09/03929/FUL	2 Broomfield Lane, Stocksbridge	laying out of hardstanding to create parking space and provision of vehicular crossing.
NP/S/1209/1057	The Old Barn, Heads Lane, Bolsterstone	Proposed garden ornament in shape of harp approx 2m tall and 1.3 m wide.
10/00008/FUL	11 Moxon Close, Deepcar	Two-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.

Proposed by Cllr. D L Lyons, seconded by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council instruct the Clerk to write to Planning Department with regard to the undermentioned planning application commenting on their concerns over visual impact in a greenbelt area, requesting that Planning Officers pay close attention to ensure that the application was not breaching greenbelt policies.

09/03847/FUL	Barn, Green Farm, Green Lane, Stocksbridge	Conversion of a barn into a dwellinghouse and garage and erection of a single-storey outbuilding – resubmission of planning application 090286/FUL.
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Proposed by Cllr. D L Lyons, seconded by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith 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 it being out of character with the area; conflicting with the style of existing properties and neighbouring buildings; loss of amenity due to overlooking neighbouring property.

09/03939/FUL	Bank Cottage, Bank Lane, Bolsterstone	Single-storey side extension, Replacement of section of flat roof with pitched roof and alterations to door and window openings (resubmission of application no. 09/02670/FUL).
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Proposed by Cllr. D L Lyons, seconded by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council instruct the Clerk to write to Planning Department with regard to the undermentioned planning application commenting that they wished Planning Officers to ensure that the application was not breaching greenbelt policies.

09/03984/FUL	Ewden Barn, Bank Lane, Bolsterstone	Erection of detached garage.
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Cllr. J Clarkson reported that with respect to the McColls application for illuminated signage, time restraints had been imposed from 10.30 p.m. to 7.30 a.m. to restrict light pollution on neighbouring properties.

227. Planning Applications – Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been granted conditionally:-

09/02944/ADV	Gordons Auto Centre, 412 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	One externally illuminated fascia sign.
09/03398/TCA	Stone Leigh, Stone Moor Road, Bolsterstone	Pruning of trees (Bolsterstone Conservation Area).
09/03144/TPO	Belmont House Care Home, 6 Belmont Drive, Stocksbridge	Removal of trees (Tree Preservation Order No.20).
09/01531/FUL	9 Broadhead Road, Stocksbridge	Retention of raised decking to rear of dwellinghouse.
09/03164/CAC	Church Farm, Yew Trees Lane, Bolsterstone	Demolition of tinshed.

The undermentioned planning application has Condition Application Decided:-

09/03127/COND	Castle Green, Yew Trees Lane, Bolsterstone	Application to approve details in relation to condition numbers 2. Material samples and 3. Large scale details relating to planning permission 08/01739/FUL.
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228. Northern Community Assembly Parish Panel

Members discussed the Parish Plan and items they wished to be raised at the forthcoming Parish Panel meeting to be held on 28th January 2010, in particular gritting procedures within the area.

Cllr. R Marsh-Smith requested all members to contact him prior to the meeting with any further items they wished him to raise, stating that he was keen to ensure that the Stocksbridge area was not overlooked and received the same services as other areas. He also raised the issue of using the Town Council's Quality Parish Status, in co-ordination with the Northern Community Assembly, to gain access to further funding.

229. Council Tax Leaflet

The Clerk reported that she had received a quote from Trafford Design and Print of £295 for the printing of 6,500 Council Tax leaflets.

Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. D L Lyons and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council authorise the expenditure of £295 for printing 6,500 leaflets and to use Council's tendering process due to the distribution element of Council Tax bills.

230. Accounts

Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. D L Lyons and

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions		£2671.45	LGA72(S111)
Clerks petty Cash Account	Clerks Petty Cash	£ 200.00	“
ARC Management	Office rent Dec 09	£ 414.47	“
Look Local	Christmas Advert	£ 103.50	“
Look Local	Advert thanking sponsors	£ 216.20	“
Arena Group Limited	Photocopier usage	£ 95.00	“
Viking Direct	Hampers for competition	£ 194.53	LGA72(S144)
The Venue	Senior Citizens Xmas Party	£2295.00	LGA72(S137)
Yorkshire Water	Manchester Road Toilets	£ 50.97	PHA1936(S87)
Yorkshire Water	Bolsterstone Toilets	£ 65.57	“
Rockingham Trophies	Hill Climb Trophies	£ 50.00	LGA76(S19)
Steel Valley Project	Grant Aid	£ 290.00	“
Sheffield Community Transport	Grant Aid	£ 79.10	“
(ii) That cheques be paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-			
PHS Group plc	Replacement mat	£ 55.78	LGA72(S111)
Southern Electric	The ARC electric usage	£ 804.29	“
K Lindley	Reimbursement for hot water flask	£ 27.15	“
Yorkshire Water	The ARC supply	£ 106.53	“
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning for Dec 09	£ 421.66	“
(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debits payments made in January 2010:-			
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	“

(iv) That approval be given for the cheques signed in December by the Clerk on the Petty Cash Account in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

K Lindley	Electrical goods	£ 11.20
Deepcar Brass Band	Donation	£ 50.00
Post Office Ltd	Postage stamps	£ 44.10

Proposed by Cllr. D L Lyons, seconded by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith 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.

231. Budget 2010/2011

Councillors discussed the draft budget, copies of which had been previously circulated. The Clerk advised of previous discussions with Cllr. M C Brelsford in respect of the budget increase.

Proposed by Cllr. D L Lyons, seconded by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council:-

a) set the budget for the financial year 2010/2011 at £131,660

b) set the precept for the financial year 2010/2011 at £98,500

232. The ARC Management Committee

The Clerk reported on items discussed at the meeting of The ARC Management Committee held prior to the Town Council meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith, seconded by Cllr. D L Lyons and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council authorise the Clerk to utilise the reverse side of the banners recently used for the Hill Climb to market the vacant office space in The ARC, having details printed on regarding the availability of office space, to be attached to the balcony on the front of the building. The Clerk was also asked to contact the two companies offering facilities management to request more comparable quotes for further consideration.

233. Town Hall Lease

The Clerk updated members on the current position with respect to the Town Hall lease advising that she had hoped to present the agreement today but it was not yet ready. The Town Council's solicitor wished to have a further meeting to discuss recent changes made which would be held on 19th January 2010. The Clerk undertook to add the item to the agenda when appropriate.

Chairman