

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, The ARC, Stocksbridge on Thursday, 9th July 2009

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Alister Sykes - representative from Bloor Homes
John Turley and Ian Harrison – representatives from the Environment Agency
T Martin, A Kay - Members of the public

48. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. D L Lyons and M C Brelsford.

49. Public Questions and Petitions

T Martin noted the disappointment of members of the Steel Valley Way following the recent unanimous approval of the Dransfield development, incorporating the removal of access to Ford Lane, a public right of way in the Valley. She urged the Town Council to take this issue forward with Dransfield Properties, requesting that the plans be changed to include this route, to ensure that the needs of the community were met.

Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford undertook to take this forward with the developers.

Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye reported that she had requested K Clark to visit the area to discuss the concerns raised.

Cllr. A S Law express his support and requested that a letter be written to Mark Dransfield expressing concerns raised and requesting that he revisit the area with a view to keeping Ford Lane open.

Cllr. J Clarkson noted that Mark Dransfield is keen to put together a Committee, including John Mothersole and SCC officers and stated that this item should be high on the agenda.

A Kay stated that local business owners were concerned that regeneration of the current Town Centre become a priority now to ensure it became a vibrant area prior to the development taking place and requested the support and help of the Town Council to achieve this goal.

Cllr. R Marsh-Smith stated that he was in favour of the development and advised that the Town Council were keen to support local businesses, working together to bridge the gap between existing businesses and the new development.

Cllr. A S Law noted that the Town Council supports the new development and stated that John Mothersole had given his word that he would help to ensure that the existing Town Centre was not overlooked.

Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford reported that she had met with John Mothersole today and been advised that a Task Force would be set up in September to work together to move this important issue forward.

50. Development by Bloor Homes and Merriman Limited

The Chairman welcomed Alister Skyes, Bloor Homes and John Turley and Ian Harrison, Environment Agency who had been invited to attend in order to clarify the concerns of the Town Council with regard to the proposed housing development at Station Road, Deepcar.

Cllr. J Clarkson raised his concerns with regard to red ochre seeping into the River Don from the site and queried whether the development would solve this issue.

J Turley advised that the Environment Agency had requested SCC to ensure that planning conditions were put in place to incorporate a treatment plant for the mine water which would then be adopted by the Coal Authority for future maintenance.

J Turley advised that a settlement pond, incorporating a reed bed had been put in place for the treatment of the ochre, which would be an ongoing project, maintained by the Coal Authority. This area would have a safety fence erected around the perimeter which would be screened by landscaping to make it as unobtrusive as possible.

Cllr. J Clarkson was concerned that an increase in ochre had been noted since the works commenced and queried whether the pond was likely to flood. J Turley stated that works should be completed fairly soon but noted that mine waters do not change and that the only pollutant in the river is iron, other substances are low level and non-toxic. He noted that red ochre is not poisonous but kills off food for fish and that a lot of obstructions have been removed from the river following the flooding. He stated that there was no history of blow-outs at this site and would not expect flooding to be an issue in the future as the area was not part of the flood plain.

A Sykes stated that plans would be incorporated into a landscaping document, which was yet to be produced.

Representatives from the Environment Agency left the meeting at this point, the Chairman thanked them for taking the time to attend the meeting.

Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye queried whether there were any plans to put in a bus route around the site.

Note:- Cllr. A S Law declared an interest due to being a member of SYPTE.

A Sykes stated that the site now had outline planning approval consent for a mixed use and residential development and that once the development started a 3 year marketing strategy for the retail element was a legal agreement. Other issues were not part of the planning approval. He noted that they would be happy to provide community health facilities if demand was there. To this end United Health Care had been approached and will be pursued if feedback was positive. It would also be possible to accommodate a care home if necessary, possibly at the entrance to the site, although he was unsure if the site was suitable.

A Sykes noted that with regard to provision of bus services, bus stops were already incorporated into the application and consultation had taken place with SYPTE but their response had been lukewarm. Stagecoach had expressed an interest as had M Dransfield to provide a shopper hopper link to the Outo Kumpo development. First and Sheffield Community Transport had also been approached. As part of SYPTE criteria an extra pedestrian link to a bus stop south of the recycling site on Manchester Road, on land belonging to SCC, has been agreed in principle, this required a separate planning application which should be completed by the end of July. An apartment block has also been removed from the plans to enable further car parking to be made available by the possible railway halt.

Cllr. J Clarkson stated that he found the response received with regard to provision of a community facility strange, with a facility only being made available whilst the development was taking place, to be evaluated once development was completed and if not used converted back to a dwelling and sold.

A Sykes stated that from past experience such facilities were not used by the public.

Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford stated that this site would be isolated from the rest of the community and felt that people would need a place to meet, particularly mother/toddler groups, Brownies etc.

A Sykes felt that a building on the edge of the site would be preferable to a central location thereby encouraging the wider community to incorporate into the area.

Cllr. J Clarkson stated that the residents on the site would impinge on the current infrastructure.

Cllr. R Marsh-Smith stated that Bloor's had offered a token gesture rather than a purpose built building and stated that they were putting finance before community.

Cllr. A S Law questioned whether Bloor's were taking the issues raised seriously.

Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye queried what recreation provision would be available on site and for what age groups and also whether access would be available to the Craggs.

A Sykes advised that there would be 3 small play areas and a riverside walk. Access to the Craggs would be available via a link via the railway lines.

Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford raised her concerns that the only access would be via Vaughton Hill and the ensuing volumes of traffic this would undoubtedly incur.

A Sykes reported that there would be two emergency routes onto Station Road but this could not be used for main access to the site. He advised that Highways did not foresee problems with traffic flow and that the traffic lights on Vaughton Hill would be changed to a vehicle activated system.

Cllr. J Clarkson noted that he would be voicing the views of the Town Council at the Planning Board meeting.

The Chairman thanked A Sykes for attending the meeting.

51. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 11th June 2009

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th June 2009, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

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

RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman following an amendment to the list of Planning Applications.

52. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th June 2009

With reference to item 21 – Planning Application 08/02703/FUL – Outo Kumpo site. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Mark Dransfield thanking the Town Council for their support and guidance over the past two years for the scheme which was approved at the Planning Board meeting held on 16th June 2009. M Dransfield advised that following discussions with J Mothersole, Chief Executive, SCC they wish to put together a delivery committee comprising councillor representatives, senior officers and development team and he will endeavour to keep the Town Council fully updated as matters progress. This correspondence was noted.

With reference to item 23 paragraph 5 – Riverbank, Deepcar. The Clerk reported that she had been advised by Matt North that he had met with Mick Hanson, Public Rights of Way who had advised that he would not be happy adopting the current permissive path as a public right of way if the bridge is replaced in its existing position as it is not safe for the public. He would prefer the bridge to be relocated to the base of the existing public right of way near to the back of the vac shop, with a pathway sweeping up around the allotment site and back down, linking with the Steel Valley Walk. The Clerk advised that a further meeting was to be held on Monday between M North, PROW and Corporate Assets and M North had undertaken to keep the Clerk informed of the situation.

With regard to the issue of orchids on the site the Clerk advised that she had been in contact with Julie Westfold who had advised that they were not a protected species, however, she would visit the site and if there was any danger of disruption to the orchids from any bridge works, she would arrange for them to be removed from site temporarily and returned on completion.

With reference to item 38 e) second paragraph onwards – 57/58 Bus Services. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Angela Smith MP following the Town Council's request that this important issue be raised at the House of Commons and with the Secretary of State. Angela Smith MP advised that she shares the Town Councils frustrations over the commercial decisions taken by First Mainline and noted Cllr. M C Brelsford's comments on SCC's position with regard to re-regulation of bus services. To this end she has stated that she would be delighted to attend a meeting with Councillors to discuss how they would work together to progress the matter forward.

Councillors requested that Angela Smith MP be invited to attend the September Town Council meeting in order that her views on the bus services within the area could be discussed further.

The Clerk reported that she had also been advised today by Mike Bancroft and the changes due to be implemented on 19th July 2009 had been postponed until September 2009.

The Clerk was requested to write to Mike Bancroft thanking him for keeping the Town Council informed of the situation.

With reference to item 40 Planning Applications – Maples Garden Centre, Hollin Busk, Deepcar. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the CPRE regarding the proposed development and their decision to support the proposed development. They advise that they are aware that their response has not been without controversy, but assure Councillors that it was carefully considered, as are all their representations on planning matters.

Cllr. A S Law stated that it was the job of the CPRE to protect greenbelt sites.

The Clerk advised that she had also sent further correspondence to CPRE regarding this issue following a request made by Cllr. J Clarkson at the Recreation & Environment Committee meeting held on 30th June 2009.

With reference to item 46 Accounts – Stocksbridge Fire Station. Cllr. A S Law advised that he had attended a recent event where the Fire Cadets were in attendance and had noted they had not been wearing uniforms, which was what the grant from the Town Council had been awarded for, with further funding towards a logo on the shirts. The Clerk undertook to contact the Fire Station to see if they were having difficulties with obtaining the uniforms with logos.

53. 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. R Marsh-Smith and

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

54. Peak District National Park Authority The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Peak District National Park Authority advising that the 2009 Parishes' Day will be held on 19th September 2009 at Ilam Hall Youth Hostel, Ashbourne, Derbyshire commencing at 11 a.m. This correspondence was noted.

55. Highways Agency The Clerk reported that she had received from the Highways Agency a leaflet, Summer Getaway 2009, with a map of the South West's main roads as part of a campaign to encourage holiday makers to plan their journeys to the South West. This correspondence was noted.

56. North Rural Neighbourhood Action Group The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of the North Rural Neighbourhood Action Group Pt A (General) held on 19th May 2009 and an agenda for the next meeting to be held on 23rd June at Wharncliffe Side Community Centre commencing at 9.30 a.m. This correspondence was noted.

The Clerk reported that she had also received a list of action points arising from the meeting held on 23rd June 2009, a copy of the North Rural NAG Structure and a list of priorities for 2009-10, also an agenda for the next meeting to be held on 21st July 2009 at Wharncliffe Side Community Centre commencing at 9.30 a.m. This correspondence was noted.

57. Yorkshire Local Councils Association The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the YLCA including:-

- Minutes of the Joint Annual Meeting held on 19th July 2008
- Agenda for the Joint Annual Meeting to be held on 18th July 2009
- Resolutions to the Joint Annual Meeting 2009
- Annual Joint Training Conference for Parish and Town councillors and Clerks to be held on 1st November at The Royal Hotel, Scarborough

- YLCA Annual Report and Accounts 2008 to 2009

This correspondence was noted.

58. Waldershelf Choral Society The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Waldershelf Choral Society thanking the Town Council for their very positive and generous grant. This correspondence was noted.
59. 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 July 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated to members'. This correspondence was noted.
60. Clerks & Councils Direct The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Clerks & Councils Direct, Issue 64, July 2009. This correspondence was noted.
61. Local Council Review The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Local Council Review, Summer 2009. This correspondence was noted.
62. Northern Community Assembly Parks & Countryside Update The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Northern Community Assembly Parks & Countryside Update for June 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated to members. This correspondence was noted.
63. SYLTE The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYLTE enclosing details of the bus service changes for Sheffield to be implemented week commencing 19th July 2009. Services 57/58/58A for this area would be affected. Details of these changes had been added to the Town Council website. The Clerk also noted that the Tram feeder services had had additional stops introduced following public consultation. This correspondence was noted.
64. Valley In Bloom The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Valley In Bloom enclosing correspondence sent to Cllr. Hooper, Chair of the Community Assembly requesting assistance with suggestions made by the judges when they attended in April. This correspondence was noted.
65. Correspondence from Mr P Geering The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Mr Geering regarding the disgraceful condition of the roads in the area and the poor attempts by SCC to put them right. Mr Geering was also questioning the logic of SCC in the recent re-surfacing of some minor roads within the area when bus routes and other main roads were in a much worse condition. This correspondence was noted.
66. The Wildlife Trusts The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from The Wildlife Trusts providing an update on work carried out at Carrhouse Meadows over 2008/09 and proposed works and events for 2009/10. This correspondence was noted.
67. Stocksbridge & District Community Safety Meeting The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of the Stocksbridge & District Community Safety meeting held on 18th May 2009 and an agenda for the next meeting to be held on 20th July 2009 in Stocksbridge Library commencing at 2.00 p.m. This correspondence was noted.
68. Northern Assembly The Clerk reported that the Northern Assembly had appointed a Forestry Manager to oversee tree planting schemes within the area. Trees can be provided for schemes but groups will need to undertake the planting themselves. The Clerk undertook to forward contact details to the Stocksbridge In Bloom Group.

69. East Peak Innovation Partnership
 The Clerk reported that she had been informed by M North of an EPIP project – Walkers Are Welcome scheme covering all boundaries. This was a national initiative and required the endorsement of local Councillors and businesses. Funding for an officer to bring together all areas and link up with public transport etc was required. The Clerk advised that this item would be discussed at a Bradfield Parish Council meeting on Monday and M North would be raising the issue at the next Steel Valley Steering Committee. The Clerk undertook to add this item to the Recreation and Environment Committee on 8th September for further discussion and recommendation.
70. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members?
 a) Cllr. J Clarkson reported that he had been involved in casework, had attended the Community Assembly meeting and the Dransfield Properties application on 16th June 2009.
 b) Cllr. K Davis stated that he had been involved in trying to resolve the issue of blocked drains above Crown Cars Garage and had been in contact with Street Force in this regard.
 c) Cllr. R Marsh-Smith advised that he had attended the following events since the last meeting:-
 14th June 2009 - Deepcar Village Gala which had been very well attended
 17th June 2009 – the first Community Assembly meeting
 1st July 2009 – Business Breakfast meeting at Stocksbridge High School
 Cllr. Marsh-Smith also reported that he had been involved with casework regarding fly tipping and the retaining wall at Haywood Lane.
 d) Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye reported that she had attended the following events since the last meeting:-
 In Bloom meeting
 17th June 2009 – Community Assembly meeting
 1st July 2009 – Business Breakfast meeting at Stocksbridge High School
 Cllr. Kaye reported that, as part of the In Bloom group, she had been involved in planting outside the Town Hall and at the entrance to the Clock Tower Memorial Gardens and noted her disappointment at the lack of works undertaken by Parks and Countryside on behalf of the Town Council.
 e) Cllr. A S Law reported that he had been involved in casework, had attended a meeting with S Smith, Thurcroft Cycling Club regarding plans for the forthcoming National Hill Climb Championships to be held on 25th October in Stocksbridge and also Bolstersone Village Fayre on 4th July which had had record attendances.
- Cllr. J Clarkson requested that the Town Council inform local businesses with respect to any events taking place in the area, such as the National Hill Climb Championships, and incorporate them in the newsletter. He suggested that a flyer from local businesses, advertising services, could be issued together with information packs from organisers of such events.
 Cllr. A S Law advised that he was to have a further meeting with S Smith next week and welcomed any further input from members.
71. 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:-
 14th June 2009 – Lord Mayor of Sheffield Civic Service
 17th June 2009 – Community Assembly meeting where she had accepted an award on behalf of Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C. for their recent success in gaining promotion and winning the cup
 24th & 25th June 2009 – Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C. Presentation Nights at The Venue
 1st July 2009 – Stocksbridge High School Business Breakfast meeting
 4th July 2009 – Bolsterstone Village Fayre
72. To Consider Planning Applications and Receive the Decisions of the Sheffield City Council North West Planning Board
Chief Executive's Legal & Governance The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Chief Executive's Legal & Governance advising that an appeal had been made to the

Secretary of State with regard to Planning Application 08/03210/FUL – Curtilage of 1 Wheatacre Road, Stocksbridge – Erection of a dwellinghouse, following SCC’s refusal to grant planning permission. This correspondence was noted.

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from John Williamson advising that SCC had been informed of an application to add three turbines to the north of the existing windfarm at Spicer Hill by Barnsley MBC, copies of which had been previously circulated to members.

Proposed by Cllr. J Clarkson, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and

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

09/01752/FUL	11 Newton Avenue, Stocksbridge	First floor side extension over covered walkway to dwellinghouse.
09/01771/FUL	10 Alpine Close, Stocksbridge	Erection of a dormer bungalow.
09/01806/FUL	Bate Green Farm, Whitwell Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of 2.8 metres high boundary fence.
09/01930/FUL	5 Coal Pit Lane, Stocksbridge	Alterations, erection of front porch and first floor extension to bungalow to form two-storey dwellinghouse.
09/01956/CHU	Land 150m North West of Greave House Farm, New Hall Lane, Stocksbridge	Use of land as a ménage.
09/01665/FUL	86 Townend Lane, Deepcar	Alterations to roof of dwellinghouse including raising of ridge height and erection of front and rear dormer windows to create habitable rooms in roofspace.

Note:- Cllr. R Marsh-Smith declared a personal interest in the undermentioned planning application.

09/01669/LBC	Lower Townend Barn, Townend Lane, Deepcar	Replacement of existing windows and rooflights.
09/01731/FUL	Peas Bloom House, Sunny Bank Road, Bolsterstone	Single-storey front extension and erection of first floor balcony to front of dwellinghouse.

73. Planning Applications – Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been granted conditionally:-

09/00759/FUL	30 Whitehead Avenue, Stocksbridge	Two-storey side extension, including garage to dwellinghouse.
09/01124/FUL	Old Free School, Sunny Bank Road, Bolsterstone	Erection of conservatory to side of dwellinghouse (in accordance with amended plans).
09/01126/FUL (formerly PP-00702125) & 09/01127/LBC	The Barn, Miller Lane	Construction of 3 windows on side elevation and 1 window on rear elevation of dwellinghouse and the erection of a detached garage).
08/05467/COND	3 Haywood Lane, Stocksbridge	Part Part Not Approved:- Submission of 05/04754/FUL Condition details: Condition Nos. 3. Landscape Scheme; 5. Drainage; 7. Sound insulation; 8. Paved margin; 9. Intervisibility splays; 10. Car parking Accommodation; 11. Access gradients;

09/00945/COND Old Park House Farm, Park Lane,
Stocksbridge

12. Kerbs reinstated; 13. Vehicular area Surfaced; 15. Obscure glazing.
Submission of 06/00557/FUL condition details. Condition numbers 3. Facing materials; 4. Roofing materials; 5. demarcation of curtilages; 6. Parking and Turning areas; 7. Surfacing of access and 8. Surface water and sewage disposal.

The undermentioned planning application has been Refused:-

09/01201/ADV Opposite 410 Manchester Road,
Manchester Road, Stocksbridge

Illuminated double sided advertisement panel on bus shelter.

74. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 30th June 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated.

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

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

With reference to item 4. Litter Bin for Coal Pit Lane. The Clerk reported that new litter bins had been sited at both Coal Pit Lane and outside the Town Hall following recent requests to SCC.

75. Finance Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 30th June 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 Finance Committee be accepted.

(ii) That the Town Council approve a grant of £4000 to Steel Valley Project for the financial year 2009/10.

(iii) That the Town Council approve a grant of £408 to Stocksbridge Tennis Club for assistance towards their Summer Tennis Camp.

(iv) That the Town Council approve a grant of £200, plus a trophy to be presented by the Mayor, to Thurcroft Cycling Club for assistance towards the National Hill Climb Championships to be held in Stocksbridge.

76. Accounts

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

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions		£2437.41	LGA72(S111)
Clerks Petty Cash Account	Petty Cash Account	£ 300.00	“
Arena Business Machines	Photocopier Usage	£ 238.52	“
A to B Couriers	Collection of Accounts	£ 88.55	“
Look Local	Advert + distribution of Annual Report/newsletter	£ 491.86	“
NALC	Local Council Review Subscription	£ 13.50	“
Trafford Press Group Ltd	Printing of Annual Report	£ 595.00	“
Trafford Press Group Ltd	Printing of Newsletter	£ 340.00	“
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Thomas Fattorini Ltd	Repairs to Mayoral Regalia	£ 2847.62	“
Thomas Fattorini Ltd	Updating of Mayoral Regalia	£ 1471.36	“

Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd	2 x benches	£ 1911.30	PCA1957(S1)
Yorkshire Water	Bolsterstone Public Toilets	£ 48.52	PHA1936(S87)
Sheffield Community Transport	Helliwell Court outing	£ 85.50	LGA76(S19)
Waldershelf Choral Society	Grant Aid	£ 400.00	“
Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C.	Grant Aid	£ 500.00	“
Stocksbridge Tennis Club	Grant Aid	£ 408.00	“

Salaries for August 2009 – to be paid on 18th August 2009

Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	£2437.41	LGA72(S111)
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(ii) That approval be given for the cheques signed in June by the Clerk on the Petty Cash Account in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

Post Office Ltd	Postage stamps	£ 61.30
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(iii) That approval be given for the Clerk to arrange for the signature of any urgent cheques between this Town Council meeting and the next Finance Committee meeting on 8th September 2009.

Chairman