

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, The ARC, Stocksbridge on Thursday, 10th June 2010

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

IN ATTENDANCE: A Cain – Item 2

22. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. A S Law.

23. Drive-2-Survive

The Chairman welcomed Andrew Cain who had been invited to attend the meeting in order to discuss with Councillors his grant application for funding towards a Drive-to-Survive scheme within Stocksbridge.

A Cain advised that he had become involved in the driving scheme for youngsters following involvement in a fatal accident some years previously. He reported that they were looking to purchase a driving simulator and had already secured most of the funding required, but currently had a shortfall of £4000. The aim was to work with youths in the area including the young fire fighters and a presentation to the Youth Centre.

Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. D L Lyons and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council approve a grant of £1000 towards the purchase of the driving simulator plus funding for up to ten places per year for local youths between 17 to 24 who have been referred by the local Police. A Cain would need to apply for a grant each year for the ongoing support of places on the scheme.

24. Public Questions and Petitions

Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye read correspondence received from parents of students attending Stocksbridge High School following their attendance at a recent Town Council meeting raising their concerns regarding 6th Form Schools Admission for September 2010, enclosing a petition which they wished to be presented to Sheffield City Council on their behalf.

Cllr. M C Brelsford advised that the petition needed to be presented to Cllr. Colin Ross, Cabinet Member for Education at the next SCC meeting on 7th July but noted that as a Town Council we could not present it.

Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford stated that she would be happy to attend the meeting with parents, who could present the petition and make a three minute presentation stating their case.

The Clerk undertook to contact Democratic Services to ascertain the correct procedure and advise the parents of their options.

The Clerk was also requested to write a letter of support from the Town Council to put forward with the petition.

25. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 13th May 2010

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13th May 2010, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

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

RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

26. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13th May 2010
With reference to item 316 paragraph 6 - Amalgamation of Assets. Cllr. M C Brelsford reported that SCC officers had been at The Venue and other local facilities today looking at possibilities within the area for co-working between establishments. The Clerk advised that no-one had been to the Town Hall.
- With reference to item 318 paragraph 4 – Pearson Street/Bessemer Terrace. Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye was pleased to report that part of Bessemer Terrace had had improvements carried out to the road surface.
- With reference to item 318 paragraph 5 – Stocksbridge Design Statement. Cllr. D L Lyons queried whether any response had been received from Les Sturch with respect to the Design Statement. The Clerk advised that no response had been received to date. Cllr. M C Brelsford undertook to pursue this at a meeting next week with Les Sturch.
- With reference to item 335 a) 13 Haywood Lane, Deepcar. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Planning Enforcement advising that the issue raised was currently under investigation by the Planning Enforcement Team and a detailed response would be provided within the next 20 working days. This correspondence was noted.
- With reference to item 335 b) paragraph 2 – Signage. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Kier Asset Partnership advising that the land in question does not appear to belong to SCC, however, there may be rights of access reserved within the owners freehold/leasehold title or if the track has been used as vehicular access for a number of years there may now be prescriptive rights. There is still an adopted public right of way in place but this is on foot only, whether the land is privately owned or otherwise does not alter this fact. Cllr. R Marsh-Smith undertook to pursue the matter further with local residents.
- With reference to item 335 e) paragraph 3 – CCTV. Cllr. D L Lyons advised that he had met with a City Council officer regarding fly tipping in the area.
27. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 18th May 2010
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Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
28. 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 May 2010 as supplied by the Clerk.
29. Peak District National Park Authority The Clerk reported that she had received notification from the Peak District National Park Authority of an Evening Planning Surgery to be held at Bradfield Village Hall, Low Bradfield on 9th June 2010 from 5.00 to 8.00 p.m. This correspondence was noted.
30. Peak Park Parishes Forum The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Peak Park Parishes Forum newsletter, Spring 2010. This correspondence was noted.

31. SYPTE The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYPTE regarding changes to terms and conditions of the Travelmaster ticket effective from 23rd May 2010. This correspondence was noted.
32. Stocksbridge Young Firefighters The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Tracey Nicholls on behalf of Stocksbridge Young Firefighters thanking the Town Council for their grant support which was much appreciated by the group. This correspondence was noted.
33. Friends of Pearson Street & Bessemer Terrace Action Group The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of the Action Group meeting held on 10th May 2010. This correspondence was noted.
34. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations including an agenda for the South Yorkshire Branch Annual Meeting to be held on 23rd June 2010, nominations received for the South Yorkshire Branch and minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2010. This correspondence was noted.
35. 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 May 2010. This correspondence was noted.
36. Legal Services The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Legal Services following the public inquiry held on 21st April 2010 enclosing a letter from the Planning Inspectorate announcing the decision to confirm, with modification, Modification Order No.28 – footpath at Wind Hill Farm, Stocksbridge. This correspondence was noted.
37. Steel Valley Project The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Steel Valley Project inviting the Mayor and Councillors to the formal dedication of the new Steel Valley Project Panorama event on 3rd June 2010. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
38. Rural Action Yorkshire The Clerk reported that she had received from Rural Action Yorkshire a copy of Country Air, Issue 115, Spring 2010. This correspondence was noted.
39. Bolsterstone Beacon Opening The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence inviting all Councillors to attend the official opening by the Lord Mayor Cllr. A S Law of Bolsterstone Beacon on 10th July 2010 at 6.00 p.m. in Bolsterstone Village Field opposite the church. Refreshments will be provided in the village hall and a game of boules will be played on the village field. This correspondence was noted.
40. Sheffield Development Framework The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Development Services advising that SCC will shortly be consulting on the SDF Draft City Policies and Sites Document and Proposals Map and associated Sustainability Appraisals. Consultation runs from 21st June to 30th July – any comments are required no later than 30th July 2010. This correspondence was noted.
41. Stocksbridge Community Forum The Clerk reported that she had received copy correspondence from Stocksbridge Community Forum to J Charlton, Street Force with regard to the issue of the sinking and uneven pavement area outside the charity shops on Manchester Road, asking the City Council's intentions with respect to rectifying this problem.
Councillors noted that this was an ongoing issue and requested the Clerk to write to the Land Registry to ascertain who owned this land. The Clerk also undertook to contact Dennis Wyatt to ascertain if he was aware of ownership.

Councillors noted that SCC had previously carried out maintenance works on this land and therefore have a liability to ensure that it is safe for pedestrians.

42. Correspondence from Stuart Smith The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Stuart Smith advising that he had recently purchased a book titled '100 Greatest Cycling Climbs – a Road Cyclists Guide to Britains Hills' which includes Pea Royd Lane, with a picture and description of the climb and a difficulty marking of 8/10. This correspondence was noted.
43. Councillor Training The Clerk reported that the Councillor training event to be held on 17th June 2010 at Ecclesfield Parish Council had unfortunately been cancelled. Further dates had been provided and the Clerk undertook to notify members once an alternative date had been confirmed. This correspondence was noted.
44. Rural Communities Strategy The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SCC regarding consultation on the Rural Communities Strategy 2010-2013. Details of the consultation had been put on the Town Council notice board and website. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
45. Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C. providing an update on the 2009/10 Season Review. This correspondence was noted.
46. Grit Bins The Clerk reported that she had received from SCC a list of grit bins within the area asking for confirmation that bins were in place and of any locations where grit bins were located but not on the list, in order that maintenance and refilling the bins when necessary could take place. Copies of this list had been circulated to members.
47. Friends of Don Fields The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of meetings of Friends of Don Fields held on 27th April and 26th May 2010. This correspondence was noted.
48. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members?
 - a) Cllr. J Clarkson reported that he had attended the Stocksbridge Community Forum meeting and advised that D Goodison had reported back advising that the Don Valley Railway projected costs had been significantly reduced owing to the very good condition of the railway line. It would now cost approximately £4.3 million to get the line up and running, not in excess of £20 million as had originally been thought.
 - b) Cllr. K Davis advised that he had attended the Stocksbridge Community Forum meeting.
 - c) Cllr. R Marsh-Smith reported that he had attended the Parish Panel meeting discussing the community strategy/rural strategy and community plan. Cllr. M C Brelsford noted that more informed decisions were being made following the setting up of these meetings.
 - d) Cllr. D L Lyons reported that he had attended the Steel Valley Panorama event and been involved in planning enforcement issues and fly tipping at Ewden.
 - e) Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford advised that she had attended her final event as Mayor on 17th May this being the Penistone Town Council Annual Meeting and Social event to introduce the new Mayor of Penistone. Cllr. A E Brelsford suggested that the Town Council consider such an event for Stocksbridge next year. The Clerk undertook to add the item to an agenda for discussion early next year.
Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford reported that she had also been invited to Open the Water at the South Yorkshire Sailing Club at Underbank Reservoir.
 - f) Cllr. M C Brelsford advised that he had attended a LIG/EPIP meeting and was pleased to report that Stocksbridge Advice Centre had secured funding for a further year.

49. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye reported that she attended the following event since the last meeting:-

Stocksbridge Community Forum meeting
 Lord Mayor of Sheffield Civic Service
 Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C. Presentation nights at The Venue
 Ruby's bench memorial on the precinct
 Steel Valley Panorama event
 Steel Valley Workshop held at The Venue
 Fire Station table top with £600 being raised
 In Bloom bag packing at the Co-op with £414 being raised

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

Note: Cllr. M C Brelsford advised that following new legislation Cllr. J Clarkson could now remain in the room for this item but must be open minded.

Proposed by Cllr. D L Lyons, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

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

10/01477/FUL	24 Wood Royd Road, Deepcar	Erection of gable window to rear of dwellinghouse.
10/00996/ADV	The Friendship, 536 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Two illuminated fascia signs, 1 illuminated double-sided sign and 6 replacement floodlights and 2 replacement lanterns.
10/01585/FUL	Ellen Cliffe Farm, Wortley Road, Deepcar	Erection of stable block including feed and tack room and groundworks to form level area for horses.

Proposed by Cllr. D L Lyons, seconded by Cllr. M C Brelsford and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council instruct the Clerk to write to Planning Department with regard to the undermentioned planning application stating that they concur with comments made by the Sheffield Wildlife Trust with respect to the bat colony and tree preservation on site.

10/01247/FUL	Ellen Cliffe Farm, Wortley Road, Deepcar	Alterations to barn to form 2 dwellinghouses and provision of 2 detached double garages.
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51. Planning Applications – Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been granted conditionally:-

10/00602/CACR	Church Farm, Yew Trees Lane, Bolsterstone	Demolition of 5 sheds (applicant to extend time limit for implementation of Application no. 04/04469/CAC).
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.
10/00870/FUL	15 Park Drive, Stocksbridge	Two storey side extension including garage and single storey front extension to dwellinghouse.
10/00881/FUL	11 Smithy Moor Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of detached single-storey living accommodation.
10/01208/TPO	9 Ash Lane, Deepcar	Pruning of tree (TPO No.380)
10/00878/OUTR	Land between 7 and 9 Clay Pits	Erection of 2 dwellinghouses (renewal of

	Lane, Stocksbridge	application no. 07/00016/OUT).
The undermentioned application has Condition Application Decided:-		
10/00712/COND	Peas Bloom Farm, Sunny Bank Road, Bolsterstone	Application to approve details in relation to condition no.2 Landscape Scheme, relating to planning permission 09/03578/FUL.
The undermentioned planning applications have been Refused:-		
10/00318/FUL	Cruck Barn, Green Lane, Stocksbridge	Extension to dwelling to form conservatory.
10/00646/LBC	Cruck Barn, Green Lane, Stocksbridge	Extension to dwellinghouse to form conservatory.
10/00494/FUL	Swallow Croft, Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar	Erection of conservatory (re-submission of 09/03259/FUL).

52. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 8th June 2010, copies of which were circulated at the meeting.
Proposed by Cllr. J Clarkson, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted subject to an amendment to item 6.

With reference to item 3 – Rural Communities Strategy Consultation. The Clerk advised that she had received comments from Cllr. D L Lyons and requested that any other comments be forwarded to the office in order that she could formulate a joint response. It was requested that the Clerk put particular emphasis on the train line study in view of the recent news received.

53. Finance Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 8th June 2010, copies of which were circulated at the meeting.
Proposed by Cllr. J Clarkson, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and
RESOLVED:- That the report of the Finance Committee be accepted.
(ii) That the Town Council approve a grant of £250 to Stocksbridge Lip Reading Group for support of the classes available in Stocksbridge.
(iii) That the Town Council approve a grant of £648 to Stocksbridge Tennis Club for assistance towards their Summer Tennis Camp.
(iv) That the Town Council accept the quotation of £245.70 from Look Local for the distribution of the Annual Report 2009/10 together with the Newsletter for June 2010.

54. Quarterly Newsletter Sub Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Quarterly Newsletter Sub Committee of the Town Council, held on 8th June 2010, copies of which were circulated at the meeting.
Proposed by Cllr. J Clarkson, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and
RESOLVED:- That the report of the Quarterly Newsletter Sub Committee be accepted.

The Clerk reported that the Annual Report and Newsletter had been sent to the printers today and would be delivered with the Look Local week commencing 21st June 2010.

55. Accounts 2009/10
The Clerk reported that the internal audit for the accounts for the financial year 2009/10 had been completed. A copy of the accounts, Annual Return and the internal auditors report had been circulated at the Finance Committee.
The Clerk reported that she had received notice that the external audit of the Town Council's Accounts would take place this year on 18th June 2010 Notice of audit and electors rights had been advertised accordingly.

Proposed by Cllr. D L Lyons, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council:-

- a) accept the report of the Internal Auditor
- b) approve and adopt the accounts for the year ended 2009/2010
- c) approve and adopt Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return – Statement of Accounts and Statement of Assurance
- d) agree that delegated authority be given to the Clerk and the Chairman to sign the accounts and annual return for 2009/2010.

The Chairman wished to pass on her thanks to the Clerk and Assistant for their hard work over the past year.

56. Accounts

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

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions		£2658.92	LGA72(S111)
ARC Management	Office rent for June 2010	£ 423.48	“
Mrs W M Kaye	Mayors Allowance	£ 1160.00	LGA72(S15)
Clerks Petty Cash Account	Petty Cash Account	£ 200.00	LGA72(S111)
British Telecommunications plc	Telephone charges	£ 206.62	“
Melissimo Picture Framers	Picture mount & frame	£ 30.81	“
A Johnson	Internal Audit 2009/10	£ 225.00	“
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	Photocopier Rental	£ 258.84	“
Public Works Loan Board	PWLB repayment	£ 3379.37	LGA2003(Sch.1)
npower	Precinct supply	£ 81.98	LGA72(S144)
Stocksbridge Homing Society	Grant Aid	£ 200.00	LGA76(S19)
Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C.	Grant Aid	£ 500.00	“

(ii) That cheques be paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-

Pointer Limited	Supply & Replacement of damaged callpoint	£ 219.55	LGA72(S111)
T.V.F. (UK) Ltd	Fire extinguisher servicing	£ 333.70	“
Firths Window Cleaning Services	Windows cleaned	£ 55.00	“
AquaPoint Ltd	Water supply/service	£ 60.40	“
Pollards Tea & Coffee Ltd	Coffee supplies	£ 60.12	“
N.R.C. Services Ltd	Cleaning – May 2010	£ 430.83	“

(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debits payments made in June 2010:-

Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Town Council Offices	£ 71.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Man. Rd. Toilets	£ 39.00	PHA1936(S87)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates - Bolsterstone toilets	£ 47.00	“
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – The ARC Communal Areas	£ 559.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – A Smith MP (to be invoiced with rent)	£ 106.00	“

Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, 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.

57. STEP Development Trust

Cllr. M C Brelsford reported that he had attended a STEP Development Trust Board meeting the previous evening and updated members on the current situation.

Chairman