

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 June 2011

PRESENT : Cllr. M C Brelsford (Chair); Cllrs. Mrs A E Brelsford, J Clarkson, N J Owen, P Wood and S C Abrahams

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr. T Bagshaw, M Puglisi – Item 51
5 members of the public

48. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P E Jagger.
Cllr. M C Brelsford advised that unfortunately the Drive It Home demonstration had had to be cancelled due to illness but would be re-arranged for a future meeting.
Cllr. M C Brelsford noted that Declarations of Acceptance of Office had been signed in between meetings by Cllrs. P Wood and P Jagger.
49. Exclusion of the Press and Public
None.
50. Declarations of Interest
Cllr. J Clarkson declared an interest in item 71.
51. Northern Community Assembly
The Chairman welcomed Cllr. T Bagshaw, Chairman of the Northern Community Assembly and M Puglisi who had requested attendance at the meeting to provide an update on the NCA.
Cllr. Bagshaw thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting as the new Chair of the NCA, noting that he had already met with members of Ecclesfield Parish Council and would be meeting members of Bradfield Parish Council at the end of the month. Cllr. Bagshaw noted the importance he placed on these meetings and continuing the NCA's partnership with the Parish/Town Councils, seeing it as a significant way to benefit the communities.
Cllr. Bagshaw paid tribute to Cllr. M Brelsford as former Chair of SCC's Culture, Economy and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee, valued member of the Northern Assembly and with 16 years of City Council experience being a valuable asset which would be missed.
Cllr. Bagshaw thanked the Town Council for their engagement with the NCA noting individual members' attendance at events hosted by NCA. At next week's NCA meeting a paper would be presented on Thriving District Centres, with Stocksbridge having been chosen for the pilot in this strategy, £50,000 being invested to enhance the shopping experience and vitality of the centre.
Cllr. Bagshaw stated that he was keen to work with all 3 parish councils across the whole area. At SCC's Annual Meeting Cllr. Bagshaw had taken the opportunity to change the NCA meeting arrangements to enable additional meetings to be held as and when appropriate to promote agendas that offer communities engagement with both Parish and Assembly together.
Cllr. Bagshaw asked the Town Council to consider the worth of additional meetings with other Parish Chairs to explore improved ways of working together.
Cllr. M Brelsford thanked Cllr. Bagshaw for his kind words and stated that the idea of the parishes being more involved was unique and an opportunity not previously utilised and not to be missed.

Cllr. M Brelsford advised that he had attended a meeting today at TATA Steels with regard to the Thriving District Centres which had been most positive.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Bagshaw and M Puglisi for attending the meeting.

52. Councillor Vacancy South Ward

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been previously circulated with respect to co-option of a Councillor to the South Ward.

Cllr. J Clarkson congratulated all new Councillors on their election to the Town Council and noted that after much deliberation he would be proposing G French to be co-opted, having stood for election, being local and well known in the area.

Cllr. S Abrahams stated that she wished to propose G Silverwood, him being an independent, having previously worked with him and she felt he had a lot to offer to the area.

Cllr. P Wood supported this proposal noting the large amount of work G Silverwood already undertakes on behalf of the Valley.

Cllr. N Owen stated that it was a very difficult decision and he agreed with all comments made regarding all nominees, noting the excellent term of service undertaken by A Law, however, after much consideration he wished to propose G French.

Cllr. A Brelsford concurred with comments made by previous Councillors but felt that G Silverwood may have clashes of interest due to his other commitments and noting that G French had obtained most votes in the recent election, therefore her vote was for G French.

Cllr. M Brelsford noted the difficulty of the decision, having worked alongside both A Law and G Silverwood in the past, however, he felt they would both face clashes of interest due to their other commitments and therefore his vote would be for G French.

Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. S C Abrahams and

RESOLVED:- That G French be co-opted as Councillor to the South Ward.

The Clerk was requested to write to A S Law and G Silverwood thanking them for their expressions of interest.

53. Stocksbridge Olympics 2012

The Chairman noted that this agenda item had been requested by Cllr. S Abrahams and asked that it be brought forward in view of the attendance of a member of Activity Sheffield.

Cllr. S Abrahams stated that Stocksbridge was an active community from youths to oap's and suggested holding an event to coincide with the 2012 Olympics with the Town Council awarding medals. Cllr. S Abrahams requested that a committee be formed to discuss the idea further and ascertain whether there would be any interest from the community, a task which she was happy to co-ordinate, asking for assistance from Activity Sheffield if possible.

A Newborough noted that Activity Sheffield would take the opportunity to assist in the event.

S Parry requested that the oap's in the area were not overlooked.

Cllr. M Brelsford noted the cost implications of such an event citing the cost of CRB checks as an example. However, he stated that the Council Chamber could be used for meetings and noted that the Town Council have a community database which could be utilised for contact information.

Cllr. N Owen noted that he would like to reinstate the Lord Mayor's Parade.

Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. N J Owen and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council waive the costs of room hire for the meetings.

54. Election of Deputy Town Mayor/Deputy Chairman

This item had been deferred from the Annual Meeting held on 10th May 2011.

Proposed by Cllr. P Wood, seconded by Cllr. J Clarkson and

RESOLVED:- That Cllr. S C Abrahams be elected as Deputy Town Mayor/Chairman until the next Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

A vote was taken and all were in favour.

55. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Town Mayor/Chairman
The Deputy Mayor/Chairman, Cllr. S Abrahams then signed and delivered to the Clerk the declaration of acceptance of office as Deputy Town Mayor.
56. Public Questions and Petitions
None.
57. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 10th May 2011
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 10th May 2011, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. S C Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. N J Owen and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
58. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 12th May 2011
Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th May 2011, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. N J Owen, seconded by Cllr. S C Abrahams and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
59. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th May 2011
With reference to item 280 – Housing Issues. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Zoe Young, Housing Solutions Service Manager providing information requested by Councillors at the March Town Council meeting on the number of homeless placed in the Stocksbridge/Deepcar area over the past year. This information had been sent direct to Cllrs. J Clarkson and M Brelsford following that meeting. This correspondence was noted.
60. 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. J Clarkson, seconded by Cllr. N J Owen and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the balances and comparison of spending against budget for May 2011 as supplied by the Clerk.
61. Peak Park Parishes' Forum The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Peak Park Parishes' Forum advising of a Peak District National Park Management Plan Workshop to be held on 20th June 2011 at Aldern House, Bakewell from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. This correspondence was noted.
62. Stocksbridge Community Care Group The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Stocksbridge Community Care Group inviting members to attend their AGM to be held on 17th June 2011 in Stocksbridge Library commencing at 10.00 a.m. This correspondence was noted.
63. Steel Valley Project Steering Committee The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Steel Valley Project Steering Committee meeting minutes held on 27th April 2011. This correspondence was noted.
64. VINCI Construction UK Ltd The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from VINCI Construction Ltd inviting members to attend an Open Evening at Stocksbridge High School on 25th

May 2011 to meet the team and raise any questions regarding the building works. This correspondence was noted.

65. Northern Community Assembly The Clerk reported that she had received notification that the next meeting of the Northern Community Assembly would be held on 15th June 2011 at The Venue from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. A copy of this notice had been put on the Town Council notice board. This correspondence was noted.
66. The Wildlife Trusts The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from The Wildlife Trusts advising that they are currently conducting a series of visitor surveys at Carr House Meadows Nature Reserve to find out about peoples' uses and opinions regarding the reserve. This correspondence was noted.
67. Local Council Review The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Local Council Review, Summer 2011. This correspondence was noted.
68. Northern Community Assembly The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Northern Community Assembly Parish and Town Council's Panel meeting minutes held on 20th May 2011, copies of which had been previously circulated to members.
69. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'
a) Cllr. N J Owen reported that he had attended a meeting of the F.R.I.E.N.D.S. of Don Field together with Cllr. A Brelsford and noted that the play cone requested had now been fitted and they were very happy with it. The next meeting would be held on 12th July 2011.
b) Cllr. S Abrahams reported that she had attended a meeting of the Stocksbridge Community Health Forum and advised that she had a copy of the minutes which she could forward if anyone wanted a copy.
70. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor
The Mayor, Cllr. M C Brelsford reported that he had attended the following events since the last meeting:-
20th & 21st May – Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C. presentation nights held at The Venue.
Cllr. Brelsford noted the number of youths chosen to play in academies from Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C.
22nd May – Lord Mayor of Sheffield Civic Service
9th June – Thriving District Centres meeting with TATA Steels, J Ulley and A Skelton which had been extremely positive, TATA Steels being very serious about community involvement in the area.
71. To Consider Planning Applications and Receive the Decisions of the Sheffield City Council North West Planning Board
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Enforcement Officer with respect to the undermentioned sites, advising that the notices had not been appealed by the landowner and the compliance date of 8th June 2011 to clear all the land and the building from the land remains. The owner has advised that most of the tipped material will be removed by June and other clearing works will start soon. With reference to Site B the notice on this site should now be fully complied with:-
Site A, 10/00287/EN215 – 19 Haywood Lane and adjacent land off Ash Lane
Site B, 10/00382/ENUD – Land adjacent 19 Ash Lane
Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Cllr. A Brelsford reported that she had been informed by J Williamson, SCC Planning of a planning application at land adjacent to Tofts Lane, Stocksbridge for a wind turbine, which came under the remit of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. The Clerk noted that the Town Council were not aware of this application.

Cllr. M Brelsford stated that, for the second time, BMBC had not informed the Town Council of an application which would affect this area, but that the Town Council could not act on second hand information. Cllr. Brelsford requested that the Clerk write to BMBC asking for a copy of the application and stating that the Town Council fully expect a time extension of 8 weeks in which to consider the plans.

The undermentioned Planning Applications were noted, with Councillors expressing concerns over future building of wind turbines.

11/01035/FUL	Avis Royd, Hunshelf Road, Stocksbridge	Siting of two wind turbines on 15 metre high towers.
11/01519/FUL	Shawdene, Sunny Bank Road, Bolsterstone	Single-storey rear/side extension to dwellinghouse (re-submission of 10/01468/FUL).
11/01433/FUL	Stocksbridge Methodist Church, Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Conversion of church to form 6 apartments with provision of associated parking accommodation and amenity space.
11/01606/FUL	21 St Mark Road, Deepcar	Erection of single-storey extension to front of dwellinghouse.
11/01719/FUL	18 Orchard Street, Deepcar	Construction of 2m high boundary fence and erection of garage to side of dwellinghouse.
11/01722/FUL	6 Pen Nook Close, Deepcar	Single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
11/01757/FUL	Lidl Supermarket, 445-451 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Side extension to foodstore to create warehouse and delivery area, front extension to create additional warehouse area, side/front extension to create additional retail floorspace, new front entrance lobby and front canopy and alterations to car parking accommodation.
11/01595/FUL	11 Pen Nook Gardens, Deepcar	Single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
11/01792/FUL	Swallow Croft, Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar	Single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.

72. Planning Applications – Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been granted conditionally:-

10/04097/NMA	Lidl Supermarket, 445-451 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Application to allow use of aluminium fascias, alterations to entrance vestibule and omission of high level window openings to front elevation (amendments to application 10/00410/FUL).
10/03853/FUL	Low Side, Greave House Farm, New Hall Lane, Stocksbridge	Single-storey side extension to dwellinghouse to form garage.

11/00643/FUL 19 Royd Lane, Deepcar Two-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.

The undermentioned planning application has been Withdrawn:-

11/00367/FUL Dyson Funeral Services, New Alterations to first floor to form flat.
Road, Stocksbridge

73. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 7th June 2011, copies of which were circulated at the meeting.
Proposed by Cllr. J Clarkson, seconded by Cllr. N J Owen and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.
74. Finance Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 7th June 2011, copies of which were circulated at the meeting.
Proposed by Cllr. N J Owen, 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 £648 to Stocksbridge Tennis Club for assistance towards their summer tennis camp and that the Club be invited to a future meeting to provide an update on the Summer Camp.
(iii) That the Town Council approve a grant of £500 to Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C. for membership of their Lifeline Appeal.
(iv) That the Town Council approve a contribution to the Valley In Bloom Group at a cost of £1600 for the 2011/12 season.

With reference to item 1 – Election of Chair. This item had been deferred from the Finance Committee meeting held on 7th June 2011.

Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. J Clarkson and

RESOLVED:- That Cllr. N J Owen be elected Chair of the Finance Committee for the Council year 2011/12.

75. Accounts 2010/2011
The Clerk reported that the internal audit for the accounts for the financial year 2010/2011 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 15th July 2011 Notice of audit and electors rights had been advertised accordingly.
Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. N J Owen and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council:-
a) accept the report of the Internal Auditor
b) approve and adopt the accounts for the year ended 2010/2011
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 2010/2011.
Cllr. N Owen expressed his thanks to Teresa and Karen for their hard work in compiling the accounts.

76. Accounts
Proposed by Cllr. J Clarkson, seconded by Cllr. P Wood and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the cheques be paid in settlement of the under mentioned accounts.

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions		£2552.67	LGA72(S111)
ARC Management	Office rent for June 2011	£ 432.60	“
British Telecommunications plc	Telephone charges	£ 214.06	“
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for Citizens Award vouchers	£ 53.25	“
Local Council Review	Annual subscription	£ 15.50	“
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	Photocopier rental	£ 264.34	“
The Works Lunchbox	Outgoing Mayor's event	£ 178.50	LGA72(S145)
Npower	Precinct supply	£ 31.37	LGA72(S144)
Sheffield Community Transport	Helliwell Court outing	£ 46.00	LGA76(S19)
Stocksbridge & Upper Don Community Health Forum	Grant aid	£ 250.00	“
Valley Community Gardens	Grant aid	£ 500.00	“
Activity Sheffield	Grant aid	£ 800.00	“
Stocksbridge Advice Centre	Grand aid	£ 750.00	“
(ii) That cheques be paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-			
N.R.C. Cleaning Services Ltd	Cleaning – May 2011	£ 505.13	LGA72(S111)
Aquapoint Ltd	Water cooler rental/service	£ 37.19	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Monthly water temp. Monitoring	£ 24.00	“
Sheffield City Council	Empty office business rates	£ 174.80	“
Sheffield City Council	Paper recycling bin	£ 8.00	“
(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debit payments made in May 2011:-			
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates - Bolsterstone toilets	£ 49.00	LGA72(S111)
ARC Management:-	Communal areas	£ 549.50	“
	Empty offices 4 & 5	£ 136.20	“
	BT – Redcare line	£ 45.43	“
Veolia Environmental Services	Eurobin May 2011	£ 7.44	LGA72(S111)

Chairman