

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, The ARC, Stocksbridge on Thursday, 11th March 2010

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Jean Hague – Item 262
9 members of the public – Item 263
Representatives from Stocksbridge Scouts – Item 264

261. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A S Law, D L Lyons and M C Brelsford.
262. Citizen's Award
The Chairman presented a certificate and gift vouchers to the value of £50 to Mrs Jean Hague, winner of the Citizen's Award for Spring 2010.
263. Public Questions and Petitions
The Chairman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting who had come to raise their concerns that no pupils from Stocksbridge High School, living in the Stocksbridge area, had attained a place at their chosen 6th form school in Sheffield.
Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford stated that she had been raising this issue with SCC for the past few years and understood the parents' frustrations and noted that they are moving forward to provide 6th form provision but are currently working within the law, places being allocated on geographical distance not academic ability. She advised that the Town Council had no influence in this situation but stated that they would support the parents and Jan Featherstone in raising the issue again with SCC. Parents' noted that it was more difficult to travel to Penistone Grammer School and Barnsley College than into Sheffield as transport links were totally inadequate.
Parents' stated that they would all be appealing against these decisions but noted that they could not do so until the GCSE results were published in August and noted that last year pupils did not find out until 5 p.m. on the evening prior to starting 6th form which school they would be attending.
Cllr. R Marsh-Smith suggested that a petition be set up, which would be supported and submitted by the Town Council to SCC.
Cllr. J Clarkson also requested that a letter be written to SCC regarding the concerns raised over 6th form arrangements for this area, stating that no-one from the area had been allocated a place and that other Colleges do not provide the subjects required. Also noting that Penistone/Barnsley do not have a logistical infrastructure in place with respect to public transport links.
Cllr. K Davis stated that these young people were about to embark on the first stage of their career and were already faced with a stumbling block causing further stress and anxiety on top of GCSE examinations. He suggested that the parents also approach the school governors to gain their support.
Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye noted that works were due to commence at the High School at Easter which would be carried out in stages over the coming months.

Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford understood that the new school facility at Stocksbridge would not have 6th form provision but that this would be provided at a new location, serving schools to the North of Sheffield.

The Chairman requested that parents' leave their contact details and the Town Council would report back any information received. She thanked them all for attending the meeting.

The Chairman brought forward an item of correspondence received from Mr Ockerby, a local resident, in attendance at the meeting, with respect to the deterioration of the roads at Pearson Street and Bessemer Terrace.

Mr Ockerby advised that the roads have street lights and are not on the SCC unadopted road list but was uncertain as to ownership. He noted that the emergency services were experiencing difficulties when called to the area, which had deteriorated still further throughout the Winter months.

Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye advised that some of the land belongs to SCC but that Bessemer Terrance was unadopted, which meant that residents were responsible for the upkeep of the road.

Following further discussion Cllr. J Clarkson undertook to meet on site with Mr Ockerby on 20th March to ascertain the situation and the Clerk was requested to write to SCC regarding ownership of the road and responsibility for the car park.

264. Bloors Development

The Chairman welcomed representatives from Stocksbridge Scouts who had been invited to attend to comment on the proposed layout of the community facility to be built at the Bloors Development, Station Road, Deepcar.

Cllr. J Clarkson reported that he had spoken to Cllr. A Dungworth regarding the facility and noted that from his point of view he was keen to ensure that the room was not too large to heat, as was the case with many older community halls. Cllr. Clarkson suggested that A Sykes be invited to accompany himself, Cllr. M C Brelsford and representatives from the Scout group to view other community facilities within the area to ascertain the best layout.

Representatives from the Scout group were keen to ensure that adequate storage facilities would be provided but noted that as a first plan they were very pleased with the proposals.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for attending the meeting.

265. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 11th February 2010

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th February 2010, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

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

RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to an amendment to item 251 a) second sentence.

266. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th February 2010

With reference to item 239 second paragraph – Clock Tower Memorial Gardens. Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye reported that she had printed a letter to give to the In Bloom judges stating what works had been undertaken with respect to maintenance of the gardens.

With reference to item 248 Stocksbridge Leisure Centre. The Clerk reported that she had contacted David Hempshall and he will be attending either the April or May Town Council meeting.

With reference to item 255 second paragraph – Carols in the Quad. The Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting with Mick Hood, together with Cllr. M C Brelsford, to discuss arrangements for this year's event. It had been decided that the event would be called Carols on the Green and Corus would provide the location, health and safety, electricity supply etc and the Town Council would

facilitate and manage the event. It had been agreed that it would be an agenda item at the July Recreation and Environment Committee, with representatives from community groups being invited to attend, some of whom had already expressed an interest in the event. The Clerk advised that Deepcar Brass Band had already been booked for the event, which would be held on Sunday, 5th December 2010.

Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye stated that more publicity was required for the event.

267. 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. K Davis and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the balances and comparison of spending against budget for February 2010 as supplied by the Clerk.
268. 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 19th January 2010 and an agenda for the next meeting to be held on 16th February 2010. This correspondence was noted.
269. Walkers Are Welcome The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Rebecca Hughes, SVP attaching a progress report and notes from a meeting held with Cllr. D L Lyons and Chris Prescott on the Walkers Are Welcome application for Stocksbridge. This correspondence was noted.
270. F.R.I.E.N.D.S. of Don Fields The Clerk reported that she had received notes of a meeting from the F.R.I.E.N.D.S. of Don Fields group providing an update on the current situation with respect to the Don Fields site. The next meeting will be held on 24th February 2010 at 7.00 p.m. at St John's Church, Deepcar. This correspondence was noted.
271. Correspondence from J & M Tune The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from J & M Tune following their recent attendance at a Town Council meeting advising that they had been highly impressed with the manner in which the meeting had been conducted. This correspondence was noted.
272. Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council inviting comments on the Barnsley Local Development Framework – Core Strategy by 9th April 2010. This correspondence was noted.
273. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations The Clerk reported that she had received from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations a copy of the White Rose Update, Issue 1/10, February 2010, copies of which had been previously circulated to Councillors. This correspondence was noted.

The Clerk also distributed to Councillors information received from the YLCA on their Training and Development Programme for 2010, requesting that anyone interested in attending a course advise her as soon as possible in order that places could be booked. This correspondence was noted.

274. Rapid Solicitors The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Rapid Solicitors with respect to a claim on behalf of a member of the public which occurred on a public footpath in the Ecclesfield Parish Council area. The Clerk advised that she had returned the documentation advising of this and the fact that most public footpaths come under the remit of Sheffield City Council. This correspondence was noted.

275. Bolsterstone Village Fayre The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Carol Webster inviting Councillors to attend the Bolsterstone Village Fayre which would be held on 3rd July 2010, commencing at 2.00 p.m. This correspondence was noted.
276. Northern Community Assembly The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Northern Community Assembly Newsletter, Edition 3, February 2010, also notification that the next Northern Community Assembly meeting would be held on 17th March 2010 from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. at Grenoside Primary School. This correspondence was noted.
277. Local Council Review The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Local Council Review, Spring 2010. This correspondence was noted.
278. Parks & Countryside The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Kate Clarke providing an update on the improvements being carried out at Beechwood Road and Fox Glen playgrounds. It was hoped that works would be completed at the Beechwood Road site week commencing 22nd March 2010 and Fox Glen late 2010/early 2011. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to Councillors.
279. Clerks & Councils Direct The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Clerks & Councils Direct, Issue 68, March 2010. This correspondence was noted.
280. Palace Mall The Clerk reported that local business man Brian Dimmock had called into the office to advise that himself and his son trading as B W & S L Dimmock have now taken over the Palace Mall buildings and wish this information to be passed on to Councillors. This correspondence was noted.
281. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'
 a) Cllr. J Clarkson reported that he had attended the Community Day at The Venue which had been an opportunity to advise people what the Town Council did.
 b) Cllr. K Davis advised that he had also attended the Community Day and had been very impressed with the number of attendees.
 c) Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye reported that she had attended the Health Forum meeting, Community Day and the Community Street Audit Workshop organised by the NHS which had been very good, also the In Bloom AGM.
282. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor
 The Mayor, Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford reported that she attended the F.R.I.E.N.D.S. of Don Field meeting and advised that the group were now in the process of setting up a constitution. She had attended the Community Day and the opera the Dragon of Wantley both held at The Venue and the Lord Mayor's Reception on 26th February, noting that it was nice for the Town and Parish Councils staff and local organisations to be recognised.
 Cllr. Brelsford advised that she had attended the funeral of Ruby Wood and stated that it had been good to hear how Ruby had been well loved and respected by both young and old throughout the Valley.
283. To Consider Planning Applications and Receive the Decisions of the Sheffield City Council North West Planning Board
Note: Cllr. J Clarkson left the room for this item.
 Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith and
RESOLVED:- That no objection be made to the undermentioned planning applications:-

10/00264/FUL	Avis Royd, Hunshelf Road, Stocksbridge	Alterations and single-storey rear extension to flat and outbuildings to form a dwellinghouse.
10/00148/FUL	Happy Hands Pre School, McIntyre Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of a single-storey side extension to form an office.
10/00410/FUL	Lidl Supermarket, 445-451 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Side extension to foodstore to create warehouse and delivery area, side/front extension to create additional retail floorspace, new front entrance lobby and front canopy and alterations to car parking accommodation.
10/00548/FUL	6 Broomfield Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of a rear conservatory to dwellinghouse.
10/00517/FUL	27 Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar	Formation of pitched roof over existing front bay window to dwellinghouse.
10/00632/FUL	137 Oaks Avenue, Stocksbridge	Single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
10/00318/FUL	Cruck Barn, Green Lane, Stocksbridge	Extension to dwelling to form conservatory.

Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, 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 over development of the site; access/egress issues; environmental destruction due to a number of old trees being removed which provided habitat for birds and animals.

10/00388/FUL	Land opposite 9 to 15 New Street, Stocksbridge	Erection of 4 dwellinghouses with car parking spaces and associated landscaping.
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Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, 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 requesting that their previous objections be taken into account, namely:- over development; loss of amenity to the neighbouring property and it being out of character with other properties within the location and also requesting that a site visit be undertaken.

10/00444/FUL	14 Smithy Moor Lane, Stocksbridge	Alterations to dwellinghouse including two-storey side/rear extension including garage, raising of roof height and erection of two front dormer windows (re-submission of 09/03183/FUL).
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Proposed by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith, 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 requesting that their previous objections be taken into account, namely:- current greenbelt policy ie the use of upvc in a greenbelt location.

10/00494/FUL	Swallow Croft, Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar	Erection of a conservatory (re-submission of 09/03259/FUL).
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Proposed by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith, 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 requesting that a site visit be made to assess the visual amenity due to the past history of the application.

10/00369/FUL	17 Newton Avenue, Stocksbridge	Excavation and erection of retaining wall to form 2 car parking spaces.
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Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council instruct the Clerk to write to Planning Department with regard to the undermentioned planning application requesting that the original objections raised be taken into account, namely:- concerns over access/egress for the number of vehicles from a narrow hidden access via the Jubilee Tree, planted by members of Bolsterstone village; the issue of whether the Peak Park District Authority were aware of the application; it was not affordable housing for local people and concerns with what construction materials were to be used.

10/00600/FUL	Church Farm, Yew Trees Lane, Bolsterstone	Alterations to 4 barns to form 4 dwellings (amended plans and information received 9.2.2005) (Application to extend time limit for implementation of application No. 04/04468/FUL).
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Proposed by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye, seconded by Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council instruct the Clerk to write to Planning Department with regard to the undermentioned planning application requesting that their previous comments be noted, namely that the Town Council do not like retrospective applications and also noting that the proposals were out of keeping within what was considered to be an area of special character.

10/00586/FUL	2 Hunshelf Park, Stocksbridge	Erection of rear conservatory, provision of windows to ground and first floor and juliette balcony to second floor of gable wall (resubmission of 09/01373/FUL).
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Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, 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 requesting that their previous comments be taken into account, namely that they have no objections in principle to the erection of a dormer bungalow but given the problems with drainage on Unsliven Road that a condition be imposed to allow SCC to carry out necessary drainage works prior to any development works being undertaken.

10/00615/FUL	Site of 7 Unsliven Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of dwellinghouse (application to extend time limit for implementation of Application No. 06/02538/FUL).
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Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye raised her concerns that activity was taking place at the Fishery on Manchester Road and asked if any applications had been received in this regard in view of past unauthorised structures/amenities. Following discussion the Clerk was requested to write to SCC to ascertain what permissions were in place for this site.

284. Planning Applications – Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been granted conditionally:-

09/03163/FUL	Church Farm, Yew Trees Lane, Bolsterstone	Alterations/conversion of barn 1 into a dwellinghouse (amended under Scheme 21, Dec 2009).
09/03679/FUL	163 Woolley Road, Stocksbridge	Single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
NP/S/1209/1057	The Old Barn, Heads Lane, Bolsterstone	Proposed garden ornament in shape of harp approx 2m tall and 1.3m wide.
09/03929/FUL	2 Broomfield Lane, Stocksbridge	Laying of hardstanding to create parking space and provision of vehicular crossing.

The undermentioned planning application has Condition Application Decided:-

09/03619/COND

Land East of the River Don and
To the South West of Station
Road, Deepcar

Application to approve conditions in
relation to condition numbers 3.
relocation of waste water treatment
works and 4. Completion of works to
close and decommission existing
waste water treatment works relating
to planning permission 03/00020/OUT.

285. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 2nd March 2010, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

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

286. Finance Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 2nd March 2010, copies of which had been previously circulated.

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

RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Finance Committee be accepted subject to an amendment to item 3.

(ii) That the Town Council approve a grant of £250 to Stocksbridge Fire Cadets for the purchase of a camcorder for use in training sessions with Young Fire Fighters.

(iii) That the Town Council approve a grant of £200 to Valley Pentecostal Church for support of their proposed Easter holiday club.

(iv) That the Town Council approve a grant of £550 to Valley In Bloom towards planting at the Town Hall.

(v) That the Town Council approve a grant of £300 to Stocksbridge Photographic Society for the purchase of exhibition/display boards for presentations to the public.

(vi) That the Town Council approve a grant of £500 plus the supply of a bench from the Bench Replacement programme for 2010/2011, to Hunshelf Park Community Group for assistance towards costs for the Group to improve their area.

(vii) That the Town Council renew the annual subscription to the Yorkshire Local Councils Association at a cost of £863.

Due to the impending year end the Clerk requested permission to invite representatives from the above groups to receive their grant cheques at the 30th March Finance Committee. Councillors were in agreement.

Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye queried who owned the land immediately in front of St Luke's charity shop as some of the paving slabs were in a dangerous condition. The Clerk noted that the area had several different owners and undertook to contact Dennis Wyatt to ascertain if he had this information.

287. Quarterly Newsletter Sub Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Quarterly Newsletter Sub Committee of the Town Council, held on 2nd March 2010, copies of which had been previously circulated.

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

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

288. Walkers Are Welcome
 The Clerk updated Councillors on developments with respect to the Walkers are Welcome scheme and advised that a resolution was required from the Town Council in support of the Walkers are Welcome initiative which would enable it to be moved onto the next stage.
 Proposed by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council support the initiative of the Walkers are Welcome scheme.

289. Town Hall Lease
 The Clerk reported that she was now in receipt of the Town Hall lease agreement and following extensive scrutiny by the Town Council's solicitor she could recommend that it be signed by the Chair, Vice Chair and herself as Clerk.
 Proposed by Cllr. J Clarkson, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council give delegated authority to the Chair, Deputy Chair and Clerk to sign the Town Hall lease agreement.

290. Accounts
 Proposed by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye, seconded by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith 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)
ARC Management	Office rent for Feb 2010	£ 423.48	"
Trafford Press Group Ltd	Council Tax letter	£ 295.00	"
Sheffield City Council	Bolsterstone toilets - hand wash driers installed	£5784.91	PHA1936(S87)
Sheffield City Council	Maintenance works at Manchester Road toilets	£ 150.40	"
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for gift vouchers	£ 51.00	LGA72(S111)
Yorkshire Local Councils Assn	Annual subscription	£ 863.00	"
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	Photocopier rental	£ 258.84	"
Viking Direct	Stationery/toilet supplies	£ 111.95	"
Npower	Precinct supply	£ 74.62	LGA72(S144)
British Telecommunications plc	Telephone charges	£ 972.28	LGA72(S111)
Stocksbridge Rugby Club	Grant Aid	£1000.00	LGA76(S19)
Stocksbridge & District Pentaqua Swimming Club	Grant Aid	£ 800.00	"

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

Pollards Tea & Coffee Ltd	Coffee/cream supplies	£ 40.78	LGA72(S111)
British Telecommunications plc	Alarm System	£ 61.18	"
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for In/Out Board	£ 67.56	"
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	Communal photocopier Rental	£ 298.52	"
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning for Feb 2010	£ 430.83	"
AquaPoint Ltd	Service and supplies	£ 53.35	"
Micro Alarms Ltd	Call out charge	£ 76.38	"
Melissimo Picture Framers	Lettering for banner	£ 50.00	"
Sheffield City Council	Business rates to 31/3/10	£ 2224.99	"

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

Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Council Offices	£ 80.00	LGA72(S111)
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The Clerk updated members with respect to the handover of accounts from STEP Development Trust advising that there were still items outstanding. Following discussion Councillors requested that the Clerk ensure that a paper trail of requests for information be kept for future reference.

The Clerk reported that an ARC Management Committee meeting would be held on 1st April 2010 in order that members could meet the newly appointed Facilities Manager, Jonathan Parsons and be updated on matters relating to The ARC.

Chairman