

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, The ARC, Stocksbridge on Thursday, 13th May 2010

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

IN ATTENDANCE: David Hempshall - Premises & Assets, Stacey Shaw – Stocksbridge Leisure
Centre - Item 316

314. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M C Brelsford.

315. Public Questions and Petitions
None.

316. Stocksbridge Leisure Centre
The Chairman welcomed David Hempshall and Stacey Shaw to the meeting who had been invited to update Councillors on the current position with respect to Stocksbridge Leisure Centre.
D Hempshall advised that the mandate had been to make the Leisure Centre more accessible for all with the main bulk of funding being used to make the building DDA compliant. This had, however, left a shortfall in the funding for the remainder of the improvements they had wished to make and decisions had needed to be taken on which works to omit from the scheme.
S Shaw provided diagrams of the proposed improvements, advising that the main reception area would be relocating back to its initial location on the wet side; DDA car parking spaces would be provided in the car park; a ramp to the entrance; automatic doors and a lift to the café area on the second level plus the refurbishment of the café area were the major works to be undertaken.
S Shaw advised that there would be a dedicated disabled changing area pool side and at a meeting to be held on 14th May it was hoped that further funding maybe forthcoming to carry out some improvements to the changing rooms, although not on the scale that had been hoped for. Repairs to the roof of the building were also being undertaken.
Discussion took place on possible ways to attract more users to the site and S Shaw advised on avenues being pursued at the present time.
D Hempshall advised members of proposals by SCC to reduce assets by introducing co-working between establishments, amalgamating facilities etc., and noted that Stocksbridge had been cited as a prime example. He felt that the Town Council should be involved in such discussions.
Councillors thanked D Hempshall for bringing this issue to their attention and noted that the Town Council would indeed wish to be involved.
The Chairman thanked both D Hempshall and S Shaw for attending the meeting.

317. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 8th April 2010
Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8th April 2010, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

318. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8th April 2010
With reference to item 263 – Sixth Form Admissions. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Nichola Furniss, Principle Officer, Pupil Admissions noting the Town Council’s support of parents, pupils and Head of Stocksbridge High School with respect to the 6th Form Admissions policy and advising that following initial allocations there is always movement as pupils refuse places and following the publication of the GCSE results, the process of which is unavoidable. The Admissions Arrangements for 2011/2012 were approved by Cabinet on 24th March when again distance criteria will be used to determine allocation of places, however Cabinet also authorised Officers to undertake a review of existing arrangements and consult on any proposed changes in time for the 2012/2013 academic year. The Town Council will be consulted at the appropriate time. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.

The Clerk reported that she had since received further correspondence from Nichola Furniss advising that all but one student from Stocksbridge had now been allocated places and it was hoped that this student would eventually be accommodated following anticipated continued movement as pupils decline offers. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.

With reference to item 294 paragraph 5 – Palace Mall. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from John Williamson advising that there had only been two applications received for the Palace Mall these being longstanding ones and therefore authorised, being made in 1975 and 1986. With respect to the possibility of listing this building and the Old Wash House forms would have to be completed and sent to English Heritage, final decisions being made by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. The Clerk advised that these forms had been obtained. Following discussion the Clerk was requested to complete the forms for the Palace Mall building.

With reference to item 305 a) Pearson Street/Bessemer Terrace. The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of the first meeting of the Friends of Pearson Street and Bessemer Terrace Action Group following the attendance of Mr Ockerby at a Town Council meeting and subsequent site meeting with Cllrs. J Clarkson and Mrs W M Kaye. Copies of the minutes had been previously circulated to members.

Cllr. J Clarkson reported that the group were working together well to improve the area.

The Clerk was requested to write to L Sturch requesting and update on the Stocksbridge Design Statement as progress appeared to be slow.

With reference to item 307 first paragraph – Complaint by Cllr. D L Lyons. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Les Sturch advising that he had requested Phil Abbott to review the case under the SCC complaints procedure and also to look at the best/fastest way for the Town Council to lodge their comments/objections to planning applications. This correspondence was noted.

The Clerk reported that she had received further correspondence from Phil Abbott advising that following further investigation the need to forward representations as soon as possible in order to enable them to be published had been reiterated to case officers. He also suggested that the Town Council send future representations direct to the Planning Applications Online service plus the case officer if the matter was considered to be urgent. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.

With reference to item 311 (ii) Facilities Management. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Andy Clarke advising that he was investigating further the issues raised by the Town Council and would report back as soon as possible. In the meantime he offered his unreserved apologies for the failures experienced whilst the facilities management of The ARC was under the control of STEP Development Trust. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.

The Clerk advised that she had since had a meeting with Hazel Powell in order to clarify some issues further.

319. 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. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. D L Lyons and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the balances and comparison of spending against budget for April 2010 as supplied by the Clerk. The Clerk tabled an update on the ARC Management finances and advised that this information would be circulated with the Balances and Comparison of Spending Against Budget in future.
320. North Rural Neighbourhood Action Group The Clerk reported that she had received an agenda for the North Rural Neighbourhood Action Group meeting to be held on 20th April 2010 at 9.30 a.m. at Wharnccliffe Side Community Centre. This correspondence was noted.
321. Peak District National Park Authority The Clerk reported that she had received from the Peak District National Park Authority a copy of the new publication from Natural England which contains guidance duties that relevant authorities have towards protected areas. This correspondence was noted.
322. EPIP The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Steve Robinson who had been engaged to look at opportunities for beacons and viewing points across the LEADER area, enclosing an information sheet showing a list of sites already identified and requesting Councillors knowledge of any other areas to be considered. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
323. Licensing Application The Clerk reported that she had received notice of an application to vary a premises license in respect of The Friendship, 536 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge. This correspondence was noted.
324. Telephone Kiosks The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Cllr. T Bagshaw with respect to problems with illegal advertisements in telephone kiosks asking if Councillors were aware of any within this area. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
325. Clerks & Councils Direct The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Clerks & Councils Direct, Issue 69, May 2010. This correspondence was noted.
326. Yorkshire Local Councils Association The Clerk reported that she had received from the Yorkshire Local Councils Association a copy of the White Rose Update, Issue 2/10, May 2010. Copies of this were circulated to members.
327. Planning Inspectorate The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Planning Inspectorate enclosing the Inspector's decision to confirm Modification Order (No.28) 2008 – Public

Footpath running from Wind Hill Farm to Wind Hill Crag, Stocksbridge following the public enquiry held on 21st April 2010. This correspondence was noted.

328. Sheffield City Council The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Housing Strategy and Policy Team regarding the Rural Communities Strategy 2010-2013 consultation. A poster regarding the consultation had been placed on the Town Council Notice Board. This correspondence was noted.
329. Correspondence from A Ockerby The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Andrew Ockerby enclosing a quotation in respect to the resurfacing of Pearson Street and Bessemer Terrace for Councillors information. This correspondence was noted.
330. Correspondence from the Hunshelf Park Community Group The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Hunshelf Park Community Group thanking the Town Council for the recent grant awarded and bench, to be sited shortly, towards improvements within their area. This correspondence was noted.
331. Correspondence from M Davis The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Martin and Marion Davis wishing to pass on their sincere congratulations to Alan Law on becoming the first Lord Mayor of Sheffield to live in this area. This correspondence was noted.
332. Neighbourhood Action Group The Clerk reported that she had received an agenda for the Hillsborough, Upperthorpe & Deepcar Neighbourhood Action Group meeting to be held on 18th May 2010 at Wharnccliffe Side Community Centre commencing at 9.30 a.m. This correspondence was noted.
333. 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.
334. Deepcar Brass Band The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Deepcar Brass Band requesting a letter of support from the Town Council with respect to their application to the East Peak Innovation Project for funding to enhance the band for future generations. Councillors were happy to instruct the Clerk to forward a letter of support from the Town Council.
335. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'
- a) Cllr. K Davis reported that with respect to the Engineering Workshop on Wood Royd Road, although fencing had been erected no further progress had been made with demolition of the building and again raised his concerns as to safety and he also noted building works at 13 Haywood Lane, which he understood belonged to the owner of the workshop and questioned if the necessary planning permissions were in place. He requested the Clerk to write to the Enforcement Officer with respect to this issue.
- b) Cllr. R Marsh-Smith advised that he had attended the Friends of Don Field meeting and noted that progress was slow.
- Cllr. R Marsh-Smith had been approached by residents on Manchester Road, Deepcar raising concerns at signage erected by an access route stating 'Private Property No HGV's'. The access route had been used to gain access to the allotments and had been thought to be a public right of way. The Clerk undertook to contact SCC to ascertain who owned the land.
- c) Cllr. A S Law advised that he had met with Tim Shortland to look a possible sites for tree planting in the area. He requested that an article be placed in Look Local asking members of the public to highlight any sites which they considered required tree planting.

d) Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye advised that she had attended the Community Health Forum meeting and In Bloom meeting.

e) Cllr. D L Lyons advised that he had attended the SVP Steering Group and Standards Committee meetings and had been in contact with Planning Enforcement regarding illegal advertising in phone boxes.

Cllr. Lyons advised that he had made an enforcement enquiry with respect to building taking place on the old remains of Race House, Race Lane/New Mill Bank.

Cllr. Lyons reported that fly tipping was becoming an issue on Yew Trees Lane and Allas Lane/New Road, Ewden and requested that a letter be sent to Environmental Services asking if temporary CCTV could be erected as a deterrent.

Cllr. Lyons had also attended the Walkers Are Welcome drop in session in Stocksbridge Library and noted that the scheme appeared to be moving along well.

336. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford reported that she attended the following event since the last meeting:-

11th April – Ecclesfield Parish Council Civic Service

17th April – Bolsterstone and Worrall Male Voice Choirs Come and Sing event

25th April – Stocksbridge & District Pentaqua Spring Sprints Gala

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

Note: *Cllr. J Clarkson declared an interest and left the room for this item.*

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. D L Lyons and

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

10/00992/FUL	2 St Andrew Road, Deepcar	Two-storey side extension and alterations to roof of dwellinghouse including raising of ridge height and formation of gable ends (amended scheme to 09/02205/FUL).
10/01113/FUL	Stocksbridge High School, Shay House Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of an electrical substation.
10/01171/FUL	Field 60m East of Follyfoot Corner, Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar	Provision of an equestrian ménage.
10/01266/FUL	St Anns Catholic Primary School, McIntyre Road, Stocksbridge	Single-storey extensions to school to for entrance lobby and staff room and provision of 2 metre high fencing.
10/01238/FUL	Stocksbridge High School, Shay House Lane, Stocksbridge	Alterations and extensions to school, including erection of a two-storey teaching block and extension to sports hall, erection of caretakers house, associated car parking and landscaping works and provision of sports courts.
10/01326/FUL	62 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Two-storey side and single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.

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

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council instruct the Clerk to write to Planning Department with regard to the undermentioned planning application raising their objections to the balcony which would overlook neighbouring properties.

10/01035/FUL 2 Pen Nook Court, Deepcar Erection of single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.

Proposed by Cllr. D L Lyons, seconded by Cllr. A S Law 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 the proposed materials being used not being in keeping with the original building structure.

10/01217/FUL The Friendship, 536 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge Erection of a smoking shelter to rear of public house.

338. Planning Applications – Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been granted conditionally:-

09/03754/FUL	Agricultural building off Machin Lane,	Construction of lean-to extension to existing livestock building 24.384m x 9.144m (80' x 30').
10/00068/FUL	Land to rear of 23 to 27 Grove Road, Deepcar	Demolition of existing garage and erection of dwellinghouse.
10/00148/FUL	Happy Hands Pre School Nursery, McIntyre Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of a single-storey side extension to form an office.
10/00293/FUL	5 Coal Pit Lane, Stocksbridge	Roof extension including construction of 3 dormers to create habitable room on first floor, repositioning of porch and erection of detached garage.
10/00369/FUL	17 Newton Avenue, Stocksbridge	Excavation and erection of retaining wall to form 2 car parking spaces.
10/00548/FUL	6 Broomfield Road, Stocksbridge	Retention of a rear conservatory to dwellinghouse.
10/00718/NMA	New Hall Farm, New Hall Lane, Stocksbridge	Application to clarify northern boundary, re-positioning of garage block and revision to existing and proposed window openings (amendments to 07/03298/FUL).
10/00295/FUL	Land to the rear of 1 to 35 Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar	Siting of a metal container for storage of rugby equipment.
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 (resubmission of 09/03183/FUL).
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).
10/00517/FUL	27 Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar	Formation of pitched roof over existing Front bay window to dwellinghouse.

The undermentioned planning application has been Refused:-

10/00351/CHU Hill House Farm, Mortimer Road, S36 0GE Use of barn as printing business (use Class B1).

339. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 4th May 2010, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. D L Lyons and

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

With reference to item 2 – Clock Tower Memorial Gardens. Councillors wished to note their thanks to the improvements made to the maintenance of the Gardens.

With reference to item 3 – Bench Replacement Programme. The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by the Hunshelf Park Community Group regarding the location of the bench provided by the Town Council. The Clerk had also received an email from Dennis Wyatt advising that she would now need to contact the Northern Community Assembly with respect to installation/removal of the benches at Coal Pit Lane and outside the Silver Fox.

With reference to item 5 – Land to the rear of Crown Cars Garage, Stocksbridge. Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye advised that she had been contacted by the Environment Agency advising that the owner had been issued with a Notice to clear the area to the rear of the building by the river.

340. Finance Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 4th May 2010, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. D L Lyons and

RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Finance Committee be accepted.

(ii) That the Town Council approve a grant of £200 to the Stocksbridge Homing Society in support of their movement to new headquarters.

(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 donation of £150 to Deepcar Brass Band to play at the Remembrance Day event.

(v) That the Town Council renew the annual subscription to the Local Council Review at a cost of £13.50.

With reference to item 7 – Annual Report. The Clerk reported that she had contacted Royal Mail to request a quotation for the distribution of the Annual Report and newsletter and advised that the costs would be far in excess of the quote received from Look Local and queried whether the Town Council could justify the expense. The Clerk suggested that advertisements/posters be put on the Town Council website and various locations within the area advising of the availability of the reports and their location and asking residents to contact the office if they required a copy to be posted.

With reference to item 10 – Town Hall Ageement. The Clerk reported that she had now signed the Statutory Declaration to surrender part of the lease whilst highways works were undertaken and also updated members on further issues which had arisen and been resolved.

341. Quarterly Newsletter Sub Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Quarterly Newsletter Sub Committee of the town Council, held on 4th May 2010, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. D L Lyons and

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

342. ARC Management

The Clerk requested authorisation to sign the Bank mandate to open the new ARC Management account with the Co-operative Bank. Members were requested to complete the necessary forms. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. J Clarkson and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council authorise and sign the Co-operative bank mandate for a bank account to operate ARC Management finances.

The Clerk reported that a Fire Risk Assessment had recently been carried out on the areas of The ARC under the responsibility of the ARC Management and a full report had been received. The recommendations of the report would be presented to the next ARC Management Committee.

343. Accounts

Proposed by Cllr. D L Lyons, 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		£2889.50	LGA72(S111)
ARC Management	Office rent for May 2010	£ 423.48	“
Clerks Petty Cash Account	Petty Cash	£ 200.00	“
Wallgate Ltd	Bolsterstone public toilets	£ 488.80	PHA1936(S87)
Sheffield City Council	Clock Tower Memorial	£ 4693.54	PHA1875(S164)
	Gardens contract		
Local Council Review	Annual subscription	£ 13.50	LGA72(S111)
Brass Founders Sheffield	Engraved plaque	£ 93.65	“
Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C. - Junior Section	Grant Aid	£ 400.00	LGA76(S19)
Bolsterstone Community Group	Grant Aid	£ 500.00	“
Whitwell Community Asscn	Grant Aid	£ 3110.00	“
Stocksbridge & District Federation of Racing Pigeons	Grant Aid	£ 450.00	“

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

NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning for Mar 2010	£ 430.83	LGA72(S111)
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning for Apr 2010	£ 430.83	“
Micro Alarms Ltd	Intruder Alarm remote reset	£ 29.38	“
Firths Window Cleaning Services	Windows cleaned	£ 55.00	“
TVF (UK) Ltd	Fire Risk Assessment	£ 449.43	“
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for Replacement of lock on lower basement door	£ 103.24	“
Pointer Ltd	Call out charge	£ 157.28	“
Viking Direct Ltd	Paper/refreshment supplies	£ 52.86	“

(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debits payments made in May 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 – £ 559.00 LGA72(S111)

The ARC Communal Areas

Sheffield City Council

Business Rates – £ 106.00 “

A Smith MP

(to be invoiced with rent)

Chairman