

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, The ARC, Stocksbridge on Thursday, 12th November 2009

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

2 members of the public

A representative from Stocksbridge and Upper Don Community Health Forum attended the meeting in order to collect the Group's grant cheque and wished to thank Cllr. Mary Kaye for doing a brilliant job for so many years as the Town Council representative on this Committee.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M C Brelsford.

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. J Clarkson and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council suspend Standing Orders (No.60) in order to facilitate a item of business, namely:- The Clock Tower Flag.

Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford circulated a response received from David Hempshall, Premises and Assets, SCC to Cllr. M C Brelsford in respect to the lack of a flag on the Clock Tower for the Remembrance Day Parade on 8th November 2009.

The Clerk advised from the office perspective and noted procedures from previous years when she had been told there was no need to issue a reminder in this regard.

Cllr. Mrs Brelsford was extremely upset, disappointed and angry at the lack of a flag and felt it was an insult to the people who had lost their lives. It looked as though the Town Council did not care, which was most certainly not the case.

Following discussion it was resolved that:-

- a) The Clerk revert to previous procedures and issue a reminder to Premises and Assets
- b) Write formally to John Mothersole, Chief Executive expressing the Town Council's distress and anger and stating that this should never be allowed to happen again.
- c) Request that SCC repair the flag pole on the Town Hall building and hoist the Union flag.
- d) Raise the item at the October 2010 Recreation & Environment Committee meeting and invite representatives from the Royal British Legion in order to discuss arrangements for next year's event.

148. Public Questions and Petitions

A member of the public read out correspondence received from Solicitors requesting her to consider withdrawing her objection to the closure of Ford Lane. She asked that the Town Council reconsider their decision to withdraw their objection and to gain clarification on the exact public right of way route and whether it would remain open 24 hours.

Cllr. A S Law reported that he had attended a meeting with Les Sturch, together with Cllr. Martin Brelsford, following the last Town Council meeting to establish the position with regard to the public right of way. They had been told categorically that the route in question was definitely a public right of way and were currently awaiting confirmation in writing, which he was in no doubt would be forthcoming.

Cllr. R Marsh-Smith stated that the key point is to retain the public right of way.

Cllr. J Clarkson noted that concerns had been raised that the development would be closed at night and hence so would the public right of way.

Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford stated that her interpretation of events was that the gates would not be locked.

Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye stated that clarification was required on this point.

Cllr. A S Law stated that there appeared to be some confusion as to which public right of way was being considered, the public right of way in place of Ford Lane or the detour being referred to in the correspondence and requested a copy of the letter in order that he could raise these concerns and obtain further clarification on the issue at a meeting he was due to attend on 20th November 2009.

The Clerk was also requested to write to Les Sturch requesting legal clarification on what is the public right of way for Ford Lane.

149. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 8th October 2009
Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8th October 2009, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
150. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8th October 2009
With reference to item 120 second paragraph – Unadopted Roads. The Clerk reported that she had now received a list of unadopted roads in the area from Angela Greenwood. It was requested that all Councillors be copied with this correspondence.
151. 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 A E Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the balances and comparison of spending against budget for October 2009 as supplied by the Clerk.
152. CPRE The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the CPRE regarding their 2009 Appeal. This correspondence was noted.
153. SYPTTE The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYPTTE enclosing a copy of the Access to Opportunities Briefing Pack. This correspondence was noted.

The Clerk reported that she had also received correspondence from SYPTTE regarding Industrial Action proposed for various dates throughout October 2009, the first being 12th October. A meeting is scheduled for 8th October to urge the Union to reconsider its decision. This correspondence was noted.
154. Stocksbridge Playgrounds Consultation The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Kate Clark providing an update on the progress of the playgrounds consultation taking place across Stocksbridge and Deepcar, copies of which had been previously circulated to members'.
155. Northern Community Assembly The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Northern Community Assembly Plan Summary 2009-2010, minutes of the Northern Community Assembly meeting held on 17th June 2009 and an agenda for the meeting to be held on 21st October 2009 at The Lomas Hall, Stannington commencing at 6.00 p.m. This correspondence was noted.

The Clerk reported that she had received copies of the Northern Community Assembly newsletter, copies of which had been displayed on the Town Council information stand. This correspondence was noted.

156. South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority advising of strike action due to take place 19th/20th October and 23rd/24th October 2009. This correspondence was noted.
157. 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 October 2009 at Wharncliffe Side Community Centre. This correspondence was noted.
158. Stocksbridge & Upper Don Community Health Forum The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Stocksbridge & Upper Con Community Health Forum thanking the Town Council for their recent grant assistance. This correspondence was noted.
159. Peak Park Parishes' Forum The Clerk reported that she had received from the Peak Park Parishes' Forum a copy of their Newsletter, Autumn 2009, minutes of the AGM held on 19th September 2009 and details of a Planning Workshop event to be held on 5th December 2009. This correspondence was noted.
160. St Matthias Church The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from St Matthias Church thanking the Town Council for the provision of a Christmas Tree in the Church grounds. This correspondence was noted.
161. Sheffield First Partnership The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Sheffield First Partnership advising that the partnership is starting to work to develop the next City Strategy and how this will be achieved over the next five years, inviting the Town Council to be part of developing the strategy. This correspondence was noted.
The Clerk queried whether this could be incorporated into the Northern Community Assembly via the Parish Panel meetings.
162. Red Telephone Boxes The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Paul Gordon requesting the Town Council's views on the removal of telephone services from some red telephone boxes within the area.
The Clerk was requested to write advising that the Town Council wished to retain the facility at Walders Lane, Bolsterstone in view of the high volume of calls made.
163. Peak District National Park Authority The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Peak District National Park Authority regarding consultation on Preferred Approaches for the Peak District National Park Core Strategy. This correspondence was noted.
164. Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir The Clerk reported that she had received invitations for the Mayor and Councillors to attend a Thanksgiving Service to be held at St Mary's Church, Bolsterstone on Sunday, 22nd November at 6.30 p.m. to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir. This correspondence was noted.
165. Rural Action Yorkshire The Clerk reported that she had received from Rural Action Yorkshire a copy of Country Air, Issue 113, Autumn 2009. This correspondence was noted.
166. CPRE The Clerk reported that she had received from CPRE a copy of Countryside Voice, Autumn 2009. This correspondence was noted.

167. Correspondence from Resident The Clerk reported that she had received copy correspondence from Tracey Martin from Pell Frischmann regarding the proposed stopping up of highway at Ford Lane, Stocksbridge. This correspondence was noted.
168. 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 November 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated to members'. This correspondence was noted.
169. Street Force The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Street Force advising on the Town Council's request for the provision of additional salt bins in the area. New bins would be located at Rundle Road (junction Pot House Lane) and New Mill Bank (junction Race Lane). The request for a bin at Alpine Close (junction Park Drive) had been unsuccessful on this occasion. Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye also noted that she had made a request for a grit bin at the top of Glebelands Road which had also been unsuccessful. Cllr. R Marsh-Smith requested that the item be added to the agenda for discussion at the next Parish/Town Council Group meeting to take forward to the Northern Community Assembly.
170. Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C. providing an update on the Club. This correspondence was noted.
171. RSA Insurance plc The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from RSA Insurance plc which she wished to raise in Part 2 of the meeting.
172. Clerks & Councils Direct The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Clerks & Councils Direct, Issue 66, November 2009. This correspondence was noted.
173. Steel Valley Project The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Steel Valley Project inviting the Mayor and Councillors to attend the Carol Service to be held on Sunday, 6th December 2009 commencing at 1.30 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Corus buildings, as per last year. This correspondence was noted.
174. Correspondence from Mrs J Lawson The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Mrs J Lawson regarding the littering of discarded cigarettes in public areas. This correspondence was noted.
175. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'
- a) Cllr. R Marsh-Smith reported that he had attended the In Bloom Awards Ceremony at The Venue.
28th October - a public meeting regarding local playgrounds which had been poorly attended due to the lack of notice, but a further meeting on 4th November had seen the beginnings of a new FRIENDS of Group being formed and residents had been informed that there would be no allotments on the Don Field site.
8th November – Remembrance Day Parade and Service
11th November – Remembrance Day Service at Bolstestone Church
 - b) Cllr. J Clarkson advised that he had attended the Remembrance Day Parade and also a TARA event at The Venue involving partners working together.
 - c) Cllr. D L Lyons reported that he had attended the Steel Valley Project Steering Group meeting and been advised that Rebacca Hughes would be working on the Walkers are Welcome scheme when she returned to work in the New Year. With respect to the Bloors Development concerns had also been expressed as to the management of the green areas in this location. Cllr. D Lyons undertook to investigate whether SVP could take part in this.
10th November - Bolsterstone Community Group meeting where he had been advised that an appeal had been made with respect to the planning application for eco houses on the Maples Garden Centre

site. He had also been advised that there was now no bus service from Bolsterstone to Sheffield and asked if Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye could assist in any way. Cllr. A S Law also undertook to push on this issue.

Cllr. D Lyons noted that with respect to the Town Council's objections on the land at Ewden Valley, if rejected it will be put to the Planning Board meeting.

d) Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye advised that she had attended the North Rural Transport meeting and raised her concerns regarding the Bolsterstone bus service. She had been advised that the service had been withdrawn due to lack of usage and noted that elderly residents in the area could use the Flyer service, they just needed to register.

25th October – National Hill Climb event at Peak Royd Lane

5th November – In Bloom meeting, Cllr. Kaye was pleased to advise that all the planting had now been completed

Opening of the refurbished Rundle Road play area

8th November – Remembrance Day Parade and Service

11th November – Remembrance Day Service at Bolsterstone Church

12th November – TARA Group meeting

Cllr. Kaye noted that 400 trees had been delivered to Stocksbridge High School in readiness for planting.

With respect to the Clock Tower Cllr. Kaye had been in contact with Melvyn Riley regarding several issues which had been resolved and would be rectified shortly.

e) Cllr. A S Law reported that he had attended the Remembrance Day Service held in Sheffield. Cllr. Law had also attended several STEP meetings and was pleased to report that the situation looked more positive.

176. 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:-

11th October 2009 – Valley In Bloom Presentation Afternoon at The Venue

25th October 2009 – National Hill Climb cycling event at Pea Royd Lane and presentation afterwards at The Venue. Cllr. Mrs Brelsford noted that it had been an exceptional day with positive feedback from all who attended and requested that a letter be written to Stuart Smith thanking him for organising the event and bringing it to Stocksbridge.

Opening of the BIG – make it your business event at the old Miners Welfare Hall

Opening of the refurbished Rundle Road play area

8th November 2009 – Remembrance Day Parade and Service

11th November 2009 – Remembrance Day Service at St Mary's Church, Bolsterstone

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

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

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

09/03088/FUL	65 Patterson Close, Stocksbridge	Two-storey side/first floor side extension to dwellinghouse.
09/03164/FUL	Church Farm, Yew Trees Lane, Bolsterstone	Demolition of tinshed.
09/03163/FUL	Church Farm, Yew Trees Lane, Bolsterstone	Alterations/conversion of Barn 1 into a dwellinghouse and erection of a single-storey building to park cars.
09/01531/FUL	9 Broadhead Road, Deepcar	Retention of raised decking to rear of dwellinghouse.

09/03297/FUL	49 Fox Glen Road, Deepcar	Single-storey front extension and two-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.
09/03425/FUL	Nether Lea, 117 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of a dwellinghouse (substitution of house type 08/05245/FUL).

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 loss of amenity to neighbouring properties and overdevelopment of the site.

09/03255/FUL	Land adjacent 22 Belmont Drive, Stocksbridge	Erection of a dwellinghouse with garage.
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Proposed by Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford, 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 due to over development, loss of amenity to the neighbouring property and it being out of character with other properties within the location.

09/03183/FUL	14 Smithymoor Lane, Stocksbridge	Alterations to dwellinghouse including two-storey side/rear extension including garage, raising of roof height, erection of front dormer window and single-storey front extension.
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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 current greenbelt policy ie the use of upvc in a greenbelt location and issues with the proposed design, this not being in keeping with the local style.

09/03259/FUL	Swallow Croft, Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar	Erection of a conservatory.
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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 this being a retrospective application; it being an overdevelopment in a greenbelt location and concerns over the use of upvc for windows and doors in a greenbelt location.

09/03260/FUL	Low Side, Greave House Farm, New Hall Lane, Stocksbridge	Retention of single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
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178. Planning Applications – Decisions

Note:- Cllr. R Marsh-smith declared a personal interest in Planning Applications

09/02598/COND; 09/02600/COND and 09/02601/COND.

The undermentioned planning applications have been granted conditionally:-

09/02519/FUL	14 Ashfield Road, Stocksbridge	Two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
09/02528/FUL	54 Townend Lane, Deepcar	Erection of a rear outbuilding and boundary wall and fence.
09/02087/CHU	Trailer Park, Station Road, Deepcar	Use of land for storage of caravans/mobile homes.
09/02721/FUL	110 West Crescent, Stocksbridge	Single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.

The undermentioned planning applications have been Withdrawn:-

09/02486/FUL	Barn, Green Farm, Green Lane, Stocksbridge	Alterations and extensions to barn to form dwellinghouse.
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09/02670/FUL	Bank Cottage, Bank Lane, Bolsterstone	Single-storey extensions and alterations to door and window openings of dwellinghouse.
The undermentioned planning applications have Conditions		Acceptable Not Yet Discharged:-
09/02598/COND	Lower Townend Barn, Townend Lane, Deepcar	Submission of 09/01669/LBC condition details. Condition no.2, Windows; 3. Masonary repairs.
09/02600/COND	Lower Townend Barn, Townend Lane, Deepcar	Submission of 08/05164/LBC condition details. Condition nos.1. Date Of commencement, 2. External materials; 3. Masonary repairs; 4. Rooflights; 5. Rainwater gutters and drainpipes; 6. Windows; 7. Doors; 9. Internal floor Structure; 10. New services; 13. And 14. Reveals and new openings.
09/02601/COND	Lower Townend Barn, Townend Lane, Deepcar	Submission of 08/05163/FUL condition nos. 1. Time of commencement; 2. External materials; 3. Masonary repairs; 4. Rooflights; 5. Rainwater gutters and Drainpipes; 6. Windows; 7. Doors; 9. Internal floor structure; 10. New services; 13. and 14. Reveals and new openings.
The undermentioned planning application has Condition		Application Decided:-
09/03127/COND	Castle View, Yew Trees Lane, Bolsterstone	Application to approve details in relation to condition numbers 2. Material samples and 3. Large scale details relating to planning permission 08/01739/FUL.

179. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd November 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.

With reference to item 2 – Bloors Development. Cllr. J Clarkson reported that due to busy schedules the meeting with Bloors had not yet taken place.

With reference to item 5 - Drainage Problems. Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye reported that Street Force had been round the estates this week clearing out drains.

180. Finance Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd November 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Finance Committee be accepted.
(ii) That the Town Council provide a grant of £1000 to the Carers Group of Royd Nursery Infant School towards the costs for their film making project.
(iii) That the Town Council:-
a) Invite Don Valley Railway to occupy office space within The ARC
b) Agree to provide a grant to cover the cost of full market rent for the first 12 month period from 1st December 2009 to 30th November 2010.

(iv) That the Town Council approve a grant of £1000 to Bolsterstone Village Hall Trust for assistance towards renovation works.

(v) That the Town Council approve the purchase, installation and annual servicing of 2 Wallgate units for the public toilet facility at Bolsterstone at a cost of £4500 for the purchase and installation together with an annual service contract of £416 per annum for the two units. Approval also be given to undertaking a contract with Sheffield City Council for the risk assessment requirements for legionella at the Bolsterstone and Manchester Road facilities at a cost of £520 per annum.

(vi) That the Assistant to the Clerk's post be increased by 4 hours per week to take account of additional duties with regard to Centre Management, to take effect from 1st November 2009, to be reviewed after 6 months.

181. Quarterly Newsletter Sub Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Quarterly Newsletter Sub Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd November 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated.

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

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

182. Sheffield Transport User Group

The Clerk advised that this item was on the agenda in order to elect a Town Council representative to the Sheffield Transport User Group.

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

RESOLVED:- That Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye be the Town Council representative on the Sheffield Transport User Group.

183. 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		£2658.24	LGA72(S111)
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for	£ 177.19	LGA72(S137)
	purchase of bingo machine		
Melissimo Picture Framers	Purchase of 3 x banners	£ 186.33	LGA72(S111)
ARC Management	Office rental Oct 09	£ 414.47	“
A to B Couriers	Delivery of Accounts to	£ 88.55	“
	Internal Auditor		
Clerks Petty Cash Account	Clerks Petty Cash	£ 200.00	“
Pollards Tea & Coffee Ltd	Supplies for Council	£ 56.84	“
	Chamber		
Viking Direct	Stationery/toilet supplies	£ 117.39	“
Geo Supplies Ltd	Stationery	£ 20.63	“
Look Local	Advertisement	£ 211.60	LGA72(S137)
Yorkshire Water	Manchester Road toilets	£ 58.28	PHA1936(S87)
Stocksbridge & District	Grant Aid	£ 250.00	LGA76(S19)
Community Health Forum			

(ii) That approval be given for the cheques signed in October by the Clerk on the Petty Cash Account in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

T H Bisatt	Toilet supplies	£ 13.36	
Sheffield Community Transport	Grant Aid	£ 74.20	LGA76(S19)

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

184. Town Hall, The ARC

The Clerk reported on a recent meeting, held with relevant parties, regarding the Lease of The ARC building.

Following discussion the Clerk was requested to defer the item until all relevant information had been received and put the item to a future Town Council meeting for further discussion and recommendation

185. Correspondence from RSA Insurance plc

The Clerk reported on correspondence received from RSA Insurance plc which she would be forwarding to SCC Legal Department.

Following discussion the Clerk was also requested to forward a copy to the Town Council's insurance company for information.

Chairman