

## STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, The ARC, Stocksbridge on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Angela Smith MP – item 118  
1 member of the public

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116. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. K Davis.
117. Public Questions and Petitions  
T Martin presented the Town Council with two petitions, signed by local residents, in support of keeping Ford Lane open and requested that they be submitted to the Secretary of State.  
Cllr. M C Brelsford undertook to submit the petitions to Les Sturch, SCC and also raise the issue with him at a meeting scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009 which he was attending with Cllr. A S Law.
118. Bus Services The Chairman welcomed Angela Smith MP who had been invited to attend in order to discuss with Councillors the measures/powers available to local authorities in the Local Transport Act 2008 with a view to improving bus services within the local area.  
Angela Smith MP reported to members on the powers now available to local authorities to re-regulate bus services. She noted that it was not quite the same as in the 1970's as the bus services are now privately owned. The way forward is to legally contract bus operators to deliver the services local councils require. Prior to the 2008 Act this was difficult to take forward but quality contracts were now more easily available for any Local Authority who wants them, which could be of huge advantage to the people in Sheffield.  
A Smith MP noted that voluntary partnerships do not work and the way forward was via quality contracts which would allow rates, frequency, fares, reliability, branding etc., to be taken into account. She advised that SYPTE are looking at drafting a blueprint for the Sheffield area, which may be the first to try the system, as cross party support was already in place which was key to the success of the project. There would be a necessity for rigorous consultation within the community. A Smith MP stated that there would be two contracts in Sheffield which would include Rotherham, but the strategic outlook to what services would look like and the timing of the project were not yet known. The outcome of the General Election may alter the situation as the Conservative Party were proposing to repeal these powers.  
Cllr. A S Law reported on the success of the Barnsley quality corridor route with an increase in users of the service but noted that it had not been an easy task to put the service in place.  
Cllr. M C Brelsford queried how the system would differ from the service already in place and how the operators could be held to such contracts. He also noted that the social aspects needed to be addressed.  
A Smith MP stated that the success of the system would be down to the contracts being drawn up correctly then penalties could be adhered to.  
Cllr. R Marsh-Smith asked what would be the likely impact on passengers in respect of costs. A Smith MP advised that there was the ability through the contract to limit increased fares to passengers.

Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye commented on the poor standard of buses and service provided to the Stocksbridge area.

Cllr. M C Brelsford noted the frustrations of passengers at not being able to use bus tickets across all services and the cost implications and hoped that under these contracts it would be possible to have through ticketing.

The Chairman thanked Angela Smith MP for attending the meeting.

119. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009, 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.

120. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009

With reference to item 79 paragraph 3 – Public Questions and Petitions – Hunshelf Park. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Waste Management apologising if residents felt the issue of waste collections had been dealt with in an insensitive manner but advising that due to the number of residents this was felt the best form of communication. The unadopted road had deteriorated to such an extent as to cause significant damage to collection vehicles, however, at no point did collections from Hunshelf Park stop. He reported that the issue had now been resolved with the residents forming a Community Association which ensured the road was upgraded to a more than satisfactory condition.

Cllr. M C Brelsford noted that there were a number of unadopted roads within the area and stated that the Town Council needed to keep an eye on this situation.

With reference to item 79 paragraph 6 – Public Questions and Petitions – Ford Lane/Hunshelf Park. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Bob Turner confirming that the Hunshelf Road Area of Special Character was considered when assessing planning application no. 08.20703/FUL and that the report of the application to the Area Board also highlighted this Area of Special Character and policy BE18 of the Sheffield UDP. This correspondence was noted.

With reference to item 81 paragraph 5 – EPIP – Walkers are Welcome. Cllr. D L Lyons reported that SVP would be happy to organise some work on it once the Heritage Officer returned from maternity leave.

With reference to item 104 – Department for Transport. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Department for Transport advising that the Town Council's objection to the proposed stopping of highway at Ford Lane had been forwarded to the applicant who had applied for the Order and requesting copies of any correspondence be forwarded to the Department for Transport. This correspondence was noted.

With respect to this item the Clerk reported that she had also received correspondence from M Dransfield seeking to clarify the issues surrounding the need to stop up the highway at Ford Lane, stressing that it was vital to the development and an integral part of the overall scheme. He was, therefore, requesting the Town Council reconsider its position.

Following discussion it was resolved that Cllrs. M C Brelsford and A S Law would raise this issue at a meeting with Les Sturch on 9<sup>th</sup> October in order to clarify the situation and would report back to the Clerk in order that the appropriate action could be taken.

Proposed by Cllr. J Clarkson, seconded by Cllr. D L Lyons and

RESOLVED:- That providing clarification is sought that the right of way within the North edge of the development is an official public right of way then the objection to the Department of Transport be withdrawn, otherwise the objection remains in place.

With reference to item 107 - To Receive Verbal Reports from Members - item c). The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from John Mothersole thanking the Town Council for bringing this matter to his attention and subsequent correspondence from Street Force, copying Cllr. K Davis, advising that the blocked gullied on the specified section of Manchester Road had been cleared on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2009. This correspondence was noted.

With reference to item 109 Planning Applications/Decisions. Cllr. M C Brelsford reported that planning application 09/02536/FUL Site of Miners Arms, Bracken Moor Lane, Stocksbridge had been deferred until 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 whilst clarification was sought on access issues.

121. To Receive and Approve Balances and Comparison of Spending Against Budget The Clerk reported that the details of the Balances & Comparison of Spending Against Budget had been previously circulated.  
Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith and  
**RESOLVED:-** That the Town Council accept details of the balances and comparison of spending against budget for September 2009 as supplied by the Clerk.
122. Steel Valley Project The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Steel Valley Project thanking the Town Council for their continued grant support which will play a major role in assisting with ongoing projects and activities. This correspondence was noted.
123. Development Services, SCC The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from E Parker and C Harrison, Planning Officers at SCC regarding consultation on the proposed new Supplementary Planning Document on Designing House Extensions, a copy of which had been forwarded to Cllr. D L Lyons.
124. Yorkshire Local Councils Association The Clerk reported that she had received from YLCA correspondence including:-  
- an agenda for the South Yorkshire Branch meeting to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009  
- minutes of the Annual Meeting of the South Yorkshire Branch held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009  
- minutes of the Joint Executive board of YLCA held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009  
Copies of which had been forwarded to the Chairman.
125. SYPTTE The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYPTTE advising that the South Yorkshire Tram Strategy and Delivery Plan has now been formally adopted and will supersede the former SYPTA strategy document issued in 2004. This correspondence was noted.
126. Valley In Bloom The Clerk reported that she had received an invitation from Valley In Bloom for Councillors to attend their Presentation Afternoon to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at The Venue, commencing at 2.00 p.m. This correspondence was noted.
127. Week of Action The Clerk reported that she had received from Kerry Johncock details of the Plan for Partners over the Week of Action commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009. This correspondence was noted.
128. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009. This correspondence was noted.
129. Stocksbridge & District Community Safety Meeting The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Kerry Johncock advising that following consultation with Cllr. J Clarkson and various other partners it had been decided that this group would be dissolved and there are several

other areas where the general public can now raised any issues/concerns they may have. The Clerk had also received minutes of the meeting of the Stocksbridge Community Safety meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009. This correspondence was noted.

130. Yorkshire Forward The Clerk reported that she had received from Yorkshire Forward a copy of Inform, September 2009. This correspondence was noted.
131. Stocksbridge Tennis Club The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Stocksbridge Tennis Club thanking the Town Council for the grant awarded and providing an update on this year's Summer event. This correspondence was noted.
132. SYPT The Clerk reported that she had received notification of Bus Service changes effective from week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009. This correspondence was noted.
133. 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 October 2009, copies of which were circulated to members'. This correspondence was noted.
134. Sheffield Homes The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Peter Kelly, Sheffield Homes inviting members of the Town Council to the official opening of Rundle Road playground following the recent refurbishment undertaken by Sheffield Homes. This would take place on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 1.30 p.m. This correspondence was noted.
135. Correspondence from P Geering The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from P Geering, a local resident, raising his serious concerns with regard to the state of the roads around Stocksbridge and Deepcar, in particular with respect to the number of large pot holes, some of which had been repaired but not to a very high standard.  
Cllr. M C Brelsford undertook to pursue this matter and noted that following the Scrutiny Board he was in possession of an update on the highways PFI if any members wished to have a copy. The Clerk requested a copy of the document for the office.
136. Tree Planting The Clerk reported that Tim Shortland, Community Forestry Manager had been in contact to provide an update on activities within the area. It was noted that the tree planting event at Stocksbridge Rugby Club had been scheduled for Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, time to be confirmed, but likely to be 10.30 a.m. Approximately 350-400 small native trees will be planted around the site of the new pitches. It was also noted that the students from Sheffield University would be involved and that funding had been obtained from the Woodland Trust.  
Three mountain ash trees are proposed for St John's Church, Deepcar to be planted with the assistance of members of the Church and ornamental maples are proposed for the area in front of the charity shops.
137. Proposed Community Building, Bloors Development, Deepcar The Clerk reported that she had been approached by Stocksbridge Scouts who would be interested in renting the proposed community building at the Bloors housing development site at Deepcar.  
Following discussion the Clerk was requested to add this item to a future Recreation and Environment Committee agenda in order that a full and detailed discussion and recommendation could be undertaken.
138. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'
  - a) Cllr. D L Lyons reported that he had attended the Bolsterstone Community Group meeting and three Standards Committee Board meetings.
  - b) Cllr. J Clarkson advised that he had attended the local PACT meeting and noted that no members

of the public had been present. He had also taken part in the Community Litter Pick as part of the Week of Action and noted that 20 bin bags of rubbish had been collected on the main road and also an area of drug usage had been located and cleared.

Cllr. Clarkson had also attended a Directors meeting at The Venue where extensive discussions had been held regarding Stocksbridge and Deepcar.

**Note: Cllr. M C Brelsford left the room whilst planning issues were discussed.**

Cllr. Clarkson raised his serious concerns with respect to the parking/driving around the petrol pumps on the McColls site at Deepcar and the safety issue on existing signage, noting that although an application had been submitted to alter the signage, approval had not been given.

Cllr. Clarkson reported that elderly residents on Ridal Avenue were being intimidated and that Sheffield Homes and the Police were involved.

c) Cllr. M C Brelsford reported that he had taken part in the Community Litter Pick and commented on the disgraceful state outside all the public houses in the area due to the number of cigarette ends on the pavements. The public were clearly not using the facilities provided. He noted that the owners did clear up outside their premises but not until the afternoon. He stated that credit was due to all the children involved in the day and noted that Lidl had provided free drinks to everyone involved.

Cllr. Brelsford advised that he had compared the Stocksbridge Cricket Club presentation evening and received numerous thanks from parents for the sponsorship from the Town Council for the tee-shirts. With respect to Sheffield Homes Cllr. Brelsford was pleased to note that action had been taken on all cases he had put forward.

Cllr. Brelsford was pleased to report that Bolsterstone had been successful in their bid to EPIP to secure funding for the village hall.

Cllr. Brelsford advised that he had also attended several STEP Board meetings.

d) Cllr. R Marsh-Smith reported that he had attended the first Parish Panel meeting at Ecclesfield Parish Council and noted it had been a good opportunity to share information and ensure that the needs of the Stocksbridge area were highlighted. Meetings were to be held on a quarterly basis, hosted by each Parish/Town Council in turn, prior to the partner panel meetings.

e) Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye reported that she had attended the Health Forum meeting where an informative presentation from the Stroke Association had been given.

Cllr. Kaye had also attended the TARA meeting and Community Forum meeting and collected all the bulbs for the In Bloom Group, the planting of which would commence the coming weekend.

Cllr. Kaye reported that the trees being planted by Tim Shortland at the Rugby Club had been donated to Stocksbridge High School by Sainsburys but passed on due to works about to be undertaken at the school.

f) Cllr. A S Law reported that he had been involved with a highways issue at Haywood Lane.

Cllr. Law had attended the Thurcroft cycling event held on 4<sup>th</sup> October and noted that he had thoroughly enjoyed the day and was very much looking forward to attending the National event to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> October which he felt would be very good for the Town.

Cllr. Law advised that he had attended several STEP Board meetings, the Community Litter Pick and had spoken with the Lord Mayor regarding a celebration event to mark the success of Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C. in the Unibond League.

Cllr. M C Brelsford requested that the Clerk write to Les Harris congratulating him following his recently won bowling award from the Yorkshire and Derbyshire Cricket League for his high standard of play. It was the first time a Stocksbridge cricketer had won the entire League.

139. 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:-

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009 – Cricket presentation evening at The Venue where it had been good to see the Under 13's kitted out in matching shirts showing the Town Council logo.

4<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – Thurcroft Cycling Club Annual Hill Climb, which had been very well attended and organised. The Mayor commented that she was looking forward to attending the National Hill Climb on 25<sup>th</sup> October which was looking to be successful and would be good for the Town.

Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford had also attended the Community Forum meeting which had been very well attended and also the Community Litter Pick, with the Scouts being the largest contingent.

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

**Note:** *Cllr. M C Brelsford left the room for this item.*

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

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

09/02721/FUL            110 West Crescent, Stocksbridge            Single-storey side and single-storey rear extensions to dwellinghouse.

09/02885/FUL            Lidl Supermarket, 445-451            Rendering of building.  
   Manchester Road, Stocksbridge

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, 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 noting that it could undermine the viability of the Town Centre.

09/02819/FUL            Land and buildings including Corus            Use of unit within proposed  
   and Outo Kumpo Works off Ford            development as pharmacy (application  
   Lane and Hunshelf Road,            to vary condition no.2 of application  
   Stocksbridge            08/02703/FUL).

Proposed by Cllr. D L Lyons, 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 raising their concerns that if the application is to remove the requirement to change the operating mode then the Town Council object due to the volume of traffic and subsequent concern for public safety that the increase in traffic would cause.

09/02869/FUL            Land and buildings including            Application under Section 73 to remove  
   Corus and Outo Kumpo Works off            part of Condition No.11 under the  
   Ford Lane and Hunshelf Road,            heading Highway Improvements – “A  
   Stocksbridge            change of operating mode at Vaughton  
              Hill traffic signals from vehicle activated  
              to MOVA operation, and provision of  
              advance stops for cyclists” from  
              Application No. 08/02703/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 the destruction of greenbelt land and the original clearance/construction works being undertaken without planning approval.

09/02797/FUL            Land adjacent 6 Pheasant Lane,            Use of site compound as visitors parking  
   Opposite 1 and 2 Pheasant Lane,            area and retention of the reduced land  
   Ewden            levels.

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 it being out of character with the rest of the area and noting that the Town Council are opposed to retrospective planning applications.

09/02944/ADV            Gordons Auto Centre, 412            One externally illuminated fascia sign.  
   Manchester Road, Stocksbridge

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 noting it is imperative that the landscape/earth works are carried out correctly and that an agreeable solution be attained with respect to the lighting of the footbridge with regard to its effect on wildlife in the area.

09/02796/FUL	Land South of Trailer Park and Deepcar Motor Homes and between Station Road and Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of footbridge across the River Don with associated earthworks, tree works and landscaping.
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Proposed by Cllr. J Clarkson, 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 the applicant erecting signage prior to receiving planning permission and concern for loss of amenity to local residents.

09/02964/ADV	Deepcar Service Station, 74 Manchester Road, Deepcar	Non-illuminated free standing double sided sign and alteration to existing sign.
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141. Planning Applications – Decisions

**Note: Cllr. D L Lyons declared an interest in planning application 09/01806/FUL.**

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Legal Services in respect of the undermentioned site and notice of appeals against the refusal to grant planning permission to 08/01847/FUL and 08/01849/REM, advising that following the granting of a subsequent application by the Council the appellant has withdrawn their appeals. Therefore, the Planning Inspectorate do not intend to take any further action in respect of the appeals and the proposed Public Inquiry will not take place.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Appeal by: J S Bloor (Measham) Ltd and Merriman Ltd

Site at: Land South of Station Road and East of Manchester Road, Deepcar

The undermentioned planning applications have been granted conditionally:-

09/01806/FUL	Bate Green Farm, Whitwell Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of 2.8 metres high boundary fence.
09/01930/FUL	5 Coal Pit Lane, Stocksbridge	Alterations, erection of front porch and detached garage and first floor extension to bungalow to form two-storey dwellinghouse.
09/01931/FUL	60 Smithy Moor Avenue, Stocksbridge	Erection of garage to front of dwellinghouse.
09/02105/FUL	Deepcar Service Station, 74 Manchester Road, Deepcar	Alterations to car sales unit for use as convenience store including erection of new shop fronts, provision of roller shutters and automated teller (ATM).

142. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 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 3 – Clock Tower Gardens. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Melvyn Riley in response to comments made by Councillors in respect of works carried out in the Clock Tower Gardens, noting that extra resources had been put in place to raise the quality of the gardens and advising of additional works proposed for the Autumn/Winter.

He raised his concerns that considerable investment will be needed in the Gardens to meet the standards required by the Yorkshire In Bloom judges in order for the In Bloom Group to attain a Gold in next year's event, which would need an increased budget.

Following discussion the Clerk was requested to write to Melvyn Riley advising that that Town Council was considering all its options with respect to the Clock Tower Memorial Gardens.

143. Finance Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. Mrs W M Kaye and

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

(ii) That the Town Council approve a grant of £250 to Stocksbridge and Upper Don Community Health Forum for assistance towards photocopying/stationery costs.

(iii) That the Town Council support the Royd Nursery & Infant School film making project in principle and request that the Clerk invite two representatives from the Governor's Board to the next meeting in order discuss their requirements for the project further.

(iv) That the Town Council approve a grant of £1000 to Deepcar Village Community Association for assistance towards this year's Community Bonfire.

(v) That the Town Council do not approve renewal of the annual subscription to the CPRE on this occasion.

(vi) That the Clerk be given authority to purchase hampers for the Christmas lights competition up to the value of £200 and sweets for the switch-on ceremony up to the value of £100.

(vii) That the Town Council give a donation of £50 to Deepcar Brass Band for playing at the switch-on ceremony.

(viii) That the Clerk be given authority to amend the Christmas Illuminations contract to include an additional tree for the Town Council to be sited in the corner of the Church yard, accepting the quotation of £400 for the installation of a tree pit.

(ix) That the Town Council approve the following expenditure for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party:-

a) Catering - £13.50 per head for 170 attendees

b) Bingo-Raffle prizes - £200

c) Entertainment - £100

d) Purchase of bingo machine - £135

(x) That the Town Council note the issue arising from the Audit and agree to the following action:- Fidelity Guarantee Insurance – do not increase the cover of the fidelity guarantee insurance as the ARC project has now completed.

(xi) That the Town Council purchase three poppy wreaths from the Royal British Legion at a cost of £150 for this year's Remembrance Day Service.

144. Year End Accounts 2008/2009

The Clerk reported that she had received the opinion of the Auditors for the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009, a copy of which had been presented to the Finance Committee.

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

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council:-

a) accept the Auditors certificate and opinion

b) instruct the Clerk to display the documents required on the Town Council notice board

c) take into account the recommendation with regard to the matter arising

145. Accounts

Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and

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

Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions

£2610.08

Made Under Power  
LGA72(S111)

BDO Stoy Hayward LLP

External Audit of Accounts £1667.50

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Npower	Precinct supply	£ 267.72	LGA72(S144)
RU Safe	PAT testing	£ 161.00	LGA72(S111)
Arena Business Machines	Photocopier usage	£ 161.71	“
Yorkshire Water	Bolsterstone toilets	£ 65.57	PHA1936(S87)
Deepcar Village Community Assn	Grant Aid	£1000.00	LGA76(S19)
Royal British Legion	Grant Aid	£ 150.00	LGA72(S137)

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

Post Office Ltd	Postage stamps	£ 48.80
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(iii) The Clerk reported that the final Pay Award for 2009/2010 had now been agreed following arbitration. This would be back dated to April 2009 and the Clerk had incorporated the increase into the October salaries.

Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and

**RESOLVED:-** That the Town Council accept the final NALC/JNC Pay Award for 2009/2010 and approve the increase backdated to April 2009 being incorporated into the October salaries.

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

**RESOLVED:-** That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public are excluded for the following item(s) of business as the Council considers that the nature of the business to be transacted is prejudicial to the public interest.

146. ARC Management Committee

**Note:** *Cllrs. M C Brelsford and A S Law declared a conflict of interest in this item and took no part in the resolution.*

The Clerk advised that this item had been added to the agenda following the ARC Management Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009 in order for further discussion and recommendation regarding the ARC Management Committee arrangements.

Cllr. D L Lyons reported to members on discussions held at the ARC Management Committee meeting, raising his concerns which were fully supported by Cllr. R Marsh-Smith.

The Clerk updated members on financial information recently received from STEP and the possible long term outlook.

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

**RESOLVED:-** That the Town Council write to STEP requesting that they mutually agree to the termination of the ARC Management contract. In the interim the Clerk was requested to look into professionally marketing the building, possibly via Commercial Estate Agents.

Chairman