

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 October 2011

PRESENT : Cllr. M C Brelsford (Chair); Cllrs. J Clarkson, Mrs A E Brelsford, P Wood,
P E Jagger, N J Owen,
Cllrs. G French and Mrs S C Abrahams – Item 151 onwards

IN ATTENDANCE: P Atkinson, Lidl Supermarket – Item 150
2 Members of the public

148. Citizens Award

The Chairman presented a certificate and gift vouchers to the value of £50 to Catherine Cotterill, winner of the Citizen's Award for Autumn 2011.

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

There were no apologies for absence.

150. Lidl Supermarket

The Chairman welcomed Philip Atkinson, Lidl Supermarket who had requested an opportunity to update members on the current refurbishment works taking place within the Lidl Supermarket and car park.

P Atkinson handed out an overview of refurbishment works being undertaken within the store advising that its size would increase by approximately one quarter. They are currently quarter of the way through the project, a 2 day closure commencing on the evening of 17th October and re-opening on 20th October was the next phase. The decision had been made to trade through the Christmas period with the main closure for internal works and alternations to the car park commencing mid-January to mid-February.

Cllr. P E Jagger noted that he welcomed the improved shopping facility but raised his concerns over issues arising within the car parking area, namely the aggressive approach of the Euro car park attendant hired by Lidl.

P Atkinson undertook to contact the company in order to resolve these issues.

Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford requested clarification on whether a car park attendant would be required once the refurbishment works were completed. P Atkinson did not foresee any necessity for this unless fly parking became an issue.

Cllr. N J Owen raised his concerns that local businesses had been affected by the car park attendant not allowing people to park to shop elsewhere.

Cllr. N J Owen, a user of Lidl supermarkets world wide, asked why Lidl had felt it necessary to increase the size of the store.

P Atkinson advised that Lidl have a tight product range which it was hoping to increase and if further shelf availability is provided then it will negate the staff having to spend as much time on restocking and turnover will increase.

Cllr. J Clarkson asked how many public car parking spaces would be lost.

P Atkinson stated that there would be no loss of these spaces owing to a restricted title on the land.

Lidl had offered to upgrade the public section of the car park whilst such works were undertaken on

their own car park, improving drainage, lighting, resurfacing etc., in order to bring it in line with the newly refurbished store but were still awaiting a response from SCC.

Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford noted that the Town Council wished the car park to remain a free public car park.

Cllr. J Clarkson noted that Lidl did not appear to become involved in community projects, something which the Town Council was keen to promote and asked if Lidl had any plans in this area.

Cllr. N J Owen commented on the overwhelming size of the billboard.

P Atkinson stated that the area would be ideal to run a Christmas/Continental style market and noted that he would be happy to liaise on this.

Cllr. M C Brelsford noted that Lidl have quickly grown into the area becoming part of the local environment and community and asked how it would cope with the new development.

P Atkinson stated that Lidl are confident that they can stand against all others.

The Chairman thanked P Atkinson for attending and being both candid and open throughout the discussions.

Cllrs. Mrs S C Abrahams and G French joined the meeting at this point.

151. Exclusion of the Press and Public

None.

152. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. J Clarkson declared an interest in item 170 – Planning Applications.

153. Public Questions and Petitions

None.

154. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 8th September 2011

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8th September 2011, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. Mrs S C Abrahams and

RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

155. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8th September 2011

With reference to item 318, paragraph 3 - Palace Mall (minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13th May 2010). The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the English Heritage advising that they would not be adding the former Palace Mall building to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest due to it having undergone a number of significant alternations which have undermined its special interest in the national context. This correspondence was noted.

With reference to item 4 – Dransfield Development, Recreation and Environment Committee meeting held on 6th September 2011. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Amanda Holmes advising that they would be happy to pass on contact details for Tesco once they were in a position to do so but they were still in the early process and it was a little early to do so at present. This correspondence was noted.

Cllr. J Clarkson felt it would be appropriate to invite representatives from all the new stores to be located on the Dransfield Development to future Town Council meetings.

With reference to item 115 – Public Questions and Petitions – Steel Valley Way Group. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Amanda Holmes advising that she had requested

members of their development group to review the proposals put forward by the Steel Valley Way Group for the public footpath and would forward a full response once she had collated all the information.

The Clerk had received further correspondence from A Holmes advising that she was still awaiting some information from their professional team re the feasibility of the footpaths plan proposed by SVWG.

This correspondence was noted.

With reference to item 137 a) second paragraph – Oxley Park Football Pitches. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from David Judge enclosing a letter he would be circulating to all football teams allocated to Oxley Park, requesting that litter is disposed of sensibly and that if the Council had to perform a litter pick, as stated in their conditions of hire a charge in excess of £100 could be made. The Clerk had also requested that this letter be sent to teams hiring the Parsonage Farm pitches as the problem had also arisen there.

Cllr. Mrs S C Abrahams noted that there had been a marked improvement since these letters had been issued.

156. 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. P E Jagger, seconded by Cllr. P Wood and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the balances and comparison of spending against budget for September 2011 as supplied by the Clerk.

157. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations including:-
- Agenda for the next meeting of the South Yorkshire Branch of the YLCA on 19th October at 7.00 p.m. to Kilburn Hall Community Centre, Branton, Doncaster
 - Minutes of the Joint Executive Board of YLCA held on 16th April 2011
 - Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the South Yorkshire Branch of the YLCA held on 20th July 2011
- This correspondence was noted.

The Clerk had also received a copy of the White Rose Update, Issue 4/11, September 2011, and a copy of the YLCA Advice note, Number 29 copies of which had been previously circulated to members. This correspondence was noted.

158. Steel Valley Project The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Steel Valley Project thanking the Town Council for their continued support of the project which would play a major part in assisting with ongoing projects and activities. This correspondence was noted.
159. Clock Tower Gardens The Clerk reported that she had received a verbal report from Mary Kaye providing an update on the Clock Tower Gardens advising that the flower beds needed re-doing as they were losing soil and were full of chickweed. A wildlife area was to be created at the far end, Summer bedding was being cleared away in readiness for the planting of bulbs. This report was noted.
160. CPRE The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the CPRE enclosing a copy of their new guide – How to respond to planning applications. The Clerk noted that the document was rather lengthy but informative and undertook to forward the link in order that Councillors could access the document via the website at www.planninghelp.org.

161. 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 2011. This correspondence was noted.
162. Bolsterstone Community Group The Clerk reported that she had received copy correspondence from Bolsterstone Community Group to SCC Waste Management with regard to suggestions for improvement of the rural green bag collection service in the Bolsterstone area. This correspondence was noted.
163. Friends of the Don Field The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from a member of the Friends of Don Field group thanking the Town Council for their generous support in replacing and adding play equipment to the site which it was in desperate need of. The children are now enjoying the fruits of the joint labour and the group hope to have a public display showing their gratitude in the Spring. This correspondence was noted.
164. Peak District National Park Authority The Clerk reported that she had received from the Peak District National Park Authority a copy of Park Life, Issue 12, October 2011. This correspondence was noted.
165. SYPTE The Clerk reported that she had received from SYPTE a copy of the Bus Service changes effective from week commencing 30th October 2011. The changes effective in this area being:- 201 – Chapelton – Stocksbridge. Additional journeys introduced during the daytime on Saturdays SL1 - Middlewood – Stocksbridge (Supertram link). Additional journeys during the early evening on Mondays to Saturdays.
166. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Pageantmaster, The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons enclosing a guide to taking part in the lighting of 2012 Beacons in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year. Following discussion the Clerk was requested to add this item to a future Recreation and Environment Committee agenda in order that further discussion and recommendation could be made.
167. Parish Panel The Clerk advised that the next meeting of the NCA Parish Panel would be held on Friday, 21st October 2011 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall The ARC with Cllr. M C Brelsford as Chairman and of agenda items to be discussed, these being:- Advice Centre services and Boundary Review.
Cllr. Mrs S C Abrahams updated members on the current situation with regard to the Stocksbridge Advice Centre office.
Cllr. J Clarkson noted that no representatives had been to a Town Council meeting for some time.
Cllr. M C Brelsford advised that residents did not want the precept to be used for funding workers wages and since this had been incorporated into the Town Council's Financial Regulations he could only recall two occasions when representatives had come to a meeting.
168. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members?
a) Cllr. Mrs S C Abrahams noted that, as previously advised, she had attended the Stocksbridge Advice Centre meeting.
b) Cllr. P Wood reported that he had attended a Community Forum meeting where a presentation had been given on the local shops, schools etc., selling/buying fair trade items. It was a complicated system currently being looked into by S Parry.
c) Cllr. P E Jagger advised that he had attended the First bus photo call, noting that it had been useful to be there and that full recognition had been given to the Town Council.

Cllr. J Clarkson stated that the lower floor buses were 10 years too late, noting that Stocksbridge had the highest percentage of elderly residents in the city and that the buses were not even new.

d) Cllr. Mrs A E Brelsford advised that she had unfortunately missed the SVP Steering Committee. The Clerk noted that Matt North had requested a meeting with Cllr. Brelsford if she could email him with some convenient dates.

169. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr. M C Brelsford reported that he had attended the following events since the last meeting:-

30th September – Home Grown Exhibition held at The Venue

2nd October – Valley in Bloom Presentation Event held at The Venue

6th October – visits to Stocksbridge Nursery & Infant School and St Ann's Primary School to talk about his role as Town Mayor. Cllr. M Brelsford noted that he had thoroughly enjoyed these visits and was pleased to learn that the 5-8 years olds were very proud of where they lived.

Cllr. M Brelsford advised that he was in receipt of the SCC Cabinet Report and noted his anger and serious concerns that the funding of £309,000 previously allocated for the refurbishment of Stocksbridge Leisure Centre from the 2009/10 budget had been reallocated to other areas, namely; Heeley, Graves and Springs, now leaving only £101,000 for Stocksbridge. He appealed to the City Councillors present stating that this was totally unacceptable, SCC and SIV were robbing the people of Stocksbridge of over £200,000. Cllr. Brelsford requested that a letter be written to the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive of the Council stating that the Town Council find this proposal totally unacceptable.

Cllr. J Clarkson asked Cllr. P Wood if he had been advised of this situation at the Policy A meeting. Cllr. Wood stated that he had not.

Cllr. P E Jagger stated that although this situation was likely to become political he requested that the three City Councillors work together to explore the position and work for the benefit of the Town.

Cllr. N J Owen stated that there was a need to fight for the community.

Proposed by Cllr. M C Brelsford, seconded by Cllr. P E Jagger and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council:-

a) instruct the Clerk to write to both the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive of the Council stating that the Town Council find this proposal totally unacceptable given that the money had been earmarked and budget rolled forward to allocate this money to Stocksbridge.

b) Write to SCC requesting details of a schedule of works for Stocksbridge Leisure Centre

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

The Clerk advised that notification had been received from the Peak District National Park Authority advising that an Appeal had been made to the Secretary of State with respect to the Refusal of planning permission at the undermentioned site, details of which had been displayed on the Town Council notice board as required:-

NP/S/0311/0247	The Old Sawmill, New Mill Bank, Bolsterstone	Conversion of workshops to two dwellings and removal of occupancy condition.
11/02627/FUL	404 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Ground floor rear/side extension to dwellinghouse.
11/02634/FUL	3 Newton Avenue, Stocksbridge	Raising of eaves height and alterations to roof to form additional living space, including erection of rear dormer window.

11/02892/FUL	7 Rookery Chase, Deepcar	Two-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
11/02930/FUL	Land to rear of 726 to 780 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Engineering works to create landscaped noise attenuation bund, and associated works.
11/03078/FUL	22 Smithy moor Avenue, Stocksbridge	Two-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
11/03127/CHU	Yorkshire Building Society, 485 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Use of offices (Class A1/A2) as café/sandwich shop (Use Class A3).

171. Planning Applications – Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Refused:-

NP/S/0311/0247	The Old Sawmill, New Mill Bank, Bolsterstone	Conversion of workshops to two dwellings and removal of occupancy condition.
11/02027/FUL	871 Unsliven Road, Stocksbridge	Single-storey extension to front of dwellinghouse.
11/01566/FUL	18 Newton Lane, Stocksbridge	Single-storey front porch to replace existing.

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

10/00615/FULR	Site of 7 Unsliven Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of dwellinghouse (application to extend time limit for implementation of Application No. 06/02538/FUL).
11/01433/FUL	Stocksbridge Methodist Church, Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Conversion of church to form 6 apartments with provision of associated parking accommodation and amenity space.
11/01719/FUL	18 Orchard Street, Deepcar	Construction of 2m high boundary fence and erection of garage to side of dwellinghouse.
11/01722/FUL	6 Pen Nook Close, Deepcar	Single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
11/01792/FUL	Swallow Croft, Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar	Single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
11/01860/FUL	23 Cross Lane, Stocksbridge	First floor extension with Juliette balcony to rear of dwellinghouse.

The undermentioned planning application has been given Condition Application Decided:-

11/01754/COND	Lidl Supermarket, 445-451 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Application to approve details in relation to Condition Nos. 1 Start date; 2. Approved documents; 3. Pedestrian route; 4. Retaining walls; 5. Landscape scheme; 6. Sustainability measures; 7. Car parks; 8. Trolleys; 9. Cycle parking; 10. Travel plan; relating to planning Permission No. 10/00410/FUL.
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172. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 4th October 2011, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. G French, seconded by Cllr. P Wood and

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

With reference to item 4 – Royal British Legion. The Clerk reported that she had now received a copy of the Remembrance Day Service and Parade details from Tim Curson which would be copied and distributed nearer to the date. The Clerk also noted that in previous years a donation had been given to Deepcar Brass Band which she undertook to raise at the next Finance Committee meeting.

173. Finance Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 4th October 2011, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. N J Owen, seconded by Cllr. P Wood and

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

(ii) That the Town Council:-

a) adopt the Grants Policy together with the Grant Application form.

b) amend the Financial Regulations to take account of the new Grants Policy

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

a) Catering - £7.00 per head for 170 numbers from The Venue caterers

b) Bingo/Raffle prizes - £200

c) Entertainment - £150

d) Hire of Hall - £250

(iv) That the Town Council approve the following expenditure for the Christmas Illuminations Switch-On event:-

a) Hampers for the Christmas lights competition up to the value of £200.

b) Sweets to the value of £100.

c) A donation to Deepcar Brass Band of £50.

d) First Aid Cover at a cost of £50.

174. ARC Management Committee Members discussed notes of the Meeting of the ARC Management Committee of the Town council, held on 4th October 2011, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. P E Jagger, seconded by Cllr. Mrs S C Abrahams and

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

(ii) That the Town Council:-

a) approve the purchase of tables, chairs and flip chart for Room12

b) request the Clerk to look into the options of broadband and wifi provision for the building

c) look at charges for rental of the room on a daily basis

With reference to item 8 – Door Mats. The Clerk updated members on a conversation today with a representative from PHL Treadsmart on the current situation with respect to the disagreement over the contract.

175. Accounts

Proposed by Cllr. N J Owen, seconded by Cllr. J Clarkson and

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions		£2558.98	LGA72(S111)
ARC Management	Office rent for Oct 2011	£ 432.60	“
T H Bisatt	Domain registration -	£ 11.98	“
	Reimbursement		
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for	£ 53.25	LGA72(S137)
	Citizens Award vouchers		
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreaths	£ 150.00	LGA72(S137)

Sheffield Community Transport	Helliwell Court grant	£ 67.25	LGA76(S19)
Sheffield Community Transport	Helliwell Court grant	£ 94.63	“
(ii) That cheques be paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-			
Firths Window Cleaning Service	Windows cleaned - Sept	£ 55.00	LGA72(S111)
Firths Window Cleaning Service	Windows cleaned – Oct	£ 55.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Monthly water monitoring	£ 24.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Repairs to guttering/slates	£ 102.00	“
Sheffield City Council	Paper recycling bin - Sept	£ 8.00	“
Arena Group Limited	Photocopying charges	£ 35.28	“
Stocksbridge Town Council	VAT repayments	£1675.54	“
Micro Alarms Ltd	Annual charges 2011/2012	£ 747.66	“
Micro Alarms Ltd	Call out charge	£ 113.40	“
R U Safe	PAT Testing	£ 168.00	“
Siemens Financial Services	Photocopier rental	£ 304.87	“
Pollards Wholesale Ltd	Coffee supplies	£ 49.40	“
Safehouse Security	Keyholding services	£ 76.80	“
Yorkshire Water	ARC supply	£ 145.20	“
Viking	Stationery supplies	£ 229.33	“
Pointer Ltd	Annual maintenance of Fire alarm system	£ 439.56	“
NRC Cleaning Services Ltd	Cleaning – September	£ 462.10	“
(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debit payments made in Sept 2011:-			
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates - Bolsterstone toilets	£ 49.00	LGA72(S111)
ARC Management:-	Communal areas	£ 548.00	“
	Empty offices	£ 136.00	“
	Empty offices – Room 7	£ 173.00	“
Veolia Environmental Services	Eurobin	£ 7.44	“
Southern Electric	ARC Supply	£ 877.75	“
(iv) That approval be given for the cheques signed in September by the Clerk on the Petty Cash Account in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-			
Npower	Precinct supply	£ 35.45	LGA72(S111)
(v) That approval be given for the cheques signed at the Finance Committee in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-			
N.R.C. Ltd	Cleaning - August	£ 462.10	LGA72(S111)

Chairman