

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 8th December 2022

PRESENT: Cllr. J Staniforth (Chair); Cllrs. M Whittaker, J A Grocutt, R J Crowther and
S Abrahams

2 members of the public

150. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. C Ward, M Milton and A S Law.
151. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
152. Declarations of Interest
Cllr. J A Grocutt declared an interest in agenda item 12 – To Consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee
153. Public Questions and Petitions
Cllr. L Chinchon had attended the meeting in order to inform members that the Broomfield Lane/Hollin Busk planning application would be considered at the SCC Planning Committee on 10th January 2023. Cllr. Chinchon would be making a representation objecting to the proposals and wished to co-ordinate with any Town Councillors who may wish to make a representation. Members noted that representatives from the Friends of Hollin Busk group may wish to be involved and Councillors JS and MW undertook to attend a meeting, preferably prior to Christmas, in order to discuss the way forward once this was organised.
154. Youth Services
The Clerk reported Chelsea Renehan, Head of Youth Services had been due to attend the meeting but had sent apologies due to illness. No apologies had been received from Jason Hobson or Simon Allison but unfortunately the internet was down so it had not been possible to check. The Clerk undertook to re-organise the visit.
155. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th November 2022
With reference to item 101 – 13th October Town Council. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Rachel Cowling, South Yorkshire Mayor Combined Authority explaining the current situation with regard to bus services within the area noting the chronic lack of bus drivers but stating that she will continue to explore any and all opportunities to protect and improve services, to give communities the bus network South Yorkshire needs and deserves.
The Clerk noted that further to this Mayor Oliver Coppard, John Young, Stagecoach and Miriam Cates MP had attended the November Town Council meeting to listen to complaints/suggestions from members of the public.

Cllr. JAG raised her serious concerns with respect to the bus route via Victoria Road stating that she had contacted J Young, Stagecoach and Amey to ascertain if arrangements had been made to grit this road and indeed if the grit wagon would be able to safely negotiate the road without causing damage to parked vehicles.

Cllr. SA raised issues regarding buses out on service not fit for purpose, one instance being of no interior lighting which was illegal and buses not being properly maintained. Drivers were on the receiving end of complaints from the public, their working conditions not being what they should.

The Clerk was requested to write to J Young, Stagecoach copying in Mayor Oliver Coppard making them aware of these serious issues prior to any legal action being taken.

Cllr. JAG enquired if anyone had contacted Yorkshire Water again with regard to the ongoing issue of water running down Hole House Lane which was now ice and very dangerous due to the change in weather.

A member of the public advised that he had reported the matter and been informed that the leak had been traced to a resident's property and was scheduled to be repaired on 13th December.

Cllr. JAG requested that Clerk to contact Yorkshire Water again requesting that the repair be undertaken as a matter of urgency in view of the drop in temperatures being forecast.

156. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th November 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 10th November 2022, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and

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

157. Finances - To Receive and Approve Monthly Financial Statements

The Clerk reported that the details of the Monthly Financial Statements had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for November 2022 as supplied by the Clerk.

158. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

Correspondence including:-

- White Rose Update, 11th November

- White Rose Update, 18th November

- White Rose Update, 25th November

Copies previously circulated.

159. CPRE

The Clerk reported that she had received from CPRE a copy of Countryside Voices, Autumn/Winter 2022.

160. Sheffield Local Plan

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from G Dickinson, Planning, SCC informing that a public consultation event regarding the draft Sheffield Local Plan has been arranged for 16th January 2023 at The Venue and will be attending the Town Council meeting on 9th February 2023. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

161. Towns Fund

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from A Holmes, Communications Officer, Towns Fund informing of the good news that the funding has been approved and SCC's Strategy and Resources Committee voted unanimously to accept the investment as the responsible authority. Details can be found on the Towns Fund website – Welcome to Stocksbridge. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

162. Streets Ahead

The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Streets Ahead Newsletter, November 2022. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

163. Broomfield Lane/Hollin Busk Planning Applications

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Cllr. L Chinchon informing that the two planning applications for Broomfield Lane/Hollin Busk would be considered at the 10th January Planning Committee. Cllr. Chinchon will be making a representation objecting to the proposals and wishes to co-ordinate with any Town Councillors who may wish to make a representation. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

164. Dog Fouling

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Deputy Head of Royd NI School raising the concerns of parents at the increase in dog fouling on the pavements and grass verges outside both the Infant and Junior Schools. This matter has been reported to SCC but the school is asking for support on this serious matter which poses a health risk when children are unable to avoid walking through the fouling.

165. Heritage Trail

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from TrailTale enquiring if the Town Council would be interested in the development of a heritage/town walk, leading visitors through the high street and the town's attractions to encourage tourism.

Following discussion the Clerk was to request further information and examples from TrailTale for consideration at a future meeting.

166. Clerks ReportsSUD Partnership Meeting

The Clerk reported that she had attended the SUD Partnership meeting on 30th November together with the Chairman.

The Clerk informed that a Police Drink/Drive campaign had taken place on 7th December with ten out of area officers on Manchester Road at 4pm stopping all vehicles as they passed, meanwhile issues of anti-social behaviour on the Stubbin estate were ongoing with no Police presence. The social media pages had been very vocal in their anger and frustration at the situation.

Cllr. JAG noted that she had reported the issue of isolation of farmers in anti-social behaviour situations to the Police and Crime Commissioner and requested that this issue be raised at the next LAC meeting.

The Clerk noted that a further session at the Youth Centre had finally been funded.

Cllr. JAG stated this had taken longer than anticipated due to lack of courses for Youth Workers. The Clerk requested that Cllr. SA forward a list of warm space provision in the area in order that it could be put on the Town Council's website and facebook pages.

Christmas Card Competition

The Clerk reported that the Christmas Cards had been printed and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor had delivered them to the schools to present to the winners and runners up.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

The Clerk noted that the Senior Citizens Christmas Party had been a success with compliments being received in respect of both the food and entertainment. Thank you letters had been sent to The Venue, Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir and the Waldershelf Singers.

167. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr. RJC reported that he had been dealing with the water issue on Hole House Lane and had attended the Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

b) Cllr. JAG reported that she had attended the retirement service for Revd Hilda Isaacson, the Remembrance Day service at Bolsterstone and also the Parade and Service in Stocksbridge; the People Keeping Well meeting; switch on of the Christmas Lights at Fox Valley; the Senior Citizens Christmas Party; Toddler Group at Christ Church and called in at the Food Bank Community Hub.

Cllr. JAG noted the amazing work being undertaken by Revd Lucraft in getting the funding in place but stated that the Food Bank is under utilised due to the referral system. A 2 month trial is being undertaken whereby people will be offered food parcels without the need for referral, which it was felt was very much needed in the area.

c) Cllr. MW informed that he had attended both the Remembrance Day Service at Bolsterstone and the Parade and Service in Stocksbridge, noting it was the last service carried out by the Revd Hilda Isaacson who he felt had been very beneficial to the community and was a good person. Cllr. MW had handed out the Christmas Cards to the winners and runners up of the Town Council's Christmas Card competition, together with the Mayor. The Deputy Head Teacher of Royd NI stating that it really helped with community cohesion.

Cllr. MW presented a thank you letter from the Friends of Fox Glen group for the funding received via the Town Council's Participatory Budgeting event which would purchase a climbing frame voted for by the school children. Further funding had also been received to purchase a hula rotator and Ward Pot funding of £1500 would purchase an infant springer. Trails and balancing beams were also being sought in the future. D Luck had been very helpful with the project.

d) Cllr. SA advised that she had attended both the Bolsterstone and Stocksbridge Remembrance Day Services and Parade; spent two days handing out tickets for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party; attended the People Keeping Well, UDAC and STEP meetings; judged the Christmas Card competition; attended the Thursday Group and Friday Drop In, assisted with the setting up and attended the Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

Cllr. JAG noted the amount of litter she had seen and picked up on the precinct on her way to attend the Remembrance Day Parade and felt that members should reinstate the monthly litter picks in the Spring and enquired if the Litter Picking Group was still active. The Clerk noted the £10,000 funding received by SVP for this purpose and undertook to contact T Newman to ascertain if the litter picks could be resumed in the Spring.

Cllr. JAG reported that she had also contacted Amey on several occasions with regard to the clearance of leaves on Nanny Hill/Bocking Hill and the Clerk informed that the office had also made similar requests and also requested clearance of leaves on Alpine Road following a person slipping and falling on the compacted leaves.

Cllr. JAG stated she will continue to keep the pressure on.

168. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr. J Staniforth reported that he had attended the following events since the last meeting:-

11th November – Remembrance Day Service at Bolsterstone together with other Councillors which had been filmed by Look North

13th November – Remembrance Day Service and Parade together with other Councillors

18th November – switch on of the Fox Valley Christmas Lights together with Cllr. JAG

30th November – SUD Partnership meeting with the Clerk

2nd December – Royd NI and St Ann’s RC schools to present to winners and runners up of the Town Council’s Christmas Card Competition together with the Deputy Mayor Cllr. MW

6th December – Deepcar St John’s Junior School to present to runners up of the Town Council’s Christmas Card competition together with the Deputy Mayor Cllr. MW

7th December – Senior Citizens Christmas Party at The Venue

Cllr. JS had also attended the SCLC Christmas Fayre and the Stocksbridge Scouts presentation of their collection of food for the Food Bank.

169. To Consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee

22/04081/FUL	Handfield, 1 Clay Pits Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of single-storey side and rear extension to dwellinghouse.
22/04147/FUL	Land at Ingfield House, 11 Bocking Hill, Stocksbridge	Application to allow engineering design adjustment, amendments to roof design, single-storey additions (plots 12 and 13) and relocation of garage block serving plots 8-11 (Application under section 73 to vary condition number 2 (Approved plans); as imposed by planning permission 21/04262/FUL - Erection of 14 dwellinghouses with associated works, parking and landscaping.
22/04204/FUL	6 Birch Tree Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of single-storey front extension to dwellinghouse.
22/042023/FUL	Crown Cars Garage, 798 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Retention of storage garage and valeting building (retrospective application).

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

22/03380/FUL	Swallow Croft, Hollin Busk Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of stable block.
22/03280/FUL	Edgecliffe Farm, Don Hill Height, Stocksbridge	Internal/external alterations to existing dwellhouse to create 2no. 3-bedroom dwellinghouses including alterations to fenestration and erection of boundary wall.
22/03627/FUL	486-488 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of building to form 2 no. units (Use Class A5 - hot food takeaways) at

22/02708/FUL	Lower Townend Farm, Townend Lane, Deepcar	ground floor and 2 no. 1 bedroom flats (Use Class C3) at first/second floor. Erection of a single-storey detached garden room/summerhouse to the front garden area (within the curtilage of a Grade II Listed Building) amended description on 12.10.2022.
The undermentioned planning application has been Refused with Enforcement Action:-		
22/02767/ADV	2 Joseph Hayward House, 2 Fox Valley Way, Stocksbridge	Illuminated fascia name sign.
The undermentioned planning applications have been given Condition Application Decided:-		
17/04673/COND2	Land at junction with Carr Road Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar	Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 10. (Intrusive Site Investigation Report) & 16. (Phase II Intrusive Site Investigation report) imposed by planning permission 17/04673/OUT.
The undermentioned planning application has been given Prior Approval not Required:-		
22/03650/HPN	55 Smithy Moor Avenue, Stocksbridge	Single-storey rear extension - the extension will be 5 metres from the rear of the original dwellinghouse, ridge height no more than 4 metres and height to the eaves of 3 metres.

170. Recreation and Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council held on 29th November 2022, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.

With reference to item 5 – Clock Tower. Cllr. JAG enquired if the chimes on the Clock Tower had been mended. The Clerk noted that she had asked to be kept informed but to date had received no update on costings etc.

With reference to item 6 – SCC Local Plan – Allocated Site Options. Cllr. JAG informed that there was a further meeting next week and that it had now been agreed to build 20,000 homes in the City Centre in an effort to avoid greenbelt locations.

171. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 29th November 2022, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.

Grant Application – Greave House Farm Trust

Members considered a transport grant application from Greave House Farm Trust requesting funding to enable trips/visits for anyone involved in the care farm, in particular around Christmas and during the Summer.

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and

RESOLVED:- That a transport grant of £300 be awarded to Greave House Farm Trust to enable trips/visits for anyone involved in the care farm, in particular around Christmas and during the Summer.

172. Accounts for Authorisation

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and

RESOLVED:- (i) That cheques be signed in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	December 2022	£5394.71	LGA72(S111)
City Illuminations Ltd	Xmas lighting contract	£11874.00	LGA72(S144)
Waldershelf Singers	Xmas Party entertainment	£ 150.00	LGA72(S137)
Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir	Xmas Party entertainment	£ 150.00	“
T Bisatt	Xmas Party – bingo tickets	£ 20.00	“
T Bisatt	Chairman’s photo framing	£ 39.00	LGA72(S111)
Davrus Technology	Website maintenance/serv	£2736.00	“
Stocksbridge Junior School	Grant Aid	£ 300.00	LGA76(S19)
Stocksbridge Gymnastics Club	Grant Aid	£1000.00	“
Look Local	Advert – Xmas Party	£ 176.40	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 10.30	“
Word for Word (WFO) Ltd	Xmas Card printing	£ 247.80	“
T Bisatt	Xmas Party/cleaners gifts	£ 219.20	LGA72(S137)
T Bisatt	Postage stamps	£ 34.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Fox Glen playground funds	£2500.00	LGA72(Sch14p27)
STEP Development Trust	Catering/hire of hall for Senior Citizens Xmas Party	£3580.00	LGA72(S137)
STEP Development Trust	Hire of hall for PB event	£ 126.00	“

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
T Bisatt	CCTV signage	£ 20.29	LGA72(S111)
Ashton Alarms	CCTV installation	£2156.40	“
Firths Window Cleaning Services	Window cleaning Nov	£ 605.00	“
Waterlogic	Water cooler charges	£ 34.56	“
IPM Group Ltd	Security services	£ 54.00	“
Wright Brothers Ltd	Annual service of gas appliances	£ 325.63	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 20.60	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Annual water testing	£ 141.80	“
A W Electrics	Annual Emergency lighting inspection	£ 336.00	“
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning charges – Nov	£ 723.35	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopier charges	£ 55.07	“
Stocksbridge Town Council	VAT transfer	£1562.90	“

(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debits paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
November 2022:-			
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – History Society	£ 40.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Communal areas	£ 524.00	“

Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Bolsterstone toilets	£ 60.00	LGA72(Sch14p9)
British Telecommunications plc	EMCS line	£ 43.16	LGA72(S111)
British Telecommunications plc	Phone charges	£ 134.44	“
Societe Generale	Photocopier lease	£ 194.40	“
SSE	Electricity charges - ARC	£1161.45	“
Moorepay	Payroll monthly charge	£ 74.90	“
Intuit Ltd – Quickbooks	VAT software subscription	£ 14.40	“
Veolia	Waste removal	£ 92.69	“

Chairman