

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 11th May 2023

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

22. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr. J A Grocutt.
23. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
24. Declarations of Interest
Cllr. JS declared a personal interest in agenda item 12 c) Grant Applications – Stocksbridge
Community Leisure Centre.
25. Public Questions and Petitions
There were no public questions and petitions.
26. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13th April 2023
There were no Remarks from the Minutes.
27. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on
13th April 2023
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 13th April 2023, copies of which had been
circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. R J Crowther, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
28. 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. R J Crowther, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for
April 2023 as supplied by the Clerk.
29. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations
Correspondence including:-
- White Rose Update, 24th April
- White Rose Update, 5th May
Copies previously circulated.

30. Catherine Ward

The Clerk reported that she had received a card from former Councillor Catherine Ward thanking members and staff for their help and support during her time as a Town Councillor and noting how much she had enjoyed her time here. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

31. Bolsterstone Village Hall Trust

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Bolsterstone Village Hall Trust thanking the Town Council for the grant towards their Cream Tea event to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

32. Citizens Award

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Beryl Sharp thanking the Town Council for the unexpected Citizens Award and the gift voucher.

33. Clerks & Councils Direct

The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Clerks & Councils Direct, Issue 147, May 2023.

34. Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council inviting the Mayor to attend the Yorkshire Day Civic Celebration on 1st August in Rotherham.

35. Clerks ReportsCarr Road/Hollin Busk Development

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from a local resident raising their deep concerns for the safety of children attending Royd and St John's schools due to the volume of heavy goods vehicles now using Carr Road to access the development site at the junction with Hollin Busk, on one occasion mounting the pavement at school peak time in their impatience to give way to oncoming traffic.

Cllr. JAG had attended the site to speak to the site foreman and also written to Planning Enforcement Officer with respect to this and other issues arising.

A response had been received from Planning that they have no control over restricting heavy goods vehicles from using this road or to deal with dangerous driving, these incidents should be reported to the Police via 101. The SCC Highways team is to check that signage is in the correct place and if additional signage is required/speed warning cameras or a reduction in speed limit. Agreement had been reached that construction works are carried out between 8am-6pm Monday-Friday and 8am-1pm on Saturday. An unannounced visit was recently made to the site and found that there was no mud on the roadway. Measures were put in place over the weekend 1st/2nd April to resolve water run-off from the site which is now under control.

Stonebridge Homes

The Clerk noted that she had been contacted by Stonebridge Homes informing that they wished to keep the Town Council updated about the development at Carr Road/Hollin Busk and in view of the recent complaints undertook to invite them to a future meeting.

Co-option

The Clerk noted that there were two vacant seats for Councillors to co-opt new members to. This item will be on the agenda for the June Town Council.
Cllr. JS requested that these vacancies be advertised in Look Local.

36. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr. RJC informed that he had attended the Garden Village Community Association meeting.

b) Cllr. JS informed that during his final month as Mayor he had attended the following events:-

A Stocksbridge Steam Roller visit together with Cllr. MW

28th April - St Ann's RC school Easter Bonnet Parade and afternoon tea

Delivery of the replica flag banners to each of the schools as part of the Coronation events, together with Cllr. MW

5th May - St Ann's RC school picnic/party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III

6th May – judging of the Town Council's Best Dressed Window competition the winner being Early STEPS Nursery

6th May - Steel Valley Beacon Arts celebration concert and party held at Christ Church for the Coronation of King Charles III

c) Cllr. SA reported that she had attended several UDAC meetings, noting they were linking with SVBA for an Art event for two weeks commencing 30th September, which it was hoped would become an annual event.

Cllr. SA stated that STEP was very busy with big changes to staff, new manager, accountant and caretaker. Both the business park and nursery were doing very well.

Cllr. SA had attended the Friday Drop In; SVBA event for the Coronation; Inman Pavilion Craft Club and was dealing with a lot of casework, in particular on Ridal Avenue.

Cllr. SA asked if the Police could be contacted to put a piece in Look Local regarding safety of home owners during the Summer months and what people should do when a burglar alarm was activated in a neighbouring property.

d) Cllr. ASL thanked members for their support during his prolonged illness over the past months.

Cllr. ASL stated that issues at TARA were improving and he continued to support the Chair.

TARA would be donating £1500 towards play equipment at Fox Glen Park and a canal trip had been booked. TARA would also be funding a Mother and Toddler Group in STEP for a 12 month period. This funding was important as it was looking after some of the most vulnerable in our society during the cost of living crisis.

e) In the absence of Cllr. JAG the Clerk read out a report of events attended since the last meeting:-

In relation to the Towns Fund Board, attended a members workshop, a board meeting and a meeting with officers in relation to Oxley Park.

Toddler Group at Christchurch

A meeting with Amey, SCC engineers and Yorkshire Water in relation to the water leaks on Hole House Lane.

People Keeping Well meeting

Coronation Concert at Christchurch along with the Mayor and Cllr. Abrahams.

Bolsterstone Coronation Afternoon Tea.

Fox Valley food event.

37. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

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

Delivery of replica flag banners to the 6 schools in the area together with Cllr. JS as part of the Coronation events; the Easter Bonnet Parade at St Ann's RC school; corresponding with a resident regarding concerns over HGVs using Carr Road to access the development at Hollin Busk.

Cllr. MW was pleased to inform that there was a good dynamic of ladies getting funding for the Fox Glen Park with new swings installed and further equipment expected.

Cllr. MW had spoken to the keyholder at Stubbin Community Centre who was keen to re-open the Centre and he had undertaken to speak to Cllr. JAG regarding the matter as he was aware she had been involved in many discussions.

Cllr. MW noted his visit, together with Cllr. JS, to look at the Stocksbridge Steam Roller and outlined a request from the owner for this to be presented back to the Town now it had been restored to its former glory. Cllr. MW undertook to speak to Mr Ward to ascertain if this could be organised for 28th May.

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

23/01113/LD2	37 Helliwell Lane, Stocksbridge	Lawful Development Certificate for the erection of a single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse (Application under Section 192).
23/01300/HPN	5 New Hall Crescent, Stocksbridge	Single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse - the extension is 5.50m from the rear of the original dwellinghouse, ridge height no more than 3.80m and the height of the eaves is 3.00m.
23/01386/FUL	Heaven Scent Place, 5 Smith Road, Stocksbridge	Alterations to roof of dwellinghouse including erection of dormer window to front with 2x Juliet balconies and rooflights to rear, erection of 3x bay windows and porch to front, replacement single-storey side extension and alterations to fenestration.

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

22/04322/NMA	Land East of the River Don and to the South West of Station Road, Deepcar	Repositioning of plots on the eastern side of the River Don, and update to house types (Non-material amendment to planning permission no. 19/00054/FUL).
22/03825/FUL	98 Townend Lane, Deepcar	Erection of single-storey rear extension to garage at lower ground floor level with balcony above.
23/00735/TCA	St Marys Church, Yew Trees Lane, Bolsterstone	Removal of trees (Bolsterstone Conservation Area).

The undermentioned planning application has been given Condition Application Decided:-
 17/04673/COND7 Land at junction with Carr Road, Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar Application to approve details in relation to condition nos. 13 (Energy Report) and 20 (Broadband) imposed by planning permission 17/04673/OUT.

39. Grant Applications

a) STEP Development Trust

Members considered a grant application from STEP Development Trust for funding towards free Halloween and Christmas events for families within the community.

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

RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1,000 be awarded to STEP Development Trust for funding towards free Halloween and Christmas events for families within the community.

b) Fox Valley

Members considered a sponsorship request from Fox Valley in support of their forthcoming Food Festival on their 5th Anniversary of opening.

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and

RESOLVED:- That a sponsorship package of £1,000 be awarded to Fox Valley in support of their forthcoming Food Festival to mark the 5th Anniversary with a request that the Mayor be invited to open the event.

c) Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre

Members considered a grant application from Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre requesting funding to enable the centre to extend the free Saturday morning family sessions until June.

Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and

RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1,200 be awarded to Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre to enable the Centre to extend the free Saturday morning family sessions until June and that the Town Council be kept informed if the further funding applied for was unsuccessful.

40. Accounts for Authorisation

Proposed by Cllr. R J Crowther, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	May 2023	£3655.90	LGA72(S111)
STEP Development Trust	Best Dressed Window	£ 100.00	LGA72(S137)
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 10.30	LGA72(Sch14P9)
Word for Word Ltd	Flag/banners – Coronation	£ 521.88	LGA72(S137)
Valley React	Transport grant	£ 407.00	LGA72(S19)
Viking	Stationery	£ 79.77	LGA72(S111)
Look Local	Advertisement – Coronation	£ 192.00	LGA72(S137)

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 20.60	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Repairs to door handle	£ 37.50	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Repairs to leaking toilet	£ 37.50	“
Firths Window Cleaning Services	Window cleaning	£ 60.00	“

NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning charges – Apr	£ 726.01	“
GemCall	Sanitary Services contract	£ 350.00	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopying changes	£ 40.90	“

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

April 2023:-

Sheffield City Council	Business rates – toilets	£ 60.85	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business rates – ARC	£ 551.48	“
Sheffield City Council	Business rates – History Soc	£ 41.86	“

British Gas Lite	Electricity – Xmas tree	£ 28.91	“
Business Stream	Water charges – toilets	£1153.47	“
Business Stream	Water charges – ARC	£ 326.28	“
Moorepay	Payroll charges	£ 74.90	“
Intuit Ltd	Quickbooks package	£ 16.80	“
Veolia	Waste removal	£ 125.20	“

Chairman