

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held remotely via Zoom,
on Thursday, 14th January 2021

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

M Dransfield, A Holmes, G Duckworth, G Silverwood – Towns Fund Board – Item 370

357. To Receive Chairman’s Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr. C Ward.
358. Exclusion of the Press and Public
It was noted that the Towns Fund item would be taken under part 2 of the meeting.
359. Declarations of Interest
Cllr. A Law declared an interest in planning matters.
Cllr. J Grocutt declared an interest in the following issues:- Planning, Highways, Transport,
Licensing, Housing and Parking Services.
360. Public Questions and Petitions
There were no public questions and petitions.
361. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th December 2020
There were no matters arising.
362. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 10th December 2020
Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th December 2020, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. M Milton and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
363. Finances - To Receive and Approve Monthly Financial Statements
The Clerk reported that the details of the Monthly Financial Statements had been previously circulated. Following discussion from points raised by Cllr S Abrahams the Clerk undertook to contact the foodbank to ascertain if funding assistance was required and to report back to Councillors.
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. A Law and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for December 2020 as supplied by the Clerk.

364. Grant Applications

No grant applications had been received to date.

365. SLLP Grant Applications

No grant applications had been received to date.

366. Clerks Reports

The Clerk noted correspondence received from Chris Bell as representative on the Towns Fund Board regarding a planning application for construction of a shared use cycle and pedestrian route between Neepsend and Owlerton. Following discussion the Town Council noted full support of this application, which will compliment work carried out along the Upper Don Trail by providing a vital link which will enable active commuting and leisure trips to Stocksbridge. Cllr Crowther undertook to draft a letter of support to the application.

367. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members?

a) Cllr S Abrahams noted that STEP had accepted an offer for their premises on Manchester Road, Stocksbridge. They had also been successful in an application for funding from the SCC Ward pot for computers.

b) Cllr. S. Abrahams noted increasing issues with parking on pavements in and around the roads at Newton Avenue, Hawthorn Avenue and Smithymoor Avenue. The building works at the new development off Coppice Close were also adding to the issues. The situation was becoming very unsafe for pedestrians with some incidents of near misses with people having to walk in the road. Cllr S Abrahams understands that similar concerns have been raised when commenting on the planning application for the new development on Woodroyd Road. The Clerk noted that she had written to the Police asking what, if any, measures are or could be taken to alleviate these issues but had yet to receive a response. However, it was noted that Sgt Kieran Frain had previously agreed to attend a remote meeting with Councillors and Headteachers of the local schools with regard to parking issues, therefore it would be appropriate to collate problems areas and for these to be raised at the meeting. The meeting will be arranged as soon as practicable for the schools.

c) Cllr. M Whittaker informed of meetings with residents regarding the Woodroyd Road planning application.

d) Cllr. M Whittaker noted an issue with overhanging trees on New Street and expressed his thanks to Cllr Grocutt for her assistance with this issue.

e) Cllr. J Staniforth noted his attendance at the Towns Fund Infrastructure Committee which had been informed that the Towns Fund would no longer be involved in proposals for the rail link, this would be actioned via a different avenue.

f) Cllr. J Grocutt noted that the Woodroyd Road planning application would be appearing before the Planning committee on 23rd February. She also noted an increase of 35% in the number of houses Sheffield would be required to build as part of the Government's new build programme. This increase could result in a threat to green open space.

g) Cllr. J Grocutt also noted attendance at meetings with Don Valley Railway group, the Towns Fund Board and the People Keeping Well group. She had been dealing with many issues relating to grit bin provision in the area.

h) Cllr. M Milton noted works with New Street issues and Woodroyd Road planning application.

i) Cllr. R Crowther had attended a School Governors meeting and informed of discussions with P Morton of the Friends of Hollin Busk. The Clerk undertook to set up a zoom meeting for the group.

368. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor had reported contact with Stocksbridge Community Care Group regarding vulnerable residents in the area.

369. Accounts for Authorisation

The Clerk informed that approval was required for cheques signed in between meetings during the Coronavirus lockdown, authority having been given by the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Cllr. JAG, a list of which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and

(i) That approval be given for cheques signed in between meetings during the Coronavirus Lockdown, in settlement of the undermentioned accounts.

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
City Illuminations	Illuminations Contract	£11044.80	LGA72(S144)
T Bisatt	Microsoft 365 Subscription	£ 79.99	LGA72(S111)
T Bisatt	Norton Subscription	£ 94.99	LGA72(S111)
Word for Word	Christmas Card Printing	£ 180.00	LGA76(S19)
4SLC Trust	Qtr 4 Revenue Funding	£ 5000.00	LGA76(S19)
Viking Payments	Stationery	£ 117.81	LGA72(S111)
T Bisatt	Zoom Subscription – Dec	£ 11.99	LGA72(S111)

(ii) That approval be given for cheques signed in between meetings during the Coronavirus Lockdown, in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Facility Maintenance Solutions	6 Month External Maint'nce	£ 120.00	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Repair to stair treads	£ 55.00	LGA72(S111)
Copymark	Photocopier Usage	£ 6.44	LGA72(S111)
IPM Group	Annual Keyholding fee	£ 294.00	LGA72(S111)
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning and supplies	£ 592.22	LGA72(S111)
Aquapoint Ltd	Water Cooler Charges	£ 50.51	LGA72(S111)
Micro Alarms	Repairs to Alarm	£ 77.40	LGA72(S111)
Firths Ltd	Window Cleaning Services	£ 55.00	LGA72(S111)

(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debits paid during the Coronavirus lockdown during December 2020:-

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Npower	Electricity charges – Xmas Tree on precinct	£ 18.50	LGA72(S144)
Veolia	Waste removal	£ 85.68	LGA72(S111)
Moorepay	Monthly charge – payroll	£ 96.40	LGA72(S111)
British Telecommunications plc	Broadband charges	£ 140.04	LGA72(S111)
Intuit Quickbooks	VAT software subscription	£ 14.40	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC	£ 749.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – SHS	£ 57.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Toilets	£ 86.00	LGA72(S14p9)
HMRC	VAT Payment	£ 973.01	LGA72(S111)
SSE	Electricity Charges-ARC	£1494.08	LGA72(S111)

(iv) That authority be given for salaries paid during the coronavirus lockdown:-

Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	January 2021	£ 3217.05	<u>Made Under Power</u> LGA72(S111)
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Proposed by Cllr R Crowther, seconded by Cllr J Grocutt and

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

370. Towns Fund

The Chairman welcomed members from the Towns Fund board to the meeting. Mark Dransfield and Amanda Holmes gave a presentation on the proposals for the Town and wider area informing of results of a public consultation exercise and timescales for the bid for the Towns Fund (TF). Councillors raised questions/comments relating to the information presented. The Chairman thanked the TF board for their attendance and for the tremendous amount of work being carried out towards the bid, noting that Stocksbridge is going from strength to strength. The TF Board will continue to update the Town Council as the bid progresses.

Chairman