

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 14th October 2021

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

100. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. S Abrahams, A S Law and C Ward.
101. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
102. Declarations of Interest
Cllr. JAG declared an interest in any Planning items.
103. Public Questions and Petitions
There were no public questions and petitions.
104. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9th September 2021
With reference to item 75 Public Questions and Petitions – Erection of 17m Monopole at Land opposite junction with Bracken Moor Lane/Broomfield Lane. The Clerk noted that a response had been received from the Peak District National Park Authority stating that they should have been informed of the proposal by SCC Planning and noting that they support the response from the Town Council that the mast is unacceptable in the proposed location due to its impact on the Sheffield Green Belt and the wider landscape of the area.
The Clerk noted that this application had since been Refused.

With reference to item 76 – Local Area Committee (LAC). The Clerk reported that Ecclesfield Parish Council had appointed a representative to the LAC and felt that both Stocksbridge and Bradfield Council's should be afforded the same opportunity, noting that all 3 Parish/Town Councils had previously had representatives on the North Area Panel meetings.
Cllr. JAG stated that she was not aware of this and would take the matter up with D Luck, noting that for some time she had been questioning how the new LAC's would form a working partnership with the Town/Parish Councils.
Cllr. RJC requested that a letter be written to Cllr. A Hooper, Chairman of the LAC questioning how it works, what would be happening with the CIL funding etc., as a partner panel was definitely the way to go.

With reference to Clerks Reports – Pedestrian Crossing. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Transport Planning, SCC informing that limitations to resources mean they need to prioritise locations for road safety measures. Certain criteria agreed with

Councillors enables them to measure which locations are most urgent. Their records show that there has been one incident in the vicinity in the past 5 years and this will be taken into consideration and assessed in the next round of requests, together with other assessed sites.

With reference to item 96 Recreation and Environment Committee Item 7 – Hollin Busk Development. The Clerk reported that a response had been received from the Planning Inspectorate noting that the correspondence had been passed to the Planning Inspectorate's Customer Quality Team which is currently experiencing a backlog and would respond within 30 days. However, it was stated that they have no power to change an Inspector's decision or reconsider the evidence the Inspector took into account. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

The Clerk reported that further correspondence had now been received informing that all representations had been considered by the Inspector in the context of the current local and national planning policy framework. A copy of this correspondence had been forwarded to the Chairman. The Clerk undertook to forward the letter to all members.

With reference to item 96, final paragraphs re Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from the Peak District National Park Authority informing that Bakewell Town Council had formally written to the PDNPA withdrawing their Neighbourhood Plan due to changes to requirements which they felt were not achievable, despite having a number of volunteers with key knowledge in areas specified. The application had been withdrawn prior to the referendum stage.

Cllr. RJC stated that he was not surprised at this information as the amount of work and commitment involved for the volunteers was extreme.

105. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9th September 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 9th September 2021, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr. M Milton, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and

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

106. 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. J Staniforth and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for September 2021 as supplied by the Clerk.

107. Upper Don Valley Arts Community (UDAC)

The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of the meeting of the UDAC held on 20th September 2021.

108. SYPTE

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYPTE informing of bus service changes effective from 18th and 26th September.

Services 23/23a will now be operated by Globe, there will be no changes to routes of timetables. Service 57 will have timetable changes on all days.

The Clerk reported that she had received further correspondence from SYPTE regarding bus service cancellations as a result of the national driver shortage. SYPTE are working with operators on how they can manage the situation in a structured way to minimise the impact on users.

Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

109. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

Correspondence including:-

- White Rose Update, 10th September 2021

Copies previously circulated.

110. Dransfield Properties Ltd

Correspondence including:-

- Press release informing that the monthly Farmer’s Markets and Craft Markets will be returning

Copies previously circulated.

111. Streets Ahead

The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Streets Ahead Newsletter, September 2021. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

112. Clerks Reports

Remembrance Day

The Clerk updated members on details for the Remembrance Day event noting that confirmation had been received from the Town Council’s insurance company that there would be no additional costs incurred to cover the parade. The Clerk noted that it was hoped that the poppies could once again be put on display in the Clock Tower Gardens.

The Clerk reported that she had been advised today by J Kirk, Traffic Management that their services would be free of charge on the day.

The Clerk was still waiting to hear from Claire Reynolds, Dransfields regarding provision of refreshments following the Parade.

Valley in Bloom

The Clerk reported correspondence received from a local resident praising the efforts of Valley in Bloom in keeping the Town Centre looking good, which had been forwarded to the Group. However, it was felt the effect was diminished by the ‘tatty bikes strung up on buildings’ since the Tour de Yorkshire and asking if there were any plans for these to be removed.

Christmas Card Competition

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Chairman and that the Town Council would again hold their Christmas Card competition involving the local primary schools, with judging being undertaken by the Mayor and any Councillors available on 11th November, which would then allow for printing and distribution to be undertaken. The Clerk undertook to write to the schools and obtain costs for printing for approval at the next Finance Committee meeting.

113. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members’

a) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended the Lord Mayor’s Civic Service together with the Mayor and Cllr. JAG.

Cllr. JS informed that he had attended the Towns Fund Road Show at Smithy Moor Community Centre and had today attended an Educational and Skills Towns Fund meeting where he had again raised his concerns regarding 6th form education.

Cllr. JS noted that the Inman Pavilion would be holding a Halloween Craft Club.

b) Cllr. MW reported that he had attended the AGM of Greave House Farm Trust and was very impressed with the facilities provided and he had offered his services to the Board.

Cllr. MW had attended the Stocksbridge Community Forum meeting where A Holmes had given her talk on the Towns Fund, the meeting had been well attended and a lot of questions asked.

Cllr. MW informed that he had attended the LAC meeting, but felt they had no clue of the spirit of the area and felt it did not fit here.

Cllr. MW had attended the SVBA Midsummer Night's performance at Christ Church which had been well attended but felt that Church and secular spaces should be kept separate for such occasions.

Cllr. MW had attended a meeting with Rebecca Maddock, Sheffield Culture Collective Officer regarding the UDAC which had proved very useful and had spoken at length with G Silverwood regarding issues with groups using The Venue, who had been very sympathetic and constructive and had offered the use of The Venue, free of charge, for the UDAC meetings, an open meeting of which would be held on 18th October at 7pm.

c) Cllr. JAG reported that she had attended the Royal British Legion meeting and they had requested that she pass on their sincere thanks for all the assistance provided by the Clerk in respect to the forthcoming Remembrance Day Parade and Service.

Cllr. JAG had attended the Towns Fund presentation held at Whitwell Community Centre noting that there were others planned for Fox Valley and the Leisure Centre. With regard to the Towns Fund street works, it was most likely that the proposed funicular would not happen due to land ownership/Liberty Steel issues. All other projects were progressing well.

Cllr. JAG had attended the Lord Mayor's Civic Service together with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. JAG noted that with respect to the LAC the North was split into four areas which also covered Stannington and that the meeting held at The Venue had been attended by a wider community than just S36. Residents of the Stocksbridge area would be invited to attend the next quarterly LAC meeting which would be held in Stannington. SCC had a local plan for each individual area and funding needed to be allocated appropriately.

The Clerk noted that in the past partner meetings had been held which had proved very useful and constructive with more being achieved for each area.

The Clerk read the report received from Cllr. S Abrahams in her absence:-

d) Step Board

Over the last month I have had considerable contact with the board via email. The Board has a further meeting with Liberty Steel regarding the lease later this month. We are hopeful given the news of the re-opening of the works it's more likely to be a positive response. If the lease is successfully renewed the plan is to extend the Board, but no details of who and how. We also plan on re-examining the focus for the Venue over the next few years.

The Venue has started the process of re-opening and I am pleased to report some of our regular groups are returning.

The Step Business centre continues to have full occupancy.

The nursery is also well supported, there is currently a vacancy for a nursery worker.

Issues raised by the community

a) Rundle Road Playground - I had a very full update from the Council team, and I will update the Town Council when I have further information.

b) Issues at Balfour House - passed to other members in my absence.

c) Reports of parking around Park Drive, Manchester Road and Bessemer Terrace which is obscuring drivers view of oncoming traffic. I have not had opportunity to raise with appropriate agency. I would appreciate the opinion of other councillors on this, as close to a crossing, nursery, sheltered housing etc.

d) The dangerous repair of the alley near the Children's Centre. This area of land appears not to be owned by either the Council, Steel Works or Step. It is also near the old toilets which are also in a dangerous state of repair. How can we find out who has responsibility, as I feel for safety reasons the path should be closed for access.

Councillors felt that as this was a matter of public safety, SCC should be requested to close the area off to prevent public access.

Cllr. SA was pleased to inform Councillors that from the beginning of November Step nursery will be offering a toddler group on Monday afternoons, it will cost £4.00 for two hours. This is welcome news as a shortage of such groups in our area.

114. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

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

2 x School Govenors meetings

LAC big launch meeting held at The Venue

10th October – Lord Mayor’s Civic Service together with the Deputy Mayor and Cllr. JAG

14th October – Royd NI School Council held in the Council Chamber which had been a joyous occasion with very pertinent questions asked by the children.

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

21/03999/FUL	10 McIntyre Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of single-storey front extension including porch and canopy to dwellinghouse and alterations to fenestration (re-submission of planning application 20/02925/FUL).
21/04037/FUL	15 Glebelands Road, Stocksbridge	Demolition of existing garage, provision of vehicle hardstanding, widening of vehicular access, car porch, access paths/ramps and a raised rear deck area.
21/03885/FUL	3 Belmont Drive, Stocksbridge	Demolition of conservatory and erection of single-storey side extension to dwellinghouse with addition of 1no. window to first floor side elevation.
21/04076/FUL	Langley Brook Barn, Clay Pits Lane, Stocksbridge	Alterations to barn to allow use as a dwellinghouse including erection of first floor side extension, provision of associated parking.
21/04128/FUL	Land Opposite Townend Farm, Townend Lane, Deepcar	Use of land for the keeping of horses for recreational purposes and the erection of a stable block.
21/04165/FUL	121 Carr Road, Deepcar	Erection of single-storey side and rear extension to dwellinghouse.

21/04253/FUL	3 Pheasant Lane, Bolsterstone	Erection of single-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.
21/04291/FUL	Wellhouse Barn, Park Lane, Stocksbridge	Alterations and erection of a two-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.
21/04177/LD2	Lancasters Property Services, 483 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Application to establish lawful use of premises as proposed micro bar (Application under Section 192).

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

21/00366/FUL	15A Broomfield Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of a nursery (Use Class E) with associated parking.
21/02978/FUL	2 Pheasant Lane, Ewden	Single storey side extension.
21/02854/FUL	20 Shay House Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of rear raised decking area with provision of balustrade to dwellinghouse.
21/03078/FUL	Samuels Kitchen, 2 Hunshelf Road, Stocksbridge	Retention of external seating area and erection of pitched roof.
21/03544/TPO	Peas Bloom Farm, Sunny Bank Road, Ewden	Removal of trees (Tree Preservation Order No. 808/020 - G10).
21/03118/FUL	St Matthias's Church, Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Application to allow relocation of pedestrian refuge island and re-position boundary wall to provide vehicular access to rear parking area (Application under section 73 to vary condition no(s) 2. Approved plans; relating to planning permission no.19/02949/FUL (Use of church (Use Class D1) as 5no dwellings (Use Class C3) with associated alterations including rooflights to front and rear, formation of balconies with glazed balustrades, undercroft garages/bin/cycle storage to rear, provision of entrances to front with level access, parking and landscaping works).
21/02181/FUL	Land Adjacent Ford House, 4 Fox Valley Way, Stocksbridge	Erection of 33 apartments in 2 x 3 storey blocks (Use Class C3) and provision of associated amenity space, parking facilities, access and landscaping works.
21/01827/FUL	Land Adjacent 22 Belmont Drive, Stocksbridge	Erection of a dwellinghouse (Resubmission of 20/02399/FUL).
21/03531/FUL	Hillside, 8A Carr Road, Deepcar	Construction of vehicular access to dwellinghouse including formation of dropped kerb.

21/03543/TPO 9 Sycamore Road, Stocksbridge Pruning of a tree (Tree Preservation Order No. 808/020 - W4).

The undermentioned planning applications have been Withdrawn:-

21/02283/OUT Land Between 48 And 50 Haywood Lane, Deepcar Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of 5 dwellings.

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

20/00091/COND1 249 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 3 (Sound Attenuation) imposed by planning permission 20/00091/FUL.

20/03760/COND1 Land at rear of 19 Broomfield Road, Stocksbridge Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 3 (Coal Mining Legacy), 5 (Vehicle Cleaning), 7 (Boundary Treatment), 8 (External Materials) and 9 (Surfacing) imposed by planning permission 20/03760/FUL.

The undermentioned planning application has been Refused Prior Notification:-

21/03687/TEL Land opposite junction with Bracken Moor Lane, Broomfield Lane, Stocksbridge Erection of 17.0m Phase 8 Monopole c/w wrapround cabinet at base with associated equipment and ancillary works (Application for determination if approval required for siting and appearance).

116. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 5th October 2021, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. M Milton and

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

(ii) That the Town Council accept the Auditor's certificate and opinion.

117. Senior Citizens Christmas Party

The Clerk tabled a quotation received from The Venue for the provision of an Afternoon Tea event for up to 96 people in lieu of the usual hot meal, which would enable appropriate social distancing within the hall. The event to be held on Wednesday, 8th December commencing at 12 noon. Tickets for the event would be handed out from the Town Hall reception area on Tuesday, 23rd and Thursday 25th November 2021.

Hire of the main hall - £350

Price per head - £12 to include a mixture of sandwiches, pork pie, sausage rolls, cheese rolls, crisps, a mixture of buns, clotted cream scones, mince pie, tea and coffee, crackers and party poppers

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council approve the quotation received from The Venue of £12 per head, plus £350 for hire of the main hall, for the provision of an Afternoon Tea event for up to 96 people. The Clerk undertook to proceed with the organisation of the event and present costings for raffle/bingo prizes to the next Finance Committee meeting for authorisation.

118. Promotion of Town Council Meetings

The Clerk noted that Cllr. JAG had requested this item following concerns raised by a local resident in respect of the recent planning application for a 5G mast on Broomfield Lane.

The Clerk noted that in the past Town Council meetings had been held in each of the village halls/community centres but no public had attended. Agendas for all meetings were displayed on the Town Council notice board and on the website. Members of the public were able to attend any of the meetings without prior notification.

Following further discussion the Clerk was requested to advertise the meetings in the Whats On item in Look Local and also put the agendas on Facebook.

119. Towns Fund

Cllr. JAG noted that this item had been covered earlier in the meeting.

120. Annual Accounts 2020/2021

The Clerk informed that she had received the opinion of the Auditors for the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021, there were no matters arising. The Clerk noted that the required documents were currently on display on the Town Council notice board and website.

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. M Milton and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept the Auditors certificate and opinion.

121. Accounts for Authorisation

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	October 2021	£3341.99	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Sols	Monthly water monitoring	£ 10.30	LGA72(Sch14P9)
Viking	Stationery/postage stamps	£ 171.47	LGA7S(S111)
PFK Littlejohn LLP	External Audit 2020/21	£ 720.00	“
T Bisatt	Toilet supplies	£ 19.99	LGA72(Sch14P9)

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
AquaPoint Ltd	Water cooler charges	£ 28.75	LGA72(S111)
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopier usage	£ 10.15	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Clear blocked urinal	£ 35.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Annual roof survey/clean	£ 150.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Monthly water monitoring	£ 20.60	“
Firths Window Cleaning	Windows cleaned – Oct	£ 55.00	“
Pointer Ltd	Fire system annual service	£ 563.70	“
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning contract	£ 663.50	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Annual water testing	£ 131.80	“

(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debits paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts September 2021:-

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC	£ 524.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – History	£ 40.00	“
	Society		
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Bol toilets	£ 60.00	“
SSE	Electricity Charges – ARC	£ 1236.90	“
Veolia	Waste removal	£ 85.92	“

Veolia	Annual duty of care charges	£	47.94	“
Moorepay	Payroll monthly charge	£	69.40	“
Intuit Ltd – Quickbooks	VAT software subscription	£	28.80	“
	Aug/Sept			
British Telecommunications	Broadband changes	£	151.32	

Chairman