

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 14th December 2023

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

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

There were no Apologies for Absence.

158. Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.

159. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

160. Public Questions and Petitions

There were no public questions and petitions.

161. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9th November 2023

With reference to item 152 c) final paragraph - Community Forum Meeting. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from B Horsman informing that she had already been contacted requesting agenda items for discussion at a future Community Forum meeting but that she had been unaware of the drugs and anti-social behaviour issues within the Town. BH would be contacting the Clerk for further information and would be looking to arrange a meeting as soon as possible.

With reference to item 153 – Mayor's Report – Litter on Stocksbridge By-Pass. The Clerk reported that she had written to both National Highways and SCC regarding litter on the Deepcar exit of Stocksbridge by-pass, being mainly discarded items from McDonald's takeaway. There appeared to be some misconceptions as to who was responsible for cleaning up this area. The Clerk noted correspondence received from Cllr. KD, following a response to his request for signage from McDonald's regarding the litter problems, they had informed that their staff undertake daily litter patrols and the company organise larger clean up events. Cllr. KD had responded, noting the highly dangerous area of the Deepcar exit for anyone litter picking and inviting a representative to attend a future Council meeting. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SCC with respect to the request for signage on the by-pass to 'Take your litter home'. It was noted that there was one very old and worn sign, not known when it was installed or who monitored the area to hand out fines. If Councillors wished to proceed with signs there would be a design process, recent signage for one sign being £700 to cover design costs and over £1200 to design, install and maintain, but there is not currently a team to enforce littering.

Cllr. JAG requested the Clerk to send her all the responses received.

Cllr. JW noted that Cllr. L Chinchin worked for National Highways and may be able to provide some clarification. Cllr. MW informed that Cllr. LC was already looking into the situation. The Clerk undertook to contact Cllr. LC to ascertain what progress he had made.

With reference to item 152 d) Stocksbridge & Upper Don TARA. Cllr. ASL reported that discussions had taken place and the issues had been resolved.

162. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9th November 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 9th November 2023, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

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

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

163. 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. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for November 2023 as supplied by the Clerk.

Cllr. SA noted that more funding had been spent on grants which was good to see as it meant that groups were getting back on their feet after the Covid pandemic.

164. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

Correspondence including:-

- White Rose Update, 17th November
- White Rose Update, 1st December
- Law and Governance Bulletin, November 2023
- Biodiversity Policy information

Copies previously circulated.

165. Stocksbridge & Deepcar TARA

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Stocksbridge & Deepcar TARA thanking the Town Council for the grant support towards the Magic Shows for local children and inviting members to one of the performances taking place at Oughtibridge or the Inman Pavilion. The Chairman had also been invited to attend the TARA Pea and Pie Supper on 29th November. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

166. St John's Junior School

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Deepcar St John's Junior School regarding the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA). Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

167. Stocksbridge & Deepcar Royal British Legion

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Stocksbridge & Deepcar Royal British Legion thanking the Town Council for the grant support towards the plaque to

commemorate the centenary of the Clock Tower and for the assistance given with the organisation and funding for this year's Remembrance Parade and Service.

168. Clerks Reports
Remembrance Day

The Clerk noted correspondence received from the 1st Stocksbridge Scouts commenting on how brilliant this year's Remembrance Day Parade and Service had been and offering their services towards any different services taking place in the future and to next year's Remembrance service. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members' and forwarded to the Royal British Legion.

The Clerk also noted that she had been informed of the omission of a name from the list who had served in WWII. This had been passed to the Guide Leader who had undertaken to add the name to the list for next year.

169. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended the Remembrance Day Parade and Service; SCLC Christmas Fair; SCLC Saturday morning activities sessions; Stocksbridge NI School Christmas Fair; Penistone FM visit with other Council members and the TARA Magic Show at Oughtibridge on 3rd December. Cllr. JS had also been dealing with many complaints regarding the unreliable bus services to the area.

b) Cllr. KD reported that he had attended the Remembrance Service held at St Mary's Church, Bolsterstone; the Remembrance Day Parade and Service; Penistone FM visit and the Senior Citizens Christmas Party held at The Venue. Cllr. KD reported that he was still trying to make contact with MacDonald's regarding the litter situation on the by-pass but to date was having no success, he would keep trying.

c) Cllr. JAG advised that she had attended both the Remembrance Service at Bolsterstone and the Remembrance Parade and Service at the Clock Tower; SCLC Christmas Fair; SCLC AGM; Towns Fund meetings regarding the Tracks and Trails and Oxley Park All Wheels Projects and the Penistone FM visit. Cllr. JAG had also been involved with safety issues on the tram tracks following an accident involving a cyclist at Hillsborough

d) Cllr. SA informed that she had attended both the Bolsterstone Remembrance Service and the Remembrance Parade and Service; TARA meal; Food Bank; Friday Drop In Christmas Party; Penistone FM visit; STEP AGM; Steel Valley Project AGM and Bolsterstone Archaeological Heritage Group meeting. Cllr. SA advised that STEP were utilising the SCC heating project to inspect The Venue and noted the SCC Arts Programme as a possibility to combine with the Homegrown group.

e) Cllr. ASL reported that he had attended both the Remembrance Day Service at Bolsterstone and Parade and Service at the Clock Tower followed by a parade at Stocksbridge Park Steels Football ground; SCC Audit and Standards Committee via zoom; TARA pie and pea supper and Magic Shows and the Senior Citizens Christmas Party held at The Venue, which he had thoroughly enjoyed, in particular, calling out the bingo numbers.

f) Cllr. RJC informed that he had attended the Garden Village Community Association meeting; Govenors' meeting at the High School; Senior Citizens Christmas Party held at The Venue, assisting Cllr. ASL with the bingo calling and delivering a hamper to one of the winners, who had advised that she had thoroughly enjoyed the event.

g) Cllr. JW reported that she had attended the Remembrance Day Parade and Service at the Clock Tower; undertaken her Code of Conduct training on-line; Penistone FM visit; SCLC Christmas Fair; handed out the Christmas Party tickets; attended the Senior Citizens Christmas Party, noting that the event had been extremely well run in view of the fact that it was the first

time Lauren Dixon and some of the staff had undertaken the event, she had been very impressed. Cllr. JW had also delivered a hamper to a winner of the bingo.

170. 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:-

11th November – Remembrance Day Service held at St Mary’s Church, Bolsterstone

12th November – Remembrance Day Parade and Service and re-dedication of the Clock Tower followed by a parade at Stocksbridge Park Steels football ground

17th November – Switch On of the Fox Valley Christmas lights

21st November – ticket handout for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party

23rd November – Royd NI School Council meeting held in the Council Chamber

29th November – TARA Pea and Pie Supper held at The Venue

30th November – visit to Penistone FM studio

6th December – Senior Citizens Christmas Party held at The Venue

Visit to schools to present framed Christmas Card entries to the winner and runners up of the Christmas Card competition; North LAC meeting; Bolsterstone Archaeology Heritage Group talk on the history of Wortley Hall; Waldershelf and Deepcar Childrens Christmas Concert Choirs held at The Venue and Christmas Carol service held at the Church.

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

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Public Rights of Way regarding Stocksbridge footpath 62 which had been significantly damaged by storms and rising water levels, with parts falling into the river and more parts likely to disappear. PROW were informally consulting interested parties on the nature of remedial works. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

23/03725/HPN	23 Pen Nook Glade, Deepcar	Single-storey rear extension - the extension will be 4.04m from the rear of the original dwellinghouse, ridge height no more than 3.78 and height to the eaves of 2.25.
23/03541/CBSPN	Valley DIY and Building Supplies, Hope Street, Stocksbridge	Alterations to first floor level of a commercial unit to form 1no. residential apartment (use Class C3) Including the erection of a south facing dormer window and provision of an enlarged window on the west elevation for fire escape purposes.
23/03820/FUL	11 Carr Grove, Deepcar	Alterations to roof to form additional habitable space including flat to pitched roof and erection of rear dormer, demolition of side and rear porch, erection of two-storey side extension with integral garage and formation of raised patio with access steps to the rear.

Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council instruct the Clerk to write to Planning Department with respect to the undermentioned planning application expressing Councillors concerns regarding the size of the proposed extensions:-

23/03818/FUL	14 Carr Close, Deepcar	Demolition of existing rear conservatory and detached front garage, erection of two-storey side and single-storey rear extensions and detached two-storey double garage to front of dwellinghouse.
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Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council instruct the Clerk to write to Planning Department with respect to the undermentioned planning application noting objections due to lack of parking facilities for the proposed number of bedrooms in view of the fact the site was not on a bus route and nearby services were not reliable; access/egress issues onto a busy road adjacent to a nearby primary school and Care Home; proposed 3 storey elevation out of keeping with the vernacular of the area, overlooking adjacent properties; impacting on biodiversity. Councillors also noted the comments from Yorkshire Water regarding drainage concerns; the Police regarding safety issues and the Coal Mining Authority with regard to it being a high risk area due to past mining:-

23/03350/OUT	49 Pot House Lane, Stocksbridge	Outline application (all matters reserved expect for access) for demolition of dwellinghouse and erection of up to 75 en-suite bed care home and 30 self-contained assisted living units (Use Class C2) with vehicular access from Linden Crescent and associated parking.
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Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

23/02311/FUL	57 Newton Avenue, Stocksbridge	Demolition of side conservatory and erection of a two-storey side extension with single-storey front porch and single-storey rear area, including a new pitched roof to the existing ground floor rear dining area.
23/02688/FUL	54 Smithy Moor Avenue, Stocksbridge	Alterations to front garden to provide off-street parking for 2no. cars, alterations to include removal of front boundary wall, part excavation of front garden, erection of retaining walls with associated balustrade and provision of bin store.
23/03317/FUL	18 Webb Avenue, Deepcar	Erection of a front porch to dwellinghouse.
23/03586/NMA	Land East of the River Don and to the South West of Station Road, Deepcar	Application to allow amendments to house types Oabstone and Curtis (Amendment to planning permission 22/04337/FUL).

The undermentioned planning application has been given		Condition Application Decided:-
17/04673/COND11	Land At Junction With Carr Road Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar	Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 14 (Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)) and 27 (Travel Plan) imposed by planning permission 17/04673/OUT.
16/00802/COND3	Site Of 19 Haywood Lane, Deepcar	Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 9 (Footway Details) and 17 (Remediation - Validation Report) imposed by planning permission 16/00802/FUL.
23/00444/COND1	Ingfield House, 11 Bocking Hill, Stocksbridge	Application to approve details in relation to condition no(s) 3. Tree Protection, 4. Watercourse and Drainage; Relating to planning application 23/00444/FUL.
22/04147/COND2	Land Associated with Ingfield House, 11 Bocking Hill, Stocksbridge	Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 14 (Sound Insulation), 19 (Boundary Treatment), 25 (Retaining Walls) and 27 (Ecological Enhancements) imposed by planning permission 22/04147/FUL.
The undermentioned planning application had been		Withdrawn:-
23/03036/FUL	2 Ellorslie Drive, Stocksbridge	Removal of existing boundary hedges and erection of a new boundary wall and entrance gate to front and side of dwellinghouse.

172. Recreation and Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 5th December 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. J A Grocutt and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.
(ii) That the Town Council formally adopt the biodiversity policy with amendments as discussed.

With reference to item 4 - Biodiversity Duty. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from YLCA following the short notice given for timescales, informing that they had thought that NALC would be producing a Legal Topic Note together with a model policy that could be used by all members councils across the country. This had not materialised, therefore, YLCA produced some guidance and a model policy as soon as they were aware of the situation.

173. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 5th December 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. J A Grocutt and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.

With reference to item 5 – Budget/Precept 2024/2025. The Clerk reported that the final Council Tax base figure had been received from SCC noting the effect on the draft budget.

174. Budget/Precept 2024/2025

The Clerk referred to the budget/precept proposal recommendations made at the Finance Committee meeting held on 5th December for approval of the budget/precept 2024/2025. Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council:-

- a) Set the Budget for 2024/2025 at £162,059
- b) Set the Precept for 2024/2025 at £131,494
- c) Any underspend in the following budget heads be 2023/2024 be carried forward to the budget for 2024/2025:- Grants, Community Events
- d) The funding awarded to 4SLC of £20,000 revenue towards the operation of the swimming pools be paid quarterly in advance

175. Accounts for Authorisation

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

RESOLVED:- (i) That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	December 2023	£5493.92	LGA72(S111)
City Illuminations Ltd	Xmas Lights contract	£11874.00	LGA72(S144)
Viking	Stationery	£ 100.83	LGA72(S111)
T Bisatt	Photo framing	£ 42.50	“
T Bisatt	Xmas Party raffle prizes/ Hampers	£ 245.95	LGA72(S144)
T Bisatt	Clock Tower print	£ 20.00	LGA72S111)
The Venue	Xmas Party catering/hall Hire	£3350.00	LGA72(S144)
Word for Word Ltd	Christmas Card printing	£ 300.60	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 10.30	LGA72(Sch14P9)
Yorkshire Local Councils Assn	Councillor training	£ 66.80	LGA72(S111)
Smithy Moor Community Assn	Grant Aid	£1000.00	LGA76(S19)
Catering 24	Paper coffee cups	£ 51.36	LGA72(S111)
(ii) That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Wright Brothers Partnership Ltd	Annual heating service	£ 351.67	LGA72(S111)
Micro Alarms Ltd	Re-programming alarms	£ 137.94	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Roof repair works	£ 650.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Lighting repairs	£ 135.00	“
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning charges	£ 876.01	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopying charges	£ 41.38	“
Pointer Ltd	Repairs to fire alarm system	£ 432.64	“
K Lindley	Xmas tree lights/kitchen Cleaner	£ 16.77	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 20.60	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Repairs to gents urinals	£ 56.25	“
Pollards Wholesale Ltd	Coffee supplies	£ 46.45	“
IPM Group Ltd	Security call outs	£ 108.00	“
Firths Window Cleaning Services	Windows cleaned – Dec	£ 60.00	“

Record UK Ltd	Automatic door repairs	£ 204.00	“
ITI Networks Services	Annual PAT testing	£ 180.00	“

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

November 2023:-

Sheffield City Council	Business Rates-Toilets	£ 57.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates-ARC	£ 550.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates-History Soc	£ 42.00	LGA72(S111)
British Telecommunications Ltd	EMCS security line	£ 43.16	LGA72(S111)
British Telecommunications Ltd	Phone charges	£ 146.00	LGA72(S111)
SSE	Electricity charges Oct	£1218.23	LGA72(S111)
Business Stream	Water charges – ARC	£ 30.18	LGA72(S111)
Moorepay	Payroll charges	£ 84.47	LGA72(S111)
Intuit Ltd – Quickbooks	VAT software subscription	£ 16.80	LGA72(S111)
British Gas Lite	Electricity charges – Xmas	£ 10.58	LGA72(S111)
	TREE		
Veolia	Waste removal charges	£ 101.87	LGA72(S111)

Chairman