

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, The ARC, Stocksbridge on Thursday, 12th March 2020

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Woodcock and D Woodcock - Item 244

1 member of the public – Item 244

241. To Receive Chairman’s Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. J A Grocutt and S Abrahams.
242. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for Exclusion of the Press and Public.
243. Declarations of Interest
Cllr. ASL declared an interest in agenda item 12 – to consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee.
244. Public Questions and Petitions
The Chairman welcomed Mr Woodcock and D Woodcock, local residents who wished to raise their concerns at proposals by Steel Valley Project for a pocket park on land at Edward Street, Stocksbridge, part of which they owned. Mr Woodcock had the relevant documentation from the Land Registry pertaining to the land in question which he used as an allotment and noted allotments were also held by other members of the community. The area was currently a meeting place for youths/drug taking which would be exacerbated should such a project go ahead. Cllr.CW stated that any incidents should be reported immediately and repeatedly to the 101 Police line in order to get a response from the Police. Cllr. ASL concurred with this statement. The Clerk noted that T Newman, SVP was very thorough in his research prior to commencing any project and could not understand why the ownership of the land had not come to light previously, informing Mr Woodcock that he would need to contact T Newman direct to discuss this matter. Cllr. CW informed that the Town Council had not awarded grant funding to this project but that T Newman was pursuing other avenues of funding. Cllr. RJC reiterated the importance of reporting any issues to the 101 Police line and also via the webform. The Clerk undertook to pass T Newman’s contact details to D Woodcock. The Chairman thanked Mr Woodcock and D Woodcock for attending the meeting.

A member of the public wished to raise her concerns at the amount of litter and flytipping in the Viola Bank/Pot House Lane area. The lady regularly litter picked the area herself and had reported the flytipping but to date there had been no response from SCC.

Cllr. RJC noted that the Council could only clear flytipping if it was on their land, if it was privately owned they could not clear it.

The lady enquired whether it would be possible for the Valley in Bloom Group to put planters in the area in an effort to make improvements and if further litter/dog bins could be provided as this route was regularly utilised by children going to/from school, she was already planting bee friendly plants around her and her neighbour's property.

The Chairman undertook to speak to M Kaye, Valley in Bloom to ascertain if planters were a possibility.

245. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13th February 2020
Cllr. MM conveyed his apologies for not attending the last meeting due to ill health.

With reference to item 221 – Otium Living. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from S Spooner thanking members for welcoming her to the last meeting and issuing an invitation to all to attend the marketing suite. SS also confirmed that at a later date Councillors would be invited for a site visit once it is better prepared health and safety wise. SS also informed that, after checking, she had been advised that the apartment complex would be fully none smoking. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

With reference to item 230 – Look North. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Look North informing that the red sofa challenge would be finishing in Fox Valley and they would be delighted if the Mayor would welcome the team at the finish line. Unfortunately, this event had since been postponed but the Town Council would be informed when it was re-scheduled.

With reference to item 233 final paragraph – Pot House N&I School. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Sergeant Frain informing that neither himself or PCSO C Raynes had been made aware of the drug dealing taking place outside the school. However, now that it has been highlighted, the team will seek to understand the issue further, with the first port of call being through the school themselves. Sgt Frain stated that he would request that PCSO C Raynes specifically ask the school how they believe they have reported this matter to SYP. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members' and a copy forwarded to J Townsend.

246. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 13th February 2020
Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13th February 2020, 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.

247. To Receive and Approve Balances and Comparison of Spending Against Budget
The Clerk reported that the details of the Balances & Comparison of Spending Against Budget had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. R J Crowther, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the balances and comparison of spending against budget for February 2020 as supplied by the Clerk.
248. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from YLCA including:-
- White Rose Update, 17th February 2020
- White Rose Update - 21st February 2020
- White Rose Update, 28th February 2020
Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
249. Dransfield Properties Ltd The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Dransfield Properties including:-
- news release announcing that Santa and his helpers raised £264 for The rotary Club in the run up to Christmas
- news release informing that the Fox Valley team are busy planning for their annual Spring Garden Fayre on 11th April 2020
- news release announcing that Sandersons has introduced a new range of luxury fragrances making it the region’s leading destination for high end perfumery
- news release advising that Miriam Cates MP and her team have now moved into their new office at Fox Valley
- news release informing that JoJo Maman Bebe have launched their recycling initiative from a Mother to Another for their sixth year running.
The Chairman noted that the WI run a similar scheme providing new baths/bottles and donated baby clothing to mothers in need.
Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
250. Peak District National Park The Clerk reported that she had received form the Peak District National Park a copy of Planning Service Parishes Bulletin 31.
251. Underbank Lane, Stocksbridge The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from a local resident requesting consideration/support for the provision of a new footpath on Underbank Lane, Stocksbridge to link with the new footpath on Bramall Lane to Pea Royd Lane and Fox Valley. The Clerk had informed of the North Sheffield Link stakeholder meeting which had discussed this section and undertook to raise the matter at the next meeting on 7th April 2020.
252. Hollin Busk The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Cllr. JAG informing that she had been advised that the Hollin Busk planning application is not now going to the Planning Committee on 19th March but would be deferred until possibly May.
253. Highways England The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Westwood and Technology, Highways England informing of Public Information Exhibitions on 4th March at Tankersley Welfare Hall in respect of the works planned for the A616/A61 Westwood

Roundabout and A628 Woodhead Pass. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

Cllr. RJC reported that he had attended the event and noted that although there would be some disruption it would be kept to a minimum and he felt the works would improve the passage of traffic in the future.

254. Clerks & Councils Direct The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Clerks & Councils Direct, Issue 128, March 2020.
255. Steel Valley Project The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of the Steel Valley Project Steering Committee meeting held on 17th February 2020. Also a flyer informing of the Steel Valley Ride which will take place on 18th July 2020.
256. SYPTE The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYPTE informing of bus service changes effective from 26th April 2020.
257. Stocksbridge Community Care Group Bereavement Service The Clerk reported that she had received a flyer promoting the new Bereavement Service to be provided by Stocksbridge Community Care Group who had just taken further office space in the Town Hall. This information had been put on the Town Council’s website and facebook page.
258. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members’
- a) Cllr. RJC reported that he had attended two School Governors meetings, had been involved in casework on Hole House Lane, attended the St Matthias Church public consultation and the Highways England consultation regarding the Westwood Roundabout proposals, also the Science Club at the Inman Pavilion.
Cllr. RJC noted that he had circulated a letter for approval by members in support of the bid to re-introduce passenger train services to the area and noted the request from Cllr. SA regarding access to further education facilities by youths in the area.
- b) Cllr. ASL noted that he had been involved in casework and had attended the SVP Steering Committee meeting.
- c) Cllr. MW was pleased to report that he had received a positive response with respect to his involvement in casework regarding a dangerous neighbour.
Cllr. MW had attended the SVP Steering Committee meeting with Cllr. ASL and noted that they had found a further source of funding via selling firewood from the ash die back. This avenue of funding was to be taken forward slowly.
Cllr. MW had met with representatives of Valley Music Festival regarding their accounts for future grant applications.
- d) Cllr. MM reported that he had attended the St Matthias Church public consultation and noted that people attending had raised concerns that the stained glass windows at the rear of the Church were to be made into French doors. Would it be possible to take these out completely and donate to local schools/library or put in storage for any future High Street development to retain the history of the area? The Clerk undertook to contact the developer to enquire if this would be possible.

e) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended the St Matthias Church public consultation event, the Science Club and written a letter of support for the re-introduction of passenger train services from the Transport Forum.

Cllr. JS advised that he had attended the Towns Fund Infrastructure meeting but unfortunately not much progress had been made.

Cllr. JS had also complained to the bus companies regarding the bus services to the area.

259. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr. Catherine Ward reported that she had attended the following events since the last meeting:-

Opening of the new SpecSavers store at Fox Valley

Casework

The Chairman noted that many people were enquiring when the final stretch of the Bitholmes highway would be completed. The Clerk noted that the resurfacing would take place once the works to the new sewage site were completed.

The Chairman informed that she had arranged a meeting with the two Scout Groups at the Youth Centre for 18th March at 6.30pm, all members were welcome to attend. A further meeting with other groups was to be organised shortly.

260. To Consider Planning Applications and Receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee

20/00333/FUL	3 Brook Croft, Stocksbridge	Erection of single-storey front, side And rear extensions to dwellinghouse.
20/00545/FUL	Midge Hall Farm, Manchester Road, Deepcar	Erection of triple detached garage to side of dwellinghouse.
20/00634/FUL	5 Ralph Ellis Drive, Stocksbridge	Erection of single-storey side and rear extensions to dwellinghouse including formation of integral garage.
20/00609/LD2	The Friendship, 536 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Application for lawful development certificate for the proposed reconfiguration of ground and first floors of building to create 9 en suite bedrooms for bed & breakfast (Application under Section 192).
20/00593/HPN	761 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse - the extension is 4.3m from the rear of the original dwellinghouse, ridge height no more than 5.3m and the height of the eaves 2.4m.
20/00757/FUL	13A Broomfield Lane, Stocksbridge	Demolition of rear conservatory, erection of dormer windows to both sides, single-storey rear/side extension and single-storey front extension to dwellinghouse.

Planning Applications – Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

19/04448/FUL	68 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Alterations to roof including erection of side dormer window and 3x rooflights to opposite side, erection of single-storey extension with roof terrace above to rear of dwellinghouse.
20/00228/FUL	Midhope Barn, 4 New Hall Lane, Stocksbridge	Replacement of windows and doors to dwellinghouse (part retrospective).
19/02949/FUL	St Matthias's Church, Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	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.

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

18/03869/COND3	Land at the rear of 13 and 42 Coppice Close, Stocksbridge	Application to approve details in relation to condition number 7. Contaminated Land Report; Relating to planning permission 18/03869/FUL.
18/03869/COND1	Land At The Rear Of 13 And 42 Coppice Close, Stocksbridge	Application to approve details relating to conditions 4. Construction Environmental Management Plan, 9. Renewable Energy, 10. Construction Access, 11. Service/Delivery Site Accommodation, 14. Landscaping, 23. Wheel Cleaning and 24. Planting Buffer and Embankment imposed by 18/03869/FUL.

The undermentioned planning application has been Refused:-

20/00593/HPN	761 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse - the extension is 4.3m from the rear of the original dwellinghouse, ridge height no more than 5.3m and the height of the eaves 2.4m.
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The undermentioned planning application has been given Appeal Against Non Determination:-

18/03982/FUL	Broom Cottage, New Mill Bank, Stocksbridge	Demolition of attached garage, erection of three-storey rear extension, erection of single-storey side extension with 1 front dormer, alterations to roof to form habitable living accommodation
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including erection of 2 front dormers, 2 juliette balcony's to rear and new pitched roof, and alterations to fenestrations.

261. Recreation and Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd March 2020, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. M Milton and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.
(ii) That approval be given for the funding of a recycling bin and appropriate sticker to the cost of up to £180 to Stocksbridge NI School for the project proposal of the School Council.

With reference to item 7 – Re-introduction of Train Services. The Clerk noted that Cllr. RJC had previously circulated a draft letter for approval. Cllr. SA had emailed a request that the letter included the fact that we have no post 16 education in the Valley and difficulties of young people having to travel across Sheffield, particularly if they want to do specialised courses such as languages, when they can spend hours travelling each day.
All members were in agreement with the content and the inclusion of Cllr SA's request. Cllr. RJC undertook to amend the letter and forward to the Clerk who would then send the letter to Miriam Cates MP.

With reference to item 9 – Painting on Loan to Sheffield Museums. The Clerk informed members of further information received from Sheffield Museums in regard to the damage to the loaned painting.

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council request that Sheffield Museums undertake a full treatment to restore the painting at a cost of £2540.40.

262. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd March 2020, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. R J Crowther, seconded by Cllr. M Milton and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Finance Committee be accepted.
(ii) That a grant of £550 be awarded to Valley Music Festival for funding assistance towards this year's Valley Music Festival event.
(iii) That a grant of £300 be awarded to Stocksbridge Christian Centre Lunch Club for assistance with community transport costs for members attending the Lunch Club.
(iv) That a grant of £580 be awarded to Stocksbridge & District History Society for funding assistance towards the purchase of micro polyester sleeves to house the map collection held by the Society.
(v) That a grant of £2,000 be awarded to STEP Development Trust as funding assistance towards a celebration event for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, open to all local residents.
(vi) That a grant of £2,100 be awarded to Friends of Oxley Park, from the SLLP Community Grant scheme, for funding towards a Summer Solstice Celebration, a festival celebrating Stocksbridge's cultural heritage with local residents and visitors.

263. Town Fund
There was no update at this time.

264. Accounts for Payment
Proposed by Cllr. M Milton, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and
(i) That the cheques be paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts.

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	March	£3030.22	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Bolsterstone toilets water	£ 10.00	LGA72Sch14P9
	Temps monitoring		
Viking	Stationery/stamps	£ 97.53	LGA72(S111)
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for mileage & parking	£ 12.44	“
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for Citizens Award vouchers	£ 204.30	“
Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance renewal	£ 402.68	“
Peak Park Parishes Forum	Subscription renewal	£ 6.00	“
Valley React	Reimbursement for t/port	£ 140.00	LGA76(S19)
Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School	Grant Aid	£ 175.95	“
Stocksbridge Christian Centre Lunch Club	Transport Grant	£ 300.00	“
Valley Music Festival	Grant Aid	£ 550.00	“
STEP Development Trust	Grant Aid	£2000.00	“
Stocksbridge History Society	Grant Aid	£ 580.00	“
4SLC Trust	Quarterly Grant Aid	£5000.00	“

(ii) That cheques be paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-
LGA72(S111)

NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning – Feb	£ 653.26	“
Firths Window Cleaning Serv	Windows cleaned – Mar	£ 55.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Town Hall water temps	£ 20.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Roof repairs + paint gutters downpipes to Town Hall	£ 725.00	“
Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance renewal	£1701.68	“
Davis Gas & Heat	Supply & replace kitchen taps in SVP & ARC	£ 144.00	“
Davis Gas & Heat	Replace hot water heater	£ 320.00	“
AquaPoint Ltd	Water supply/rental/service	£ 84.45	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopier usage	£ 9.77	“
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for hand Sanitizer	£ 49.47	“

(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debit payments made in February 2020:-

			LGA72(S111)
Moorepay	Standing charge	£ 35.99	“
Moorepay	Monthly charge	£ 61.63	“
Veolia	Eurobin Lift (Jan)	£ 105.54	“
Veolia	Eurobin Lift (Feb)	£ 85.44	“
British Telecommunications plc	STC Broadband	£ 280.08	“
British Telecommunications plc	EMCS line	£ 43.16	“

Chairman