

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 12th October 2023

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

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

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. S Abrahams, K Davis and R J Crowther.

The Chairman was pleased welcome M Derbyshire who presented a certificate from the Fairtrade Group noting that the Town had once again attained Fairtrade Status. The Chairman passed on the congratulations of the Town Council on this achievement.

116. Exclusion of the Press and Public

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

117. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

118. Public Questions and Petitions

There were no public questions and petitions.

119. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th September 2023

With reference to item 94 - Public Rights of Way. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Public Rights of Way regarding footpath 20 and 20a, known as Mucky Lane, following comments submitted by the Town Council. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

With reference to item 112, paragraph 18 – Towns Deal Trails Project. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Co-Chairs of the Towns Fund Board in response to questions raised by the Town Council informing that the Board stand by their decision not to fund sections of the UDT and is now seeking to invest funding in a Trails Project which they believe is a better investment for residents, businesses and visitors to Stocksbridge. The team must remain focussed on projects which are deliverable and will bring the best outcome for the Town, in particular Town Centre Projects, which are key to the regeneration of Manchester Road. As a statutory consultee on planning matters the Town Council will be kept informed when planning applications are prepared and submitted and the Town Council's representative on the Board can also represent views between the Towns Fund Board and the Town Council. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

120. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th September 2023
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 14th September 2023, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. A Law, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
121. 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 Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. A Law and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for September 2023 as supplied by the Clerk.
122. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations
Correspondence including:-
- White Rose Update, 22nd September
- Law and Governance Monthly, September 2023
- White Rose Update, 6th October
Copies previously circulated.
123. Sheffield Transport User Group
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Neighbourhood Officer at Helliwell Court regarding the re-direction of the bus services in the area, asking if their concerns could be raised at a future STUG meeting. This correspondence had been forwarded to Cllr. JS as the Town Council representative on this committee.

The Clerk reported that an agenda had been received for the next STUG hybrid meeting which would be held on 5th October, commencing at 10.30am. This information had been forwarded to Cllr. JS.
124. Peak Park Parishes Forum
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Peak Park Parishes Forum informing that their AGM would be held on 7th October in Bakewell.
The Clerk reported that she had since received minutes of the Peak Park Parishes Forum AGM.
125. Bus Service Changes
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYMCA informing of bus service changes effective from 29th October, with services 57/57a Sheffield – Stocksbridge having changes to the times of most journeys on all days of the week.
126. SYMCA
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYMCA advising that as part of his campaign for a fair funding deal for public transport SY Mayor, Oliver Coppard will be holding public meetings in some of the communities that have been hardest hit by service cuts and transport connectivity issues, one being held on Friday, 6th October commencing at 6pm in Smithy Moor Community Centre. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

127. CPRE

The Clerk reported that she had received from CPRE a copy of Countryside Voices, Autumn/Winter 2023.

128. Bolsterstone Archaeology Heritage Group

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Bolsterstone Archaeology Heritage Group inviting members of the public to a Graveyard Day to be held in Bolsterstone Village Hall on 4th November.

129. Clerks ReportsRemembrance Day

The Clerk reported that a further meeting had been held with representatives from the Royal British Legion with respect to this year's Remembrance Day Service and Parade and Re-dedication of the Clock Tower. The Clerk noted ongoing issues with the clock but had, once again reported these to Sheffield City Council.

SUD Partnership Meeting

The Clerk reported that she had attended the SUD Partnership meeting held on 11th October, chaired by Cllr Grocutt.

130. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr A Law informed of attendance at the SUD TARA meeting, noting plans to hold forthcoming events including a coffee morning and magic shows at Christmas for the children. He had also attended the Remembrance Day meetings.

b) Cllr J Wood noted she had attended the Councillor training sessions and had found them very useful and informative.

c) Cllr J Grocutt noted that the food bank had now relocated to the Christian Centre on Cedar Road, with the Community shop having opened there. This was proving very popular but food stocks were urgently needed. The Citizen's Advice bureau operates a service which is also proving beneficial.

Cllr JG had also attended the Homegrown crafting event at the Library.

Cllr JG noted attendance at a Towns Fund project meeting, informing of a public consultation event for the Trails project to be held at Smithymoor Community Centre on 19th October, 3pm to 7pm.

Cllr JG had chaired the SUD LAC meeting on 12th October which had received a lengthy update from Sgt Masters. She noted the work being carried out by Youth Services team and the links being made at the meeting between this team and Housing and suggested that the TARA work together with these organisations.

Cllr JG had attended the Royal British Legion meeting noting that it is important the public are aware that the Remembrance Day Service will commence earlier in order to incorporate the Re-dedication service for the Clocktower.

Cllr JG informed that the Household Support fund would be handing out £15 food vouchers during the school half term.

Cllr JG had also informed of the Upper Don Renewable Energy event assisting households during the cost of living crisis with energy saving schemes.

d) Cllr J Staniforth reported on attendance at the Transport Group meeting where he had voiced concerns over the forthcoming cuts to services.

Cllr JS also noted attending the bus consultation event held by SY Mayor Oliver Coppard. OC had informed attendees of his proposals for taking control of bus services, however, it was noted

that the SY Mayoral Authority cannot legally take ownership of buses. Discussions had arisen regarding the possible opening of train services and it had been suggested that a train/tram model would be more feasible. Cllr JW noted that Chris Bell, Don Valley Railway group, had appeared on the local news regarding this matter. Cllr JG asked that CB be invited to a Town Council meeting in order to update members and the public on what the Government's recent announcement could mean for the area, noting the various options regarding potential train travel from Stocksbridge to Sheffield.

Cllr JS noted that the swings in Smithymoor playground had been removed by SCC and were to be replaced shortly. Following discussion Cllr JG noted it may be useful for the Friends of Smithymoor group to invite the new Parks Officer, Richard Dewsbury, to one of their meetings to discuss options for the playground and funding that may be available.

131. 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:-

Greave House Farm Open Day

Community Arts event, Greenmoor Church

21st Sept – Launch of the Community Warming Project by the Upper Don Community Energy Group at St Ann's Church hall

24th Sept – re-dedication ceremony for the bells at St Mary's Church, Bolsterstone

He noted his disappointment in not being able to attend the opening concert of this year's Homegrown Festival event held at Christ Church, due to being ill. However, his Opening speech had been read out in his absence.

5th Oct – Remembrance Day Parade meeting

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

Proposed by Cllr J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr A Law and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council object to the following application noting concerns over shared access particularly during the construction stage with large vehicles requiring access. It is strongly advised that the Planning Committee attend a site visit in order to gain an understanding of the location and the difficulties that could be apparent during the construction phase.

23/02863/OUT	49 Carr Road, Deepcar	Outline application (approval sought for all matters except landscaping) for the erection of two dwellings.
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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.
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23/03076/FUL	Edgecliffe Cottage, Don Hill Heights, Stocksbridge	Erection of single-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.
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Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

23/02518/FUL	32 Maple Grove, Stocksbridge	Erection of single-storey rear extension to bungalow (Retrospective Application).
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23/02201/FUL	63 Kenworthy Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of two-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.
23/02158/FUL	River Don, Deepcar	Partial removal of weir to create fish Pass. (Grid Reference - SK 29468 98354).
21/01882/COND1	Land adjacent 1 Samuel Fox Avenue, Stocksbridge	The undermentioned planning applications have been given Condition application Decided:- Application to approve details in relation to condition numbers 3. Surface Water Drainage Design, 4. Phase 1 Preliminary Risk Assessment Report, 5. Phase II Intrusive Site Investigation Report, 6. Remediation Strategy Report, 7. Floor/Plot Levels, 8. and 9. Coal Mining Legacy, 11. External Materials/Finishes, 12. Site Boundary Treatment, and 14. Highway Surface Water; Relating to planning permission 21/01882/FUL.
22/03982/COND1	More Hall Grange Cottage, More Hall Lane, Ewden	Application to approve details in relation to condition no(s) 3. Hard/Soft Landscaping; Relating to planning permission 22/03982/FUL.

133. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd October 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr. A Law, seconded by Cllr. J Wood and **RESOLVED:-** (i) That the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.

With reference to item 6 – Senior Citizens Christmas Party. The Clerk reported that she had now received costings for catering/hall hire for this year’s event being £3,350 inclusive of VAT. Proposed by Cllr. A Law, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and **RESOLVED:-** That the Town Council approve expenditure of £3,350 inclusive of VAT for catering/hall hire for this year’s Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

134. Accounts for Authorisation
Proposed by Cllr. A Law, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and **RESOLVED:-** (i) That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	October 2023	£3655.90	LGA72(S111)
SUD Tenants Association	Grant	£ 170.00	LGA76(S19)
Bolsterstone Archaeology Group	Grant	£ 315.00	LGA76(S19)
3 rd Stocksbridge Scouts	Grant	£ 300.00	LGA76(S19)
Sheffield Lip Reading Group	Grant	£ 300.00	LGA76(S19)
Parents of Deepcar School	Grant	£ 300.00	LGA76(S19)
4SLC Trust	Revenue Funding Qtr 3	£5000.00	LGA76(S19)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water Monitoring	£ 10.30	LGA72(Sch14P9)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Repairs & Parts – Toilets	£ 330.00	LGA72(Sch14P9)
Viking	Stationery/Postage	£ 63.76	LGA72(S111)

(ii) That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The

ARC:-			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Firths	Window Cleaning	£ 60.00	LGA72(S111)
NRC	Cleaning Charges	£ 880.42	LGA72(S111)
IPM Group	Annual Keyholding Fee	£ 300.00	LGA72(S111)
IPM Group	Call Out Charge	£ 54.00	LGA72(S111)
Micro Alarms	Remote Reset Charge	£ 33.60	LGA72(S111)
Gemcall	Sanitary Disposal Service	£ 350.00	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water Monitoring	£ 20.60	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Repairs to Roof/Gutters	£ 150.00	LGA72(S111)
Copymark	Photocopying Charges	£ 12.44	LGA72(S111)
Culligan	Water Cooler Charges	£ 66.99	LGA72(S111)

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

September 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)
HMRC	VAT Payment	£ 263.72	LGA72(S111)
Moorepay	Payroll charges	£ 84.47	LGA72(S111)
Intuit Ltd – Quickbooks	VAT software subscription	£ 16.80	LGA72(S111)
Veolia	Waste removal	£ 101.87	LGA72(S111)

Chairman