

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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PRESENT: Cllr. R J Crowther (Chair); Cllrs. M Whittaker, J A Grocutt, S Abrahams,  
A S Law and J Staniforth from Item 242

IN ATTENDANCE: Revd Ian Lucraft, Christ Church and Pastor Ben Lloyd, IKON – Item 251  
(Part 2 of the meeting)

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237. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr. C Ward.  
Cllr. J Staniforth would be arriving late.
238. Exclusion of the Press and Public  
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
239. Declarations of Interest  
There were no Declarations of Interest.
240. Public Questions and Petitions  
There were no public questions and petitions.
241. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
With reference to item 231 a) second paragraph – Signage for HGVs. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Transport Planning informing that they would not wish to install a non-HGV sign at the location of Hunshelf Bank as there may be a legitimate need for HGVs to access this area. They suggest approaching the steel works to ask them to place a sign on the railings at this location directing vehicles to the correct location, possibly saying Liberty Steels with an arrow to the roundabout.

The Clerk reported that she had written to Liberty Steels and had today spoken to Edward Bradshaw who had undertaken to install a sign on the steelworks railings facing the junction at the bottom of Fox Valley Way indicating the way for HGV drivers to the next roundabout.

*Cllr. J Staniforth arrived at this point of the meeting.*

242. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.  
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and  
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

243. 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. A S Law and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for March 2022 as supplied by the Clerk.

The Clerk informed that monies remaining in the Grants and Community Events budget heads would be rolled forward to this financial year.

244. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

Correspondence including:-

- White Rose Update, 18<sup>th</sup> March

- White Rose Update, 25<sup>th</sup> March

- White Rose Update, 1<sup>st</sup> April

- White Rose Update, 8<sup>th</sup> April

- South Yorkshire Branch nomination paper for the election of branch chairman, vice-chairman and representatives for the YLC A Joint Executive Board

Copies previously circulated.

245. UDAC

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from UDAC announcing their launch on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 and how people can be involved.

246. Streets Ahead

The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Streets Ahead Newsletter, March 2022. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

247. Royal British Legion

The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of a branch meeting of the Royal British Legion held on 9<sup>th</sup> March. T Curson had also queried whether the Clerk had managed to secure a band to play at the Remembrance Day Parade.

248. SY Enhanced Plan and Scheme

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence informing that at the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Meeting held on 21 March 2022, the Enhanced Partnership Plan and the making of an Enhanced Partnership Scheme on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 were formally agreed, and will be implemented from 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

249. Stocksbridge & District History Society

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from D Pindar, Stocksbridge & District History Society thanking the Town Council for their grant assistance towards new processors and extending their apologies for being unable to collect the cheque due to prior commitments, also inviting members to visit the museum once the new processors are installed.

250. Clerks ReportsSUD Partnership Meeting

The Clerk reported that she had attended the SUD Partnership meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March, together with the Chairman, noting that it had been a productive meeting with positive outcomes on

issues raised, it being good to have several organisations around the table together to push matters forward to a conclusion. The Clerk noted that she had met the new Youth Worker and would be inviting him to attend a future Town Council meeting.

Members noted the ongoing anti-social behaviour around the Stubbin shops area, noting that there are still cameras in situ. The Clerk was requested to contact Ross Masters for an update on Police activity around the Stubbin area, asking if the cameras are of any use.

#### SLLP Legacy Meetings – Representation

The Clerk informed members that she had received a call from T Bagshaw, SLLP Committee requesting that Parish/Town Council representation be made at the SLLP Legacy/Development meetings which were held quarterly.

#### Rundle Road Playground

The Clerk reported that she had just received correspondence from the Community Forestry Project Development Officer informing that they had today planted two trees and removed a dead tree from Rundle Road Playground and they hoped to plant a hedge along the fence line when the next tree planting season commenced in November.

The Clerk noted that they Opening Event, including the planting, had had to be postponed due to snow but that tree planting could only happen at certain times of the year. The Clerk undertook to contact A Rowland to ascertain if the Opening event could be re-arranged.

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and

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

#### 251. Stocksbridge Food Bank

The Chairman welcomed Revd Ian Lucraft and Ben Lloyd who had been invited in order to inform members of plans to expand the Stocksbridge Food Bank. A paper outlining proposals had been previously circulated to members for consideration.

Revd IL informed that the couple running the Food Bank had decided to retire at the beginning of June which had lead to himself and Pastor BL thinking about the future development of the Food Bank, noting that the balance has changed the survival level for people as there are fewer benefits and no discretionary payments, families need 2x incomes to survive.

Cllr. MW queried whether there would be a religious tone to the proposals. Revd IL stated that they had deliberately moved away from this, although there would be someone available should anyone wish to speak privately.

Cllr. SA enquired whether the Food Bank would be able to be involved in the next round of the Participatory Budgeting Scheme. The Clerk noted that they would be able to put a project forward, along with any other groups, for consideration by members of the public. It would be down to the public who benefitted from the CIL funding.

The Chairman thanked both Revd I Lucraft and Pastor B Lloyd for attending the meeting and felt he could speak on behalf of Councillors to agree in principle to support the proposed project and items 1 and 3 of the requests made to the Town Council.

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

**RESOLVED:-** That the Town Council agree in principle to support the idea of assisting the Food Bank project and items 1 and 3 of the proposals. Further discussion would be held in the future on other items once the project moved forward.

252. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr. ASL reported that he had attended a successful TARA meeting.

Cllr. JAG queried whether plans for resident members contributions had been discussed and Cllr. SA requested clarification on whether Town Councillors attending could vote on issues.

b) Cllr. MW advised that he had attended the SCLC Easter Fayre as a stall holder. The event had been very successful with lots of visitors.

Cllr. MW had attended the SVP Steering Committee meeting and reported they ran a small deficit last year but had work lined up for the forthcoming financial year.

Cllr. MW raised the issue of a resident receiving a letter stating that their property was to be re-developed as part of the Towns Fund scheme and a valuation offered to them, if they do not accept it could be a compulsory purchase order.

Cllr. JAG stated that the offer would have to be in line with the present housing climate and suggested that the resident also obtain a valuation of the property.

c) Cllr. SA updated members on The Venue noting that £5,000 had been set aside for community groups who are struggling to pay room rental.

Cllr. SA reported that UDAC continues to move forward with the constitution and bank account and are hoping for a launch date in September.

Cllr. SA stated that she was receiving distressing calls from employees of Dominos deliveries in Fox Valley noting rapidly deteriorating working conditions. These were very vulnerable people who were being taken advantage of and Cllr. SA felt very uncomfortable with the situation.

Cllr. JAG noted that this was an issue citywide, particularly in the service industry, and she was meeting with the Sheffield Trades Council.

d) Cllr. JAG reported that she had attended a Digital Inclusion Meeting and it was hoped to set up pop up events/training in the near future, possible commencing with the Friday Drop In.

Cllr. JAG had attended the Towns Fund consultation which had been well attended and a SYPTE/Stagecoach meeting.

Cllr. JAG enquired if members wished to receive updates regarding Ukraine families, noting that people offering their homes to refugees in the S36 area were not yet on the system.

Cllr. JAG informed that the Trustees of the Stubbin Community Centre have been informed that they can re-enter the building but that they must produce a business plan moving forward.

e) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended the SCLC Easter Fayre which had been very busy and the Craft Fayre at the Inman Pavilion which had been attended by 35 children.

253. 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:-

16<sup>th</sup> March – SUD LAC Partnership Meeting

Govenors meeting at the High School

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

Proposed 5G Telecommunications Installation for H3G UK

Site: Broomfield Lane Streetworks, Bracken Moor, Coal Pit Lane, Stubbin, Stocksbridge

Type of Installation: Proposed 15.0m Phase 9 Monopole and associated ancillary works.

The Clerk noted that an invitation had been issued for WHP Telecoms Ltd to attend a future meeting to discuss the application.

22/00948/FUL	17 Broomfield Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of single-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.
22/00879/FUL	3 Red Fern Grove, Stocksbridge	Demolition of detached garage, rear conservatory and side porch, and erection of a two storey rear extension with provision of raised patio, and erection of a detached garage to rear of dwellinghouse.
22/00962/FUL	Ewden Sewage Treatment Works, Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Upgrading of sewage treatment works including erection of 2x dosing kiosks, 1x blower kiosk, emergency shower unit, hardstanding delivery area/access road and external access stairs primary settlement tank (PST).
22/01227/FUL	The Cruck Barn, 33 Pen Nook Close, Deepcar	Erection of oak frames, wooden cladded double garage to front/side of grade II listed barn.
22/01458/LBC	The Cruck Barn, 33 Pen Nook Close, Deepcar	Erection of oak frames, wooden cladded double garage to front/side of grade II listed barn.

#### Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning application has been Granted Conditionally:-

22/00112/FUL	18 Victoria Road, Stocksbridge	Demolition of detached garage, erection of a two-storey side extension, single-storey front porch extension, alterations to ground floor front window to create square bay window and alterations to fenestration of dwellinghouse.
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The undermentioned planning application has been Refused:-

22/00185/OUT	Land between 48 and 40 Haywood Lane, Deepcar	Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of 5 dwellings (re-submission).
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The undermentioned planning applications have been Withdrawn:-

21/05340/FUL	Gate House, Henholmes, Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Demolition of side extension and erection of single-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.
22/00447/FUL	17 Unsliven Road, Stocksbridge	Demolition of garage, erection of first floor, two-storey side and rear extensions with balcony to rear, and single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.

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

21/03035/COND1	Bowden Auto Repairs, Viola Bank, Stocksbridge	Application to approve details in relation to condition number 3. Historic
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17/04673/COND3 Land at junction with Carr Road, Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar

Mine Entry, relating to planning permission 21/03035/FUL. Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 11 (Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI)) imposed by planning permission 17/04673/OUT.

255. Recreation and Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

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

RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.

(ii) That the Town Council agree:-

(a) That the Annual Citizens Award for 2022 be awarded to:-

Jim and Pat Heathcote, Crossing Wardens at Stocksbridge Nursery Infant and Stocksbridge Junior Schools.

Friends of Oxley Park for the ongoing work at Oxley Park creating refurbished recreational facilities.

Stocksbridge & Deepcar Litter Pickers group, formed during the pandemic to tackle the ever increasing litter problems around the area.

(b) That each recipient be presented with a £50 gift voucher and a certificate.

256. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and

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

With reference to item 5 - Queens Platinum Jubilee – the Clerk tabled a further grant application for consideration.

The Meeting Place at Christ Church

Members considered a request from The Meeting Place at Christ Church for funding towards a garden party/afternoon tea with lawn games, music and other activities for its 40 members to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

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

RESOLVED:- That funding of £150 be awarded to The Meeting Place at Christ Church towards a garden party/afternoon tea with lawn games, music and other activities for its 40 members to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

257. Accounts for Authorisation

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

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	April 2022	£3412.85	LGA72(S111)
Yorkshire Local Councils Assn	Annual Subscription 22/23	£1508.00	“
Peak Park Parishes Forum	Annual Subscription 22/23	£ 6.00	“
Viking	Stationery	£ 24.43	“

Look Local	Advert – Queens Jubilee	£ 648.00	LGA72(S137)
T Bisatt	Rose bushes – QPJ	£ 286.81	“
Valley React	Transport Grant	£ 160.00	LGA76(S19)
Stocksbridge History Society	Grant Aid	£ 460.00	“
Stocksbridge Pentaqua Swim Club	Grant Aid	£1000.00	“
Upper Don Renewable Energy Grp	Grant Aid	£1000.00	“
Valley In Bloom	Funding for 2022/2023	£2000.00	“
Balfour House	Queens Platinum Jubilee funding	£ 200.00	“
Helliwell Court	Queens Platinum Jubilee Funding	£ 200.00	“
Newton Grange	Queens Platinum Jubilee Funding	£ 200.00	“
Valley React Stocksbridge	Queens Platinum Jubilee Funding	£ 200.00	“
S Hayes Hazy Dayz	Queens Platinum Jubilee Funding	£ 50.00	“
Bolsterstone Community Group	Queens Platinum Jubilee Funding	£ 200.00	“
Belmont Care Nursing Home	Queens Platinum Jubilee Funding	£ 200.00	“
Early STEPS Nursery	Queens Platinum Jubilee Funding	£ 200.00	“

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

Made Under Power

Micro Alarms Ltd	Alarm repair	£ 197.40	LGA72(S111)
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning contract	£ 656.44	“
Firths Window Cleaning Services	Window cleaning – March	£ 55.00	“
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Wright Brothers Partnership Ltd	Controller/radiator repairs	£1345.54	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Fit letterbox cage	£ 35.00	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopier charges	£ 26.90	“

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

March 2022:-

Made Under Power

Intuit Ltd – Quickbooks	VAT software subscription	£ 14.40	“
Moorepay	Payroll monthly charge	£ 69.40	“
Veolia	Waste removal	£ 90.05	“
British Telecommunications plc	Broadband charges	£ 146.52	“
SSE Southern Electric	Electricity charges	£1563.15	“

Chairman