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PRESENT: Cllr. K Davis (Chair); Cllrs. C Ward, J Staniforth, J A Grocutt and B Grundill

IN ATTENDANCE: A Clarke and G Silverwood – 4SLC Trust for Stocksbridge
Community Leisure Centre – Item 153

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. A S Law, J Clarkson and R J Crowther.

151. Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no items on the agenda for Exclusion of the Press and Public.

152. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.

153. Oxley Park

The Chairman welcomed A Clarke and G Silverwood to the meeting who had been invited in order to update Councillors on proposals for Oxley Park following a project undertaken by Sheffield University students.

GS noted that all members had visited the Leisure Centre and supported the upgrades taken in stages to improve the facility commencing with the dry side, small pool and finally the opening of the big pool. The Leisure Centre was a real success, heavily used by the community but a levelling off of attendance had been noted so discussions had taken place as to the next stage, did they stay as they were or move forward. There were already sufficient gyms in the area so the possibility of improving Oxley Park had arisen. 3G/4G pitches were proving very popular in other areas so Sheffield University had been approached via Well North for students to undertake a project for a vision for Oxley Park.

AC stated that he had been actively working with local community groups to ascertain what they would wish to see on the land.

SCC had no desire or interest in transferring the Oxley Park Trust land/management over to 4SLC Trust, however, they are interested in working together to develop/improve the park and woodland area.

Well North have funded the project and consultation has taken place with the community, with schools, community groups and the public as to what they would want developed to bring the Leisure Centre and park together. The resulting findings have been presented to stakeholders, Lisa Firth, Cllr. Mary Lee and the Parks team and all have been supportive and Well North are still interested in developing the ideas to the next stage.

AC asked if the Town Council would wish to be involved and part of the stakeholder group.

Cllr. JAG stated that it was a fantastic plan/vision but raised concerns over how it would work with SCC, could they veto things? With SCC's vision of Sheffield being the outdoor city this project would fit the bill but SCC seemed to be promoting Derbyshire and not Sheffield.

AC noted that there was a need to be cautious when dealing with SCC.

The SLLP had been quite interested as were the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust and Steel Valley Project.

Cllr. JS asked if there would be floodlights on the 3G pitch, fencing and the pitches locked.

AC stated that the pitches would be fenced, locked and floodlit.

GS noted that floodlighting would be a planning issue and public views would be sought.

Cllr. KD raised his concerns that SCC were now showing support when originally they had shown no interest in Oxley Park, was this a risk?

AC stated that there would have to be a legal agreement drawn up between SCC/4SLC Trust and that Well North could fund professional services.

Councillors were fully confident that 4SLC Trust could do the job following on from their successes so far and that a way needed to be found to support and make it happen.

The Chairman thanked both A Clarke and G Silverwood for attending the meeting and undertook to raise some issues with Cllr. Mary Lee.

154. Public Questions and Petitions

There were no Public Questions and Petitions.

155. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9th November 2017

With reference to item 144c) second paragraph – Supertram Link Service Consultation. The Clerk reported that following the excellent letter provided by Cllr. JS she had received correspondence from J Young, Stagecoach advising that once the consultation has concluded all responses will be analysed. Stagecoach are particularly mindful of the needs of the local community and take note of the points raised regarding social inclusion. The Town Council will be appraised of the outcome of the consultation as soon as possible.

156. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 9th November 2017

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9th November 2017, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr. C Ward, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and

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

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

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the balances and comparison of spending against budget for November 2017 as supplied by the Clerk.

158. Streets Ahead/Amey The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from V Varnam advising of remedial resurfacing works in Stocksbridge and Deepcar due to be undertaken end November/beginning December.
The Clerk reported that she had also received from VV a copy of the Road Resurfacing Update for November 2017 detailing works to be undertaken from 2018 onwards. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
159. Hollin Busk Lane The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from a local resident enclosing a copy of a leaflet received from the owner of the land on the corner of Hollin Busk Lane, which has been sent to local properties within the vicinity of the plot requesting their opinions as to proposals for a small number of houses on the footprint of the former stables/greenhouses; an application to remove it from greenbelt; stabling and breeding of livestock ie pigs/horses/dogs/rabbits/chickens; a possible sanctuary for donkeys and other animals; provision of a tea shop; allotments; fishing and a solar farm. The wheel is in storage with the intention of restoring it and replacing it as a feature. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’ and also forwarded to SCC Planning who have forwarded it to the Enforcement Officer dealing with the current investigation.
160. Dransfield Properties Ltd The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Dransfield Properties including:-
- news release informing that two teenagers from Sheffield’s University Technology College Campus had created a special Christmas Campaign for Sandersons Department store
- news release informing that thousands had turned out to attend the big Christmas Lights switch on at Fox Valley ending with a fantastic firework display
- news release informing of the final Farmers Market prior to Christmas on 2nd December
- news release advising of the huge success of the visit of the Coca Cola truck to Fox Valley on 28th November with thousands turning out for the event
- new release noting the success of a team of students from Stocksbridge High School after entering the city wide BIG Challenge creating “Literary Lanterns”
- news release informing that RUH Associates is the latest company to move into offices at Harry Brearley House
Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
161. CPRE The Clerk reported that she had received from CPRE a copy of Countryside Voice, Winter 2017 and a copy of Fieldwork, Winter 2017.
162. SYPTE The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYPTE informing of Christmas and New Year travel arrangements. The Clerk had also received correspondence advising of forthcoming price changes to a number of ticketing products effective from 2nd January 2018. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
163. Bus Service Changes The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYPTE advising of changes to bus services effective from 27th January 2018 services affected in this area being:-
23a – Yorkshire Tiger – Barnsley-Stocksbridge
57 – Stagecoach – Sheffield-Worrall-Stocksbridge

201 – Stagecoach – Chapeltown-Stocksbridge
SL1 – Stagecoach – Middlewood-Stocksbridge Supertram Link
SL1a – Stagecoach – Middlewood-Stocksbridge Supertram Link
Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

164. Sheffield Landscape Lakeland Partnership (SLLP) The Clerk reported that she had attended the second monthly meeting of the SLLP on 4th December. The next meeting will be held on 8th January 2018.
165. Royd Infant School The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Royd Infant School advising of their participation in the Leading Parent Partnership Award aimed at increasing parental involvement in their child’s education. A meeting of the working party will be held on 11th January 2018 at 2pm. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
Cllr. JAG undertook to attend the meeting.
166. Steel Valley Project The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Steel Valley Project Annual Report for 2016/2017, copies of which had been previously circulated to members’.
167. Fox Valley The Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting today with A Holmes and Medi Parry-Williams regarding proposed ideas/events for 2018 for which future meetings would be organised to discuss further the participation of the Town Council. AH had also informed of weddings now being available at Fox Valley with a choice of two locations being Ponti’s and Blakes Tea Rooms and also outdoor weddings in the new bandstand, with a variety of catering packages available.
168. Walkers Are Welcome The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from D Pickersgill, Walkers Are Welcome informing of a bid to Britain’s Best Walking Neighbourhood and asking for support from the Town Council. Councillors were in favour of supporting the bid and the Clerk undertook to inform D Pickersgill.
169. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members’
a) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended the Leisure Centre Christmas Fayre which had been well attended as in the past and the Science Club at the Inman Pavilion which was always popular.
b) Cllr. JAG reported that she had attended the following events/meetings:-
- Friday Drop-In at which transport issues had been raised and she had subsequently requested a bus stop on the downhill side at Bracken Moor.
- Social Café at Christ Church which was doing well
- Coffee Morning at Balfour House
- Leisure Centre meeting with Well North at which an extensive presentation had been given regarding Oxley Park
- Community Forum AGM, unfortunately not enough people had attended therefore they were not quorate to hold the meeting
- TARA AGM at Helliwell Court at which the PCSO’s had given an update on policing in the area which had been quite alarming

- Cllr. JAG had been interviewed by Jason Leman the Sheffield University student undertaking his PhD Politics degree and subsequently requested to speak to the Clerk with regard to participatory budgeting

- Christmas tree planting with Steel Valley Project who had invited back the adults who had planted trees 30 years ago as children

- Valley React Christmas Dinner at The Legion

- opening of the new bandstand at Fox Valley

- Senior Citizens Christmas Party at The Venue

c) Cllr. CW advised that she had attended the Remembrance Day Parade and Service and the wreath making event held at Smithy Moor Community Centre hosted by Floral Magic.

Cllr. CW reported that residents were raising concerns with regard to the forthcoming roadworks on the Bitholmes, signage was in place but as yet nothing seemed to be happening.

Cllr. KD understood that drilling and testing had been undertaken on the land to the rear of the STEP building on Wortley Road.

The Clerk noted that representatives from Bloors and Yorkshire Water would be attending the 11th January Town Council meeting if members of the public wished to attend.

170. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Clerk reported that the Mayor, Cllr. Keith Davis had attended the following events since the last meeting:-

10th November – Remembrance Day Dress Rehearsal

11th November – Remembrance Day Service at St Mary’s Church, Bolsterstone/70th Anniversary commemoration of the Choir’s tragedy in Holmfirth

12th November – Remembrance Day Parade and Service attended by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant

16th November – presentation of a cheque to Bluebell Wood from funding raised at Bracken Moor

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

28th and 30th November – handout of the tickets for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party

29th November – Valley React Christmas Dinner at The Legion

5th December – Ward Pot meeting

13th December – Senior Citizens Christmas Party at The Venue which had been brilliant and enjoyed by all attending

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

NP/S/1117/1154	The Old Sawmill, New Mill Bank, Ewden Valley	Conversion of workshop buildings to dwellings for use as holiday lets.
17/04609/CHU	479-481 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Change of use from retail to mixed use to include café, beauty salon, fitness Studio, martial arts and gymnasium.
17/04587/FUL	38 Lee Avenue, Deepcar	Single-storey side extension to D05052/FUL wellinghouse.
17/04817/FUL	Dransfield Properties Ltd, Dransfield House, 2 Fox Valley Way, Stocksbridge	Provision of 2 electrical car charging points and associated feeder pillar.

17/04843/FUL	22 Whitehead Avenue, Stocksbridge	Two-storey side and rear extension to dwellinghouse.
17/04874/FUL	The Stables, Langley Brook Farm, Clay Pits Lane, Stocksbridge	Two-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.
17/05052/FUL	6 St Helen Road, Deepcar	Single-storey side/front extension to dwellinghouse.

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

17/03888/FUL	Glebelands Road Playground, Glebelands Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of 2 dwellings.
17/03518/FUL	6 Smithy Moor Lane, Stocksbridge	Dormer windows to front, single-storey side and single/two storey rear extensions to dwellinghouse (Amended description and plans).
17/03102/RG3	Route Running Between Level Crossing Over Liberty Steel Rail Lines Into Fox Valley Housing Site And Track Running To Ellen Cliff Farm Leading From Wortley Road, Deepcar	Construction of a bituminous macadam surfaced shared use route for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians including removal of existing trees and vegetation, installation of fencing, a bridge over the Little Don river with access ramps and minor planting and habitat management works as amended 06.10.17, 11.10.17, 20.10.17 and 24.10.17.
17/03998/TCA	Highlands, Stone Moor Road, Bolsterstone	Pruning of trees (Bolsterstone Conservation Area).
17/03754/FUL	Midge Hall Farm, garage. Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of a detached
17/03804/OUT	Within the curtilage of 31 Broomfield Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of a dwellinghouse.
17/04328/FUL	23 Broomfield Road, Stocksbridge	Two-storey front extension and demolition of existing garage and erection of a new double detached garage.
17/02316/OUT	Land at rear of 19 Broomfield Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of detached dwelling.
The undermentioned	planning application has been given	Condition Application Decided:-
16/00802/COND1	Site of 19 Haywood Lane and 8 Ash Lane, Stocksbridge (Numbered 21-33 Haywood Lane, Stocksbridge)	Application to approve details in relation to Condition No(s) 3. Site investigation report, 4. Vehicle ingress/egress, 5. Foul and surface water discharge, 6. Land/ground gas contamination, 7. Phase I Preliminary Risk Assessment Report, 8. Phase II Intrusive Site

Investigation Report, 10. External materials/finishes, 11. Site boundary treatment, 12. Landscape scheme, 13. Car parking accommodation, 15. Cleaning of wheels/vehicles, 16. Footways; relating to planning permission no. 16/00802/FUL.

172. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 5th December 2017, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.

With reference to item 6 – Closure of NatWest Bank, Stocksbridge. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Julie Jackson, Local CEO advising that the decision to close the NatWest branch will not be reversed and citing a number of alternatives for customers once the branch is closed. JJ will not be able to attend a Town Council meeting but is happy to meet with Councillors in the branch to discuss the options available and how we can work together going forward.

Cllrs. KD and JAG stated that they would attend a meeting and requested the Clerk to arrange for J Jackson to come to an informal meeting in the Council Chamber early in the new year.

173. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 5th December 2017, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Finance Committee be accepted.

174. Stocksbridge Transport Forum
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. J A Grocutt be elected as the Town Council representative to the Stocksbridge Transport Forum.

175. Accounts for Payment
Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. C Ward and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the cheques be paid in settlement of the under mentioned accounts.

		<u>Made Under Power</u>	
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions		£2714.79	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Bolsterstone toilets water	£ 10.00	PHA1936(S87)
	Temps monitoring		
Look Local	Xmas party advertisement	£ 150.00	LGA72(S137)
Look Local	Carols around the tree	£ 150.00	“
	Advertisement		
Look Local	Christmas Greetings advert	£ 108.00	“
Yorkshire Internal Audit Svcs	Internal Audit 2017/18	£ 315.00	LGA72(S111)
City Illuminations Ltd	Christmas Lights 2017	£11044.80	LGA72(S144)

T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for items For Remembrance Day/Xmas Party entertainment/hampers/ Raffle prizes etc.	£ 559.59	LGA72(S137)
Viking	Stationery/stamps	£ 121.26	LGA72(S111)
Waldershelf Singers	Donation for Carols Around the tree event	£ 50.00	LGA76(S19)
Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir	Donation for attending Senior Citizens Xmas Party	£ 150.00	“

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

NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning – Nov	£ 578.86	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Town Hall water temps	£ 20.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	6 monthly external maint to external drain pipe	£ 110.00	“
Firths Window Cleaning	Windows cleaned – Nov	£ 55.00	“
Firths Window Cleaning	Windows cleaned – Dec	£ 55.00	“
A W Electrics Ltd	Emergency Light inspection	£ 336.00	“
AquaPoint Ltd	Water supply/rental/service	£ 46.79	“
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement of Petty Cash	£ 50.00	“
IPM FM Group Ltd	Callout charge	£ 48.00	“
Micro Alarms Ltd	Access Control Service	£ 90.00	“

(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debit payments made in Nov 2017:-
Sheffield City Council Business Rates:-

ARC Management	Stocksbridge History Society	£ 37.00	LGA72(S111)
ARC Management	Communal Areas	£ 489.00	“
ARC Management	Rooms 10 & 11	£ 249.00	“
Stocksbridge Town Council	Bolsterstone Toilets	£ 56.00	“

British Telecommunications plc	Telephone charges – STC	£ 131.28	“
British Telecommunications plc	Broadband – STC	£ 101.12	“
British Telecommunications plc	EMCS line – ARC	£ 43.16	“
Veolia	Euro bin lift/rental	£ 74.64	“
Npower	Precinct supply	£ 30.66	“

(iv) That authority be given for cheques paid in settlement of the undermentioned account in respect of the Clerks Petty Cash Account:-

Bluebell Wood Children’s Hospice	Christmas Cards	£ 16.00	“
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(v) That approval be given for a cheque signed at the Finance Committee meeting in settlement of the undermentioned account:-

Stocksbridge Regeneration Co Ltd	14 x stalls for Older Persons Awareness Day	£ 140.00	LGA72(S144)
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(vi) That authority be given for a new HSBC bank mandate be signed to include new Councillors.

Chairman