

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 9th December 2021

PRESENT: Cllr. R J Crowther (Chair); Cllrs. M Whittaker, S Abrahams and Cllr. J Staniforth
from Item 161

146. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. J A Grocutt, A S Law, M Milton, C Ward and Cllr. J Staniforth would be arriving late.
147. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
148. Declarations of Interest
There were no Declarations of Interest.
149. Public Questions and Petitions
There were no public questions and petitions.
150. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th November 2021
There were no Remarks from the Minutes.
151. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th November 2021
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 11th November 2021, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
152. 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. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for November 2021 as supplied by the Clerk.
153. Upper Don Valley Arts Community (UDAC)
The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of the meeting of the UDAC held on 18th October 2021.

154. Dransfield Properties Ltd
Correspondence including:-
- Press release informing of events in Fox Valley taking place on weekends on the run up to Christmas Eve
Copies previously circulated.
155. Streets Ahead
The Clerk reported that she had received from Streets Ahead correspondence informing that road resurfacing works were to resume on the More Hall Lane junction with Manchester Road, commencing mid-December and lasting approximately 2 weeks. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
- The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Streets Ahead Newsletter for November/December 2021. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
156. South Yorkshire Transport Users Group
The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of the South Yorkshire Transport Users Group meeting held on 20th October 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated to members’.
157. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations
Correspondence including:-
- White Rose Update, 12th November
- Law and Governance Bulletin – 12th November
- White Rose Update, 19th November
- White Rose Update, 26th November
- White Rose Update, 3rd December
Copies previously circulated.
158. Stocksbridge and Upper Don Partnership Meeting
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Community Services Officer informing of a Stocksbridge and Upper Don Partnership meeting to be held on 24th January 2022 commencing at 10am to be held in the Council Chamber of Stocksbridge Town Hall. The partnership meetings will be held every four months and will consist of Ward Councillors, South Yorkshire Police, SCC Housing, SCC Parks & Countryside and local groups/organisations. The Chairman and herself would be attending on behalf of the Town Council.
159. SYMCA (South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority)
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYMCA advising that Supertram has announced plans to introduce temporary timetable changes effective from 28th November as a result of driver shortages. The changes are expected to be in place into 2022 until such time that Supertram has sufficient and sustainable driver resources available. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
- The Clerk reported that she had received further correspondence from SYMCA informing of Stagecoach Yorkshire industrial action effective from 27th November across the four Stagecoach Yorkshire bus depots which will cause disruption to services in Barnsley, Rotherham, Dearne Valley, Sheffield and West Yorkshire. Information will be updated on via social media channels. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

The Clerk reported that she had received further correspondence from SYPTE informing of Christmas travel arrangements over the festive period. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

160. St Matthias Church

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence via Cllr. SA in response to concerns raised by a member of the public regarding the disposal of the font and altar from St Matthias Church following its sale. It had appeared that the font had been ‘smashed up’ in order that it could be removed from the building. These concerns had been raised with the Diocese of Sheffield and a response received from Venerable Malcolm Chamberlain, Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham informing “that the font has been dismantled for disposal according to Church of England regulations. When a church building is sold and no new home can be found for the font and/or altar, it is the practice of the Church to reverently dismantle the item and, in the case of the altar, burn the wood. Where the church concerned has a burial ground in the churchyard, these remains would then be buried. Where this is not the case, as with St Matthias, they will be disposed of reverently. This may sound like an extreme act, but it is precisely because of the sacramental significance of the font and altar that we must dispose of them in such a way, in order to prevent them from falling in to hands where they might be used for spiritual practices that would be contrary to Christian faith and belief. Please be assured that this is not an act of vandalism; indeed the intent is precisely the opposite”. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

Cllr. J Staniforth joined the meeting at this point.

161. CPRE

The Clerk reported that she had received from CPRE a copy of Fieldwork, Winter 2021 and a copy of Countryside Voices, Winter 2021.

162. Clerks Reports

The Clerk reported that she had attended a virtual meeting of SCC in respect of the Transition to Committee system, the presentation notes of which had been circulated to members.

The Clerk reported that she had attended a Parish/Town Council LAC meeting to discuss the way forward with respect to representation at these meetings. The Clerk had suggested that the issue of parking around schools would be appropriate to raise at the Partner Panel meeting in January as this affected all areas.

The Clerk reported that the Senior Citizens Christmas Party, in the form of Afternoon Tea and socially distanced had gone well. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event, despite the restrictions and the chance to get out and meet up with friends.

The Clerk noted that she was keeping an eye on the covid restrictions regarding working from home, stating that NALC were still lobbying Government for legislation to hold remote meetings, should the need arise.

163. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members’

a) Cllr. MW reported that he had attended the Remembrance Day Parade which had gone well.

Cllr. MW had attended two TARA Group meetings; an Archaeological Group meeting and walk; UDAC Forum meeting; an SCC zoom meeting regarding changing to a Committee System; handed out tickets for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party and attended the Christmas Party which had been a great success; the SCLC Christmas Fayre and a fund raising carol concert outside Greave House Farm Trust.

Cllr. MW reported that TARA wished to increase awareness of their group and had requested contact details for the schools in order to perhaps have a logo competition. The Clerk undertook to forward the contact details. Cllr. MW noted the group's request for free room hire for meetings. Members noted that perhaps the group should lobby SCC for a dedicated space to use, as was the case in other areas.

b) Cllr. SA reported that she had been dealing with TARA issues via telephone; had attended the Remembrance Day Parade and had now become a keyholder at The Venue as there were insufficient volunteers at the present time. There was to be a meeting in the new year with Liberty Steels in respect of the lease. Cllr. SA requested any information the office may have with regard to Community Assets.

Cllr. SA advised that the Community Health Forum had disbanded and that remaining funding had been moved over to the Stocksbridge Community Care Group. The Friday Drop In was now up and running again.

Cllr. SA stated that there were a number of small groups requiring support to pay rents and that a community list was being compiled by SCLC to point people in the right direction for funding/what community spaces had to offer.

c) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended the Remembrance Day Parade and had been dealing with bin collection issues at Smithy Moor.

Cllr. JS had been contacted by the BBC regarding the passenger railway opening up.

Cllr. JS reported that the Craft Club at the Inman Pavilion would be held at the weekend.

d) In the absence of Cllr. MM the Clerk noted that he wished to raise his concerns on behalf of residents at the bus strikes which were crippling our area and causing much disruption, noting we had a number of key workers in the area who worked shifts.

164. 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:-

14th November – Remembrance Day Parade

1st December – W.I. Christmas Party held at Christ Church which had been fantastic

2nd December – SCC LAC meeting

SCC zoom meeting regarding the Modern Committee System

Cllr. RJC noted the issues with the bus strikes impacting on local residents, SYPTE had not done enough to deal with the situation.

Cllr. RJC informed of residents concerns/complaints regarding the traffic chaos when the Coca Cola wagon visited Fox Valley. However, this was one day and brought a large number of people from far afield to boost the economy of the area, and the children loved it. The Clerk noted that the whereabouts of the Coca Cola wagon had to be kept a secret until the last moment.

Cllr. RJC advised that he was to deliver the Christmas Cards from the competition to the winners at two schools tomorrow, possibly three and would be visiting the fourth school next week.

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

21/04794/FUL	Land to the rear of 8-10 Manchester Road, Deepcar	Construction of car park for 8 vehicles plus domestic bin area.
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21/04786/RDPN	Swinton, 463 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Use of first-floor (Use Class E) as 1x dwellinghouse (Use Class C3).
21/04076/FUL	Langley Brook Barn, Clay Pits Lane, Stocksbridge	Alterations to barn to allow use as a dwellinghouse including erection of first floor side extension, provision of associated parking.
21/04924/FUL	Holly Bank, 39 Carr Road, Deepcar	Demolition of side off-shot, rear conservatory and porch and erection of single-storey rear/side extension and provision of render to dwellinghouse.

Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, 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 expressing Councillors concerns that the area is impacted heavily by flooding at times of adverse weather and any application should ensure surface water entering the plot does not exit onto the road network and also ensure that the sewage system is adequate.

21/04832/FUL	Silver Fox Hotel, 839 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Demolition of public house and erection of 12 dwellinghouses with associated parking.
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Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

21/03035/FUL	Vamoose Camper Conversions, Viola Bank, Stocksbridge	Cladding and reprofiling of existing building and erection of a single-storey side extension to existing garage building to be used for the purpose of storing materials with a mezzanine office space (amended description).
21/03885/FUL	3 Belmont Drive, Stocksbridge	Demolition of conservatory and erection of single-storey side extension to dwellinghouse with addition of 1no. window to first floor side elevation.
21/04165/FUL	121 Carr Road, Deepcar	Erection of single-storey side and rear extension to dwellinghouse.
21/04253/FUL	3 Pheasant Lane, Ewden	Erection of single-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.
21/04076/FUL	Langley Brook Barn, Clay Pits Lane, Stocksbridge	Alterations to barn to allow use as a dwellinghouse including erection of first floor side extension, provision of associated parking.

The undermentioned planning application has been given Condition Application Decided:-

21/00967/COND1	Langley Brook Farm, Clay Pits Lane, Stocksbridge	Application to approve details in relation to condition numbers 1. Start Within 3 Years, 2. Approved Plans, 3. Land Contamination Investigation, 4. Intrusive Site Investigation Report, 5. Remediation Works, 6. External Materials/Finishes, 7. and 8. Remediation Strategy, 9. Timber
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Window Frames, 10. No Permitted Development, 11. External Lighting, and 12. Bat Brick; Relating to planning permission 21/00967/FUL.

The undermentioned planning application has been Refused:-

21/04177/LD2	Lancasters Property Services, 483 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Application to establish lawful use of premises as proposed micro bar (Application under Section 192).
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166. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 30th November 2021, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and

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

167. Election of Representative to the Stocksbridge and Upper Don Tenants and Residents Association

Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and

RESOLVED:- That Cllr. A S Law be the Town Council representative on the Stocksbridge and Upper Don Tenants and Residents Association.

168. Accounts for Authorisation

Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, 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	December 2021	£3341.99	LGA72(S111)
T Bisatt	Xmas party/timer for lights	£ 296.72	LGA72(S137)
K Lindley	Xmas party/toilet supplies	£ 36.53	“
City Illuminations Ltd	Poppy display removal	£ 66.00	“
City Illuminations Ltd	Xmas lighting contract	£11044.80	LGA72(S144)
Sheffield City Council	Rundle Road playground Project	£2500.00	LGA72(Sch14p27)
Word for Word	Christmas card printing	£ 201.60	LGA72(S111)
The Venue	Christmas party hall/ catering	£1310.00	LGA72(S137)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Monthly water monitoring Bolsterstone toilets	£ 10.30	LGA72Sch14P9

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Lighting repairs	£ 235.00	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	6 monthly external maint.	£ 123.60	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Monthly water monitoring	£ 20.60	“
Wright Brothers Ltd	Annual service of boilers	£ 313.42	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopier usage	£ 46.02	“
Firths Windows	Window cleaning	£ 55.00	“
AquaPoint Ltd	Water cooler charges	£ 53.48	“
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning contract	£ 599.47	“
Stocksbridge Town Council	VAT transfer	£1116.93	“
Micro Alarms Ltd	Service callout	£ 33.60	“

(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debits paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts November 2021:-

				<u>Made Under Power</u>
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC	£	524.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – History	£	40.00	“
	Society			
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Bol toilets	£	60.00	“
Intuit Ltd – Quickbooks	VAT software subscription	£	14.40	“
Moorepay	Payroll monthly charge	£	69.40	“
Veolia	Waste removal	£	105.54	“
British Telecommunications	EMCS line	£	43.16	“
British Telecommunications	Phone charges	£	116.42	“
Societe Generale	Photocopier lease	£	194.40	“
Business Stream	Water charges – public	£	59.37	“
	toilets			

(iv) That the Town Council appoint Town Parish Audit to undertake the Internal Audit for the year ending 2021/2022.

Chairman