

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, The ARC, Stocksbridge on Thursday, 14th February 2019

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

1 member of the public – Item 205

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

There were no Apologies for Absence.

203. Exclusion of the Press and Public

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

204. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs. J Clarkson and A Law declared an interest in Planning, Item 215.

205. Public Questions and Petitions

The Chairman welcomed a member of the public who wished to note further issues in regard to parking outside the Junior School on Cedar Road, being that a baby had been left unattended in a front facing baby seat, which is illegal, on the front seat of the car for approximately 15 minutes whilst other children were collected from school.

The Chairman updated the resident on what the Town Council had done, noting that the school had been contacted and that the Police had attended the January meeting and were aware of the issues surrounding parking at the school. The Chairman reported that she had hosted the Junior School Council meeting in the Council Chamber on 31st January where parking had been an issue discussed and would be a future project at the school which she would be involved in.

The Chairman stated that perhaps it was time for the Police to abandon the softly, softly approach and start issuing people with fines. This latest issue would be reported to the Police.

The Chairman thanked the resident for attending and keeping the Town Council informed.

206. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th January 2019

There were no remarks from the minutes.

207. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 10th January 2019

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th January 2019, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and

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

208. 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. M Milton, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the balances and comparison of spending against budget for January 2019 as supplied by the Clerk.

209. Dransfield Properties Ltd The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Dransfield Properties including:-
- news release informing that Iceland will be joining the line up at Fox Valley with a planned opening of April 2019
 - news release advising that the monthly Farmers Markets will return on 2nd February
 - news release informing that a new restaurant and bar, McGilveray's will be opening at Fox Valley in time for Mothers Day weekend
- Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

210. Steel Valley Project The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of the Steel Valley Project Steering Committee meeting and AGM, both held on 10th December 2018.

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SVP thanking the Town Council for the grant assistance towards the Cedar Road Project.

211. Department for Transport The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Department for Transport informing of the proposed stopping up of highway at 8-10 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge. The Public Notice informing of the proposal had been placed on the Town Council noticeboard.

The Clerk reported that the Chairman had requested that the Town Council prepare a response to a paper from the Department for Transport regarding Light Rail (and other rapid transit solutions). This was a paper calling for evidence on the opportunities available to introduce new light rail systems or other rapid transit solutions into towns and cities in England.

The Chairman felt it was an opportunity to highlight the area and the transport issues and thought it would be good to get the Stocksbridge name put forward. The Clerk was requested to add the item to the next Recreation and Environment Committee meeting for further discussion and recommendation.

212. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations including:-
- White Rose Update, January 2019
 - Advice Note 25 – the Elections process 2019
 - Advice Note 27 – co-option following a casual vacancy
 - Lessons to be learned from casework
 - NAC open letter to Councillors
- Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

213. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members?

a) Cllr. MM advised that he had been getting up to date with the Hollin Busk planning application, noting that the area was not on the Local Area Plan and therefore should not be considered for development. Cllr. RJC advised that apparently Sheffield had sufficient building sites for the next 5.2 years which should negate the need for this development.

b) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended the Science Club at the Inman Pavilion which had been very well attended. Cllr. JS was also involved with ongoing casework with a local resident.

c) Cllr. KD reported that he had attended the STEP Board meetings held in January and February and queried whether the Town Council could provide some assistance with gap funding to cover overheads. The Clerk noted that community groups wishing to hire The Venue could apply to the Town Council for a grant to cover room hire etc.

Cllr. KD had also attended the Stocksbridge Community Forum meeting.

d) Cllr. JC informed that he was involved in casework issues and had received numerous queries regarding the Hollin Busk planning application.

e) Cllr. RJC reported that he had attended the Science Club, Royal British Legion meeting and Stocksbridge Community Forum meeting at The Venue.

f) Cllr. ASL advised that he had attended the Steel Valley Project and SLLP meeting where things were now progressing and also the HOPE canteen held in St John's Church at Deepcar on a Tuesday lunchtime. The Clerk requested details of events in order that they could be added to Facebook to reach a wider audience.

g) Cllr. CW reported on casework issues and noted that there was now an issue with mini motorbikes being ridden, in a circular route, up the gennel by Pot House shops, onto Lilac Avenue and round to Whitwell Lane at any hour of the day and night.

214. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

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

11th January – Health Forum meeting

17th January – Sheffield Transport consultation held in the Town Hall, Sheffield

19th January – Christian Centre coffee morning

23rd January – 3 parishes meeting held at Ecclesfield Parish Council

27th January – Volunteers event held at Fox Valley which had been very successful

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by a member of SCC Housing to ask if the Town Council would consider an award for volunteers. The Clerk had informed of the Town Council's Citizens Award scheme.

28th January – Holocaust Memorial event held at the City Hall, Sheffield with pupils from Stocksbridge High School reading poetry

28th January – Stocksbridge Photographic Society judging event

31st January – Stocksbridge Junior School Council held in the Council Chamber

4th February – Towns Womens Guild monthly meeting

5th February – Volunteer meeting held at the Leisure Centre

6th February – Royal British Legion meeting

8th February – Health Forum meeting, where initial discussions took place with respect to a Healthy Valley event to be held in September, which would coincide with the 3 parishes events

11th February – meeting with FRIENDS of Hollin Busk group

14th February – new Cornerstone Café held at the Christian Centre between 10-12 noon

14th February – 50+ meeting where a request had been made for a litter pick to be organised at Horner Close

The Mayor informed that she had also been involved in casework and had walked with a local resident along the new pathway by the Stonebridge Homes development where dog fouling was a major issue, as was most of the area.

The Mayor had also been in contact with Sergeant Frain in respect of the anti-social behaviour around the Pot House area and had also had an article on Stocksbridge printed in The Star.

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

18/04726/FUL	8-10 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Application to allow amendments to pre-commencement conditions (Application under Section 73 to vary/remove condition No(s) 2. Approved drawings, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 14. Contaminated Land, 7. Support of footway, 8. Car parking, 9. Landscaping, 10. Large scale details, 11. External Materials, 15. Cycle parking, 17. Reconstruction of footways, imposed by planning permission no. 18/02352/FUL.
19/00088/ADV	4 Ford House, 4 Fox Valley Way, Stocksbridge	2x internally illuminated fascia signs, 1x internally illuminated projecting sign and internal window vinyls.
18/04763/FUL	4 Ford House, 4 Fox Valley Way, Stocksbridge	Siting of air conditioning/refrigeration plant, and erection of plant compound to rear of unit.
19/00101/FUL	7 Pen Nook Close, Deepcar	Erection of two-storey side extension to dwellinghouse and erection of front porch.
19/00178/RG3	Stocksbridge Youth Centre, Coal Pit Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of security fence with entrance gates, pedestrian entrance gates and Provision of parking area (application Under Reg 3).
19/00216/FUL	2 Oxley Close, Stocksbridge	Erection of single-storey rear extension to dwellinhouse.
19/00110/FUL	5 St George Road, Deepcar	Demolition of front porch, erection of single-storey rear and single-storey front extension and increase driveway and opening width by 1.5metres.
19/00296/HPN	81 East Crescent, Stocksbridge	Single-storey rear extension - the extension is 6 metres from the rear of the original dwelling house, ridge height no more than 4 metres and

19/00559/FUL 22 Holin Busk Road,
Stocksbridge height to the eaves of 3 metres.
Erection of a rear two-storey extension
to dwellinghouse.

Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, 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 noting that Councillors support the objections of local residents and Deepcar Medical Centre, being loss of green space; insufficient parking; access/egress issues; tree removal resulting in destabilisation of the bank; changing the character of the area; overlooking adjacent properties and concerns with the removal of the handrail installed to assist people negotiating the steep incline when visiting the Deepcar Medical Centre.

18/04426/FUL Land Opposite 9 To 15 New
Street, Stocksbridge Erection of 3 dwellings with integral
garages.

Planning Applications – Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

NP/S/0918/0815 The Old Sawmill, New Mill Bank,
Ewden Conversion of workshop buildings
to dwellings for use as holiday lets and
Extension to house biomass boiler.

NP/S/1118/1062 The Old Sawmill, New Mill Bank,
Ewden Replacement of chimney, insertion of
1No new ‘escape’ roof-light,
replacement of 2No existing roof-lights
with ‘escape’ type and replacement of
deteriorated roof covering with like-for-
like materials.

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

18/04134/FUL 61 Fox Glen Road, Stocksbridge Demolition of existing store and erection
of front porch and a two-storey side
extension (Re-submission of
18/00503/FUL).

18/04638/FUL 121 Carr Road, Deepcar Erection of single-storey side/rear
extension to dwellinghouse.

17/05131/FUL Enterprise House Site adjacent
to 1 Hunshelf Park, Stocksbridge Erection of 10no dwellings with
ancillary parking and access works.

18/03709/FUL 10 Pen Nook Drive, Deepcar Erection of single-storey rear extension
to dwellinghouse.

17/03684/FUL Edgecliffe Farm Don Hill Height Demolition of former barn and erection
of two-storey extension, single-storey
extension with veranda over and two
porches to dwellinghouse.

18/04692/FUL 9 Wilson Road, Deepcar Erection of a first-floor rear extension
to dwellinghouse.

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

18/01394/COND1 The Gate House New Hall Farm,
New Hall Lane, Stocksbridge Application to approve details in relation
to condition numbers 3. (remediation
strategy report) 4. (phase II intrusive
site investigation report) & 5. (phase 1

18/04464/COND1	Yorkshire Water Services, Sewage Works, Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	preliminary risk assessment report) of planning permission 18/01394/FUL. Application to approve details in relation to Condition No(s) 3. Details of facing/roofing materials and 4. C.M.A.R. Recommended works; relating to planning permission no. 18/04464/FUL.
The undermentioned planning application has been Refused: _		
18/03675/FUL	586 -588 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Demolition of building/outbuilding and erection of 2 no. dwellinghouses.

Councillors raised concerns that building works were ongoing on land at the bottom of Coppice Close/Newton Avenue, where it had been deemed that the land was unstable and not fit for development. The Clerk noted that the Town Council had objected to the original application and that the application had been Refused but since amended and Granted following an appeal.

216. Recreation and Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 5th February 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated.
- Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. C Ward and
- RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.
(ii) That the Town Council fund the scoping exercise as tabled by Sustrans up to a cost of £4,700 plus VAT.
(iii) That the Town Council approve the expenditure of £500 towards the 3 Parishes event.

With reference to item 4 – Cycleways Around the Area. The Clerk reported that Bradfield Parish Council had resolved to share up to half of the costs of the scoping exercise by Sustrans. However, the BPC Chairman felt that a further meeting was necessary regarding the proposals put forward by Sustrans.

With reference to item 8 – Dog Fouling. The Clerk reported that the Dog Warden had called into the BPC offices to inform that he was to undertake a project in the North of Sheffield following information received that dog fouling had become a major issue. The Clerk handed out notices received from the Warden and urged members to report areas of concern. The Warden was to have a meeting with the SCC Stocksbridge Housing Manager to discuss the matter. The Clerk reported that T Newman, SVP had also reported his concerns, particularly with regard to strimming of grass edges where dog fouling was an issue. The strimming would have to cease if matters did not improve.

Members noted that Bradfield School 6th form was to close down as it was no longer sustainable and there was insufficient scope for subjects.

Cllr. KD requested Cllr. RJC to ask at the next Governors meeting if this would have an impact on pupils attending Stocksbridge High School wishing to attend a 6th form.

217. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 5th February 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. M Milton, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and

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

(ii) That the Town Council approve a grant of £500 to Stocksbridge Photographic Society towards the purchase of new flash equipment for the group.

(iii) That the Town Council:-

a) accept the financial regulations, risk assessment forms and system of internal audit forms as supplied by the Clerk and noted that the Town Council have sufficient controls in place to accommodate the potential hazards faced by the Town Council

b) appoint Yorkshire Internal Audit Services for the financial year 2019/20

(iv) That the Town Council award an amount of £50 for sponsorship of a category in the Fox Valley Bake-Off to be held as part of the Food Festival in June 2019.

218. Budget/Precept 2019/2020

Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council receive the recommendations of the Finance Committee:-

a) Set the Budget for 2019/2020 at £135,334

b) Set the Precept for 2019/2020 at £128,548

c) Any underspend in the following budget heads in 2018/2019 be carried forward to the budget for 2019/2020:- Grants and Community Events

d) The funding awarded to 4SLC of £20,000 for revenue towards operation of the swimming pools to be paid quarterly in advance

219. Accounts for Payment

Proposed by Cllr. C Ward, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and

(i) That the cheques be paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts.

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	February	£2798.14	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Bolsterstone toilets water	£ 10.00	PHA1936(S87)
	Temps monitoring - Jan		
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	Photocopier rental	£ 223.55	LGA72(S111)
Viking	Stationery	£ 33.44	“
Viking	Replacement phone/ Postage stamps/paper	£ 139.53	“
4SLC Trust	Quarterly Grant	£5000.00	LGA76(S19)
(ii) That cheques be paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-			
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning – Jan	£ 594.92	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Town Hall water temps Monitoring - Jan	£ 20.00	“
Firths Window Cleaning	Windows cleaned – Jan	£ 55.00	“
Firths Window Cleaning	Windows cleaned – Feb	£ 55.00	“
Siemens Financial Services	Photocopier rental	£ 223.55	“
Copymark Ltd	Photocopier usage	£ 67.42	“
Stocksbridge Town Council	VAT transfer	£ 796.80	“

(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debit payments made in Jan 2018:- LGA72(S111)

Sheffield City Council Business Rates:-

ARC Management	Stocksbridge History Society	£ 38.00	“
ARC Management	Communal Areas	£ 504.00	“
Stocksbridge Town Council	Bolsterstone toilets	£ 58.00	“
Moorepay	Monthly charge	£ 48.70	“
Yorkshire Water	ARC supply	£ 467.13	“

Chairman