

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held remotely via Zoom,
on Thursday, 11th February 2021

PRESENT: Cllr. C Ward (Chair); Cllrs. R Crowther, M Milton, A Law, M Whittaker,
J Grocutt, S Abrahams, J Staniforth

P Morgan, Friends of Hollin Busk- Item 376

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

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr. A Law.

373. Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was noted that the Towns Fund item would be taken under part 2 of the meeting.

374. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. J Grocutt declared an interest in the following issues: Planning, Highways, Transport, Licensing, Housing and Parking Services.

375. Public Questions and Petitions

There were no public questions and petitions.

376. Friends of Hollin Busk Group

The Chairman welcomed Peter Morgan, representative of the Friends of Hollin Busk Group (FoHB). Cllr Crowther noted that PM had been invited in order to update members with regards to the forthcoming Planning Appeal against the decision of SCC to refuse planning permission on the site.

PM informed that, whilst official notice had not yet been received, it is understood the public enquiry was to take place on 25th May but the developer had applied for a delay and it was now to take place on 22nd June 2021. This was disappointing as the new 5 year housing supply figures are due at the beginning of June and it is anticipated that these will be favourable to the developer.

PM informed of options of the group with regard to representation at the enquiry. These being 3rd party representation or applying Rule 6, which would give the group the same level of representation of both the developer and the City Council planning department. PM gave information as to the requirements/costs of both options. Councillors discussed with PM the advantages and disadvantages to both options.

The Chairman thanked PM for his attendance and informative update. PM left the meeting.

Councillors discussed the information presented to them and noted the huge cost associated with the Rule 6 option and more importantly the risk to the 'case' by following this option.

Cllr Crowther undertook to present the views of the Councillors to the next meeting of the FoHB, noting the assurance of support from the Town Council.

377. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th January 2021
There were no matters arising.
378. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 14th January 2021
Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th January 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.
379. 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. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for January 2021 as supplied by the Clerk.
380. Grant Applications
Councillors considered a grant application from Smithymoor Community Association for funding towards a new kitchen facility.
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1,000 be awarded to Smithymoor Community Association for funding towards a new kitchen facility. The funding was agreed in principle with the money being released once the group had obtained sufficient funds to commence the work.
381. SLLP Grant Applications
No grant applications had been received to date.
382. Clerks Reports
a) The Clerk informed of a recent spate of vandalism at Bolsterstone public toilets. It was noted that the matter had been reported to the Police and that repairs had been carried out on the toilets.
b) Planning Application – 21/00366/FUL – Erection of a nursery with associated parking, Broomfield Lane, Stocksbridge
Having given consideration to the application, relevant information and residents comments Councillors wished the following comments be submitted to the Planning department, SCC:-
The Town Council support the application which will increase supply of a vital service of accessible early years nursery provision in the area. The proposals for car parking will regenerate a currently neglected area.
c) The Clerk informed of an article in the latest edition of the White Rose Update, previously circulated to Councillors, noting that the Government are not currently planning to extend the remote meeting regulations beyond 6th May 2021. The Clerk had registered comments from the Town Council to YLCA for their representation to NALC who are to continue to press for an extension to this regulation. Councillors expressed their dismay regarding this matter and the Clerk undertook write to local MP Miriam Cates, requesting that she raise the matter within Central Government.

383. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members?

- a) Cllr Crowther noted attendance at meetings of Garden Village Community Association, School Governors, Woodroyd planning group and Friends of Hollin Busk group.
- b) Cllr Staniforth noted attending the Don Valley Railway group and Towns Fund Infrastructure Committee.
- c) Cllr Whittaker noted dealing with issues relating to overhanging trees on New Street. The owner of the site was to carry out an inspection of the trees.
- d) Cllr Whittaker noted that the Woodroyd planning group are to make representation at the SCC Planning Committee on 23rd February.
- e) Cllr Grocutt informed of case work regarding flooding issues, in particular at Whitwell and Brook Row. She also that the public rights of way department had agreed to carry out repair works to potholes on Common Lane, Deepcar.
- f) Cllr Grocutt noted attendance at Don Valley Railway group, Friends of Oxley Park AGM and Steering group, People Keeping Well Steering group. Cllr Grocutt asked that Kate Clark, SCC Project Manager for Oxley Park, be invited to a future meeting to update members on proposals for the area.
- g) Cllr Grocutt noted that the elections in May 2021 will be taking place and that the City Council will be encouraging the public to participate in the postal voting system where possible.
- h) Cllr Grocutt informed members of plans for electric vehicle charging points to be installed on Johnson Street.
- i) Cllr Abrahams noted attendance at Bolsterstone Archaeology and Heritage group, People Keeping Well which focussed on collective working and Climate change meeting.
- j) Cllr Abrahams noted that the STEP building on Manchester Road, opposite the Lidl, had now been sold. Also that the STEP business centre on Vaughton Hill was at 100% capacity and that the STEP Nursery centre had recommenced lunches for children. The Venue had noted its gratitude for funding from the Ward pot to help in establishing education provision.
- k) Cllr Abrahams noted casework regarding footpaths, flooding and potential pollution in the stream off Oxley Park following water run off from the development on Coppice Close.
- l) Cllr Abrahams asked that the Town Council write a letter in Look Local thanking the medical teams in Stocksbridge and Deepcar for the efficient way the Covid vaccinations are being carried out.

384. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr. Catherine Ward reported that she had dealt with grit bin issues and residents housing issues.

385. Review of Risk Assessments and Audit Arrangements

Members reviewed the Town Council's Risk Assessments and system of internal audit and all potential hazards and controls associated with them. The Clerk noted the Fidelity Guarantee sum of £500,000 would be adequate for the financial year 2021/22.

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

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept the 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.

386. Towns Deal Bid

Cllr. Grocutt updated members on the bid, noting that it had been submitted to the next stage. A condensed version of the bid should shortly be appearing on the Welcome to Stocksbridge website.

387. Accounts for Authorisation

The Clerk informed that approval was required for cheques signed in between meetings during the Coronavirus lockdown, authority having been given by the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Cllr. JAG, a list of which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

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

(i) That approval be given for cheques signed in between meetings during the Coronavirus Lockdown, in settlement of the undermentioned accounts.

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Look Local	Xmas Greetings Advert	£ 108.00	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Monthly Water Monitoring	£ 10.00	LGA72(Sch14P9)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Lighting Repairs	£ 35.00	LGA72(Sch14P9)
T Bisatt	Flowers – K Lindley	£ 25.00	LGA72(S111)
T Bisatt	Zoom Subscription – Jan	£ 11.99	LGA72(S111)
T Bisatt	Flowers – 100 th Birthday	£ 25.00	LGA72(S111)

(ii) That approval be given for cheques signed in between meetings during the Coronavirus Lockdown, in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Copymark	Photocopying Usage	£ 5.20	LGA72(S111)
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning and supplies	£ 600.30	LGA72(S111)
Porter Fire Ltd	Fire Extinguisher Replace	£ 162.00	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Clean debris-driveway&rear	£ 280.00	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Monthly Water Monitoring	£ 20.00	LGA72(S111)
Firths Ltd	Window Cleaning Services	£ 55.00	LGA72(S111)
IPM Group Ltd	Security Call Outs	£ 108.00	LGA72(S111)

(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debits paid during the Coronavirus lockdown during January 2021:-

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates - ARC	£ 749.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – History Soc	£ 57.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Toilets	£ 86.00	LGA72(S111)
Veolia	Waste Removal	£ 85.92	LGA72(S111)
Moorepay	Payroll Monthly Charge	£ 35.99	LGA72(S111)
Business Stream	Water Charges – ARC	£ 368.84	LGA72(S111)
Public Works Loan Board	Loan Repayment	£ 3379.37	LGA72(S111)
Intuit Ltd – Quickbooks	VAT Software Subscription	£ 14.40	LGA72(S111)

(iv) That authority be given for salaries paid during the coronavirus lockdown:-

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	February 2021	£3267.05	LGA72(S111)

Chairman