

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 10th February 2022

PRESENT: Cllr. R J Crowther (Chair); Cllrs. M Whittaker, J A Grocutt, S Abrahams and
J Staniforth from Item 195

IN ATTENDANCE: Emma Wadsworth (Head of Design & Planning) and Lee Mozley (Design
Engineer), Stonebridge Homes – Item 195

191. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. M Milton, C Ward, A S Law and
Cllr. J Staniforth would be arriving late.
192. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
193. Declarations of Interest
Cllr. RJC declared a personal interest in item 195.
194. Public Questions and Petitions
There were no public questions and petitions.
195. Stonebridge Homes
The Chairman welcomed Emma Wadsworth and Lee Mozley from Stonebridge Homes who had
been invited in order to present to members details of the proposed planning application for land
at Hollin Busk/Carr Road.

The Clerk noted that apologies had been received from Dr Peter Morgan, Chair, Friends of
Hollin Busk who had fully intended to attend the presentation by Stonebridge Homes but had
tested positive for covid. He wished to note that as the group formed by local people, FOHB
intend to remain engaged with this development to ensure that the best outcome is achieved that
meets the wishes of the significant numbers of people in the local area that have expressed
concern about this development. FOHB will be liaising closely with Stocksbridge Town Council
and local City Councillors.

E Wadsworth circulated presentation notes to members.

Cllr. SA stated that she was interested in the environment/layout/landscape/materials and
ecology of the site.

EW stated that some feedback had been received from the presentations already undertaken with
the public but not all. Bird and bat boxes would be installed, hedgehog holes and landscaping
and ecology information would be included in the planning submission and on the website.

It was hoped to submit to planning in March with a view to being on site by Autumn.

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

EW informed that there will be a play area with equipment suitable up to age 12. There will be an area of unimproved grassland for biodiversity to the West of the site.

Cllr. SA was pleased to note that the gardens for the properties were on the large side.

EW advised that Stonebridge were a premium house builder providing larger homes with a good specification.

Cllr. MW noted the existing stone walling and EW noted that they will be retaining the majority of the stone walls on the site. Access to the site is yet to be finalised but there is a possibility of an entrance from Hollin Busk Lane.

Cllr. RJC enquired about ongoing maintenance of the green spaces, noting issues with other sites regarding increased maintenance charges.

EW informed that the green spaces would be transferred to a management company initially and then transferred to residents but undertook to obtain further information.

Cllr. SA queried how the homes would be heated. EW informed that this would be gas as there was currently insufficient information on other forms of heating. There would be no solar panels. All the properties would be freehold.

Cllr. JAG informed of the current ongoing issues with another building site and of the flood water on Hollin Busk which made its way via the fields down into Fox Glen and then to Wood Royd Road, which during events over the past few years had resulted in flooding of homes, with some residents still not back in their properties.

L Mozley informed of the dedicated attenuation basin area for surface water collection via overland interceptor drains and land drainage scheme. Off-site discharge into existing woodland in Fox Glen would be managed by rock cascades which would gradually discharge into the water course.

Cllr. JAG requested that attention be paid to clearance of mud on roads, site construction traffic, parking on the roads and general upkeep of the site.

EW stated that residents would be able to contact the site should any issues arise, it was part of the Stonebridge Homes policy.

Cllr. JS asked if the schools could be involved with the naming of the roads via a competition.

EW felt that this was a great idea.

The Chairman thanked both E Wadsworth and L Mozley for attending the meeting and requested that they keep the Town Council informed on progress of the development.

196. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13th January 2022
With reference to item 185 c), final paragraph – National Highways A616 Natural Flood Management Project. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence informing that Don Catchment Rivers Trust are hosting a site based project information visit on Tuesday 1st March, 10.15am - 2.30pm commencing from Langsett Reservoir car park, if a representative of the Council would like to join to learn more about the project and see some works on the ground. The visits are farm based and will entail walking on uneven terrain.

Cllr. MW undertook to attend on behalf of the Town Council.

197. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13th January 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 13th January 2022, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

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

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

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

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

199. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

Correspondence including:-

- White Rose Update, 14th January 2022
- White Rose Update, 21st January 2022
- White Rose Update, 28th January 2022
- White Rose Update, 4th February 2022
- Law and Governance Monthly – February 2022

Copies previously circulated.

200. Streets Ahead

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Streets Ahead informing of essential drainage maintenance works on Whitwell Lane commencing early/mid-February which will last approximately 2 weeks. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

201. Steel Valley Project

The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of the Steel Valley Project Steering Committee meeting held via zoom on 17th January 2022.

202. SYMCA

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYMCA informing that with the covid rules being relaxed public transport is likely to be busier. Enhanced cleaning will continue to be undertaken in interchanges and on vehicles to minimise transmission and they are encouraging people to continue to wear face masks if they can and not use public transport if they are experiencing symptoms. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

Further correspondence from SYMCA informing of Stagecoach bus service changes effective from 6th February to service SL1/SL1a, journeys to be retimed on Sunday evening to improve connections with trams at Middlewood. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

Further correspondence from SYMCA informing that Stagecoach will be applying an approximate 6.5% price rise on their range of products, effective from 1st March as will Supertram . Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

203. Off-Road Bike Intervention Team

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Off-Road Bike Intervention Team enclosing a leaflet detailing contact information in respect of reporting nuisance of off

road vehicles, motorbikes or quad bikes. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

The Clerk reported that she had also received correspondence from the GLEAM Chairman Government consultation on the Glover Landscapes Review – an opportunity to stop ‘off-roading’ in the National Parks.

204. Environment Agency

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the South Yorkshire, Partnerships and Strategic Overview, Flood and Coastal Risk Management regarding an online public consultation on the Launch of Connected by Water which is open until 11th March 2022. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

205. St Matthias Church

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from T Curson enclosing notes of a discussion held regarding the future of St Matthias Church which were read out at both St Mary’s and St John’s Churches on 31st January. The sale of St Matthias has been halted to enable it to be used for a new plant into the valley from Oughtibridge Church. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

Members noted they would await further information.

206. Clerks Reports
Sheffield Homes

The Clerk reported on the increasing number of calls being received which were intended for Sheffield Homes with residents increasingly angry/distraught at not being able to get through on the phone, waiting over 30 minutes only to be cut-off or given alternative numbers to call with a resultant further wait. Currently the Stocksbridge Housing office was not open to the public the nearest offices being Chapeltown or Hillsborough which meant a bus journey and travel costs. The Clerk was aware that Cllr. JAG was in contact with the North Neighbourhood Team to try to reach a solution.

Cllr. RJC undertook to draft a letter to the Director of Housing regarding the situation.

Last Little Mester

The Clerk reported that an invitation had been received for all Councillors to attend the memorial service of Stan Shaw, at the Sheffield Cathedral on Sunday, 27th February at 3.45pm to be seated for the service starting at 4pm. The memorial service is to celebrate and pay tribute to the Sheffield-born ‘little-mester’ and knife maker Stan Shaw BEM, who died at the age of 94 in February 2021. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

The Chairman and Cllr. JAG noted that they would be attending the service.

Following discussion the Clerk was requested to contact the History Society to ask if they were able to put on a display in the museum to mark the life and work of Stan Shaw which could then be advertised locally to improve visitors to the Museum.

Fair Trade Stocksbridge

Cllr. JAG reported that the current person in post felt unable to continue. The Town first achieved Fairtrade status in March 2015 and it is due to renewed in June this year. Fair Trade Fortnight is between 21st Feb-6th March. The Clerk noted that L Gillott, Stocksbridge Library were keen to become involved in local events and if this would be appropriate. Cllr. SA advised

that Alex Archer was Co-op Pioneer and undertook to contact both L Gillott and A Archer with a view to the Library putting on a Coffee Morning event during the Fairtrade Fortnight and highlighting fairtrade products available at the Co-op.

Stocksbridge Library

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from L Gillott, Stocksbridge Library enquiring if there were any initiatives around 'Keeping the Parish tidy' that they could become involved in, informing that they are currently working with Ecclesfield Parish Council on initiatives around Hedgehog protection and the environment, and their 'Keep our Parish tidy' drive in Spring. The Clerk had informed that T Newman had funding for Litter Picking within the area and given contact details.

Rundle Road Playground

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Amie Rowland informing that a date of 31st March had been planned for the planting of trees/small re-opening event in Rundle Road playground. The company undertaking the refurbishment of the park had indicated that this would also be complete for this date. It was hoped to involve local schools with the planting/watering, therefore the Clerk had provided contact details for Stocksbridge Nursery and Infant School. The Clerk had requested a time for the event which she undertook to forward to members.

207. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr. MW reported that he had attended the UDAC meeting and that a lot more interest was being taken in the group.

Cllr. MW thanked everyone for their input regarding 23 Townend Lane, which he had taken to the residents to pursue.

Cllr. MW had undertaken his first archaeological dig where he had discovered a cairn.

Cllr. MW noted that a further application had been submitted in respect of Haywood Lane and requested that the Town Council's comments be resubmitted.

Cllr. MW raised concerns regarding the Stubbin Community Centre. The Clerk reported that no response had been received from Legal Services.

b) Cllr. SA raised concerns that parking on pavements in the area, particularly Newton Avenue, was getting worse making it impossible to anything other than walk in on the highway and requesting the PCSOs be informed. There were still many issues regarding the Coppice Close development.

Cllr. SA noted that it had been agreed that The Venue should apply for Community Asset status and requested the support of the Town Council. Information had been received that both the land and building were owned by the steelworks.

Councillors noted their support for The Venue to apply for Community Asset status.

Cllr. SA had attended two Friday Drop In meetings, noting that numbers had dropped as they were unable to access transport and no referrals were being received which would be raised at the People Keeping Well meeting.

Cllr. SA reported that STEP had cancelled several meetings but in the end had held a productive meeting. The Clerk noted that G Silverwood would be attending the March Town Council.

Cllr. SA had attended the LAC meeting and been disappointed to see only the same faces and the Heritage Day which had been excellent.

Cllr. SA informed that the Archaeology Group were to undertake a study of the gravestones in Bolsterstone church yard when the weather improved.

c) Cllr. JAG reported that she had attended the Towns Fund meeting; the Oxley Park G5 pitch consultation at SCLC; coffee morning at Christ Church; a site visit to Coppice Close which had not been very productive; the LAC meeting and informed that she would be undertaking a Ward walkabout in Stocksbridge on 11th February to introduce SCC Leader, Cllr. Fox to the area.

d) Cllr. JS reported that he had assisted with the Royal British Legion tree planting in the Clock Tower Gardens this afternoon.

Cllr. JS noted his intention to setup a WhatsApp Group for Councillors. The Clerk undertook to undertake this task.

208. 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:-

Several Garden Village Community Association meetings

Govenors meeting at the High School

Handing out of certificates and Christmas Cards following the Town Council competition

Stocksbridge Upper Don Meeting

LAC Consultation meeting

10th Feb – tree planting together with Cllr. JS and the Royal British Legion in the Clock Tower Gardens, purchased with grant funding from the Town Council, to mark the 100th year anniversary of the RBL

11th Feb – he would be attending the Ward walkabout

Cllr. RJC informed that he was in the process of reading through the Launch of Connected by Water Action Plan, which was extremely interesting and he felt was a terrific idea and undertook to put together a submission to the consultation for discussion at the meeting in March.

Cllr. MW noted the broken down heritage in the woods, stones etc., which could be repaired and utilised preserving the heritage for the Valley.

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

21/05322/FUL	Parkinsons Academy, 464-466 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Partial change of use of Unit 4 from A2 to a drinking establishment (use Class Sui Generis) including internal/external alterations to layout, alterations to fenestrations on southern/western elevation at ground floor level including new windows, addition of front seating area and canopy and provision of undercroft storage area.
21/05340/FUL	Gate House, Henholmes, Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Demolition of side extension and erection of single-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.
22/00136/FUL	1 John West Street, Stocksbridge	Demolition of side extension and Erection of two-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.
22/00242/LD2	14 Coal Pit Lane, Stocksbridge	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the erection of a single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse

22/00112/FUL	18 Victoria Road Stocksbridge	(Application under Section 192). 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.
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.
22/00468/FUL	85 The Rookery, Deepcar	Demolition of conservatory, erection of single-storey front extension with balcony above, first floor front extension, single-storey rear extension and alterations to entrance of dwellinghouse.

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

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council instruct the Clerk to write to Planning Department with respect to the undermentioned planning application reiterating Councillors concerns that the application was inappropriate due to the following reasons:-

22/00185/OUT	Land between 48 and 50 Haywood Lane, Deepcar	Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of 5 dwellings (re-submission).
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- a) This is a steep sided site that provides a natural soak point for the line of springs that lie above it. Haywood Lane is already notorious for its water run off problems. Building will add to these issues.
- b) It is a green site and is home to a wide variety of wildlife including bats, hedgehogs, shrews, owls and foxes. It is part of a green corridor from the Don Valley, through Wood Royd and Fox Glen, out to the moors, providing a rich ecological habitat. The residents see many bats and have requested a bat survey, as well as an ecological survey.
- c) Haywood Lane itself is essentially a narrow country lane. It is used as rat run by cars, lorries and delivery vans at all times of the day, from the residential area higher up the hill which the residents report as causing problems for pedestrians. For much of its course it has no foot way. Where it does have a foot way it is parked on by cars, otherwise those cars would block the road. Residents report frequent wing mirror losses and scrapings of these parked cars because of the narrowness of the road. This lane can take no more pressure from the vehicles of extra houses, and the building operation itself would completely block the road with construction vehicles.
- d) This has been a green site since the mine workings and small quarry stopped a considerable time ago. The presence of a shallow, soft bed coal seam meant the coal could be easily accessed and it was mined illegally, which means there are no maps of these workings. The Coal Risk Assessment indicates possible risk of structural instability and mine gas, due to shallow workings. Bore holes and drilling will have to be done to determine their extent. This will cause further blockages on the road. The residents are also extremely concerned of the fact that the

steep hillside is potentially unstable and will have repercussions for their own properties once building commences.

e) The proposed houses would be at a high elevation compared to surrounding properties. Residents across the road and to either side are concerned that they will be both overshadowed and overlooked, with clear line of site into their properties. The application states that care will be taken as much as possible to minimise the effect of overshadowing the other properties. This does not reassure the residents.

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

21/04289/FUL	48 Cross Lane, Stocksbridge	Demolition of single-storey rear extension and erection of a two-storey rear/side extension, single-storey rear extension and alterations to front parking space and front access steps to dwellinghouse (Amended plans 15.12.2021).
21/04794/FUL	Land to the rear of 8-10 Manchester Road and adjacent to 18 Miller Street, Deepcar	Formation of car park for 8 vehicles including domestic bin storage area (Amended description).
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.
21/05098/FUL	10 Green Lane, Stocksbridge	Demolition of single-storey side garage and erection of a single-storey front/side and rear extension with undercroft store at front and raised rear decking to dwellinghouse.
21/04887/FUL	Unit B11, 11 Joseph Hayward House, 2 Fox Valley Way	Extension to mezzanine floorspace within existing retail unit.
21/05103/FUL	33 Shay Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of single-storey detached annexe to rear of dwellinghouse.

210. Recreation and Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council held on 1st February, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

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

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

With reference to item 5 – Queens Platinum Jubilee. The Clerk reported that she had contacted The Venue to inform of the small grants pot of funding available if they wished to put on an event as part of the Jubilee celebrations and forwarded information to L Hible, SCLC informing of funding available via Sports England for physical activities.

211. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 1st February 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 report of the Finance Committee be accepted.

(ii) That the Town Council accept the risk assessment forms, system of internal audit forms and financial regulations 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.

(iii) That the Town Council accept the quotation from Zurich Insurance plc of £2,124.39 inclusive of insurance premium tax for a three year term agreement commencing 2022/23.

212. Towns Fund

Nothing to report at present.

213. Accounts for Authorisation

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

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	February 2022	£3341.99	LGA72(S111)
4SLC Trust	Revenue funding Qtr 4	£5000.00	LGA76(S19)
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 10.30	LGA72(Sch14p27)
Viking	Stationery	£ 130.57	LGA72(S111)
East Peak Countryside Association	SLLP Grant	£1250.00	LGA72(S137)
Royal British Legion	Additional grant	£ 40.00	LGA76(S19)
Currys Business	Purchase of 2x laptops	£ 897.98	LGA72(S111)

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Elite Lift Solutions	Lift Service	£ 388.80	LGA72(S111)
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopying charges	£ 5.17	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 20.60	“
Firths	Window cleaning	£ 55.00	“
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning contract	£ 617.39	“
IPM Ltd	Security call out charges	£ 54.00	“

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

January 2022:-

			<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	“
Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment	£3379.37	“
Intuit Ltd – Quickbooks	VAT software subscription	£ 14.40	“
Moorepay	Payroll monthly charge	£ 69.40	“
Veolia	Waste removal	£ 105.54	“
Business Stream	Water charges – public	£ 37.60	“
	Toilets		
Business Stream	Water charges – ARC	£ 429.94	“
E-on	Electricity charges – Xmas tree	£ 73.01	“

Chairman