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

IN ATTENDANCE: Simon Ogden, Head of City Regeneration, SCC re Item 179
Liam Saddler and Karl Ickeringill, Yorkshire Water re Item 179

5 Members of the Public

176. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. A S Law and B Grundill.
177. Exclusion of the Press and Public
Cllr. KD noted that he wished to raise an item in Part 2 of the meeting, advising members of the public present that they would need to leave the Council Chamber at this point.
178. Declarations of Interest
Cllr. J Clarkson declared an interest in Item 204 – To Consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee. However, Cllr. JC noted that he was free to talk about the proposed Carr Road/Hollin Busk development as he would be attending the SCC meeting to raise his objections.
179. Residential Development at Station Road, Deepcar
The Chairman welcomed Simon Ogden, Sheffield City Council and Liam Saddler and Karl Ickeringill, Yorkshire Water who had requested an invitation in order to update members on the commencement of the residential development at Station Road, Deepcar and subsequent relocation of the Waste Water Treatment Works to its new location at Morehall and its ensuing impact on the local area.
S Ogden noted that nine months ago a deal had been made between SCC, Yorkshire Water and Bloor Homes to enable the residential development at Station Road, Deepcar to go ahead. Discussions had now been concluded and works were due to commence within the next few weeks, a key point being the relocation of the waste water treatment plant to Morehall. The site was derelict at present and work needed to be undertaken to make it safe for housing with a new access road being made onto Manchester Road as Station Road was unsuitable. New settling ponds for the ochre water were to be put in place and Bloors would then set up a contract for regular dredging and taking away of the sludge. There would also be a site for a future rail stop. Unfortunately, Jason Woolliscroft, Bloor Homes had been unable to attend this meeting but had requested an invitation to a future meeting.
The Clerk undertook to invite a representative to the next meeting on 8th February.

K Ickeringill, Yorkshire Water stated that the business justification for moving the waste water treatment plant was part of the River Quality Scheme, which had to be completed by 31st March 2020 and would cost £11.4 million.

The new tanks would be installed 25 metres underground and were 30 metres in diameter. Nothing would be seen on the surface other than grass and two kiosks. There would be four storm tanks and five filter beds and new processes would ensure limited odour. Yorkshire Water very rarely build completely new sites and this one had been designed using projected population figures up to 2030/40.

KI advised that works were due to commence February 2018, noting that testing/trials had already commenced which would be completed by 9th November for commissioning with decommissioning scheduled for 31st March 2020.

KI noted that discussions had been held to look at all options with regard to the Manchester Road pipeline in order to minimise disruption to local residents. An Ecological Survey had been undertaken and cabins would be on site 8th January.

Cllr. JC noted that residents in Wharncliffe Side had raised concerns with regard to odours.

KI stated that boundaries/Government legislation and new technology will ensure minimal odour but the site would not be completely without odours.

Cllr. JC raised the issues of flies at the current site and asked if this would be the case at the new site.

KI stated that with the tanks being underground flies should not be as prevalent in future.

Cllr. JAG queried what would be the best case scenario for the Manchester Road disruption.

KI advised that works could be undertaken piecemeal, with various sections and traffic lights inbetween. However, further down the road it was solid rock and a full road closure would be required for approximately 8 weeks. Other companies also required access i.e. utilities, BT and finally Amey to complete the highway works. If a full road closure were to be approved then all works could be completed in 16 weeks. If a part/full closure was the preferred option the works would take 2 years. Detours for traffic into Sheffield were still to be confirmed but meetings had been held with SYPTE etc.

Cllr. JAG queried whether the new system would be future proof for flooding.

KI stated that the new site would be, however, he was not aware if other areas would be, i.e. the proposed site at Hollin Busk would normally have its own storm water/greenfield run off.

If there were to be a large storm then the new tanks will hold large volumes of water to be stored for when the storm has passed and gradually released back into the river.

Cllr. JC asked if Yorkshire Water/SCC would be consulting with the public regarding the road closure.

KI confirmed that Emergency Services will have access at all times.

SO advised that formal consultations had been carried out with authorities and residents with access to the area. There would be no public consultation as the works had to be undertaken.

Bus companies had been contacted regarding revised routes and Yorkshire Water would be putting out press releases in the local paper.

Cllr. JAG asked how long journeys would be on public transport.

KI advised that Yorkshire Water were to provide an additional bus per hour and there would be a 9 mile diversion, the precise details of which were still to be confirmed.

SO asked what the Town Councillors felt would be a better option, part/full closure over a two year period or full closure for a 16 week period.

Councillors noted that detailed information on both options were required as soon as possible in order that a decision could be made.

A member of the public enquired if the bridge into Wharncliffe Woods would be maintained as part of the works.

KI stated that this was privately owned as part of the Wharncliffe Estate and would not be included in the works.

C Prescott noted that Morehall Lane would become a rat run once the works commenced and suggested a shuttle bus service be used on Ewden Road. CP also raised concerns regarding the exit from Morehall Lane onto Manchester Road, the sight line of which was very dangerous and asked if this could be improved as part of the works.

SO requested that CP provide him with details as local knowledge was valuable.

Cllr. JAG also suggested that a weight limit be put in place for Morehall Lane/Ewden whilst the works were undertaken as the roads were very narrow and winding.

KI informed members that McDonald/Bentleys were the lead partner and would be working piecemeal Monday-Friday working hours. A full closure would mean a 6 day working week with extra staff.

SO advised that Steve Wright, SCC would be contacting the Town Council with more information.

The Chairman thanked S Ogden, K Ickeringill and Liam Saddler for attending the meeting and the information provided.

180. Public Questions and Petitions

The Chairman welcomed Sylvia Parry to the meeting who had requested an opportunity to ask if the Town Council could support the development and organisation of adult education in this area and encourage the use of the Library, The Venue and Community Association premises with the possibility of a Councillor taking over the work.

Cllr CW noted that the Youth Centre had got all the amenities required.

The Chairman thanked S Parry for attending the meeting and requested the Clerk to add the item to a future Recreation and Environment Committee agenda for further consideration and recommendation.

The Chairman welcomed S McKay to the meeting who had requested an opportunity to ask if the Town Council would again support his objections/concerns to planning application 1702310/REM land between 574 and 582 Manchester Road. Further developments had taken place notably the proposal to remove the mature trees on the rear boundary line to be replaced with an evergreen hedge which would not block out the view of the steelworks and the Environmental Impact Sound Assessment requested by the Town Council had not been undertaken. Mr McKay again stressed his concerns at the increase in taxis/cars stopping outside the takeaways on Manchester Road, obstructing the zebra crossing and the incidence of accidents not being addressed.

The Chairman instructed the Clerk to write to Planning Department requesting that the application be seen at a Planning Board meeting and that the issue of tree removal, lack of Environmental Impact Sound Assessment and increased parking issues be addressed.

The Chairman welcomed Sybil Cooper a resident of Manchester Road, adjacent to Gordons Tyres. Sybil asked if the Town Council can provide any assistance in the parking issues

experienced by both herself and her neighbours, one of whom has carers visiting daily. The area outside their home is used for parking by staff at Fox Valley retail site and is causing major access problems.

Cllr. JAG requested the Clerk to write to Dransfields asking if they can find any solution to resolve the problems being encountered.

181. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th December 2017

With reference to item 155 – Supertram Link Service Consultation. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Stagecoach Yorkshire advising of the outcome of the SL1 consultation service in Stocksbridge noting that 450 responses had been received from residents and detailing some of the changes Stagecoach will be making as a direct result of that feedback, being:-

- From 28 January, buses will continue to run both ways around Stocksbridge and Deepcar after 9am, as requested by 78% of the people consulted
- Steps have also been taken to ensure that the evening service will continue to cover Garden Village and Unsliven Bridge, as people voiced their concerns about suggestions to remove it
- Customers using evening connections from Middlewood park and ride will benefit from more frequent buses up until around 8pm - after 9pm these will run hourly
- Customer feedback was also received that the evening extension to Hillsborough was unpopular and did not work well with the tram, so it has been removed
- Passengers can also look forward to improved punctuality on the 57 and 201 buses following a timetable revision

Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

Cllr. JS noted that there was no half hour service for the 57 only hourly.

182. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 14th December 2017

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th December 2017, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

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

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

183. 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 Clarkson, seconded by Cllr. J A Grocutt and

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

184. Dransfield Properties Ltd The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Dransfield Properties including:-

- news release informing that Fox Valley has now been licensed to hold wedding ceremonies and civil partnerships in Ponti’s and Blakes Tea Rooms with the added outside location of the new bandstand and various wedding packages being offered

- news release advising of events on the run up to Christmas and New Year celebrations planned at Pontis
 - news release advising of the first Farmers Market for 2018
 - news release announcing the addition of the new bridal Hummingbird Bridal Studio to Fox Valley independent quarter
- Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

185. Peak District National Park Authority The Clerk reported that she had received from the Peak District National Park Authority a copy of Planning Service Parishes Bulletin 15, December 2017.
186. Streets Ahead/Amey The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from V Varnam providing an update on works completed and planned for commencement 2018. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
187. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations including:-
 - White Rose Update, December 2017 - Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
188. Proposed Closure of part of Fox Valley Way and Diversion of shared use Footpath/Cycle Track at Fox Valley The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Highway Maintenance Division, SCC advising of an application to permanently close part of Fox Valley Way and the diversion of shared use footpath/cycle track at Fox Valley. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
189. East Peak Innovation Partnership The Clerk reported that she had received from the East Peak Innovation Partnership a copy of East Peak News, January 2018. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
190. SYLTE The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYLTE informing of the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy Consultation Launch which commenced on 8th January for a 12 week period, asking people who live or work in Sheffield City Region to give their views on the refreshed Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

Cllr. JAG noted that this was a very complex and lengthy document that members of the public were expected to complete and requested that this point be raised by City Councillors.

191. Sheffield Landscape Lakeland Partnership (SLLP) The Clerk reported that she had attended the meeting of the SLLP on 8th January 2018. The final bid had to be in by the end of May and we would know by September if this had been successful.
192. Wortley Road, Deepcar – Speed Limit Extension The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from D Ramsden, SCC informing of the proposal to extend the 30mph speed limit on Wortley Road, Deepcar to the entrance to Stocksbridge by-pass A616. A Traffic

Regulation Order informing of this will be advertised. Any comments must be received, in writing, by 15th February.

Cllr. JAG stated that this was a very welcome proposal which they had been requesting for a while.

193. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members?

a) Cllr. CW reported that she had attended the Carols Around the Tree event on 15th December.

b) Cllr. JAG advised that she had also attended the Carols Around the Tree event; the Sheffield Transport User Group meeting; unveiled a plaque at Bolsterstone Free School; Stocksbridge Health Forum at which a talk had been given on Universal Credit and Royd School Leading Parent Partnership Award meeting.

c) Cllr. RJC reported that he had been in contact with Inspector Collette Fitzgibbons regarding the issues of youth nuisance at Stubbin shops and noted that high visual work would be undertaken on Monday.

d) Cllr JC noted that he had been dealing with the proposed development at Hollin Busk.

e) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended the Craft Club at the Inman Pavilion and also the monthly Science Club which continued to be well attended.

194. 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:-

15th December – Carols Around the Tree event on the precinct

30th December – Alpine Lodge to present a bouquet to Jean Eustace celebrating her 100th birthday

10th January – STEP Board meeting

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

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| 17/05046/FUL | 40 Carr Road, Deepcar | Two storey side extension and first floor rear extension to dwellinghouse. |
| 17/05022/FUL | Land adjacent 1 Samuel Fox Avenue, Fox Valley | Erection of a dwellinghouse and ancillary detached garage. |
| 17/04764/FUL | HSBC, 489 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge | Retention of an ATM machine. |
| 17/04765/ADV | HSBC, 489 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge | Retention of 3x internally illuminated ATM signs. |
| 17/05116/FUL | 21 The Rookery, Deepcar | Alterations to roof including raised ridge height and dormers to rear, first floor front extension, two-storey rear extension and porch to front of dwellinghouse. |

Proposed by Cllr. C Ward, 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:-

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| 17/04673/OUT | Land at junction with Carr Road, Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar | Outline application for up to 93 residential dwellings including open space. |
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The Town Council strongly object to any development of this site. The application contravenes the policies in Sheffield City Council's Core Strategy Policy (2009) and the Sheffield Local Plan due to be implemented in 2020, in particular with regard to policies CS72 and CS33, as below:-

Policy CS72 Protecting Countryside not in the green belt - it specifies that development proposals will be determined in accordance with policy G6A and the national planning framework. Policy G6A states that the openness, distinctive character and quality of the countryside around the city will be protected and where possible enhanced. Development will only be permitted for uses that are appropriate in rural areas and which would not harm the rural character of the area or lead to unsustainable patterns of development. Policy CS72 specifically cites the location (d) south of Stocksbridge at Hollin Busk. The area is identified on the Local Plan pre-submissions proposals map Sheet 1 Stocksbridge which confirms the proposed development lies within that zone.

Policy CS33 limits new housing to the previously developed land within the urban area and this lends further support to safeguarding areas of the countryside not within the green belt. The designated open space at Hollin Busk is environmentally important as it is:

- Checking the unrestricted sprawl of built up areas of Stocksbridge and Deepcar.
- Preventing the merger of Stocksbridge into Deepcar.
- Assists the safeguarding of the countryside from encroachment.
- Preserves the setting and historic character of Stocksbridge and Deepcar.

In addition to the above the Town Council object with the following planning issues as the proposed development would have a detrimental impact on these:-

Highway Issues – Traffic generation, vehicle access and road safety

Capacity of Infrastructure – public drainage system, school places and health provision

Impact on nature conservation interests and biodiversity opportunities, particularly with regard to the near by Fox Glen nature reserve

Effect on listed buildings – Royd Farm

Risk of Flooding

Landscaping

The Town Council also note that there are significant developments already underway or proposed in the Stocksbridge and Deepcar area.

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

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| 17/04285/FUL | 3 Ralph Ellis Drive, Stocksbridge | Two-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse (Amended 04.12.2017). |
| 17/03797/FUL | Land East of the River Don and to the South West of Station Road, Deepcar | Application to remove restriction on the construction of dwellings, removal of visibility splays and alter |

the shared pedestrian/vehicular access gradient (Application under Section 73 to vary condition No.s 6. (decommissioning & relocation of waste treatment works) 14. (travel plan) 19. (boundary treatment) 25. (visibility splays) & 27. (gradients) as imposed by planning permission No. 14/00318/FUL (Amended Description).
Single-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.

17/04587/FUL 38 Lee Avenue, Deepcar

The undermentioned planning application has been Refused:-

17/04417/FUL Land opposite Bramble Dene, Erection of building to house
More Hall Lane machinery.

196. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 2nd January 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated.

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

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

With reference to item 5 – Local Policing. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Inspector Collette Fitzgibbons with respect to the youth nuisance issues at the Stubbin Shops who had requested the issue be raised with the local PCSO's at a meeting on 15th January when new teams would be up and running. The Inspector had also contacted Jackie Drayton, SCC Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families noting the lack of youth provision in the area.

197. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 2nd January 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated.

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

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

(ii) That the Town Council:-

- a) Set the Budget for 2018/2019 at £122,109
- b) Set the Precept for 2018/2019 at £124,242
- c) Any underspend in the following budget heads in 2017/2018 be carried forward to the budget for 2018/2019:- 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

(iii) That the Town Council:-

- a) approve a grant of £440 to Valley Recreational Activity Community Project towards the purchase of 2 laptops for people to utilise at a Computer Class for Beginners to enable people to learn how to access to on-line facilities etc.

- b) Inform the group that Sheffield Colleges and Universities often have schemes whereby they donate refurbished computer stock to community groups.
- c) Suggest Valley React contact NatWest for assistance regarding the on-line banking courses.

With reference to item 4 – Retail Award Scheme, Fox Valley. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from M Parry-Williams providing the further information requested by Councillors at the Finance Committee.

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

RESOLVED:- (i) That the Town Council sponsor an award as part of the Fox Valley Retail Award Scheme to the value of £150.

(ii) A request be made that in future years the scheme be extended to include the Town Centre shopping area.

198. Procedure for Dealing with Complaints

The Clerk reported that a revised procedure for dealing with complaints had been received from Sheffield City Council requesting that all Parish/Town Councils adopt the procedure at their next meeting. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

Cllr. JAG raised her concerns with respect to points 5.3 Rejecting a Complaint – was this decision taken by the Monitoring Officer alone? and 6.6.1 It is likely that no action will be taken where - A significant amount of time has elapsed since the events which are the subject of the complaint.

The Clerk undertook to gain clarification on these points reporting back to the February Town Council meeting.

199. Accounts for Payment

Proposed by Cllr. C Ward, seconded by Cllr. J A Grocutt and

RESOLVED:- (i) That the cheques be paid in settlement of the under mentioned accounts.

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| Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions | | £2714.79 | | LGA72(S111) |
| Facility Maintenance Solutions | Bolsterstone toilets water | £ 10.00 | | PHA1936(S87) |
| | Temps monitoring - Oct | | | |
| Facility Maintenance Solutions | Bolsterstone toilets water | £ 10.00 | | PHA1936(S87) |
| | Temps monitoring – Dec | | | |
| T H Bisatt | Reimbursement for purchase | £ 78.60 | | LGA72(S111) |
| | Of branded tablecloth | | | |
| Look Local | Advert thanking sponsors | £ 162.00 | | “ |
| | For Xmas events/lights | | | |
| ARC Management | Transfer of rent for SCC | £1100.00 | | “ |
| Clerks Petty Cash Account | Petty Cash | £ 200.00 | | “ |
| The Venue | Senior Citizens Xmas | £2748.00 | | LGA72(S137) |
| | Party | | | |
| Sheffield Community Transport | Valley React outing (t/port) | £ 88.50 | | LGA76(S19) |
| Sheffield Community Transport | Valley React outing (t/port) | £ 90.00 | | “ |
| (ii) That cheques be paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:- | | | | |
| NRC Services Ltd | Cleaning – Dec | £ 578.86 | | LGA72(S111) |

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| Facility Maintenance Solutions | Town Hall water temps - Oct | £ 20.00 | “ |
| Facility Maintenance Solutions | Town Hall water temps - Dec | £ 20.00 | “ |
| (iii) That authority be given for Direct Debit payments made in Dec 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 | “ |
| Southern Electric | ARC supply | £ 862.17 | “ |
| Veolia | Eurobin lift/rental | £ 91.74 | “ |

Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. J Clarkson and

RESOLVED:- That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public are excluded for the following item(s) of business as the Council considers that the nature of business to be transacted is prejudicial to the public interest.

200. STEP Board Meeting

Cllr. KD updated members on the STEP Board meeting held on 10th January 2018.

Chairman