

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 13th January 2022

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

169. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. A S Law and R J Crowther.
In the absence of Cllr. RJC the Deputy Mayor/Chairman Cllr. J Staniforth chaired the meeting.
170. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
171. Declarations of Interest
There were no Declarations of Interest.
172. Public Questions and Petitions
There were no public questions and petitions.
173. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9th December 2021
There were no remarks from the minutes.
174. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9th December 2021
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 9th December 2021, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
175. 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 A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for December 2021 as supplied by the Clerk.

Cllr. SA enquired if it was known who had the contract for Penistone Town Council Christmas Illuminations as she felt they had been very good and was aware that the Town Council would be going to Tender for the Christmas Illuminations contract for this area later this year. The Clerk undertook to contact the Clerk at Penistone Town Council.

176. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

Correspondence including:-

- White Rose Update, 10th December
- White Rose Update, 17th December
- White Rose Update, 7th January 2022

Copies previously circulated.

177. Bus Service Changes

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYMCA informing of bus service changes effective from 2nd January 2022 due to driver shortages, the SL1 and SL1a being effected in this area with changes to the times of some journeys to improve connections with trams. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

178. Royal British Legion

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Royal British Legion thanking the Town Council for the grant to purchase a Rowan tree to be planted in the Clock Tower Gardens to mark the 100th Anniversary of The Royal British Legion but noting that unfortunately at the moment nurseries did not have these in stock so it would be planted in the new year.

179. SYMCA

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYMCA regarding the South Yorkshire Enhanced Partnership Statutory Consultation. A consultation that is being launched to ask residents, visitors, community groups and businesses across South Yorkshire for their views on proposals to transform the region’s bus services. The consultation runs from 7th January to 20th February. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

180. CPRE

The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Clerks and Councils Direct, Issue 139, January 2022.

181. Sport & Leisure Strategy Consultation

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Kate Clark, Sports, Leisure & Health Team regarding a Sport & Leisure Strategy consultation being launched this week, for which they are currently recruiting attendees. As part of this they are holding online focus in each LAC area, the North LAC focus group being 20th January between 6-7.30pm. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

182. Steel Valley Project

The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of the Steel Valley Project Steering Committee meeting held on 25th October 2021, a copy of the SVP report Oct-Dec 2021, a copy of the SVP Management Report for the period ended 11th January 2022 and an agenda for the meeting to be held on 17th January 2022 via Zoom.

183. Post Office

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Post Office informing of a new service they are introducing which will be known as Lee Avenue Post Office. They ask that this information be shared via social media links/community groups/organisations within the community to notify customers what is happening. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

Cllr. SA noted negative comments relating to individuals working at Stocksbridge Post Office posted on social media and felt that this was totally inappropriate.

Cllr. JAG stated that the same issues had arisen with respect to the local Medical Centres and felt that staff in these public serving roles should not be subject to such negative comments when they were working hard to keep the services continuing in what had been and were still very difficult times. Cllr. JAG felt that the administrators of the social media sites should look very carefully at the content being posted and take actions where necessary.

The Clerk undertook to contact the administrators of the local social media sites.

184. Clerks Reports

SUD Partnership Meeting

The Clerk informed that the SUD Partnership Meeting on 24th January would now be held via Zoom if any Councillors wished to participate. The Chairman and herself would be attending on behalf of the Town Council.

Cllr. JAG noted that she had attended a LAC meeting today and queried whether any local meetings had been held, to which that answer had been very vague. The Clerk noted that an informal meeting had been held on 2nd December with the Chairs and Clerks of Ecclesfield, Bradfield and Stocksbridge Councils together with D Luck. However, DL had deemed that no notes were necessary.

Members felt it was important that notes should be taken at these meetings and circulated to Town Council members for information.

Towns Fund

The Clerk reported that A Holmes and J Crawshaw would be attending the 1st February Recreation and Environment Committee meeting in order to update members on the Towns Fund projects.

Cllr. SA requested that A Holmes be informed of rumours that the Oxley Park football pitches will be closed to the public and requested more information on when the Library would be moving, in order that these questions could be answered at the meeting.

Cllr. JAG stated that it was hoped to put further information on display in the Library shortly.

Stonebridge Homes

The Clerk reported that Stonebridge Homes had confirmed attendance at the 10th February Town Council meeting to discuss their planning application for the Hollin Busk/Carr Road site.

185. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr. MW informed that he had attended the Bolsterstone Archaeology Group Christmas dinner and the Over 50's meeting to talk about the Town Council role.

b) Cllr. SA reported that she had attended the Craft Fayre at the Inman Pavilion and STEP Board meeting and informed of some concerns.

The Clerk was requested to invite members of the STEP Board to the March Town Council meeting.

c) Cllr. JAG updated members on the situation at Coppice Close/Hawthorne Avenue and circulated photographs of the diabolical state of the surrounding roads/woodlands with the ongoing development by Berkeley DeVeer. Cllr. JAG had sent a letter to all residents regarding the situation and had received lots of adverse comments about flooding/drainage/speeding/illegal

parking, the list was endless. The Planning Officer had sent a list of questions to the developer and received a response. Cllr. JAG had visited the site but had not been given any indication of when it was hoped to complete the development following changes to the planning application. The Clerk informed that further dates had been offered to Berkeley DeVeer to attend a future Town Council meeting.

Cllr. JAG reported that she had visited Christ Church and the Food Bank prior to Christmas and attended the Royal British Legion meeting last night, who had a list of questions/requests; had a band been contacted for next year's Parade; could we provide a microphone on a stand for any speakers; had the Clock Tower clock been mended; could chairs be provided for elderly dignitaries; why had the Fire Cadets and fire engine not attended; could the RBL be included in arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The Clerk informed that she had been experiencing problems contacting the band; we could possibly borrow a microphone stand for the morning; the Clock Tower was now chiming; chairs could be provided; the Fire Cadets had been invited to the Parade event; the RBL would be included in any planning for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event. The Clerk noted that this would be an item on the next Recreation and Environment Committee, Cllr. RJC was to put an advert in Look Local, the Clerk had contacted Fox Valley to enquire what plans they may have and they were confirming details next week. National guidance had now been received and G Helliwell had noted he wished to be involved.

Cllr. JAG advised that the Ward Councillors had recently set up a Digital Inclusion Group, with schools and OAP's being involved in teaching/learning.

Cllr. JAG informed that a Community Youth Worker would shortly be commencing work and would be wearing a uniform in order that people were aware of her role. Three sessions had been requested at the Youth Centre. Cllr. JAG requested that she be invited to a future Town Council meeting.

Cllr. JAG noted that K Tomkins, Wildlife Trust had informed that the Environment Agency were undertaking some flood prevention works on the A616 and it would be good to invite the EA to a future meeting.

d) Cllr. CW reported that she had been contacted by an extremely upset resident who had paid a deposit for a new property on the Coppice Close site two years ago, the building of which had not even commenced. Cllr. JAG noted that she had spoken to the resident a number of times and requested that the Town Council reiterate comments on the planning application in view of the issues on the site.

Cllr. CW commented on signage on Manchester Road by the Yorkshire Water site whilst works were being undertaken, which had been placed in the middle of the road almost causing an accident. It was noted that there had been an accident in that location the previous day.

Cllr. JAG undertook to contact the Transport Department.

e) Cllr. JS informed that he had attended the Craft Club held at the Inman Pavilion.

186. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr. R J Crowther had sent his apologies for the meeting.

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

21/04887/FUL

Unit B11, 11 Joseph Hayward
House, 2 Fox Valley Way,
Stocksbridge

Extension to mezzanine floorspace
within existing retail unit.

21/05099/FUL	32 Lee Avenue, Stocksbridge	Demolition of existing outhouse at side of dwellinghouse and erection of a two-storey side extension.
21/05103/FUL	33 Shay Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of single-storey detached annex.
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.
21/05314/FUL	1A Broomfield Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of two-storey side extension, single-storey rear extension with roof terrace above, single-storey front extension to form integral garage including cladding, render to dwellinghouse.
21/05338/FUL	486 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Application to reduce width of the proposed building (Application under Section 73 to vary condition 2 (Approved Plans) imposed by application 18/02511/FUL - Erection of building to form 2 no. units (Use Class A5 - hot food takeaways) at ground floor and 2 no. 1 bedroom flats (Use Class C3) at first/second floor.

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

21/04128/FUL	Land opposite Townend Farm, Townend Lane, Deepcar	Use of land for the keeping of horses for recreational purposes and the erection of a stable block.
21/04291/FUL	Wellhouse Barn, Park Lane, Stocksbridge	Alterations and erection of a two-storey side extension to detached barn to be used as self-contained ancillary living accommodation (amended description)
21/04491/FUL	16 Knowles Avenue, Stocksbridge	Erection of a single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
21/04157/LBC	Townend Farm, Townend Lane, Deepcar	Internal/external alterations and use of store building as additional habitable accommodation including creation of lounge at ground floor level and bedroom at first floor.
21/04288/FUL	Townend Farm, Townend Lane, Deepcar	Internal/external alterations and use of store building as additional habitable accommodation including creation of lounge at ground floor level and bedroom at first floor.

- 21/04522/FUL The Byre, Hollin Busk Farm,
Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar Alterations to detached garage to form habitable space including provision of bi-folding doors and rooflight.
- The undermentioned planning applications have been given Condition Application Decided:-
19/04361/COND1 6 Whitwell Crescent, Stocksbridge Application to approve details in relation to condition numbers 3. and 5. Intrusive Site Investigation, 4. Remediation Strategy Report, 6. Coal Mining Legacy, 7. and 8. Validation Report, 9. Car Parking, 10. Wheel Cleaning, 11. Car Park Surfacing, and 12. Remediation Strategy; relating to planning permission 19/04361/FUL.
- 17/04673/COND1 Land at junction with Carr Road
Hollin Busk Lane, Stocksbridge Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 11 (Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI)) imposed by planning permission 17/04673/OUT.
- The undermentioned planning application has been given Grant Part Refuse Part:-
21/04336/TPO Hawthorn Dene, Edward Street,
Stocksbridge Pruning of trees (Tree Preservation Order No. 808/326).
- The undermentioned planning application has been given Refuse Prior Notification:-
21/04786/RDPN Swinton, 463 Manchester Road
Stocksbridge Use of first-floor (Use Class E) as 1x dwellinghouse (Use Class C3).

188. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 4th January 2022, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

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

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

With reference to item 7 – Office IT Equipment. The Clerk informed members of costings for the purchase of two replacement laptops for the office/home working.

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

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council authorise the Clerk to purchase two laptops for the office/home working up to a value of £1000.

189. Budget/Precept 2022/2023

The Clerk referred to the budget/precept proposals recommendation made at the Finance Committee meeting held on 4th January 2022 for approval of the budget/precept 2022/2023.

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

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council:-

- a) Set the Budget for 2022/2023 at £144,459
- b) Set the Precept for 2022/2023 at £130,171
- c) Any underspend in the following budget heads in 2021/2022 be carried forward to the budget for 2022/2023:- Grants, Community Events
- d) The funding awarded to 4SLC of £20,000 revenue towards the operation of the swimming pools be paid quarterly in advance.

Councillors felt the Mayor ought to place a letter in Look Local informing local residents that no increase to the precept had been made by the Town Council.

190. 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	January 2022	£3532.37	LGA72(S111)
Look Local	Xmas Greetings notice	£ 108.00	“
T Bisatt	Xmas gift – Cleaner	£ 7.65	“

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
ITI Network Services Ltd	PAT Testing	£ 168.00	LGA72(S111)
AquaPoint Ltd	Water cooler charges	£ 86.35	“
Firths Window Cleaning Services	Window cleaning	£ 55.00	“
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning charges	£ 667.20	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopying charges	£ 5.44	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Supply/fit water heaters/ Taps	£1232.00	“
Wright Brothers Ltd	Boiler replacement/control Works	£4503.72	“
Viking	Rock Salt/copier paper	£ 73.41	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Roof/door repairs	£ 50.00	“

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
December 2021:-			
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC	£ 524.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – History Society	£ 40.00	“
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	£ 85.68	“
British Telecommunications	Broadband charges	£ 146.52	“
SSE Southern Electric	Electricity charges – ARC	£1306.30	“

Chairman