

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Stewart Loben, Construction Director, Stonebridge Homes – Item 64

6 Members of the public

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60. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. K Davis and R J Crowther.
61. Exclusion of the Press and Public  
Cllr. JAG noted that she wished to raise an item in Part 2 of the meeting.  
Cllr. SA noted that she wished to raise an item in Part 2 under Members Reports.
62. Declarations of Interest  
Cllr. SA declared an interest in agenda item 14 - Finance Committee, item 4 – Grant Applications.
63. Public Questions and Petitions  
There were no public questions and petitions.
64. Stonebridge Homes  
The Chairman welcomed Stewart Loben from Stonebridge Homes who had been invited to provide an update on the Hollin Busk/Carr Road development and answer concerns raised by members of the public.  
P Morton, FOHB updated SL on the background to the site and stated that there had been issues since commencement of the groundworks with levels being raised 2-3 metres, for which no planning approval had been received. Initial meetings held with the Technical Manager had been very positive but these had now fallen away and communication with Stonebridge Homes was not good. They had been told to stop works by SCC Planning Department and eventually they had. It was stipulated in the Inspectors Report following the Appeal that conditions be put in place to lessen the impact on the listed buildings adjacent to the development to minimise the height of the land and leave a green strip between them and the new build. A road had now been tarmaced on the site and footings put in, huge piles of soil were now level with residents gardens leaving them wondering what will happen when it rains, where will it all go? There were serious concerns with respect to HGV traffic and school drop off/collection times. Parents had already reported several incidents and were very worried.  
SL stated that he can assure people that communications will improve and he would get clarity and respond later to any questions he could not answer this evening. SL informed that the infrastructure work was not progressing well, electrical diversion works impeding progress.

SL noted that groundworks had moved to plot works on the first zone due to the issues around Royd Farm, communications had been delayed to the sub-contractor and works had ceased once the right communications channels had been put in place.

Cllr. JAG stated that this was a very controversial site, an increase in ground levels was never mentioned and at meetings with Planning/site staff they had been told that conditions had not been agreed. It was grossly unfair and overshadowing of listed buildings was not acceptable, especially a 2-3 metre increase, protection of the buildings is paramount. Bungalows would need to replace the proposed houses. Significant questions needed resolving prior to any further works being undertaken.

SL informed that Stonebridge believe they have planning approval and that they have discharged all the conditions. They have submitted new levels for approval but had no response to date.

Cllr. JS queried why the ground levels needed raising.

SL stated that this was to get the best aesthetics for the developer, to use the topography of the site and limit materials leaving the development.

Cllr. ASL stated that he had been appalled at the amount of materials being brought into the site and queried how much more would be coming.

SL informed that most materials were already there, they were working to levels and would be bringing in aggregate materials for highways.

PM noted that condition 95 of the Inspectorate Report stated that height levels to minimise the impact on Royd Farm and listed buildings should be adhered to, the houses were not in keeping.

SL informed that consultation with Planning was ongoing and the levels had been dropped half a metre and a lower roof pitch of half a metre had been proposed.

PM advised that he had spoken to the Head of Planning at SCC and a lot of conditions had been put in place to minimise maximum gradients and these must be adhered to.

SL advised that minimum/maximum gradients and highways constraints were changing all the time.

SL undertook to be the point of contact for these and any future issues with respect to the site.

Cllr. MW stated that Carr Road was very congested at school times and questioned whether school pick up/drop off times could be avoided by HGVs delivering to the site.

SL agreed that set hours of working could be imposed by the Council and he did not foresee an issue if this was put in place. SL informed that they had tried to contact the local schools but had not been successful. In other areas they had engaged with schools and been well received.

Cllr. JAG undertook to pass on SL's contact details to the schools and the Clerk would write to Michael Johnson/Lucy Hirst, SCC Planning regarding stipulation of site access times.

The Chairman thanked S Loben and members of the public for attending the meeting.

65. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
There were no remarks from the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8th June 2023.

66. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and

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

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

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for June 2023 as supplied by the Clerk.

68. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

Correspondence including:-

- White Rose Update, 16<sup>th</sup> June

- White Rose Update, 30<sup>th</sup> June

- Agenda and invitation for the Joint Annual Meeting of YLCA to be held at York

Copies previously circulated.

Cllr. JAG informed that she had been approached by A Bainbridge, EPC to ask why no Town Councillors attended the YLCA Branch meetings. The Clerk noted that the information was always forwarded to the current Chairman and if it was felt there was anything significant which affected our area then a member of the Town Council would attend if possible. To her knowledge this had happened only once during her time at the Council and it had been noted previously that these meetings were held in York which was a long way to travel for a meeting. All Councillors were copied with the White Rose Updates which contained a lot of information. In future the Clerk undertook to copy all Councillors with the YLCA Branch meeting papers.

69. South Yorkshire Police

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYP in the form of a Neighbourhood Alert regarding the importance of window security, particularly during the Summer months.

70. Steel Valley Project

The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of the Steel Valley Project Steering Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March, SVP Report 138 – Apr-Jun 2023, Management Report for the period ended 20<sup>th</sup> June and an agenda for the next meeting to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

71. Clerks & Councils Direct

The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Clerks & Councils Direct, Issue 148, July 2023.

72. Walkers are Welcome

The Clerk reported that she had received notes of the Walkers are Welcome meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

73. Streets Ahead

The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Streets Ahead Newsletter, July 2023. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

74. SYLTE

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYLTE informing of essential rail replacement works to Supertram tracks taking place from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August affecting Hillsborough and Shalesmoor. Replacement bus services would be in operation during this period. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

75. Clerks Reports  
Nothing to report.

76. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended St Ann's school Summer Gala; SCLC Summer Fayre; Bolsterstone Fayre; Stocksbridge Junior School 60<sup>th</sup> Year Fair and also their Sports Day.

Cllr. JS been corresponding with J Young, Stagecoach over changes to drivers on buses which left passengers waiting for up to 30 minutes whilst another driver took over.

Cllr. JS had attended a meeting at Stocksbridge Junior School with respect to them becoming an Academy. He was disappointed to inform that he was the only parent in attendance at what was an important meeting.

b) Cllr. SA reported that she had attended the Homegrown AGM and noted the Festival would run from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 14<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr. SA had attended several STEP Board meetings; Bolsterstone Fayre; Churchyard Project re Joseph Hayward; Bolsterstone Archaeological Group; Steel Valley Project Steering Committee and Cedar Road Summer Fair.

Cllr. SA had also had the pleasure of attending the Dignity Awards at Sheffield Town Hall where D Cooper had received an Aspire and Achieve Award.

Cllr. SA informed that there was an increase of bullying online at Stocksbridge High School, which pupils were afraid to report, which she was to raise with the School Governors.

Part 2

Cllr. SA informed members of ongoing issues on Hawthorne Avenue. Members stated that these should be reported to the Police/SCC Housing.

c) Cllr. ASL advised that he had attended St Ann's school fayre, together with Cllr.MW to judge the cake competition and the TARA meeting and he was pleased to report the group was doing very well with several events planned for the future.

d) Cllr. JAG reported that she had attended the Penistone and Stocksbridge Fairtrade meeting noting that the group were re-applying for Fairtrade status and asked that the Town Council support the local Fairtrade group.

All members were in favour of supporting the group in their endeavours to attain Fairtrade status once again.

Cllr. JAG informed that there would be a press release in Look Local this week regarding the Upper Don Trail; Cllr. JAG had met with Yorkshire Water regarding the Towns Fund project and they had agreed their support to progress the project. Walkers are Welcome would be giving information at their meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July.

Cllr. JAG had met with Miriam Cates MP and SYPTE regarding concessions for the new bus via the Towns Fund.

Cllr. JAG updated members with respect to the issues at the development site at Coppice Close noting that Avant Homes were the new building developers.

Cllr. JAG had met with Cllr. M Jones and representatives regarding the degradation of the roads with respect to the Amey contract; had attended the UDAC meeting; Busy Hands; St Ann's Leavers Concert and Fox Valley LAC meeting.

77. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr. M Whittaker reported that he had attended the following events since the last meeting:-

11<sup>th</sup> June – Lord Mayor of Sheffield Civic Service

17<sup>th</sup> June – Opening of Fox Valley Food Festival

21<sup>st</sup> June – Celebration of the life of Joseph Hayward, inventor of the Paragon umbrella frame, at Bolsterstone Graveyard

24<sup>th</sup> June – St Ann’s RC School Gala and judging of cake competition, which was a great family events with lots of stalls and entertainment, including a group of medieval knights and many fantastic baking skills on display

25<sup>th</sup> June – Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre Summer Fayre which had been very good and well attended

27<sup>th</sup> June – North LAC Public meeting at Stocksbridge High School

28<sup>th</sup> June – Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership Celebration event held at Sheffield Hallam University, a full day of presentations including a fieldtrip

1<sup>st</sup> July – Bolsterstone Village Fayre, a very good traditional fayre, well attended

Valley Music Festival – several events had been held over a few days and Cllr. MW noted that he had the pleasure of closing the event and presenting awards

4<sup>th</sup> July – Walkers are Welcome meeting

Cllr. MW advised that there was to be a book launch at Bolsterstone Village Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> July to which all members were invited.

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

23/01725/FUL	177 Woolley Road, Stocksbridge	Demolition of detached garage, erection of two-storey side extension including integral garage, single-storey front porch and single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
23/01815/FUL	80 Haywood Lane, Deepcar	Erection of 1no. dwellinghouse including double garage.
23/02064/LD2	Woodlands, 8 Belmont Drive, Stocksbridge	Lawful Development Certificate for the demolition of conservatory and erection of a single-storey side extension to dwellinghouse (Application under Section 192).
23/02201/FUL	63 Kenworthy Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of two-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

23/00486/FUL	More Hall Farm, More Hall Lane, Ewden	Erection of a timber framed building for agricultural activities.
23/00824/FUL	26 Coppice Close, Stocksbridge	Erection of two-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.
23/00925/FUL	The Bungalow, Hope Street, Stocksbridge	Retention of dormer to rear of bungalow.
23/01425/FUL	The Vicarage, Victoria Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of a conservatory to front of dwellinghouse and increase in ridge height of existing garage to form additional storage space.
23/00444/FUL	Ingfield House, 11 Bocking Hill, Stocksbridge	Demolition of single-storey rear extension, erection of single-storey rear extension and external alterations to dwellinghouse and detached double garage (Amended Description).

23/01058/FUL	Swallow Croft, Hollin Busk Lane, Stocksbridge	Demolition of stables, attached store and outbuildings and erection of two/single-storey side extension (resubmission of planning application 22/01835/FUL).
22/04614/FUL	12 McIntyre Road, Stocksbridge	Demolition of detached garage and rear extensions, erection of two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
23/01386/FUL	Heaven Scent Place, 5 Smith Road, Stocksbridge	Alterations to roof of dwellinghouse including erection of 2x front dormers, addition of rooflights to front and rear, erection of 3x bay windows and porch to front, replacement single-storey side extension and alterations to fenestration.
The undermentioned planning application has been given		Condition Application Decided:-
19/04361/COND2	6 Whitwell Crescent, Stocksbridge	Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 12 (Remediation and Intrusive Investigations) imposed by planning permission 19/04361/FUL.
The undermentioned planning application has been given		Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 14 (Sound Insulation) and 24 (External Materials) imposed by planning permission 21/04262/FUL.
21/04262/COND1	Land associated with Ingfield House, 11 Bocking Hill, Stocksbridge	Granted Conditionally Legal
The undermentioned planning application has been given		Agreement:-
22/02302/OUT	Land between Hollin Busk Road Carr Road and Broomfield Lane, Stocksbridge	Outline application for erection of up to 75 dwellinghouses and associated vehicular and pedestrian access (All matters reserved except Access).
The undermentioned planning application has been		Refused:-
23/00021/FUL	Within the curtilage of 2 Pheasant Lane, Ewden	Erection of subterranean dwellinghouse within rear garden curtilage.
23/01546/LD2	32 Maple Grove, Stocksbridge	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the erection of single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse (Application under Section 192).

79. Recreation and Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated.  
Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and  
**RESOLVED:-** (i) That the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.

80. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. J A Grocutt and  
RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.

With reference to item 4 – Grant Applications.

The Clerk tabled a grant application received from UDAC requesting funding towards publicity and marketing materials for the Homegrown Festival to be held in October, celebrating and showcasing the works of local artists.

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

RESOLVED:- That a grant of £500 be awarded to UDAC for funding towards publicity and marketing materials for the Homegrown Festival in October to celebrate and showcase the works of local artists.

81. Bank Mandates

The Clerk requested authority for new HSBC and Co-op bank mandates to be signed to include new Councillors.

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

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council approve:-

- a) to complete ‘Change of Account Signatories’ forms for both the HSBC and Co-operative bank accounts, to reflect changes in Councillors
- b) authorisation be given to the removal of the following past Councillors from both the Co-operative and HSBC Bank Mandate – Maximillion Milton and Catherine Ward.

82. Co-option of Councillor to the North Ward

The Clerk reported that a nomination had been received for the vacant seat on the Town Council for the North Ward.

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

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council co-opt Julie Wood as Councillor for the North Ward, Stocksbridge until the next Town Council elections.

83. Accounts for Authorisation

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

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	July 2023	£3655.90	LGA72(S111)
4SCLC	Revenue funding – Qtr 2	£5000.00	LGA76(S19)
Steel Valley Project	Grant Aid	£1000.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Monthly water monitoring	£ 10.30	LGA72(Sch14P9)
Steel Valley Project	Strategic Partnership funds	£6500.00	LGA72(S137)
Friends of Fox Glen Park	Grant Aid	£1000.00	LGA76(S19)

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Monthly Water Monitoring	£ 20.60	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Repairs to office door	£ 71.99	“
Firths Window Cleaning	Window cleaning – June	£ 60.00	“
Micro Alarms Ltd	Remote reset charge	£ 33.60	“
Porter Fire	Service and replacement of Extinguishers	£1041.05	“
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning charges – June	£ 726.01	“

Firths Window Cleaning	Window cleaning – July	£ 60.00	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopying charges	£ 21.53	“

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

June 2023:-

Sheffield City Council	Business Rates-Toilets	£ 57.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates-ARC	£ 550.00	“
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates-History Soc	£ 42.00	“
SSE	Electricity - ARC - May	£1049.73	“
Moorepay	Payroll charges	£ 104.76	“
Intuit Ltd – Quickbooks	VAT software subscription	£ 16.80	“
Veolia	Waste removal	£ 101.87	“

iv) That authority be given for the Clerk to arrange for the signature of any urgent cheques between this Town Council meeting and the Finance Committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. A S Law 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.

84. Community Centres/Village Hall

Cllr. JAG updated members with regard to Deepcar Village Hall. The Clerk undertook to contact the Chairman of the DVCA.

Cllr. JAG updated members with regard to both Whitwell Community Centre and Stubbin Community Centre.

Chairman