

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 9th June 2022

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

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

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. C Ward, J A Grocutt and R J Crowther.

The Chairman was pleased to present a certificate and cheque to Friends of Oxley Park Group, winners of the Annual Citizens Award 2022.

The Chairman was also pleased to present a certificate and cheque to Samuels Kitchen, winners of the Town Council's Best Dressed Window competition for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

48. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Cllr. ASL noted he wished to raise an item in Part 2 of the meeting.

49. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

50. Public Questions and Petitions

There were no public questions and petitions.

51. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th May 2022

There were no Remarks from the Minutes.

52. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th May 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 12th May 2022, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and

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

53. 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. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and

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

54. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

Correspondence including:-

- White Rose Update, 29th April

- White Rose Update, 13th May

- White Rose Update, 20th May
- White Rose Update, 27th May
- YLCA South Yorkshire Branch Annual meeting agenda and papers for the meeting on 22nd June

Copies previously circulated.

55. Bolsterstone Village Hall Trust

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Bolsterstone Village Hall Trust thanking the Town Council for the funding towards their Cream Tea event to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and for the unfailing support given to Bolsterstone.

56. Council for British Archaeology – Yorkshire

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Council for British Archaeology – Yorkshire attaching information about their organization, copies of which had been previously circulated to members'.

57. Stocksbridge Food Bank

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Revd Ian Lucraft providing an update on proposals for the Food Bank following his recent attendance at a Town Council meeting. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

58. Wood Royd Road Planning Application

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Cllr L Chinchin providing information on the proposed planning application, following his contact with Planning Officers at SCC. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

59. Streets Ahead

The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Streets Ahead Newsletter, May 2022. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

60. Wood Royd Road Playground

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence forwarded from Councillors raising the concerns of a local resident with regard to the poor state of the childrens playground at Wood Royd Road, the removal of the climbing frame with no replacement and requesting the support of the Town Council in making this well used facility more appealing. Cllr. JAG had written to SCC officers asking for an update on the situation.

The Clerk reported that she had just received correspondence from D Rice informing that the climbing frame was really old and from a corrosion/safety aspect was at the end of it's lifespan and therefore had to be removed. Following correspondence and complaints received from the public and an overall audit of play provision across Deepcar and Stocksbridge it would suggest that the space should be used for a trim trail type provision, low level, partially inclusive and usable by a wider age grouping, this type of facility lacking in the area. Unfortunately, the costs of kit and the required safety surfacing is very costly and Parks don't have the budget to replace at this time. An investment of £5,000 would make a difference to the site however, to give the site the update it requires would be nearer £10,000.

Cllr. SA stated that children in the Deepcar area were not catered for and there were no facilities for the younger children. It was a well used facility being on the school route and would be

needed by families more than ever in the present climate with utilities and petrol costs increasing.

The Clerk undertook to raise the issue at the LAC meeting on 15th June.

The Chairman felt that local people should be consulted on what type of play equipment they would like to see in the park.

61. Clerks Reports

Liberty Steels Signage

The Clerk referred to an item raised at the April Town Council meeting where agreement had been made by Liberty Steels to install signage for HGVs at the bottom of Hunshelf Bank to direct vehicles to the correct location. The Clerk was pleased to note that this signage was now in place and informed that she would circulate a photo of the signage to members.

Early STEPS Nursery

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence and photos from Early STEPS Nursery thanking the Town Council for the funds to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee, noting that as a nursery they had a great time celebrating together. The nursery was decorated with flags and bunting which the children helped make, a jubilee garden was planted at the side of the nursery and a picnic lunch was held outside as well as other activities through the week. The children from each room in the nursery made a card and these have been sent to Buckingham Palace, they are hoping to get a reply soon! Copies of this correspondence had been forwarded to members'.

62. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr. ASL informed members that he had been appointed temporary Secretary for TARA and would provide an update in Part 2 of the meeting.

b) Cllr. MW stated that he would write back to Emma Patterson with the outcome of the Wood Royd Road playground discussion.

Cllr. MW reported that he had distributed the QPJ banners to all six schools, together with the Mayor, had attended the QPJ party at St Ann's school and the WI QPJ party, where there had also been a talk on reading in schools.

Cllr. MW had attended the annual meeting of Walkers are Welcome and noted the new leaflets now available and the good work they undertake. However, he informed members that Yorkshire Water are to commence charging for the car parking facilities at Langsett and other reservoirs, meaning that people will start to park on the roads and the danger of children exiting vehicles on this fast road. The area was being promoted as a walking destination and it was felt this was not appropriate.

Cllr. SA pointed out that there was no public transport available to access this destination.

Following discussion the Clerk was requested to write to Yorkshire Water and both SCC and BMBC stating that this was going against their policy.

c) Cllr. SA reported that several small meetings had been held at The Venue recently. UDAC had been offered continued use of The Venue for free.

Cllr. SA informed that UDAC have now got a constitution and bank account and the launch date of UDAC/SVP was 9th September. Stocksbridge Library had offered to put on displays and tasters for arts/craft/educational events.

Cllr. SA undertook to forward information on an incident at the allotments at Wheatacre Road.

Cllr. SA reported that a member of Christ Church was linked with Uganda, would be going out there shortly to assist.

d) Cllr. MM apologies for not attending recent meetings noting that he felt much better. Members noted that it was good to see him back.

63. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

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

19th May – St Ann’s RC school Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Delivery of the banners to all the schools in the area, together with the Deputy Mayor

1st June – the WI Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations, together with the Deputy Mayor

Smithy Moor Craft Club and Stocksbridge Library events

2nd June - Judging of the Best Dressed shop/business window for the Queens Platinum Jubilee – the winner being Samuels Kitchen

4th June – joint event for the Scouts, Beevers, Cubs, Brownies, Rainbows and their families to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee

4th June – Bolsterstone Village Hall Trust cream tea event to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee

4th June – lighting of the Bolsterstone Beacon as part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee event

8th June - Valley Music Festival Kids Make Music event held at The Venue

Cllr. ASL stated that it was good to see the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attending events together and learning the ropes. Well done to both.

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

22/01835/FUL	Swallow Croft, Hollin Busk Lane, Stocksbridge	Demolition of the existing stables/attached storage and outbuildings and erection of a two-storey side extension with cladding and provision of a roof terrace.
22/01853/FUL	34 Shay House Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of a two-storey side extension including formation of gable end.
22/01293/FUL	8 Coronation Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of two-storey rear extension and provision of pitched roof to existing flat roof to rear of dwellinghouse.
22/01986/FUL	17 Hillcrest Road, Deepcar	Erection of a single-storey side/front extension, parking provision and rear external steps to dwellinghouse.

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

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council instruct the Clerk to write to Planning Department with respect to the undermentioned planning application expressing Councillors concerns as per the last application, regarding the impact of the monopole in respect of its extreme height, sited in an area of green open space overlooking the greenbelt and Bolsterstone Conservation area. Noting the lack of communication with local residents and its close proximity to a large residential area. Supporting the views of local residents with respect to possible future health issues and requesting that the application be seen at a Planning Board meeting and that the Peak District National Park Authority be made aware of the application.

22/01884/TEL	Land on Coal Pit Lane opposite Bracken Moor, Stocksbridge	Erection of 15.0m Phase 9 monopole, associated cabinets and ancillary works (application for determination if
--------------	---	---

approval required for siting and appearance).

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning application has been Granted Conditionally:-

21/04262/FUL	Land associated with Ingfield House, 11 Bocking Hill, Stocksbridge	Erection of 14 dwellinghouses with associated works, parking and landscaping.
22/00879/FUL	3 Red Fern Grove, Stocksbridge	Demolition of detached garage, rear conservatory and side porch and erection of two-storey rear extension, detached garage and provision of raised patio to dwellinghouse (Amended Plans 23.05.2022).
22/00873/FUL	Hawthorn Dene, Edward Street, Stocksbridge	Erection of a single-storey side extension and provision of a raised rear patio area to dwellinghouse (amended plans published on the 29.04.2022)
22/01423/FUL	Stocksbridge and District Golf Club, 30 Royd Lane, Deepcar	Alterations to roof including raising the height of the eaves and re-cladding of Greenkeepers hut.
The undermentioned planning application has been given Condition Application Decided:-		
18/00162/COND9	Land adjacent 14 Park Drive Way and at rear of 4 To 26 Paterson Close, Park Drive Way, Stocksbridge	Application to approve details in relation to condition number: 22 (Renewable/Low Carbon Energy) relating to planning permission 18/00162/FUL.

65. Recreation and Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council held on 31st May 2022, copies of which were tabled at the meeting.
Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.

With reference to item 5 – Participatory Budgeting Event. The Clerk reported that she would invite members of the PB Task Group to a meeting on 5th July commencing at 6pm in order for them to discuss how much CIL funding they wished to utilise and when to advertise the next event.

With reference to item 6 – Bolsterstone Public Toilets. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Police Sergeant Ross Masters informing that there had been no incidents reported to the Police via any of the avenues available. However, he undertook to ask Officers to pay attention to the location but asked that anyone informing of issues should contact either the Police on 101, complete an online report or pass the information to Crime Stoppers.
Cllr. SA informed that she had walked past the area on several occasions and seen no suspicious behaviour.

66. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 31st May 2022, copies of which were tabled at the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.

67. ARC management Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the ARC Management Committee of the Town Council, held on 31st May 2022, copies of which were tabled at the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the ARC Management Committee be accepted.

68. Annual Accounts 2021/22 and Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22
 The Clerk reported that the internal audit for the accounts for the financial year 2021/2022 had been completed. Copies of the Internal Auditor's report had been previously circulated together with copies of the Accounts and Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). The Clerk reported that she had received notice that the external audit of the Town Council's Accounts would take place this year in July. Notice of audit and electors rights had been advertised accordingly.

The Clerk noted the recommendation of the Internal Auditor that the Council investigate the use of a corporate visa card.

Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. M Milton and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council:-

- a) Approve the accounts for the year ended 2021/2022
 - b) Approve Section 1 of the AGAR, Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022
 - c) Approve Section 2 of the AGAR, Accounting Statements 2021/2022
 - d) To receive the report of the Internal Auditor
 - e) To authorise the Clerk to display the necessary notices
 - f) Authorise the Clerk to investigate a corporate visa card for further consideration by Council
- All members were in agreement.

69. Accounts for Authorisation

Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. M Milton and

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	June 2022	£3412.85	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Monthly water monitoring	£ 10.30	LGA72(Sch14p27)
4SLC Trust	Revenue funding Qtr 2	£5000.00	LGA76(S19)
Viking	Stationery	£ 10.79	LGA72(S111)
Town Parish Audit	Internal Audit 2021/22	£ 340.00	"
CPRE	Annual subscription	£ 36.00	"
Word for Word Ltd	QPJ flag and banners	£ 454.80	LGA72(S137)
Look Local	Advertisement – QPJ	£ 176.40	"
T H Bisatt	Citizens Award vouchers	£ 100.40	"
Samuels Kitchen	QPJ Best Dressed Window	£ 100.00	"
Steel Valley Project	Strategic Partnership 2022/ 2023	£6000.00	"
Valley Music Festival	Grant Aid	£ 850.00	LGA76(S19)
Stocksbridge Photographic Soc	Grant Aid	£ 500.00	"
Friends of Oxley Park	Grant Aid	£2000.00	"
Wallgate Ltd	Wallgate contract - Bolsterstone toilets	£1014.31	LGA72(Sch14p27)

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

		<u>Made Under Power</u>	
Firths Ltd	Window cleaning	£ 55.00	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Monthly water monitoring	£ 20.60	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	6 monthly external maint.	£ 123.60	“
AquaPoint Ltd	Water cooler charges	£ 58.25	“
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning charges	£ 706.81	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopier charges	£ 13.61	“

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

		<u>Made Under Power</u>	
May 2022:-			
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – History Society	£ 40.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Communal areas	£ 524.00	“
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Bolsterstone toilets	£ 60.00	LGA72(Sch14p27)
SG Equipment Finance	Photocopier lease	£ 194.40	LGA72(S111)
British Telecommunications plc	Phone charges	£ 132.35	“
Moorepay	Payroll monthly charge	£ 145.36	“
British Telecommunications plc	EMCS line	£ 43.16	“
Intuit Ltd – Quickbooks	VAT software subscription	£ 14.40	“
British Telecommunications plc	Phone charges	£ 132.35	“
Veolia	Waste removal	£ 111.36	“
British Telecommunications plc	Broadband charges	£ 164.71	“

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

70. Stocksbridge Tenants and Residents Association

Cllr. ASL provided an update on the current situation with respect to TARA.

Chairman