

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 12th May 2022

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

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

There were no Apologies for Absence.

The Chairman officially handed the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Mark Whittaker his chain of office following his election to the role at the Annual Meeting on 10th May.

Cllr. MW stated that it was a great honour to be elected and an immense privilege to be in a room with everyone who gives so much for Stocksbridge.

The Clerk noted the recent sad loss of Jim Warrender, tenant in the building for a number of years, valued member of the Valley in Bloom Group and well liked member of the community.

Cllr. ASL stated that he was a lovely guy, liked by all.

A minutes' silence was held to mark his passing.

23. Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.

24. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

25. Public Questions and Petitions

There were no public questions and petitions.

26. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th April 2022

With reference to item 250 second paragraph – Anti-social Behaviour at Stubbin Shops. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from PC Ross Masters informing that they patrol the area whenever they can and the Council SCO's have a patrol plan for the area. However, the Police are not receiving many reports from residents or businesses and so cannot build a profile of what is happening. The MoCam is still present but the images are not a live feed and cannot be remotely monitored. Footage will only be downloaded when an incident has been reported. PC Masters is in regular contact with Cllr. Chinchin regarding this matter.

Cllr. RJC noted that reporting via the 101 line was slow but incidences could also be reported on-line.

27. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th April 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 14th April 2022, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

28. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council meeting held on 10th May 2022
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 10th May 2022, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
The Clerk noted the addition of a representative to the LAC North and Cllr. SA the requirement for a representative to the Sheffield Transport User Group.
Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman with the amendments as noted.
29. 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. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for April 2022 as supplied by the Clerk.
30. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations
Correspondence including:-
- White Rose Update, 14th April
- White Rose Update, 29th April
- White Rose Update, 6th May
Copies previously circulated.
31. Countryside Voices
The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Countryside Voices, Spring 2022.
32. Dransfield Properties
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Dransfield Properties informing that their Penistone regeneration site is now at 97% occupancy and that the Fox Valley site is stepping up its sustainability programme with a six figure investment in green initiatives around the Centre. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
33. Upper Don Renewable Energy
The Clerk reported that she had received a massive thank you from B Horsman on behalf of Upper Don Renewable Energy for the recent grant funding which had given them a great boost.
34. Yorkshire Day
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Keighley Town Council enclosing an invitation for the Mayor and Consort to attend the Yorkshire Day celebrations on 1st August 2022.
35. Stocksbridge Junior School
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Stocksbridge Junior School informing that they are looking for new ways in which the children can be involved in local projects and issues as well as providing them with opportunities to gain experience of democracy

in action. The Clerk had offered use of the Council Chamber for them to use to hold a School Council meeting.

36. Clerks and Councils Direct

The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Clerks and Councils Direct, Issue 141, May 2022.

37. Streets Ahead

The Clerk reported that she had received from Streets Ahead a copy of their Newsletter for April 2022. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

38. St Ann's Friends and Family Association

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from St Ann's Friends and Family Association giving a huge thanks to the Town Council for the funding towards their Queen's Platinum Jubilee event on 19th May.

39. Clerks Reports

Sheffield Transport User Group

The Clerk informed that the Sheffield Transport User Group are holding quarterly meetings, the next one being 7th July at 10.30am. The last one was held on 7th April via Zoom but we were not informed. The Clerk undertook to ensure we added to the distribution list for future meetings.

40. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr. CW reported that she had been involved with a Housing issue for a local resident.

b) Cllr. ASL reported that following the Finance Committee meeting and his report regarding TARA, clarification had been received from SCC that Parish/Town Councillors can be on the Committee and take up any roles and he thanked Cllr. JAG for her assistance in this matter.

Cllr. J A Grocutt joined the meeting at this point.

Cllr. SA noted an issue at TARA arising from the minutes of the March Town Council meeting and noting that SCC have a Bullying Policy which TARA should request a copy of.

Cllr. ASL undertook to contact Beryl Sharp stating that it in no way reflected on her Chairmanship and apologising if this had caused an issue.

The Clerk noted that members had an opportunity to amend any minutes prior to them being put into the public domain.

c) Cllr. SA reported that matters were ongoing at STEP with a re-organisation taking place. They were currently advertising for nursery staff and part time bar staff.

Cllr. SA had attended the Bolsterstone Archaeology Group meeting; UDAC and Community Forum meetings.

Cllr. SA was dealing with issues regarding housing, in particular Sanctuary Homes, people wishing to have an apartment could not do so until their own homes were sold but they would not sell until they knew for definite that they had an apartment.

Cllr. SA also noted an issue with regard to bullying at Stocksbridge High School. Cllr. RJC undertook to speak to Cllr. SA after the meeting.

d) Cllr. MW reported that he had attended the Stocksbridge Community Forum where the Towns Fund was discussed; the Wood Royd Road planning meeting in the Council Chamber; UDAC and Bolsterstone Archaeology Group meetings.

e) Cllr. JAG reported that she had attended a local bus providers meeting, tram patronage was 60% prior to covid and buses 70% post covid. Additional funding had been allocated until September.

Cllr. JAG was receiving complaints regarding parking on the precinct late at night outside the takeaways, the Police have been informed.

Cllr. JAG had attended a Royal British Legion meeting who were looking at Yorkshire branches of the RBL interacting and the Stocksbridge Community Forum meeting where the Towns Fund was discussed.

Cllr. JAG was dismayed at the lack of grass cutting in the area and state of the grass in various parts of the Town and requested that the Clerk write to Parks and Countryside requesting a copy of the cutting regime.

Cllr. JAG had attended the Wood Royd planning meeting held in the Council Chamber and noted it would go to the SCC Planning Committee on 12th July.

Cllr. JAG had made a request for the paths and roads in the area to be swept.

Cllr. JAG reported issues at Heads Lane following removal of the stopping post on the gate by Public Rights of Way. Cows were escaping and joy riders on bikes were now accessing the area and causing problems. PROW were refusing to re-install the post.

f) Cllr. JS reported that he had Chaired the Wood Royd Road planning meeting and attended the Fire Station Open Day with his sons.

41. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The former Mayor, Cllr. RJC reported that he had attended the following events during his last weeks as Mayor:-

16th April – Cat Show held at The Venue

22nd April – judging of the Easter Bonnet Parade at St Ann’s school, noting the tremendous amount of work which had gone into making the bonnets

GVCA meeting

Cllr. RJC had been invited to attend the Ecclesfield Parish Council Civic Service but had been unable to attend at the last minute due to a family matter.

Cllr. RJC had also been involved in an issue at Sanctuary Housing involving the access doors.

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

22/00700/LBC	The Cruck Barn, 33 Pen Nook Close, Deepcar	Like-for-like replacement windows and doors (excluding velux).
22/01324/FUL	4 Victoria Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of a single-storey front/side extension to dwellinghouse.
22/01338/FUL	The Cruck Barn, 33 Pen Nook Close, Deepcar	Alterations to existing garage to form additional living accommodation and replacement of 1 kitchen window and 2 lounge windows.
22/01389/FUL	Donoss Ltd, The Livery Yard, Hunshef Road, Stocksbridge	Demolition of 2 timber stables and erection of 2 buildings comprising stable blocks, tack room and toilet (amended resubmission of previously refused application no.21/04421/FUL).
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.

22/01536/FUL	23 Broomfield Lane, Stocksbridge	Demolition of front porch and erection of single-storey front and rear extensions to dwellinghouse.
22/01565/FUL	1 John West Street, Stocksbridge	Demolition of side extension and erection of two-storey side extension to dwellinghouse (Re-Submission of planning application number 22/00136/FUL).

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning application has been Granted Conditionally:-

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.
22/00948/FUL	17 Broomfield Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of single-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.

The undermentioned planning application has been Refused:-

22/00136/FUL	1 John West Street, Stocksbridge	Demolition of side extension and erection of two-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.
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The undermentioned planning application has been Withdrawn:-

22/01283/TPO	Stocksbridge Hall, Park Drive, Stocksbridge	Removal of a tree (Tree Preservation Order No. 808/295) (A1).
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The undermentioned planning applications have been given Condition Application Decided:-

21/04157/COND1	Townend Farm, Townend Lane, Deepcar	Application to approve details in relation to condition numbers 3. Door/Window Details, and 4. Staircase Details; Relating to planning permission 21/04157/LBC.
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43. Recreation and Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council held on 10th May 2022, copies of which were tabled at the meeting.
Proposed by Cllr. R J Crowther, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.
44. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 10th May 2022, copies of which were tabled at the meeting.
Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted with the amendments as discussed.
45. ARC Management Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the ARC Management Committee of the Town Council, held on 10th May 2022, copies of which were tabled at the meeting.
Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and

RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the ARC Management Committee be accepted.

46. 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	May 2022	£3412.85	LGA72(S111)
J Staniforth	Mayor's Allowance	£1000.00	LGA72(S15)
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 10.30	LGA72(Sch14p27)
Steel Valley Project	Rose bush planting	£ 375.00	LGA72(S137)
The Meeting Place	QPJ funding	£ 150.00	LGA72(S145)
4SLC Trust	Quarterly grant – Qtr 1	£5000.00	LGA76(S19)
Viking	Stationery	£ 68.83	LGA72(S111)
Bolsterstone Village Hall Trust	QPJ funding	£ 165.00	LGA72(S145)
St Ann's Primary School	QPJ funding	£ 200.00	“
J Staniforth - Inman Pavilion	QPJ funding	£ 180.00	“
3 rd Stocksbridge Scouts	QPJ funding	£ 465.00	“

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

		<u>Made Under Power</u>	
Firths Window Cleaning	Window cleaning	£ 55.00	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 20.60	“
AquaPoint Ltd	Water cooler charges	£ 39.17	“
Pointer Ltd	Fire Alarm repairs	£ 311.50	“
Stocksbridge Town Council	VAT transfer	£ 898.06	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopier charges	£ 11.32	“

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

April 2022:-		<u>Made Under Power</u>	
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – History Society	£ 39.36	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Communal Areas	£ 523.50	“
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Bol toilets	£ 58.80	LGA72(Sch14p27)
Business Steam	Water charges – Bol toilets	£ 27.70	“
Business Stream	Water charges – Town Hall	£ 363.45	LGA72(S111)
E-on	Electricity charges – Xmas Tree – precinct	£ 21.21	“
SSE Southern Electric	Electricity charges – T/Hall	£ 473.85	“
Intuit Ltd – Quickbooks	VAT software subscription	£ 14.40	“
Moorepay	Payroll monthly charge	£ 132.57	“
Veolia	Waste removal	£ 90.77	“

(iv) That authority be given that SSE be the Town Council's power supply contractor for a fixed term of 3 years, commencing May 2022.

Chairman