STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee of the Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Stocksbridge Town Hall, The ARC, on Tuesday, 4th February 2020

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

A Holmes – Dransfield Properties – Item 4

1. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
   There were no apologies for absence.

2. Exclusion of Press and Public
   There were no items for Exclusion of Press and Public

3. Declarations of Interest
   Cllr A Law declared an interest in planning items.

4. Towns Fund Update
   Amanda Holmes from Dransfield Properties attended to provide an update to Councillors on the Towns Fund. Stocksbridge has the opportunity to submit proposals for £25 million of funding for the area. A board has been set up together with sub-committees covering Infrastructure; Town Centre; Health, Leisure & Education; Sustainability. Seed funding has been released in order to draft business plans. The Town Council are to be kept fully informed of all proposals.
   AH also noted litter issues on the by-pass. The Clerk undertook to contact Barnsley MBC and Highways England requesting urgent resolve to the increasing litter problems.
   The Chairman thanked AH for her presentation noting that this was a great opportunity for the area.

5. Planning Application 19/04594/REM – 49 Pot House Lane, Stocksbridge
   Members discussed the application. Cllr Crowther undertook to draft objections as raised at the meeting and present to the Town Council prior to submission to SCC Planning.

6. Planning Application 17/04673/OUT – Hollin Busk/Carr Road, Deepcar
   Members discussed the application noting it was to go to the Planning Board on 10th March 2020. Following discussion the Clerk was requested to submit the original objection the Town Council submitted as the small reduction in dwellings proposed did not address the issues regarding development of the site.

7. Open Day
   The Clerk reported that she had met with Cllrs. Abrahams and Whittaker to discuss ideas for an Open Day with Saturday, 4th April being the preferred date. The Clerk had contacted Stocksbridge Library and Stocksbridge History Society to inform of ideas for the day which would commence at 10am and conclude at 12 noon. Representatives from the community centres and venues in the area are to be invited to display information in the Library promoting their facility.

8. Proposed footpath diversion
   Councillors considered a proposed footpath diversion for footpaths STO/3 and STO/2A.
   Following consideration it was noted that Councillors had no objections to the proposals.
9. **STEP**
Cllr Abrahams wished to pass on the thanks of the STEP Board for allowing them to attend a recent Town Council meeting to update on the STEP organisation and in particular the Venue. They noted that people are limited in knowledge as to how the organisation operates and thanked the Town Council for being understanding of the current issues.

There being no further business the meeting closed.