

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 12th January 2023

PRESENT: Cllr. J Staniforth (Chair); Cllrs. M Whittaker, R J Crowther and S Abrahams

2 members of the public

173. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. C Ward, A S Law, M Milton and J A Grocutt.
174. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of the Press and Public.
175. Declarations of Interest
Cllr. S Abrahams declared a personal interest in planning application 22/04418/FUL.
176. Public Questions and Petitions
The Chairman welcomed two residents of Victoria Street wishing to raise their concerns in respect of outline planning application 22/04094/OUT Land at rear of 1-11 Edward Street, Stocksbridge for the erection of 9no. dwellings.
The residents noted their concerns over loss of privacy; green open spaces vital to the public and wildlife; the impact on wildlife, bats/birds/hedgehogs/foxes/squirrels etc; increase to parking and car movement. It was noted there had previously been coal mining on the site with two mine entries and two shafts. It was also noted that there was no affordable housing proposed, the application being for 4 and 5 bedroomed properties.
Cllr. MW informed that there had also once been a piggery on the site.
Cllr. SA reported that she had visited the site, which at present was overgrown with brambles/young trees but felt it may not be safe underfoot beneath these, also noting a stream running through the site, which today due to the heavy rain was running as a torrent. Where would this water go/be diverted to? There were already issues along this height line across the Valley with water causing issues/flooding whilst trying to find its way down the Valley as land at present providing natural soak away was being built upon.
The mining report suggested that there was insufficient fill above the old workings to provide a stable building location.
Cllr. SA stated that it was SCC policy that all planning applications incorporate a 'green space/area' as part of their application.
Cllr. RJC undertook to put together objections on behalf of the Town Council which would be forwarded to Planning Department, also requesting that the application be considered at a Planning Committee.
177. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8th December 2022
With reference to item 155, 4th paragraph – Condition of Buses. The Clerk had received a response from J Young, Stagecoach in regard to the issues raised of buses not being fit for purpose and properly maintained prior to being sent out on routes. J Young noted that the

allegations were of grave concern but without supporting information could not be investigated. Any customers wishing to raise specific concerns should contact him directly. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

With reference to item 155, final paragraphs – Hole House Lane/Yorkshire Water. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Yorkshire Water informing that the repairs had been completed on 13th December, however they had found further issues with leaks and were continuing with investigations near to Whitwell Crescent. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

With reference to item 165 – Heritage Trails. Cllr. SA reported that Bolsterstone Archaeological Heritage Group were in the early stages of planning a walk for children linking in with the school curriculum, as part of a heritage trail of the area.

178. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8th December 2022
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 8th December 2022, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. R J Crowther, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
179. 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. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for December 2022 as supplied by the Clerk.
180. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations
Correspondence including:-
- White Rose Update, 9th December 2022
- Law and Governance Monthly, December 2022
- White Rose Update, 6th January 2023
Copies previously circulated.
181. SYMCA
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYMCA informing of Supertram, Stagecoach and Travelmaster price increases effective from 2nd January 2023. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
182. Sheffield Transport User Group
The Clerk reported that she had received from SYMCA an agenda for the next Sheffield Transport User Group to be held on 5th January 2023, this correspondence had been forwarded to the Chairman as the Town Council’s representative at this meeting.
183. Clerks and Councils Direct
The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Clerks and Councils Direct, Issue 145, January 2023.

184. Sheffield Plan

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Planning Service, SCC informing that they are preparing a new local plan, which when adopted will become the Sheffield Plan. The draft of this plan is now ready for consultation and represents the Council's formal proposals on how the city should grow and develop over the period to 2039. It covers the whole of Sheffield except for the part of the city that is in the Peak District National Park. Public consultation will take place from 9th January to 20th February 2023. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

The Clerk noted that a presentation would be made to members at the next Town Council meeting on 9th February.

Cllr. RJC stated that he felt the Town Council should compile a response to the Local Plan, which he was willing to put together, but noted he would require assistance from other members with provision of information as this would be time consuming and quite involved.

The Clerk undertook to look back at previous submissions to Local Plans.

185. Clerks Reports

Nothing to report at this time.

186. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr. RJC reported that he had attended a meeting of the Garden Village Community Association.

b) Cllr. MW informed that he had attended the Christingle Service at St John's Church, Deepcar, a Rock Steady Music concert at St John's School and a pre-meeting to discuss the Broomfield Lane /Hollin Busk planning application.

c) Cllr. SA reported that she had attended a STEP meeting; the Friday Drop-In; Bolsterstone Archaeological Heritage Group meeting and the pre-meeting regarding the Broomfield Lane/Hollin Busk planning application. The People Keeping Well meeting had been cancelled. Cllr. SA reported on serious concerns with regard to Housing issues for those with a disability within the community and requested that the Area Housing Manager be invited to a future meeting and also that the concerns be raised with Janet Sharp.

Cllr. SA noted that community groups had requested an Open Day to assist with the recruitment of volunteers and also to highlight what Stocksbridge has to offer.

187. 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:-

15th December – pre-meeting regarding the Broomfield Lane/Hollin Busk planning application. Christmas Nativity play at Stocksbridge NI School

10th January – SCC Planning Committee to speak regarding the Broomfield Lane/Hollin Busk planning application which, unfortunately, had been approved. The smaller application for the area had been Refused.

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

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from WHP Telecoms Ltd informing of a proposed base station installation upgrade at Low Lathe, Low Lathe Farm, Deepcar, replacing a 15m high monopole with a 20m high monopole including upgraded equipment and associated ancilliary works. Comments are required prior to an application being submitted to the Local Planning Authority. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members'.

22/03893/OUT	Whitwell Farm, Whitwell Lane, Stocksbridge	Change of use of former agricultural barn for the stabling of up to 11 horses and erection of an exercise/riding area (menage) for personal and livery use (retrospective application).
22/04211/FUL	Cedar Road Christian Centre, Cedar Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of rear extensions on upper and lower ground floors; renovation of cafe and kitchen for use as food bank and community shop/café. The community/church space is to also be renovated and re arranged for improvements to the spatial layout of the building.
22/04418/FUL	13 Newton Avenue, Stocksbridge	Formation of access steps to front of dwellinghouse, alterations and part excavation of front garden to provide off-street parking for 2no. cars and provision of dropped kerb to front of dwellinghouse.
22/04395/FUL	Oxley Park, Moorland Drive, Stocksbridge	Erection of wooden carved troll sculpture on edge of woodland trail.
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.
22/04094/OUT	Land at rear of 1-11 Edward Street, Stocksbridge	Outline planning application (some matters reserved) for the erection of 9no dwellings.

Planning Applications - Decisions

The Clerk noted correspondence received from Cllr. JAG informing that the planning application for Wood Royd Road had been passed by Planning Officers following investigations into flooding related questions.

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

22/03735/FUL	Lee's Garden, 467 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Use of first floor as taxi office (sui generis).
22/03744/FUL	Mill Cottage, Hunshelf Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of agricultural outbuilding.
22/03118/OUT	Curtilage of 39 Broomfield Lane, Stocksbridge	Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of a dwellinghouse including garage and associated works.
22/03748/FUL	31 Broomfield Lane, Stocksbridge	Demolition of detached garage, erection of two-storey and single-storey side/front extension including integral garage, erection of single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.

22/02740/FUL	Wellhouse Farm, Park Lane, Stocksbridge	Alterations to roof to form additional habitable space including addition of rooflights to front and rear, and erection of single-storey side extension to dwellinghouse.
22/03916/FUL	39 Hole House Lane, Stocksbridge	Alterations to roof including formation of hipped roof over flat-roofed side extension and gable end to rear, erection of conservatory to rear, balcony to front and rendering of dwellinghouse.

189. Recreation and Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council held on 3rd January 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.
190. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd January 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.
191. Budget/Precept 2023/2024
The Clerk referred to the budget/precept proposals recommendation made at the Finance Committee meeting held on 3rd January 2023 for approval of the budget/precept 2023/24.
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council:-
- a) Set the Budget for 2023/2024 at £147,959
 - b) Set the Precept for 2023/2024 at £130,921
 - c) Any underspend in the following budget heads in 2022/2023 be carried forward to the budget for 2023/2024:- 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.
192. Accounts for Authorisation
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and
RESOLVED:- (i) That cheques be signed in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-
- | | | <u>Made Under Power</u> | |
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| Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions | January 2023 | £4369.95 | LGA72(S111) |
| Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd | Monthly water monitoring | £ 10.30 | LGA72Sch14P9 |
| Look Local | Advert – Xmas greeting | £ 113.40 | LGA72(S111) |
| T H Bisatt | Coffee cups | £ 50.22 | “ |
| Greave House Farm Trust | Transport Grant | £ 300.00 | LGA76(S19) |
- (ii) That cheques be signed in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-
- | | | <u>Made Under Power</u> | |
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| Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd | Monthly water monitoring | £ 20.60 | LGA72(S111) |
| Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd | Repairs to gents toilets | £ 52.50 | “ |
| Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd | 6 monthly external maint. | £ 123.60 | “ |

Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Lighting repairs/replace	£ 186.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Door repairs	£ 35.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Repairs to flooring	£ 77.50	“
Micro Alarms Ltd	Alarm repairs	£ 90.00	“
Micro Alarms Ltd	Remote reset for alarm	£ 33.60	“
Wright Brothers Partnership Ltd	Boiler replacement	£3770.10	“

ITI Services Ltd	PAT Testing	£ 180.00	“
Firths Window Cleaning Services	Window cleaning	£ 55.00	“
Waterlogic GB Ltd	Water cooler charges	£ 58.25	“
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning charges	£ 637.98	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopier charges	£ 15.34	“

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

December 2022:-			<u>Made Under Power</u>
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(Sch14p9)
British Telecommunications plc	Broadband charges	£ 160.16	LGA72(S111)
SSE	Electricity charges - ARC	£1386.09	“
Moorepay	Payroll monthly charge	£ 74.90	“
Intuit Ltd – Quickbooks	VAT software subscription	£ 14.40	“
Veolia	Waste removal	£ 91.82	“

Chairman