

## STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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PRESENT: Cllr. A S Law (Chair); Cllrs. J Wood, M Whittaker, J A Grocutt, R J Crowther,  
S Abrahams and J Staniforth from Item 47.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Ben Gilder, Stocksbridge High School – Item 48

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44. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr. K Davis and Cllr. J Staniforth would be late.
45. Exclusion of the Press and Public  
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
46. Declarations of Interest  
Cllr. MW declared an interest in agenda item 12 – To Consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee.
47. Public Questions and Petitions  
The Chairman welcomed a resident from Broomfield Road who wished to raise her concerns with regards to preparation works being undertaken on the site for the new nursery building to the rear of the Stubbin shops, which would be adjacent to gardens of residents. Noise pollution was the main issue with constant drilling being unbearable and other excessive clearance works being undertaken, disrupting many residents who work from home as WIFI was being impacted.

*Cllr. J Staniforth arrived at this point of the meeting.*

Flooding of adjoining gardens was also an issue, the excessive water required for the boring drilling escaping into adjoining properties, together with sediment, damaging trees as it was not draining away as expected. Following a conversation with the contractor they are now to dig a channel in an effort to divert the water, however, the resident was concerned as to how this may also affect the boundaries of both her and neighbouring properties. The local residents had received no notification that works would be commencing and the disruption this may cause. Cllr. JW noted that she had visited the resident, heard the noise and taken photographs of the areas in question.

The resident also raised concerns that this is a route used by many students on their way to and from school and due to other building works in the vicinity of Broomfield Road, which does not have a pavement and is a one-way route which is regularly being utilised as a two-way route by building contractors, was an accident waiting to happen.

Concerns had also been raised by residents that the environmental eco surveys conducted had not taken account of nesting birds, bats and other wildlife which was regularly seen in the hedgerows and gardens.

Cllr. JAG noted that there would be planning conditions in place as part of the application and if these were not being adhered to SCC Planning should be informed and it could also be reported on the Considerate Constructors website.

Cllr. JAG undertook to contact M Young, SCC Planning with the concerns raised and requesting a site visit.

The Chairman thanked the member of the public for attending and raising her concerns and advised that the Town Council would keep in touch.

48. Stocksbridge High School

The Chairman welcomed Mr Ben Gilder who would be commencing in his new role as Headteacher of Stocksbridge High School in September. Mr Gilder had requested an opportunity to introduced himself to Town Council members.

BG stated that he was very keen to re-establish strong links within the community which seemed to have disappeared over recent years. There was some fantastic stuff happening in school with many opportunities for visits, competitions being entered and awards being won and he welcomed all Councillors to pop in for a visit and look round at any time.

There had been issues with attendance following the pandemic with some students feeling not able to re-enter the building.

BG was keen to seek opportunities locally in an endeavour to encourage students back to school and also contribute to the local community.

Cllr. SA stated that organisations sometimes found it difficult to contact the school, a key teacher link would provide a good contact point and there were numerous groups within the community who would be willing to participate such as Greave House Farm Trust, Steel Valley Project and Arts groups.

Cllr. JAG advised of the People Keeping Well scheme at SCLC.

Cllr. JW enquired if there would be IR provision.

BG informed that the school were hoping to provide an on-site alternative provision building with a bespoke timetable and possibility to reinstate the wildlife area.

Cllr. JAG informed of the Participatory Budgeting event and suggested that this might be a good project for the students to get involved with and present at the event in October. The Clerk undertook to forward the information.

Cllr. MW noted that the Council Chamber could be made available for a School Council to attend, as had been done in the past with Royd/St John's School Council.

Cllr. JS noted that he worked for the Department of Education and that his son would be joining the school in September and enquired whether there was a Cricket Team.

Cllr. JS enquired regarding 6<sup>th</sup> form provision.

BG stated that there were insufficient students for 6<sup>th</sup> form provision and noted the difficulties faced with travel to other 6<sup>th</sup> form providers, most students opting for Hillsborough College due to this lack of transport.

Councillors noted several local groups/organisations that could be approached to link with.

Cllr. ASL noted successful students from the school from previous years. The school needed to keep pumping out good news stories to enhance their profile.

The Chairman thanked B Gilder for attending and that members would be taking up the invitation to visit the school.

49. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

There were no Remarks from the Minutes.

50. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr. J Wood, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and

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

51. 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 A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. J Wood and  
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for June 2024 as supplied by the Clerk.
52. Fox Valley Communications  
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Fox Valley informing of the success of their 8<sup>th</sup> Food Festival which took place 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June, also notification that the popular Farmers Market would be returning to the centre on 6/7<sup>th</sup> July. Copies previously circulated to members.
53. Clerks & Councils Direct  
The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Clerks & Councils Direct, Issue 154, July 2024.
54. SYMCA  
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYMCA regarding online applications for young people's travel passes also correspondence regarding a public consultation running from 5<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July on proposed bus service changes effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. Proposed changes to the 57/57a being, changes to the times, with additional Monday to Saturday evening trips introduced on service 57a. When combined with service 57, this will provide an hourly co-ordinated service between Sheffield, Oughtibridge and Stocksbridge. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
55. Sheffield Housing Strategy Consultation  
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Housing and Neighbourhoods Services, SCC informing of a draft Housing Strategy plan for 2024-2034 consultation which runs until 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
56. Clerks Reports  
Nothing to report.
57. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'  
a) Cllr. RJC reported that he had attended a Garden Village Community Association meeting and the latter end of the Participatory Budgeting Information Event held at SCLC.  
b) Cllr. SA informed that she had attended the STEP Board meeting; Steel Valley Project Steering Committee, who were looking to hold local cycle route events to encourage people back to cycling and the Stocksbridge Community Forum meeting which had been attended by the Police, who had reported that crime was down in the area.  
c) Cllr. MW reported that he had attended the Stocksbridge Community Forum meeting; Fox Glen site meeting regarding the culvert; Friends of Fox Glen meeting and a meeting regarding the Stubbin Community Centre.  
d) Cllr. JW advised that she had taken part in the litter pick; attended St Anns Gala and Bake Off together with the Mayor; attended the Hustings; Bolsterstone Fayre and visited the resident from Broomfield Road.  
e) Cllr. JAG reported that she had met with the Valley Medical Centre Practice Manager regarding a flooding issue; attended the Stocksbridge & Upper Don Action Group meeting; SCLC Summer Fair; Friends of Fox Glen meeting; Bolsterstone Afternoon Tea; meeting regarding the culvert on Wood Royd/Fox Glen; Happy Hands nursery visit.  
Cllr. JAG informed that the Library would be moving into the HUB Church building, Place making for the high street was moving forward and going to Planning; South Pennine had been

selected to provide the local bus service and proposed routes were being looked at; SVP had been successful in their match funding for the river works; a review of sports club funding was being undertaken; the Skate Park was on schedule to be completed in August.

Cllr. JAG had attended the Participatory Budgeting Information Event, noting not many people had attended.

Cllr. JAG requested that the Town Council write to both Miriam Cates, thanking her for her past hard work and bringing much needed funding to the Town and Marie Tidball MP, congratulating her on her recent success and wishing her well for the future and inviting her to attend a Town Council meeting.

The Chairman undertook to write to both ladies on behalf of the Town Council.

f) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended the Saturday morning clubs held at SCLC; the Scouts Camp; St Ann's Gala; SCLC Fair; the Hustings; Bolsterstone Fair and Stockfest held at Stocksbridge Junior School.

58. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr. A S Law reported that he had attended the following event since the last meeting:-

22<sup>nd</sup> June – St Anns school Gala and Bake Off judging together with the Deputy Mayor TARA Dog Show and Bolsterstone Fair

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

24/01876/REM	Land between Hollin Busk Road And Broomfield Grove and Broomfield Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of 92x dwellinghouses with a play area, provision of new footpaths and landscaping (Application to approve appearance, landscaping, layout and scale as reserved under planning permission no. 22/02303/OUT).
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Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and

**RESOLVED:-** That the Town Council instruct the Clerk to write to Planning Department with respect to the above mentioned planning application expressing Councillors concerns regarding access/egress onto a narrow road, being Hollin Busk and impact on neighbouring properties, some of which were bungalows and would be overlooked.

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

24/01220/FUL	27 Broomfield Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of single-storey side/rear extension, demolition of existing extension and removal of rear chimney stack to dwellinghouse.
24/01120/FUL	62 Fox Glen Road, Stocksbridge	Alterations to roof space to form habitable accommodation including erection of a rear dormer window and erection of single-storey side/rear extension to dwellinghouse.
24/00751/FUL	57 Newton Avenue, Stocksbridge	Demolition of conservatory and erection of two-storey side and rear extension and single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse (Resubmission of 23/02311/FUL).
24/01149/FUL	9 Schofield Road, Stocksbridge	Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of two-storey side and single-

24/00788/FUL	Land adjacent 22 Belmont Drive, Stocksbridge	storey rear extension to dwellinghouse. Erection of 2No detached dwellinghouses.
The undermentioned planning applications have been Refused:-		
24/01061/FUL	Lower Townend Farm, Townend Lane, Deepcar	Erection of a temporary wooden summerhouse to the front garden area (within the curtilage of a Grade II Listed Building).

Cllr. JAG referred to the Traffic Regulation Order proposed for Carr Road, Deepcar for no waiting at any time restrictions to facilitate the movement of traffic and improve access and visibility at the new road junction. Residents had raised concerns that motorists tended to speed on this road and felt this would lead to increased instances of speeding and also that parents dropping off/collecting children from Royd School would park on the new estate. Cllr. JAG requested these concerns be raised with SCC.

60. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024, copies of which had been previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted. (ii) That the Town Council accept the quotation from Document Solutions for a further 5 year period at a quarterly lease cost of £122.52, and that notice be given to terminate the current contract with effect from the end of the current term. (iii) That the Town Council approve to extend the Christmas Illuminations for a further one year contract with City Illuminations Ltd at a cost of £9,895 plus VAT. (iv) That the Town Council approve the quotation from A W Electrics Ltd to undertake the necessary remedial works to the Emergency Lighting and Electrical Installation Condition works at a cost of £1110.00 and £440.00 plus VAT respectively.

With reference to item 7b) Fire Warden Training. The Clerk tabled costings received from Fire Wizard Fire Safety for Fire Warden training, a half day on site including practical being £400 +VAT for up to 12 people.

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and

RESOLVED:- That approval be given for the Clerk to organise a half day Fire Warden training session, including practical, for staff and any tenants who wished to participate at a cost of £400 plus VAT from Fire Wizard Fire Safety.

61. Computer Equipment  
The Clerk tabled quotations for replacement and installation of the PC used for the Assistant's role, this having been in place since 2016. Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and RESOLVED:- That the Town Council approve replacement and installation of the PC used for the Assistant's role at a cost of £880 plus VAT from MJRCC Ltd.

62. Accounts for Authorisation

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and

RESOLVED:- (i) That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	July 2024	£4912.79*	LGA72(S111)/
*including Chairman's Allowance			LGA72(S15)
STEP Development Trust	Grant Aid	£1000.00	LGA76(S19)
J Wood	Mileage expenses	£ 32.00	LGA72(S111)
Steel Valley Project	Strategic Partnership Funds	£6500.00	LGA72(S137)

Eventbrite	Yorkshire Day tickets	£ 109.76	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 10.30	LGA72(Sch14P9)
MJRCC	VoIP Phone/broadband	£1146.00	LGA72(S111)
	Set up		
Look Local	PB scheme advertisement	£ 201.60	“
Viking	Stationery/postage/	£ 95.42	“
	Refreshments		
Yorkshire Local Councils Assn	Chairing Skills training	£ 70.00	“
	Course		
4SLC Trust	Revenue funding – Qtr 2	£5000.00	LGA76(S19)

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

		<u>Made Under Power</u>	
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning charges	£ 869.98	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 20.60	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopying charges	£ 43.08	“
Porter Fire	Fire extinguisher services	£ 182.40	“
WFP Cleaning	Window cleaning charges	£ 60.00	“
Crofton Carpets	Carpet fitting	£4190.00	“

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

June 2024:-		<u>Made Under Power</u>	
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – toilets	£ 57.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC	£ 586.00	“
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – History	£ 43.00	“
MJRCC	Broadband/phone charges	£ 43.38	“
MJRCC	Computer charges Jun	£ 31.20	“
British Gas Lite	Electricity charges – Xmas	£ 11.12	“
	Tree – precinct		
HMRC	VAT Payment	£ 361.38	“
Moorepay	Payroll System upgrade	£ 540.00	“
SSE	Electricity charges – May	£ 969.71	“
Intuit Ltd	Quickbooks package	£ 16.80	“
Moorepay	Payroll services – Year End	£ 281.89	“
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Veolia	Waste removal charges	£ 133.68	“

Chairman