

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 13th June 2024

PRESENT: Cllr. A S Law (Chair); Cllrs. J Wood, K Davis, J Staniforth and M Whittaker

23. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. R J Crowther, S Abrahams and J A Grocutt.
24. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
25. Declarations of Interest
There were no Declarations of Interest.
26. Public Questions and Petitions
There were no public questions and petitions.
27. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9th May 2024
With reference to item 250, second paragraph – Litter on Stocksbridge By-pass. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence forwarded from Cllr. KD in respect of the ownership of the slip roads on the A616 by-pass for maintenance and litter clearance, received from D Wain, SCC. DW had informed that following archive searches they have found no legally binding boundary agreement with Barnsley MBC or Highways as to ownership. Following lengthy discussions with Amey they have agreed to undertake a comprehensive cut back of all vegetation around the slip roads and a deep sweep and litter pick at a cost of £3853.18.
Cllr. KD had thanked them for their continued efforts to resolve the ownership situation but queried what would happen in the future going forward.
Cllr. MW updated members on a meeting with Tom Gilbert, Facilities, SCC who had undertaken to look into the matter further.
28. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9th May 2024
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 9th May 2024, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
29. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 14th May 2024
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Cllrs. KD and JW noted that they had wished to be elected to one of the groups as a Town Council representative.

Cllr. ASL stated that he was happy to stand down from the Steel Valley Project Steering Committee if Cllr. KD wished to be the Town Council representative. The minutes would be amended accordingly.

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and

RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman once the amendment had been made.

30. 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. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. J Wood and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for May 2024 as supplied by the Clerk.

31. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

Correspondence including:-

- White Rose Update, 10th May
- White Rose Update, 24th May
- White Rose Update, 7th June

Copies previously circulated.

32. Carr Road – Traffic Regulation Order

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SCC City Transport enclosing details of a proposed Traffic Regulation Order on Carr Road, Deepcar introducing a no waiting at any time restrictions around the entrance to the new development in order to facilitate movement of traffic and improve access and visibility. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.

33. Fox Valley Communications

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Fox Valley informing of the Food Festival taking place 15th & 16th June. Copies previously circulated to members.

Further correspondence informing of the recent success of the Lauren McCaslin School of Theatre Dance at the World Championships in Croatia. Copies previously circulated to members.

34. SY Police – Herbert Protocol

The Clerk reported that she had received from SY Police information on the Herbert Protocol scheme for people suffering with Alzheimer's & Dementia. Copies previously circulated to members.

35. SYMCA

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority informing of Supertram rail replacement post works survey. Copies previously circulated to members.

36. Clerks Reports

The Clerk reported that she had attended a North Area LAC Parish/Town Council Chairs and Clerks meeting on 11th June together with Cllr. ASL and members of Bradfield and Ecclesfield Parish Councils.

37. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr. MW reported on issues being experienced by the Walkers are Welcome group due to the decline of members due to age and efforts to increase membership not proving successful. The group was to contact Bradfield Walkers are Welcome with a view to merging together.

Cllr. KD suggested that perhaps Steel Valley Project may be able to assist.

Cllr. MW stated that Fox Glen park was looking very good but they were hoping that the culvert re-build, which was being tunnelled underground, would not disrupt the new facilities. The group were awaiting installation of some smaller pieces of equipment but had been told the price had more than doubled as SCC were now outsourcing building/installation of equipment.

Cllr. MW had had a meeting with Ruth Bell stating that the price quoted should be honoured.

Cllr. MW had attended that Stocksbridge Community Forum meeting; Bolsterstone Community Group meeting and as one of his last duties as Mayor, given a speech at the Steel Valley Beacon Arts performance of Beauty and the Beast.

b) Cllr. KD reported that he had attended the Fairtrade AGM with a tribute to Joan Banks given in honour of her dedication to the Valley and the DDay 80 Beacon Lighting event held at Bolsterstone.

c) Cllr. JW informed that she had attended the Stocksbridge Community Forum meeting and the YLCA Chaining Skills course held at York, which had been excellent.

d) Cllr. JS advised that he had attended several Saturday Clubs held at SCLC which were still going well; attended a Scouts meeting and would be camping with the scouts over the weekend.

d) The Clerk read out a list of events/meetings attended by Cllr. JAG in her absence:-
Fairtrade coffee morning at the Christian Centre to launch the Towns new Fairtrade information leaflet; met Faye Thompson regarding sustainable growing and net zero; Fairtrade AGM; Meeting at Fox Glen playground re equipment fitting; contacted the Post Office to have the Post Box on Park Drive returned now the Otium build is complete; met with Head of Youth Services re upgrade to Stocksbridge Youth Centre building; visited the foodbank and community shop; visited the TARA Toddler Group at the Christian Centre; met officers re Stubin Community Centre; site meeting with officers and residents re flower tubs on grass verges; public meeting in the Town Hall with residents from Bolsterstone, Openreach and Superfast Broadband South Yorkshire for the area re superfast broadband giga bit voucher scheme; Bolsterstone DDay 80 celebrations; site visit with the Woodland Trust to discuss the wall knocked down at More Hall Lane. As a result it is been rebuilt lower to improve the sight line at the junction with Manchester Road.

38. 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:-

6th June – DDay 80 Beacon Lighting event at Bolsterstone together with other Councillors

11th June – North LAC Parish/Town Council Chairs and Clerks meeting

Cllr. ASL noted that TARA had donated £800 to Fox Glen park towards play equipment.

39. To Consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee
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| 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. |
| 24/01220/FUL | 27 Broomfield Road, Stocksbridge | Erection of single-storey side/rear extension, demolition of existing extension and removal of rear chimney stack to dwellinghouse. |
| 24/01526/FUL | 9 Armitage Road, Stocksbridge | Erection of porch to front of dwellinghouse. |
| 24/01460/FUL | Castlefields, Yew Trees Lane, Bolsterstone | Erection of single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse. |
| 24/01576/FUL | 24 Poplar Avenue, Stocksbridge | Demolition of conservatory and erection of single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse. |
| 24/01202/OUT | 49 Pot House Lane, Stocksbridge | Outline application (All Matters Reserved) for the demolition of dwellinghouse and erection of a residential care home with up to 90 beds (Use Class C2) with vehicular access from Linden Crescent, associated parking and landscaping works (Resubmission of application 23/03350/OUT). |

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

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| 24/00946/FUL | 4 Ewden Valley, New Mill Bank, Ewden Valley | Erection of a single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse. |
| 24/00148/FUL | 586 & 588 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge | Demolition of existing shop building and erection of 1x dwellinghouse with garden area and parking provision. |
| 24/00877/FUL | Quarry Acre, 1B Wood Royd Road, Deepcar | Erection of two-storey front/side extension to dwellinghouse and demolition of existing conservatory. |
| 23/03820/FUL | 11 Carr Grove, Deepcar | Alterations to roof to form additional habitable space including flat to pitched roof and erection of rear dormer, demolition of side and rear porch, erection of two-storey side extension with integral garage and formation of raised patio with access steps to the rear. |
| 24/01084/FUL | 30 St Matthias Road, Deepcar | Erection of two-storey side extension with demolition of attached garage and front porch to dwellinghouse. |

24/00713/FUL	Land associated with Ingfield House, 11 Bocking Hill, Stocksbridge	Erection of 14 dwellinghouses with associated works, parking and landscaping (Application under Section 73 to vary condition 2 of 21/04262/FUL varied under 22/04147/FUL).
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The undermentioned planning application has been given Certificate of Lawful Use

Development:-

24/00256/LD2	Edgecliffe Farm, Don Hill Height Stocksbridge	Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the erection of a kennel (Application under Section 192).
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24/00741/LD2	5 Broadhead Road, Stocksbridge	Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the erection of a garden building (Application under Section 192).
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The undermentioned planning application has been Refused:-

24/00927/OUT	49 Carr Road, Deepcar	Outline application (approval sought for all matters except landscaping) for the erection of a dwellinghouse (Resubmission of 23/02863/OUT).
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The undermentioned planning application has been Granted Conditional Legal Agreement:-

24/00120/OUT	Land at junction with Carr Road, Hollin Busk Lane, Deepcar	Outline application for up to 85 residential dwellings including open space (Amended Description) (Application under Section 73 to vary condition no(s) 7 (levels), 8 (landscape and ecological management plan), 9 (Arboriculture Method Statement), 10 (Site investigation and remediation), 11 (WSI), 12 (Surface Water Drainage), 13 (Energy Report), 14 (CEMP), 15 Construction Method Statement), 16 (Phase II Intrusive SI), 17 (Remediation), 18 (Species rich grassland), 19 (Employment and Development Plan), 20 (Broadband), 21 (Open Space inc. phasing), 22 (EV Charging Scheme), 23 (S278 works), 24 (Details of S278 works), 25 (Dry Stone Walling), 26 (Validation Report), 27 (Travel Plan), and 28 (Hard and soft landscape); as imposed by planning permission 17/04673/OUT).
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40. Recreation and Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 4th June 2024, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.
41. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 4th June 2024, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Wood, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.
(ii) That the Town Council:-
a) Approve the accounts for the year ended 2023/24
b) Approve Section 1 of the AGAR, Annual Governance Statement 2023/24
c) Approve Section 2 of the AGAR, Accounting Statements 2023/24
d) To receive the report of the Internal Auditor
e) To authorise the Clerk to display the necessary notices
All members were in agreement.
(iii) That the Town Council approve funding of £6,500 to Steel Valley Project for Strategic Partnership funding for 2024/2025.
42. Annual Accounts 2023/24 and Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24 and Internal Auditor's Report
The Clerk reported that the internal audit for the accounts for the financial year 2023/24 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 suggested that matters arising from the Internal Audit report be considered further at a future Finance Committee meeting. 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 the audit and electors rights had been advertised accordingly.
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council:-
a) Approve the accounts for the year ended 2023/24
b) Approve Section 1 of the AGAR, Annual Governance Statement 2023/24
c) Approve Section 2 of the AGAR, Accounting Statements 2023/24
d) To receive the report of the Internal Auditor
e) To authorise the Clerk to display the necessary notices
All members were in agreement.
43. Accounts for Authorisation
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and
RESOLVED:- (i) That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-
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| Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions | June 2024 | £3879.39 | LGA72(S111) |
| Internal Yorkshire Audit | Internal Audit 2023/24 | £ 535.00 | “ |
| Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd | Monthly water monitoring | £ 10.30 | LGA72(Sch14P9) |
| Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd | Repairs to chairs – Council Chamber | £ 37.50 | LGA72(S111) |
| Viking | Stationery | £ 83.30 | “ |

(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	£ 844.06	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 20.60	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	6 monthly external maint.	£ 154.00	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopying charges	£ 20.68	“
IPM Group	Security call outs	£ 120.00	“
Micro Alarms Ltd	Alarm remote access repair	£ 33.60	“
Pollards	Coffee supplies	£ 46.45	“
A W Electrics	5 year electrical testing	£1320.13	“
WFP Cleaning	Window cleaning	£ 60.00	“
Ashton Alarms	Replacement security Cameras	£ 528.00	“

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

May 2024:-			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – toilets	£ 57.00	“
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC	£ 586.00	“
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – History	£ 43.00	“
SG Equipment Finance	Photocopier lease	£ 194.40	“
MJRCC	Computer charges Apr/May	£ 62.40	“
British Telecommunications plc	Phone charges	£ 67.96	“
British Gas Lite	Electricity charges – Xmas Tree – precinct	£ 11.85	“
SSE	Electricity charges – ARC April	£ 979.02	“
British Telecommunications plc	EMCS line	£ 43.16	“
British Telecommunications plc	Broadband charges	£ 58.33	“
Intuit Ltd – Quickbooks	VAT software subscription	£ 16.80	“
Veolia	Waste removal charges	£ 108.50	“

Chairman