

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 10th October 2024

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Representatives from the Royal British Legion – Item 87

1 Member of the Public

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

There were no Apologies for Absence.

The Chairman welcomed Clare Wilson to the Town Council, co-opted to the position of Councillor for the West Ward, Garden Village and Smithy Moor at the September meeting. The Chairman noted that members worked together, getting on with things and were proud to represent the Valley.

The Chairman welcomed representatives from The Royal British Legion who wished to show members the lamp post poppies which had been purchased for display along the route of the Remembrance Day Parade and surrounding area, supported by the Town Council via the grants process. The Chairman stated that the Town Council had a good relationship with the RBL and long may it continue.

The RBL informed that they would be installing the poppies on lamp posts on 19th October, going from Underbank to Deepcar and the Remembrance Parade route and would be in situ for approximately 4 weeks prior to being removed to be used in future years. Any volunteers on the day would be most welcome. The Clerk undertook to put a notice on Facebook inviting anyone interested in assisting to meet at the Clock Tower at 11am on 19th October.

88. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr. Clare Wilson then signed and delivered to the Clerk her declaration of acceptance of office as Councillor for the West Ward until the next Town Council elections in 2027.

89. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Cllr. JAG noted that she wished to raise an item in Part 2 of the meeting.

90. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. MW declared an interest in agenda item 11 – To Consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee and agenda item 12 – Grant Applications re Bolsterstone Archaeology and Heritage Group.

Cllr. RJC declared an interest in agenda item 12 - Grant Applications re Stocksbridge & Upper Don TARA and the Royal British Legion.

Cllr. ASL declared an interest in agenda item 12 - Grant Applications re Stocksbridge & Upper Don TARA.

91. Public Questions and Petitions
The Chairman welcomed a member of the public who wished to raise his serious concerns with respect to the development at the Ingfield House site on Broomfield Road, thanking members for their support with the numerous issues arising from this development.
The one-way route was continually being utilised by plant wagons driving the wrong way along the highway and on several occasions blocking the route whilst deliveries of concrete/building materials were being unloaded, often for a substantial amount of time. If residents approached the developers they were found to be intimidating and told to find an alternative route, of which there wasn't one, it being a one-way system. The site was currently water logged with mud/debris and grass being churned up by site vehicles subsequently ending up on the highway, which they appeared to be using as part of the building site. With dark nights approaching it was a safety hazard for local children on route to/from school.
Cllr. JAG stated that planning conditions are in place and the developers should be applying to the Council for a traffic light system to be put in place whilst these works were ongoing. There was an agreement that the green and lane was to be put back at it was found at the end of the development, photos had been taken.
The Chairman thanked the resident for raising his concerns again and stated that the Town Council would write to Planning Enforcement and the Police requesting a further site visit.
92. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th September 2024
With reference to Item 80a) - Pen Nook Park. The Clerk reported that responses had been received from representatives of Friends of Fox Glen Park noting that whilst they would be interested in hearing about any future plans for a new Friends of Group for Pen Nook Park they are all struggling themselves with time commitments/health issues, however, they would be willing to share anything from their experiences but did not wish to raise expectations of how much time/involvement they could commit. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
93. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th September 2024
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 12th September 2024, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
94. Finances - To Receive and Approve Monthly Financial Statements including Budget Monitoring
The Clerk reported that the details of the Monthly Financial Statements had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements including Budget Monitoring information for September 2024 as supplied by the Clerk.
95. South Yorkshire Police
The Clerk reported that she had received from South Yorkshire Police a Motorcycle and Rural Crime Team Newsletter, August 2024. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
96. Countryside Voice
The Clerk reported that she had received from CPRE a copy of Countryside Voice, Autumn/Winter 2024.

97. Friends of Fox Glen Park

The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of the Friends of Fox Glen Park AGM held on 12th September 2024.

98. Peak District National Park Authority

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Peak District National Park Authority regarding the Local Plan Review. This information had been displayed on the Town Council notice board and in the Council Chamber.

99. Licensing

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Licensing informing of a minor variation to licensing for Aldi Stores Ltd at Fox Valley being a Change of Plan.

100. Clerks Reports

St Matthias Church

The Clerk reported that a response had been received from the Vicar Chris Tufnell, of Oughtibridge Parish Church, following a request by Cllr. JAG to obtain an update as to the current situation. The Vicar noted that it was an ambition to reopen St Matthias rather than a definite commitment to do so and that it would cost in the region of £2.5m of funding to undertake repairs required, which they are actively working to raise. It was hoped that St Matthias would become a valuable community facility at the heart of the town rather than becoming five residential flats as was being planned.

Cllr. JAG raised her concerns with the building standing empty and queried whether the area needed a further community building, feeling it would be better as homes rather than becoming derelict.

Cllr. RJC fully supported Cllr. JAG's comments noting it could be quite some time before the required amount of funding was raised.

Cllr. JAG requested that the Church be asked how much funding had been raised to date and timelines for the remainder of the funds.

Public Pathway adjacent to Lidl Supermarket

The Clerk reported that a local resident had been into the office to report that the pathway adjacent to Lidl supermarket leading to the housing estate is very overgrown with thorny bushes and is a safety hazard. This had been reported previously by the resident and the area had been cleared, however, it was not cleared on a regular basis. The Clerk had reported this to Streets Ahead.

101. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr. JS reported that he continued to attend the Saturday morning sessions at the Leisure Centre which were enjoyed by a large number of children each week.

Cllr. JS has also attended the Cricket Awards event at The Venue and was pleased to note they now had womens teams.

b) Cllr. JAG reported that she had attended the Macmillan coffee morning at the High School; Community Action Group and Partners meeting; TARA baby group; Happy Hands AGM; Sandersons Pandora opening at Fox Valley; Homegrown Festival candle making session and Royal British Legion meeting.

Cllr. JAG informed that she had been dealing with numerous flooding issues, particularly from the Carr Road development into Fox Glen and also at Crown Cars Garage. Pot holes on Carr Road should be filled in by 4th December; removal of the Co-op recycling facility was causing flytipping issues. The All Wheels Skate Park at Oxley Park was now complete with a formal opening to be arranged and the police were instigating their Dark Nights patrols as there were motor cyclists in the area again.

c) Cllr. MW informed that he had attended the Homegrown drama production Vapes, which had been written by the children and had been excellent and had suggested this be taken around schools in the Sheffield area. SCC was developing a Culture Strategy to support grass roots culture. Cllr. MW had attended the Friends of Fox Glen AGM and noted the last of the monies was to be spent and the Community Action Group meeting where it was reported that anti-social behaviour was improving.

Cllr. MW stated that he had booked a Wildlife Special speaker for the Community Forum meeting on 23rd October at 6pm and encouraged members to spread the word. The Clerk undertook to put the information on Facebook.

d) Cllr. JW reported that she had been speaking to a resident regarding the Nursery development at the rear of Broomfield Road regarding concerns about the private access road.

102. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

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

5th Oct – judging of Scarecrow competition held at Fox Valley

Cllr. ASL reported that he had attended the STEP Board, Royal British Legion and TARA meetings and Bolsterstone Bazar. Cllr. ASL had also visited the Leisure Centre and had been amazed at the variety of initiatives on offer there.

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

24/02679/FUL	Land at rear of 15-17 Broomfield Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of a nursery (Use Class E) with associated parking (Application under Section 73 to vary condition no(s) 2 (approved plans) and remove condition no(s) 13 (site boundary treatment), 15 (hard/soft landscaping), 16 (external materials/finishes), and 19 (car park surface) as imposed by planning permission 21/00366/FUL).
24/02833/FUL	4 St Joan Avenue, Deepcar	Demolition of existing extension and front porch and erection of a two storey rear extension and a single-storey side/front extension to dwellinghouse.
24/02776/OUT	Quarry Hill Cottage, Wood Royd Road, Stocksbridge	Outline application (all matters reserved) for erection of residential development.
24/02869/FUL	31 Cross Lane Stocksbridge	Demolition of existing front dormer and erection of 2no front dormer windows, two-storey rear extension with raised terrace area and stairs to dwellinghouse.

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

24/02333/FUL	7 Sycamore Road, Stocksbridge	Installation of air source heat pump to rear of dwellinghouse.
24/02015/NMA	Land East of the River Don and to the South West of Station Road, Deepcar	Application to allow minor alterations to house types and to reposition the dwellinghouse on plot

102 to accommodate a mine shaft easement (amendment to planning approval 22/04337/FUL).

The undermentioned planning applications have been given Condition Application Decided:-
23/03953/COND1 Oxley Park, Moorland Drive, Stocksbridge
Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 3 & 4 (Drainage) imposed by planning permission 23/03953/RG3.

104. Grant Applications

a) Stocksbridge Photographic Society

Members considered a grant application received from the Stocksbridge Photographic Society towards room rental and visiting lecturers.

Following discussion Councillors noted that whilst they agreed in principle, the Clerk was requested to contact the group to ascertain where they meet and clarification on what the grant would be paying for. The application to be deferred to a future meeting.

b) Stocksbridge & Upper Don Tenants and Residents Association

Members considered a grant application received from Stocksbridge Tenants and Residents Association towards a Magic Show for local children and their parents/carers plus provision of a “take-home tea” the cost of which will be funded by TARA.

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

RESOLVED:- That a grant of £180 be awarded to Stocksbridge & Upper Don Tenants and Residents Association towards a Magic Show for local children and their parents/carers.

c) Bolsterstone Community Group

Members considered a grant application received from Bolsterstone Community Group towards participation in the national beacon lighting event to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day plus provision of a free concert with Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir and Deepcar Brass Band for the entertainment of the wider community and to increase community cohesion.

Following discussion it was resolved that the Group be requested to re-submit the application in March 2025 as this event was not taking place until the next financial year.

d) Bolsterstone Archaeological and Heritage Group

Members considered a grant application received from Bolsterstone Archaeological and Heritage Group towards a special workshop at Bolsterstone Village Hall with a representative from the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS), for members and people from the community regarding items found in gardens/on walks or through metal detecting.

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and

RESOLVED:- That a grant of £178 be awarded to Bolsterstone Archaeological and Heritage Group towards a special workshop at with a representative from the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS), for members and people from the community regarding items found in gardens/on walks or through metal detecting.

e) Stocksbridge & Upper Don Tenants and Residents Association

Members considered a transport grant application received from Stocksbridge Tenants and Residents Association towards transportation costs for a pantomime trip open to all TARA members with their families in the area who would benefit from accessing a fun, family event.

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. J A Grocutt and

RESOLVED:- That a grant of £425 be awarded to Stocksbridge & Upper Don Tenants and Residents Association towards transportation costs for a pantomime trip open to all TARA members with their families in the area who would benefit from accessing a fun, family event.

f) Royal British Legion

Members considered a grant application received from the Royal British Legion towards the purchase of lamp post poppies to mark the route of the Remembrance Day Parade and beyond to mark the centenary of the first Parade within the Town and for future events.

Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. J A Grocutt and

RESOLVED:- That a grant of £600 be awarded to the Royal British Legion towards the purchase of lamp post poppies to mark the route of the Remembrance Day Parade and beyond to mark the centenary of the first Parade within the Town and for future events.

105. Participatory Budgeting

The Clerk reported that the PB Task Group had ratified the three applications received for this year's Participatory Budgeting scheme, being:-

Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre	£10,000
Steel Valley Project	£ 9,936
Upper Don Trail Trust	£ 1,956

The group had therefore taken the decision to award the amounts requested, with the remainder of the CIL funding being held for future events and the PB event planned for October being cancelled.

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. J A Grocutt and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council:-

- authorise payment of the CIL funds to the three groups
- invite the groups to the November Town Council for a cheque presentation and a small presentation to support their projects
- invite members of the PB Task Group to the November Town Council to watch the presentations

106. Annual Accounts 2023/2024

The Clerk reported that she had received the opinion of the Auditors for the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024, there were no matters arising. The Clerk noted that the required documents would be displayed on the Town Council notice board and website.

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept the Auditors certificate and opinion.

107. Accounts for Authorisation

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

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	October 2024	£3879.39	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Toilets monthly water monitoring	£ 10.30	LGA72(Sch14P9)
Viking	Stationery/postage	£ 97.23	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield Lip Reading Group	Transport grant	£ 300.00	LGA76(S19)
The Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreaths	£ 150.00	LGA72(S137)

(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	£ 758.69	LGA72(S111)
A Holden	Window cleaning charges	£ 60.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 20.60	“

Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Repairs to toilets	£ 120.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Annual Roof Survey	£ 150.00	“
Micro Alarms Ltd	Remote reset	£ 33.60	“
IPM Group Ltd	Annual Key Holding fee	£ 312.00	“
Crofton Carpets	Carpet fitting	£2235.00	“
Culligan	Water cooler charges – full year	£ 628.52	“

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

September 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	“
British Gas Lite	Electricity charges – Xmas Tree – precinct	£ 15.05	“
MJRCC	Broadband/phone charges	£ 43.69	“
MJRCC	Computer charges	£ 31.20	“
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	Photocopier lease/set up	£ 349.82	“
SSE	Electricity charges – Aug	£ 929.51	“
Intuit Ltd	Quickbooks package	£ 16.80	“
Moorepay	Payroll charges	£ 85.13	“
Veolia	Waste removal charges	£ 158.56	“

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and

RESOLVED:- That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public are excluded for the following item(s) of business as the Council considers that the nature of business to be transacted is prejudicial to the public interest.

108. ANPR Cameras

Cllr. JAG provided information to members with respect to ANPR cameras.

Following discussion members were unanimously in agreement that installation of ANPR cameras would be of benefit to the whole community. It must be stipulated that they were located only in this area and that regular updates be given at the Community Action Group meetings. Members of the PB Task Group would be informed that the remainder of the CIL funds from this year's Participatory Budgeting £14,107 would now be put towards these cameras, the remainder of the funds £468 being taken from the Town Council's Environmental budget, the total cost of cameras/installation/running costs being £14,575.

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

RESOLVED:- a) That the Town Council authorise release of the remaining CIL funds from this year's Participatory Budgeting £14,107 towards the purchase, installation and associated costs of ANPR cameras for the area, the remainder of the funds £468 being taken from the Environmental budget, the total cost being £14,575.

b) Inform the PB Task Group members of the resolution.

Chairman