

## STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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PRESENT: Cllr. A S Law (Chair); Cllrs. M Whittaker, R J Crowther, J A Grocutt, K Davis,  
C Wilson and J Staniforth from Item 140

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130. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr. J Wood.
131. Exclusion of the Press and Public  
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
132. Declarations of Interest  
Cllr. MW declared an interest in item 143 – To Consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee.
133. Public Questions and Petitions  
There were no public questions and petitions.
134. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
There were no Remarks from the Minutes.
135. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.  
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. C Wilson and  
**RESOLVED:-** That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
136. 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. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. J A Grocutt and  
**RESOLVED:-** That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements including Budget Monitoring information for November 2024 as supplied by the Clerk.
137. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations  
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from YLCA including:-  
- Weekly News and Notifications 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
- Weekly News and Notifications 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
- Law and Governance Bulletin December 2024  
Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
138. SYMCA  
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYMCA informing of Travelmaster fare increases effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 and also information regarding Christmas travel in South Yorkshire.

139. Bradfield Charity Christmas Tractor Run

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from C Whittaker inviting members to attend the Bradfield Charity Christmas Tractor Run, commencing this year from Fox Valley on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm prior to setting off on route for Bradfield. The rally this year was for Bluebell Wood and Weston Park and it was hoped to raise £10,000. Everyone was welcome.

140. Clerks Reports

Christmas Card Competition

The Clerk updated members on issues arising from this year's Christmas Card Competition.

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

Steel Valley Project

The Clerk reported that she had been approached by T Newman regarding ownership of the triangle of land adjacent to the rear of the Town Hall which she had confirmed belonged to the Town Council. TN had advised of a project to utilise the area as a community tree nursery/training area. The Clerk had informed of the Environmental budget which could accommodate costs for tangible items such as the saplings, equipment etc as opposed to labour costs.

141. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr. RJC reported that he had attended the Science Club held at the Inman Pavilion and the Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

b) Cllr. JAG informed that she had attended the SCLC AGM; Bolsterstone Community Group where A Rodgers had stood down as Chairman; meeting with the local community worker Luke Denton; future planning/housing in the area, Sweeney House location proposed; TARA Toddler Group; Royal British Legion meeting; Towns Fund Board interviews; Local Plan, with rules due to change regarding planning it could be useful for someone to attend the Town Council to update members; SCLC Christmas Fayre.

c) Cllr. C Wilson reported that she had delivered the Christmas cards to the school winners of the Christmas Card competition together with the Mayor.

d) Cllr. MW updated members on the planning meeting; attended the Bolsterstone Archaeology Heritage Group meeting with a representative from PAS; Bolsterstone Christmas Fayre; Greave House Farm Trust Carol event; St John's School Rock Concert and a performance of carols local to Stocksbridge given by his daughter in Thirsk.

e) Cllr. KD reported that he had handed out the tickets for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party and also assisted on the day with serving, however, he noted issues arising on the day and suggested that members from The Venue be invited to attend a Town Council meeting prior to next year's event in order that these could be raised and solutions sought. Cllr. KD had also attended the Royal British Legion meeting confirming with them that the lamp post poppies were the property of the RBL and not the Town Council.

f) Cllr. JS advised that he had attended the SCLC Christmas Fayre; Science Club and Craft Club; community football for dads held at SCLC which was proving popular and a Christmas event at the new Pizza place on the precinct.

142. 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:-

26<sup>th</sup> November – handing out tickets for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party

4<sup>th</sup> December – Senior Citizens Christmas Party held at The Venue

STEP Board meeting where issues arising from the Senior Citizens Christmas Party had been raised. Cllr. ASL informed of the STEP branding re-launch on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 with a new logo and community day at The Venue.

Cllr. ASL had handed out the Christmas cards to the school winners of the Christmas card competition together with Cllr. CW and attended several TARA events, which continued to do well.

143. 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).
24/03209/FUL	66 Victoria Road, Stocksbridge	Demolition of conservatory, erection of single-storey side extension and rear porch to dwellinghouse.
24/03491/FUL	Ellen Cliffe Farm, Wortley Road, Deepcar	Erection of two-storey side/rear extension with access steps and raised patio to dwellinghouse.
24/03049/FUL	Land East of the River Don and to the South West of Station Road, Deepcar	Erection of up to 428 dwellings with associated infrastructure including means of access, all-purpose bridge, drainage, open space and landscaping works (Application under Section 73 to vary condition no 2 (approved plans) as imposed by planning permission 19/00054/FUL, previously varied under 22/04337/FUL to allow revised layout to scheme and 24/02221/NMA to amend the description to read 'up to 428 dwellings').

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

24/02679/FUL	Land at rear of 15 to 17 Broomfield Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of a nursery (Use Class E) with associated parking (Application under Section 73 to vary Condition Nos. 2 (Approved Plans) 13 (Site Boundary Treatment), 15 (Hard/Soft Landscaping), 16 (External Materials/Finishes), as imposed by planning permission 21/00366/FUL) - Amended description.
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.

144. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024, copies of which had been previously circulated.  
Proposed by Cllr. R J Crowther, seconded by Cllr. J A Grocutt and  
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee be accepted.
145. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024, copies of which had been previously circulated.  
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and  
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.

146. Accounts for Authorisation

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

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	December 2024	£4125.50	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Toilets monthly water Monitoring	£ 10.30	LGA72(Sch14P9)
4SLC Trust	Revenue funding 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr	£5000.00	LGA76(S19)
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement – Xmas Party gifts	£ 228.25	LGA72(S137)
T H Bisatt	Mileage	£ 5.40	LGA72(S111)
Word for Word Ltd	Christmas card printing	£ 346.80	“
Viking	Postage/stationery	£ 65.29	“

(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	£ 771.98	LGA72(S111)
A Holden	Window cleaning charges	£ 60.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 20.60	“
Ashton Alarms Ltd	Annual maintenance CCTV and repair	£ 486.00	“
Document Solutions Ltd	Photocopier usage	£ 3.38	“
Wright Brothers Partnership Ltd	Annual service – heating sys	£ 382.46	“

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

November 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	£ 11.15	“
MJRCC	Broadband/phone charges	£ 43.20	“
MJRCC	Computer charges	£ 31.20	“
SSE	Electricity charges – ARC	£1449.53	“
Intuit Ltd	Quickbooks package Oct	£ 16.80	“
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Moorepay	Payroll charges	£ 85.13	“
Veolia	Annual Duty of Care	£ 55.13	“
Veolia	Waste removal charges	£ 108.50	“

Chairman