

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 10th July 2025

PRESENT: Cllr. R Crowther (Deputy Chair); Cllrs. M Whittaker, C Wilson, J Staniforth, A Law

IN ATTENDANCE: A Holmes, C Whittaker (Dransfield Properties) – Item 74
1 member of public - Item 73
Cllr. J Booker

70. To Receive Chair's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. K Davis and J Grocutt.
The Chair congratulated Cllr. J Booker with regards to the recent election and welcomed him to his new role.
71. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
72. Declarations of Interest
Cllr. M Whittaker declared an interest in Item 86 – To Consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee.
73. Public Questions and Petitions
A member of the public, E Jones, Chairman of Stocksbridge and Deepcar Townswomen's Guild, brought forward information in relation to the Guild's proposal of a banking hub for the Stocksbridge and Deepcar area. EJ raised the difficulties faced by people in the local area with regards to accessing personal banking, and informed members that it is the Post Office that run banking hubs. EJ requested the support of the Town Council in lobbying the Post Office to provide a banking hub for residents of the Stocksbridge and Deepcar area.
Councillors were in agreement that a banking hub is needed in the local area.
The Clerk resolved to contact Penistone Town Council for information about the process involved in establishing a banking hub.
The Chair thanked EJ for attending the meeting.
74. Fox Valley Update – A Holmes, C Whittaker
The Chair welcomed A Holmes and C Whittaker, representing Dransfield Properties, who had requested to attend a Town Council meeting to provide an update about some upcoming and positive changes at Fox Valley.
AH informed members that Dransfield Properties had submitted a planning application to Sheffield City Council this week for an M&S Food Hall to be built in the Ford House area of Fox Valley, which is expected provide 60 new jobs, full-time and part-time, and support around 2000 jobs in the local area. AH expressed their hopes to obtain planning permission and commence construction around autumn-winter 2025 for a potential store opening around autumn 2026.

Councillors enquired about emergency vehicle access and parking capacity. AH informed members that these factors had been well considered.

Councillors agreed that they were in support of the proposals.

The Chair thanked AH and CW for attending.

75. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th June 2025
There were no remarks from the Minutes.
76. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th June 2025
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 12th June 2025, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chair.
77. 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. A Law and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements including Budget Monitoring information for June 2025 as supplied by the Clerk.
78. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from YLCA including:-
- Weekly News and Notifications – 13th June 2025
- Weekly News and Notifications – 20th June 2025
- Weekly News and Notifications – 27th June 2025
- Weekly News and Notifications – 7th July 2025
79. People of the Peak
The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Peak District National Park Foundation who shared their press release about People of the Peak, a new project in development which aims to protect and celebrate the Peak District's cultural heritage.
80. North LAC Public Meeting
The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from the North Local Area Committee informing of a North LAC Public Meeting to be held at the Venue on Tuesday 15th July at 5.30pm. The theme will be crime and anti-social behaviour.
81. Sheffield City Council Planning
The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Sheffield City Council regarding the site regarding planning application 25/00440/FUL - 19 Smith Road, S36 1FG - and the related proposal: Change of use from dwellinghouse (use class C3) to pre-school nursery (use class E), including erection of two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension, removal of boundary hedging and wall and erection of timber fence and gates.
An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Sheffield City Council to refuse to grant planning permission.

82. Stocksbridge High School Student Celebration Evening

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Stocksbridge High School thanking those who attended the Student Celebration Evening on 26th June.

83. Happy Hands

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Happy Hands inviting Councillors to attend their Year End Party on 18th July, 12pm-2.30pm.

84. Clerk's Reports

The Clerk noted information received from Sheffield City Council regarding the lighting column which was cut down on Yew Trees Lane last week. SCC informed that the Town Council being held liable for reinstatement costs was a risk highlighted during the application process. SCC notified that the column had been destroyed, but at this stage it is unknown whether the Town Council will be re-charged.

The Clerk noted a further update from South Yorkshire Police informing that the other ANPR cameras in Stocksbridge have been removed for now to keep the lampposts safe until a better solution can be found.

Councillors suggested alternative placement ideas for the ANPR cameras, and the Clerk resolved to contact South Yorkshire Police with Councillor's suggestions.

The Clerk noted members request to invite the newly elected City Councillor, John Booker, to a future Town Council meeting and congratulate him on his new role. Members noted Cllr. J Booker's welcome attendance to the present meeting and agreed he would be welcome to attend the Town Council meeting in September should he wish to attend.

85. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members

a) Cllr MW noted his objection to another Councillor's comments on the selection of a new Councillor.

Cllr MW noted that he had attended Bolsterstone Village Festival and a Community Action Group meeting.

Cllr MW reported further information regarding the telephone kiosk in Bolsterstone, informing members that it is a Grade 2 listed box which has been identified by BT as suitable for de-commissioning with the inside to be removed imminently. Bolsterstone Community Group's proposal to adopt the telephone box was declined because they are not a registered Charity or Council. Either Stocksbridge Town Council or Sheffield City Council would be eligible to adopt the box for a small fee, but would be responsible for the upkeep, repairs and its maintenance as a Grade 2 listed box.

Councillors agreed to hand the adoption of the telephone box over to Sheffield City Council.

b) Cllr RC reported that he had attended a Garden Village Community Association meeting.

c) Cllr JS reported that he had attended Bolsterstone Village Festival, Oughtibridge Gala, People Playing Football and the Craft Club at the Inman Pavilion.

d) Cllr AL reported that he had discussions with members of Bolsterstone Community Group regarding the telephone box.

e) Cllr CW reported that she had attended Bolsterstone Village Festival.

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

25/01607/LU2

3 Smithy Moor Avenue

Certificate of Proposed Lawful
Development for refurbishment

		works including enlargement of the existing rear dormer, new external finishes, and replacement UPVC windows and doors including rear full height window with balustrade and new rooflights
25/01813/ADV	Jojo Mamen Bebe, 13 Harry Brearley House, 6 Fox Valley Way	1x internally illuminated fascia sign and 1x non-illuminated projecting sign
25/02008/FUL	Land Adjacent Ford House 4, Fox Valley Way	Demolition of Unit C5 and erection of a retail unit with access, servicing, plant, parking, landscaping and associated works
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25/00922/FUL	Bennewell, Royd Farm, Carr Road	Erection of 2x dwellinghouses

In relation to the above application, the following objection has been submitted to planning:

The Town Council strongly object to this application on behalf of the residents in the vicinity. The driveway is owned by 2 of the neighbouring properties, its occupants do not intend to offer permission to have the driveway widened, this in itself should render the application invalid. The ingress and egress onto Carr Road is in close proximity to other junctions (35mtrs) which is extremely busy at peak times with parked cars dropping children off at the school just across the road. There is no provision for drainage (See Yorkshire Water comments) The land has numerous water courses passing through it. The proposed houses will sit higher than those on Bakewell Gardens overlooking these properties, casting shadows and affecting direct sunlight to a number of the properties. There are bats in the area but no evidence a bat survey has been carried out.

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning application has been Granted:-

25/01590/NMA	43 St Matthias Road	Application to allow render to front of dwellinghouse (amendment to planning permission 24/00225/FUL)
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The undermentioned planning application has been Granted Conditionally:-

25/00761/FUL	Bryncelyn, Bitholmes Lane	Alterations to dwellinghouse including demolition of attached garage, erection of single-storey rear extension with formation of rear gable end and side dormer window, rear porch and detached garage
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The undermentioned planning application has been Granted Condition Application Decided:-

24/01876/COND1	Land Between Hollin Busk Road and Broomfield Grove and Broomfield Lane	Application to approve details relating to condition no's 5. (Large Scale Details) 6. (External Materials & Finishes) & 8. (Boundary Treatments) of planning permission no. 24/01876/FUL
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87. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 1st July 2025, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. C Wilson, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and

RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee be accepted.

88. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 1st July 2025, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. C Wilson, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and

RESOLVED:-

(i) that the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.

(ii) That the Town Council approve to extend the Christmas Illuminations contract for a further one year with City Illuminations Ltd at a cost of £9,895 plus VAT.

89. Co-option of Councillor to the North Ward

The Clerk reported that 1 nomination had been received for the vacant seat on the Town Council for the North Ward, copies of which had been previously circulated to members for consideration.

Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. A Law and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council co-opt J Wheeler as Councillor for the North Ward, Stocksbridge until the next Town Council elections.

A vote was taken – all in favour.

90. Accounts for Authorisation

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, 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 2025	3804.38	LGA72(S111)
Bradford City Council	Yorkshire Day	110.00	LGA72(S111)
Flags & Flagpoles	Union Jack Flag	71.46	LGA72(S111)
The Range	Desk Fan	34.99	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water Monitoring	10.30	LGA72(Sch14p9)
Viking	Stationery	58.66	LGA72(S111)
Look Local	Advertisements x 2	420.00	LGA72(S111)
Steelers Healers	Grant	900.00	LGA76(S19)

Bolsterstone Church Council	Grant	500.00	LGA76(S19)
4SLC Trust	Revenue Funding – Qtr2	7500.00	LGA76(S19)

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

		£	<u>Made Under Power</u>
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water Monitoring – ARC	20.60	LGA72(S111)
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning Charges	810.48	LGA72(S111)
A Holden	Window Cleaning Charges	60.00	LGA72(S111)
Porter Fire Ltd	Fire Extinguisher	249.77	LGA72(S111)
Culligan Ltd	Water Cooler Charges	82.88	LGA72(S111)

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

June 2025:-		£	<u>Made Under Power</u>
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Toilets	57.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC	586.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – History Society	43.00	LGA72(S111)
British Gas Lite	Electricity Charges – Xmas Tree (precinct)	17.99	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Annual Web Hosting	120.00	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Broadband/Phone Charges	42.36	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Computer Charges	31.20	LGA72(S111)
Intuit Ltd	Quickbooks Package	19.20	LGA72(S111)
Moorepay	Payroll Charges	72.67	LGA72(S111)
SSE	Electricity Charges – ARC – Apr	917.65	LGA72(S111)
SSE	Electricity Charges – ARC – May	1093.42	LGA72(S111)
Veolia	Waste Removal Charges	115.28	LGA72(S111)

Chair