

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 12th June 2025

PRESENT: Cllr. K Davis (Chair); Cllrs. R Crowther, J Grocutt, J Staniforth,
M Whittaker

IN ATTENDANCE: Representatives of Men in Sheds - T Dickinson, I Stead, N Lifford

40. To Receive Chair's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Law and C Wilson.
41. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
42. Declarations of Interest
Cllr. M Whittaker declared an interest in item 65 – To Consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee.
43. Election of Deputy Town Mayor/Deputy Chairman
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED: That Cllr. R Crowther be elected as Deputy Town Mayor until the next Annual Meeting of the Town Council.
A vote was taken – all in favour.
44. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Town Mayor/Deputy Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr. R Crowther then signed and delivered to the Clerk his declaration of acceptance of office as Deputy Town Mayor/Deputy Chair.
45. Public Questions and Petitions
There were no public questions and petitions.
46. Men in Sheds Project Presentation
The Chairman welcomed Tim Dickinson, Ian Stead and Neil Lifford, representatives of Men in Sheds, who had requested an opportunity to present their project to the Town Council. TD informed that they were currently in the process of setting up Men in Sheds in this area, their premises is located to the rear of the Jet Garage on Manchester Road, Deepcar.
Men in Sheds is a UK wide organisation which provides advice on best practice to set up a facility. The aim being to prevent social isolation and is targeted primarily at males but females are becoming increasingly involved. TD gave an update on statistics of suicides, with the North of England suffering significantly high numbers with a ratio of male to female suicides being 3 to 1. The main mission of the organisation is to support, communicate, create and share skills. Aiming to reduce social isolation, promote lifelong learning and empower individuals to lead fulfilling lives.

The group are currently sourcing funding and have already successfully obtained £19,700 which will cover a year's rent and running costs and also provision for mental health first aider training. They are wanting to increase the number of volunteers and users, thereby leading to increased operational times. While still in the process of setting things up they are open to people attending – Wednesdays between 10am and 4pm.

TD responded to Councillors questions, noting that any potential limit on numbers will hope to be avoided by opening up additional facilities. Councillors noted that impressive work had been carried out so far and it is a vital service. TD was asked to keep the Council informed of progress and that it would be helpful to be updated as to when they will be fully operational and that the Town Council can help by advertising on its social media.

The Chairman thanked the gentlemen for attending and providing a very informative presentation.

47. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13th May 2025
There were no remarks from the Minutes.
48. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council meeting held on 13th May 2025
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Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chair.
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50. 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 Grocutt and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements including Budget Monitoring information for May 2025 as supplied by the Clerk.
51. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from YLCA including:-
- Weekly News and Notifications – 16th May 2025
- Weekly News and Notifications – 23rd May 2025
- Weekly News and Notifications – 29th May 2025
- Weekly News and Notifications – 6th June 2025
52. Peak District National Park Authority Media Release
The Clerk reported that she has received correspondence from the Peak District National Park Authority informing of a new national award for dedication to improving people's accessible enjoyment of the region being awarded to Sue Smith, Access & Rights of Way officer.

Correspondence had also been received announcing an ambitious new cultural heritage project in the Peak District.

53. Fairtrade Committee AGM

The Clerk reported that she has received correspondence from Fairtrade in Penistone inviting Councillors to the public and committee of Fairtrade in Penistone & Stocksbridge at their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 29th May at the Christian Centre, Cedar Road, Stocksbridge.

54. Alcohol & Drugs Drop-in Sessions

The Clerk reported that she has received correspondence from Likewise Sheffield via Sheffield City Council informing of the alcohol and drugs drop-in service held every Tuesday 9.30am-11am at Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre.

55. Department for Transport – Stopping Up of Highway Order at Stocksbridge Library

Correspondence from Department for Transport informing of a Stopping Up of Highway Order at Stocksbridge Library to come into force 6th June.

56. Draft Sheffield Plan – Proposed Additional Site Allocations Consultation

Correspondence from SCC Planning Service informing of the proposed number of homes required, the proposed necessity to consider sites within the Green Belt, and the period for representations.

57. Independent Ethics Panel

Correspondence from SYMCA informing of a recruitment opportunity for the Independent Ethics Panel.

58. Resurfacing Works on A628

Correspondence from National Highways informing of resurfacing works on the A628 on the South Yorkshire and Derbyshire border, due to commence 27th May and scheduled to be completed by the end of August 2025.

59. Sheffield Working Jobs Fair

Correspondence from Opportunity Sheffield, SCC informing of Sheffield's working community job fair which is to be held in Stocksbridge at The Venue on 19 June 2025 between 12-3pm.

60. Stocksbridge Banking Hub

Correspondence received from Deepcar Townswomen's Guild proposing a Banking Hub in Stocksbridge following Penistone Town Council's new community bank in Penistone.

61. Bolsterstone Village Festival

Correspondence had been received from the organisers of the Festival, inviting the Mayor and Councillors to the event, to be held on Saturday 5th July.

62. Clerk's Reports

The Clerk reported that as no poll had been called for the Councillor vacancy for the North ward, the co-option process had commenced. Applications are invited by 8th July, with applications to be considered at the Town Council meeting on 10th July.

63. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members

- a) Cllr R Crowther noted attendance at a Garden Village Community Association meeting.
- b) Cllr J Grocutt noted attending the Stocksbridge & Penistone Fairtrade AGM and the Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre Board meeting.
- c) Cllr M Whittaker had attended the Stocksbridge branch of the Royal British Legion Inauguration Lunch at the Venue. He had also attended the Community Warming AGM.
- d) Cllr J Staniforth had attended the Dads football sessions at the Leisure Centre and noted that the Saturday Club is hoping to restart once new staff are in place.

64. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr Keith Davis, reported attending the Lord Mayor of Sheffield's Inauguration. He also attended the Stocksbridge & Penistone Fairtrade AGM and is assisting at the Scout hut as the refurbishment works have commenced.

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

25/01339/FUL	St Anns Presbytery, Haywood Lane	Demolition of outbuilding and garage and erection of double garage with additional parking provision
25/01371/FUL	13 Ralph Ellis Drive	Demolition of detached garage, erection of two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse
25/01389/FUL	23A Broomfield Road	Erection of single-storey side extension and raised decking to rear of dwellinghouse

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Condition Application Decided:-

24/02835/COND1	Land Adjacent 74 Hole House Lane	Application to approve details in relation to condition no(s) 3 (scheme of intrusive investigations), 4 (Phase I Preliminary Risk Assessment Report), 5 (Phase II Intrusive Site Investigation Report), 6 (Remediation Strategy), 7 (Validation Report), 8 (signed statement/declaration), 9 (external walling materials), 10 (hard/soft landscaping), 11 (tree protection measures), 12 (car parking accommodation), 13 (bound/permeable surfacing), 14 (site boundary
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23/01815/COND1	80 Haywood Lane	treatment),16 (biodiversity ecological enhancements); Relating to planning permission 24/02835/FUL Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 3 (External Materials), 4 (Levels), 5 & 6 (Landscaping), 7 (Boundary Treatment), 8 (Driveway Materials) imposed by planning permission 23/01815/FUL
21/00366/COND3	Land At Rear Of 15-17 Broomfield Road	Application to approve details to condition number(s): 7 (Intrusive Investigations), 9 (Fume Extraction),11 (External Plant), 12 (Declaration of Site Safety) and 17 (Privacy Screen) imposed by planning permission 21/00366/FUL

The undermentioned planning application has been Granted Conditionally:-

25/00541/FUL	8 Linden Crescent	Alterations to roof inc raising of ridge height, hip to gable extension and erection of rear dormer to form addn habitable space, erection of two-storey side ext & single-storey rear ext with raised patio (Amended Plans 22/04/25)
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23/04014/FUL	Former Farm Building Opposite Whitwell Cottage Farm, Whitwell Lane	Change of use of part of barn as 1 x dwellinghouse
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66. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd June 2025, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther and
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee be accepted.
67. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd June 2025, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther and
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.
68. Annual Accounts 2024/25 and Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25 and Internal Auditor's Report
The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit for the accounts for the financial year 2024/25 had been completed.

Copies of the Internal Auditor's Report had been previously presented to the Finance Committee together with copies of the Accounts and Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). 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, being 16th June – 25th July 2025.

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

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council:-

- a) To note the report of the Internal Auditor and consider any further actions at a future Finance Committee meeting.
- b) Approve the Accounts for the year ended 2024/25
- c) Approve Section 1 of the AGAR, Annual Governance Statement 2024/25
- d) Approve Section 2 of the AGAR, Accounting Statements 2024/25
- e) To authorise the Clerk to display the necessary notices

All members were in agreement.

69. Accounts for Authorisation

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

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

		£	<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	June 2025	3804.38	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water	10.30	LGA72(Sch14p9)
	Monitoring		
Viking	Stationery	41.39	LGA72(S111)
Office Elite Ltd	Internal Audit 2024/25	224.50	LGA72(S111)
K Davis	Mayor's Allowance	1000.00	LGA72(S15)
Stocksbridge & Penistone	Grant	390.00	LGA76(S19)
Fairtrade			
Steel Valley Project	Grant – Environment	1250.00	LGA72(Sch14p27)
Valley In Bloom	Grant	1200.00	LGA76(S19)
Steel Valley Project	Strategic Partnership	7000.00	LGA72(S137)
	Funding		

(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	20.60	LGA72(S111)
	Monitoring – ARC		
Facility Maintenance Solns	6 Monthly External	154.00	LGA72(S111)
	Maintenance		
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning Charges	937.39	LGA72(S111)
A Holden	Window Cleaning	60.00	LGA72(S111)
	Charges		
Document Solutions	Photocopier Usage	140.09	LGA72(S111)
Pollards Wholesale Ltd	Coffee Filters	5.83	LGA72(S111)
Stocksbridge Town Council	VAT Transfer	467.81	LGA72(S111)

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

May 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)	10.74	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Broadband/Phone Charges	43.15	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Computer Charges	31.20	LGA72(S111)
Intuit Ltd	Quickbooks Package	19.20	LGA72(S111)
Moorepay	Payroll Charges	182.70	LGA72(S111)
Siemens Financial Services	Photocopier Lease	147.02	LGA72(S111)
Veolia	Waste Removal	114.98	LGA72(S111)

(iv) That payments made between meetings be approved.

		£	<u>Made Under Power</u>
Stocksbridge Food Bank	Funding from VE/Cost of Living Fund	200.00	LGA72(S137)

Chair