

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 12th February 2026

PRESENT: Cllr. K Davis (Chair); Cllrs. J Grocutt, J Staniforth, R Crowther,
C Wilson, L Fox

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr. J Booker
1 member of the public – Item 179

176. To Receive Chair's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J Wheeler and A Law.
177. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
178. Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.
179. Public Questions and Petitions
The Chair welcomed a member of the public who wished to share information regarding the condition of the STEP building on Manchester Road. Members were informed of a number of complications encountered since the purchase of the building, and that progress is currently at a standstill pending further assessment and resolution. The Clerk undertook to write to the Valuation Office and Sheffield City Council requesting a review of the business rates in respect of the property.
The Chair thanked the member of the public for attending the meeting.
180. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8th January 2026
There were no remarks from the minutes.
181. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8th January 2026
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 8th January 2026, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chair.
182. 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. J Grocutt and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements including Budget Monitoring information for January 2026 as supplied by the Clerk.

183. CorrespondenceYorkshire Local Councils Associations

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from YLCA including:-

- Weekly News and Notifications – 9th January 2026
- Weekly News and Notifications – 13th January 2026
- Weekly News and Notifications – 23rd January 2026
- Weekly News and Notifications – 30th January 2026
- Weekly News and Notifications – 6th February 2026

Temporary Closure of Roundabout at Oxley Park

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Parks & Countryside with an update on the closure of the roundabout at Oxley Park – a replacement roundabout has been agreed and works are in the process of being scheduled.

SYMCA Team - Mobile Mapping Project

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYMCA informing that a 12-month project for a new mobile coverage checker map which has gone live across South Yorkshire to help everyone living and working in the region to check their coverage by postcode.

184. Clerk's Reports

The Clerk reported an email received from G Silverwood thanking the Town Council for their letter of congratulations following his award of the British Empire Medal.

The Clerk reported an email received from Sgt O Ingham who introduced himself as the new Police Sergeant stationed at Deepcar Police Station who will be working within the Deepcar and Stocksbridge area. At members' request, the Clerk undertook to write to Sgt O Ingham to invite him to a Town Council meeting.

The Clerk reported that Bolsterstone Village Hall Trust had been awarded funding for the remainder of the costs to refurbish the kitchen area (via lottery grant) and that works are now scheduled to commence.

The Clerk reported contact from Amey Highways who informed that the road resurfacing plans for a section of the Rookery Estate have been redesigned to extend to outside no. 27 (with previous plans being from the junction of Townend Lane to outside no. 23).

185. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members

a) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended the science club at Inman Pavilion and badminton club. Cllr. JS also informed members of a new policy introduced by Stocksbridge High School and its academy trust which, going forward, will only allow pupils to take eight GCSE subjects rather than nine. Cllr. JS wished to share he felt this was a disgraceful decision to have been made without any parent consultation. The Clerk undertook to invite the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors to a meeting to discuss the matter.

b) Cllr. JG reported that she had attended a People Keeping Well meeting; a meeting at the Town Hall regarding the cellar; Valley Medical Centre patients' meeting; St Ann's Proud to Be Me assembly; two Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre board meetings; Sheffield City Council Housing Voice meeting; a Community Worker meeting; a Townswomen's' Guild

meeting; a Fairtrade meeting; and a Food Matters meeting. Cllr. JG also thanked Teresa and Helen for passing on her casework.

c) Cllr. LF reported that she had been involved in matters regarding local gritting issues.

d) Cllr. RC reported that he had attended a GVCA meeting and the science club at Inman Pavilion.

186. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

Cllr. KD reported that he had attended the Local Area Committee (LAC) Chair's meeting; the Friends of Fox Glen AGM; a Sheffield Housing meeting; and a meeting at the Town Hall regarding the cellar. Cllr. KD also informed members that he had cleaned up the front of the STEP building on Manchester Road.

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

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| 26/00200/CHU | The Dell 27 Belmont Drive | Use of dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) as a children's care home (Use Class C2) |
| 26/00252/CDPN | 2A Vaughton Hill | Use of ground floor office as self-contained flat (Use Class C3) |

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

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| 25/03482/FUL | 39 Fox Glen Road | Erection of a single-storey front extension and conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation |
| 25/03097/FUL | Spencers Barn Pea Royd Lane | Installation of gate to boundary of dwellinghouse (retrospective application) |

The undermentioned planning application has been Granted Condition Application Decided:-

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| 23/04037/COND3 | Stocksbridge Library 519 Manchester Road | Application to approve details in relation to condition number 10 (Demolition/construction mitigation) relating to planning permission 23/04037/FUL |
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The undermentioned planning application has been Grant Certificate of Lawful Use Dev:-

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| 25/03479/LD2 | 17 Pennine View | Application for Lawful Development Certificate for alterations to garage to form habitable accommodation and erection of single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse (Application under Section 192) |
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The undermentioned planning application has been Refused:-

25/03465/FUL Land Opposite 9 To 15 Erection of a dwellinghouse
New Street

188. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd February 2026, 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.
189. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd February 2026, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.
(ii) That the Town Council accept the risk assessment forms, system of internal audit forms and financial regulations as supplied by the Clerk and noted that the Town Council have sufficient controls in place to accommodate the potential hazards faced by the Town Council.
(iii) That the Town Council approve the purchase of a Gov.uk domain for the Town Council for costs up to £20 + VAT per annum, and individual Gov.uk emails for each Councillor for costs up to £60 + VAT per annum per email.
190. Personnel Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Personnel Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd February 2026, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. R Crowther, seconded by Cllr. L Fox and
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Personnel Committee be accepted.
(ii) That the Town Council amend the Assistant to the Clerk's contract, increasing to 18 hours per week to take effect from 1st March 2026.
191. The ARC Management Committee Members discussed Minutes of the ARC Management Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd February 2026, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the ARC Management Committee be accepted.
192. Veterans Champion
Members discussed the role of a Veterans Champion, requesting that the Clerk write to the Stocksbridge branch of the Royal British Legion noting that the Town Council feel the role ought to be carried out by a Veteran, agreeing to assist with liaison with Cllr Denise Fox in her role as Sheffield City Council's Armed Forces Champion.
193. Accounts for Authorisation
Proposed by Cllr. C Wilson seconded by Cllr. L Fox and
(i) That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

| | | £ | <u>Made Under Power</u> |
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| Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions | February 2026 | 3930.88 | LGA72(S111) |
| New Star Door Controls Ltd | Waste Bin Keys | 11.00 | LGA72(S111) |
| Universal Products Ltd | Refreshments – Council Chamber | 6.20 | LGA72(S111) |

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| Facility Maintenance Solns | Repairs to Burst Pipes - Toilets | 110.00 | LGA72(S14P9) |
| Viking | Toilet Supplies | 22.79 | LGA72(S14P9) |
| Viking | Stationery | 21.54 | LGA72(S111) |
| Facility Maintenance Solns | Monthly Water Monitoring | 10.30 | LGA72(S14P9) |
| S/B Community Care Group | Grant | 1200.00 | LGA76(S19) |
| Monday Art Group S/B | Grant | 750.00 | LGA76(S19) |
| Upper Don Comm Energy | Grant | 895.00 | LGA76(S19) |
| YLCA | Webinar Attendance | 10.00 | LGA72(S111) |

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

| | | £ | <u>Made Under Power</u> |
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| A Holden | Window Cleaning Charges | 60.00 | LGA72(S111) |
| Wright Brothers Ltd | Annual Gas Service | 437.47 | LGA72(S111) |
| Facility Maintenance Solns | Monthly Water Monitoring – ARC | 20.60 | LGA72(S111) |
| NRC Services | Cleaning Charges | 912.41 | LGA72(S111) |
| Facility Maintenance Solns | Repairs to Lighting | 200.00 | LGA72(S111) |
| Lancall Yorkshire Ltd | Asbestos Survey | 600.00 | LGA72(S111) |

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

| January 2026:- | | £ | <u>Made Under Power</u> |
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| 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) |
| Sheffield City Council | Business Rates – ARC Room 10 | 196.00 | LGA72(S111) |
| British Gas Lite | Electricity Charges – Xmas Tree (precinct) | 48.34 | LGA72(S111) |
| MJRCC | Broadband/Phone Charges | 43.62 | LGA72(S111) |
| MJRCC | Computer Charges | 31.20 | LGA72(S111) |
| Public Works Loans Board | Loan Repayment | 3379.37 | LGA72(S111) |
| Business Stream | Water Charges – ARC | 389.94 | LGA72(S111) |
| Intuit Ltd | Quickbooks Package | 19.20 | LGA72(S111) |
| Moorepay | Payroll Charges | 76.87 | LGA72(S111) |
| EDF | Electricity Charges – ARC – Dec | 828.31 | LGA72(S111) |
| Veolia | Waste Removal Charges | 88.79 | LGA72(S111) |

Chair