

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr. J Booker
1 member of the public (Item 199)

194. To Receive Chair's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J Wheeler, C Wilson, L Fox and A Law.
195. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
196. Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.
197. M Tidball, MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge
The Clerk informed members that apologies had been received from M Tidball MP, and that invitations had been sent for the next three Town Council meetings.
198. Public Questions and Petitions
There were no public questions and petitions.
199. Keep Britain Tidy – Litter Picking
The Chair welcomed a member of the Stocksbridge and Deepcar Litter Pickers group. Members discussed the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean 2026 Event, which runs from 13th-29th March, and the Clerk undertook to publicise the event on social media. The member of the public informed members of the work the Stocksbridge and Deepcar Litter Pickers group had been doing in the area, and highlighted specific locations where more assistance is needed. The Clerk undertook to contact Sheffield City Council requesting that attention be paid to these areas. Members asked what the Town Council could do to support the group, and the member of the public informed members of the additional equipment they needed. The member of the public also raised concerns about litter bin locations on Manchester Road, and Cllr. J Booker undertook to write to Sheffield City Council regarding this matter. The Chair thanked the member of the public for attending the meeting.
200. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th February 2026
Item 179 – The Clerk informed members that she had received a response from the Valuation Office regarding the STEP building on Manchester Road who is dealing with the owner concerned. Cllr K Davis reported that the owner expressed their appreciation to the Town Council for their support, with special thanks to Cllr R Crowther.
Item 185(a) – the Clerk informed members that she had received a response from D Williams, Headteacher of Stocksbridge High School.

Item 192 – the Clerk informed members of an update from the Royal British Legion in relation to discussions around the Armed Forces Champion role, informing that the decision had been opened up to the area’s wider veteran community and was due to be discussed further at their next meeting.

201. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th February 2026

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 12th February 2026, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

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

RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

202. 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 February 2026 as supplied by the Clerk.

203. Correspondence

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

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

- Weekly News and Notifications – 13th February 2026
- Weekly News and Notifications – 20th February 2026
- Weekly News and Notifications – 27th February 2026
- Weekly News and Notifications – 6th March 2026

Stocksbridge High School – Curriculum Changes

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Stocksbridge High School informing of a letter to parents and carers of KS3 students regarding changes to the curriculum and GCSE options.

Sheffield Plan – Main Modifications Consultation

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Sheffield City Council informing of an update regarding the Sheffield Plan, which included documents available to review and noted a period for representations running from 2nd March to 14th April.

SCLC – Easter Activity Camps

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre informing of an Easter Ultimate Activity Camp for ages 5+ to be held between 31st March-7th April and 2nd April-9th April, 10am-3pm.

Sheffield Community Forum Meeting

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Stocksbridge Community Forum informing of a meeting at The Venue on 26th March, 6-8pm, which will be sharing information about healthy homes and Men in Sheds.

Sheffield Plan – Have Your Say

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Sheffield City Council in the form of information handouts regarding how the public can have their say on the Sheffield Plan.

Food Matters Stocksbridge

The Clerk noted an invitation received from Food Matters Stocksbridge to their inauguration event on Saturday 28th March. Due to limited spaces, they have requested that only two members from each organisation attend.

204. Clerk's Reports

The Clerk informed members that she had reported concerns regarding the traffic light systems outside the Bloors Development and at the top of Fox Valley Way to Highways, requesting consideration with regard to a safety check and traffic control check. Highways informed that there had been a fault on the Bloor signals which has now been fixed, and the Clerk was awaiting a response regarding the Fox Valley Way traffic lights.

The Clerk informed members that the new Council Tax Leaflet for 2026/27 is now available to view on the Town Council website, which has been shared with the public on social media.

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The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Sheffield City Council inviting members to a Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) Briefing to be held online at 6.30pm on 24th March.

The Clerk informed members of a NALC event (referenced in the 6th March White Rose Update) inviting parish and town councillors to take part in a national event exploring the role of the 21st-century councillor. As the online session was fully booked, the Clerk undertook to obtain further information.

The Clerk informed members that a GDPR Data Map was now available on the Town Council website, which details how the Town Council stores its information in line with the Data Protection Act (2018).

The Clerk reported that she had attended the Community Action Group (CAG) meeting on 12th March.

205. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members

a) Cllr RC reported that he had assisted with Town Council correspondence and had attended a GVCA meeting.

b) Cllr JG reported that she had attended St. Ann's Proud to be Me assembly, Stocksbridge Foodbank on Cedar Road, the Bolsterstone Village Hall quilting event, several Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre (SCLC) meetings, a People Keeping Well meeting, a Royal British Legion meeting and a TARA meeting.

c) Cllr JS reported that he had attended badminton club at SCLC and had visited Stocksbridge High School.

d) Cllr LF, while not present at the meeting, reported in advance that she had visited Stocksbridge Foodbank on Cedar Road and was incredibly impressed by the breadth of support they offer local residents. She highlighted that the centre has become a vital community hub hosting community luncheons, isolation prevention and youth & SEN support. Cllr LF proposed that the Town Council take a more active role in sharing updates for luncheons and gatherings suggested by both Stocksbridge Foodbank and The Venue which can provide vital lifelines for local residents.

206. To Receive a Verbal Report from The Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr K Davis, reported that he had attended meetings with Cllr J Booker to discuss electrical issues, had spoken as the Mayor on BBC Radio Sheffield, had attended the Bolsterstone Village Hall quilting event, the CAG meeting on 12th March, and Stocksbridge Youth Centre to see the new mural representing the Stocksbridge area.

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

26/00344/FUL	The Old Dairy Greave House Farm New Hall Lane	Erection of an agricultural barn for use as storage and for processing of veg and fruit, manufacturing goods, shelter and work for workers and volunteers. Use to also include shelter for animals and provision to of a lean-to greenhouse on the south side for propagating and growing of produce for market garden
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The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

25/03204/FUL	Cricket Pavilion Bracken Moor Sports Club	Demolition of cricket pavilion and erection of new cricket pavilion
25/03518/FUL	Stocksbridge Library	Demolition of existing buildings, erection of 3-4 storey building comprising library (Use Class F1), flexible community space, cafe and office space (Use Class E), with secure cycle store and associated ancillary space, hard and soft landscaping and associated works (Application under Section 73 to vary condition nos. 2 (approved plans); 5 and 6 (drainage); 9 (highway works); 16 (external materials and finishes); 17 (large scale details); 23 (landscaping); 24 (bin storage); 25 (cycle storage); and 26 (ecological

mitigation); of planning permission 23/04037/FUL) (Application under Regulation 3)

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

22/04337/COND2	Land East Of The River Don And To The South West Of Station Road Deepcar	Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 9. (Investigation and Remediation Strategy) & 35. (Validation Report) imposed by planning permission 22/04337/FUL
22/04211/COND3	Cedar Road Christian Centre	Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 11 (Car Parking Accommodation) imposed by planning permission 22/04211/FUL

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally Legal Agreement:-

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')
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The undermentioned planning application has been Refused:-

25/03465/FUL	Land Opposite 9 To 15 New Street Stocksbridge	Erection of a dwellinghouse
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208. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd March 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.
209. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd March 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 Finance Committee be accepted.

210. Annual Citizens Award

Members considered a further nomination for the Annual Citizens Award. The winner to be invited to attend the Town Council's Annual Assembly meeting on 12th May to be presented with a certificate and gift vouchers. Nominations were received for:-

- Margaret Derbyshire for her ongoing community work with local groups including Stocksbridge Community Care Group, Stocksbridge & Deepcar Townswomen's Guild, VMC Patient Participation Group, and The Bridge Community Shop.
- Reverend Ian Lucraft in recognition of his services to the community over the years.
- Bolsterstone Village Hall Community Trust for their dedication to the Bolsterstone community over the years.

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

RESOLVED:- That the Annual Citizens Awards for 2026 be awarded to:-

- (i) Margaret Derbyshire for her ongoing community work with local groups including Stocksbridge Community Care Group, Stocksbridge & Deepcar Townswomen's Guild, VMC Patient Participation Group and The Bridge Community Shop.
- (ii) Reverend Ian Lucraft in recognition of his services to the community over the years.
- (iii) Bolsterstone Village Hall Community Trust for their dedication to the Bolsterstone community over the years.
- (iv) That recipients be presented with a certificate and cheque to the value of £50 at the Town Council's Annual Assembly on 12th May 2026.

211. Stocksbridge Towns Fund Board

The Clerk reported that she had received a response from the Communications Officer for Stocksbridge Towns Fund Board regarding having a representative from the Town Council on the board. She was informed that a nomination could be put forward for consideration at the next board meeting, and that meetings are held roughly every two months and last around two hours, usually around 10am-12pm.

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

RESOLVED:- That Cllr. J Staniforth be nominated to be put forward to join the Stocksbridge Towns Fund Board.

212. Accounts for Authorisation

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

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

		£	<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	March 2026	4298.38	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water Monitoring	10.30	LGA72(S14P9)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Repairs to Toilets	75.00	LGA72(S14P9)
Viking	Stationery	23.93	LGA72(S111)
Steel Valley Project	Grant	1200.00	LGA76(S19)
Zurich Municipal	Insurance Premium	598.75	LGA72(S111)
YLCA	2026/27 Training – Councillor & Asst Clerk	185.00	LGA72(S111)

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

		<u>£</u>	<u>Made Under Power</u>
A Holden	Window Cleaning Charges	60.00	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water Monitoring – ARC	20.60	LGA72(S111)
NRC Services	Cleaning Charges	895.85	LGA72(S111)
Document Solutions	Photocopying Charges	27.29	LGA72(S111)
Pollards Ltd	Coffee Supplies	57.50	LGA72(S111)
Zurich Municipal	Insurance Premium 2026/27	2003.99	LGA72(S111)
Stocksbridge Town Council	VAT Transfer – Info Only £790.32	790.32	LGA72(S111)

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

		<u>£</u>	<u>Made Under Power</u>
February 2026:- Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC Room 10	196.00	LGA72(S111)
British Gas Lite	Electricity Charges – Xmas Tree (Precinct)	27.67	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Broadband/Phone Charges	43.94	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Computer Charges	31.20	LGA72(S111)
Intuit Ltd	Quickbooks Package	19.20	LGA72(S111)
Moorepay	Payroll Charges	76.87	LGA72(S111)
EDF	Electricity Charges – ARC – Feb	885.18	LGA72(S111)

Chair