

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 13th November 2025

PRESENT: Cllr. K Davis (Chair); Cllrs. R Crowther, C Wilson, J Staniforth, J
Wheeler, A Law, J Grocutt

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public – Item 132

128. To Receive Chair's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
There were no apologies for absence.
129. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
130. Declarations of Interest
Cllr. J Wheeler declared an interest in Item 138(e) – the Royal British Legion.
131. Participatory Budgeting Awards
The Chairman welcomed representatives from the winners of this year's Participatory Budgeting scheme who had been invited for their cheque presentations. The following groups were awarded funding:-
Steel Valley Beacon Arts – £10,188
Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – £17,618
Bolstrerstone Village Hall Trust – £20,000
The Steel Valley Project – £7,194
132. Public Questions and Petitions
A member of the public, K Giles-Bowman, raised concerns about overgrown trees on the verge of Helliwell Lane, Deepcar, noting that they have grown up to approximately thirty metres in height and pose a risk of property damage. KGB informed members that she had reported the issue to Sheffield City Council on multiple occasions, but no action had been taken. The Clerk resolved to contact Streets Ahead to report these concerns.
The Chair thanked KGB for attending the meeting.
133. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9th October 2025
Item 121 (paragraph 6) - The Clerk reported that, upon members' request, she had contacted Marie Tidball MP to request her attendance at a Town Council meeting and had provided her diary manager with a list of scheduled meeting dates over the coming months. Marie will be aiming to attend the 8th January Town Council meeting, although this is to be confirmed closer to the time.
134. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9th October 2025
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 9th October 2025, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr. J Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. C Wilson and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

135. 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 Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements including Budget Monitoring information for October 2025 as supplied by the Clerk.

136. Correspondence

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

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

- Weekly News and Notifications – 10th October 2025
- Weekly News and Notifications – 17th October 2025
- Weekly News and Notifications – 24th October 2025
- Weekly News and Notifications – 31st October 2025
- Weekly News and Notifications – 7th November 2025

Tree and Woodland Strategy Refresh - Public Survey

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Parks and Countryside informing of the Tree and Woodland Strategy Refresh public survey.

New Temporary Sergeant for Stocksbridge and Stannington NPT

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Temporary Inspector Ross Masters, informing that he had left the Stocksbridge and Stannington Neighbourhood Policing Team on a temporary promotion and that Acting Police Sergeant Christopher Shepherd is now managing the NPT until his return or a Temporary Sergeant is appointed.

75th Anniversary of the Peak District National Park

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from the CEO of Peak District National Park inviting members to discuss plans for the 75th Anniversary of the Peak District National Park.

Penistone & Stocksbridge Fairtrade Group

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Penistone & Stocksbridge Fairtrade Group thanking the Council for the funding awarded in June and sharing their October Newsletter reporting on Fairtrade Fortnight 2025.

Bus Franchising – Public and Operator Engagement

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from SYMCA informing of an upcoming public and operator engagement activity as part of South Yorkshire's bus franchising programme.

Bus Lane Review Project Consultation and Paper Survey

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from SYMCA informing of a paper survey and containing information about the upcoming Bus Lane Review project consultation from 10th November – 22nd December.

Stocksbridge High Street Christmas Carols and Trail

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from the LAC informing of the Stocksbridge High Street Christmas Event, which is to be held on Wednesday 10th December, 4pm - 6pm, Manchester Road Shopping Precinct.

137. Clerk's Reports

The Clerk reported that South Yorkshire's Mayor, Oliver Coppard, would be attending the next Town Council meeting on 11th December, to discuss the forthcoming bus franchising process and the impact of the bus services in our area.

The Clerk reported that Sheffield City Council Housing had asked whether any Councillors would be interested in being added to the invite list for their Local Area Housing Forum meetings, held in the Council Chamber.

The Clerk reported that Dave Williams, Headteacher of Stocksbridge High School, had informed that the school would not be putting in a funding request for an art project for the 'white wall' as the contractor has existing plans for the wall.

The Clerk reported that the Mayor, Cllr K Davis, alongside Cllr J Grocutt, judged the Town Council Christmas Card Competition on 13th November and selected the winning designs submitted by the schools.

The Clerk reported that Fox Valley Management had informed that due to poor weather the Christmas Lights Switch On event has been rescheduled to Sunday 16th November 2pm – 6pm.

138. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members

- a) Cllr JS reported that he had attended dad's football at Stocksbridge Leisure Centre, the Craft Club at Inman Pavilion and the Remembrance Day Parade.
- b) Cllr CW reported that she had attended the Remembrance Day Parade.
- c) Cllr JG reported that she had attended the Stocksbridge Leisure Centre board meeting, the Remembrance Day Parade, the judging of the Christmas Card Competition, Penistone and Stocksbridge Fairtrade meeting, and passed on her thanks to Helen for sending her casework to Sheffield City Council.
- d) Cllr AL reported that he had attended STEP meetings and the Remembrance Day Parade.
- e) Cllr JW reported that he had attended a charity event for Weston Park Cancer Charity, a Halloween event at Stocksbridge Youth Club and the Remembrance Day Parade; he had assisted with selling poppies for the Royal British Legion and had visited Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School. Cllr JW informed members of the possibility of applying to the Armed Forces Covenant to have an Armed Forces Champion. The Clerk undertook to invite City Councillor D Fox, the current Armed Forces Champion for Sheffield City Council, to a meeting.
- f) Cllr RC reported that he had attended a GVCA meeting.

139. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr KD, informed members that he had delivered a presentation at the Stocksbridge Park Steels Under 16's game against South Cardiff FC, the Participatory Budgeting event, the Royal British Legion AGM, Ecclesfield Remembrance Day Service, Stocksbridge Remembrance Day Parade, the Remembrance Day Service at St. Mary's Church Bolsterstone, the Steel Valley Project Steering Group meeting, and the judging of the Christmas

Card Competition. Following queries raised, the Clerk undertook to contact the Diocese for an update on the St. Matthias Church building.

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

25/02816/FUL	The Stables Langley Brook Farm	Erection of a stable block
25/03028/FUL	Stocksbridge Christ Church	Siting of a shipping container to part of the car parking area

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted:-

25/02298/NMA	Land Between Hollin Busk Road and Broomfield Grove and Broomfield Lane	Application to allow roof form to all projecting bays changed from flat to hipped (amendment to planning permission 24/01876/REM)
25/02243/LU2	10 Hunshelf Park	Certificate of Lawfulness for erection of summer house in rear garden of dwellinghouse (Application under Section 192)

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

25/02683/FUL	332 Manchester Road	Erection of raised decking with privacy screen to rear of dwellinghouse
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The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Condition Application Decided:-

25/01349/COND1	Land Adjacent 39 Broomfield Lane Sheffield S36 2AQ	Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 3 (Infiltration Design Scheme), 4 (Intrusive Investigation), 5 (Remediation), 6 (Contamination), 7 (Land Instability), 8 (Vehicle Cleaning), 10 (Bat Boxes/Bricks and Swift Boxes), 15 (Remediation), 16 (Site Made Safe), 17 (Car Parking Accommodation), 20 (Remediation) and Statutory Biodiversity Net Gain Condition imposed by planning permission 25/01349/FUL
23/04014/COND1	Former Farm Building Opposite Whitwell Cottage Farm	Application to approve details in relation to condition number: 3 (Phase 1 Preliminary Risk

		Assessment Report),4 (Intrusive Investigation), 5.(Remediation) 6. (Validation Report) 7 (Large Scale Details), 8 (Biodiversity Enhancement and Management Plan), 9 (Nocturnal Bat Survey and Hibernation Survey Report), 10 (Heads and Cills) relating to planning permission 23/04014/FUL
22/02303/COND3	Land Between Hollin Busk Road and Broomfield Grove and Broomfield Lane	Application to approve details in relation to condition numbers: 10 (Ingress and Egress for Construction Vehicles), 11 (Site Accomodation), 12 (Vehicle Wheel Cleaning), and 15 (CEMP) Relating to planning permission 22/02303/OUT
24/01876/COND2	Land Between Hollin Busk Road and Broomfield Grove and Broomfield Lane	Application to approve details in relation to condition no(s) 2 (tree protection measures) and 3 (site/floor levels); Relating to planning permission 24/01876/REM

The undermentioned planning application has been Refused:-

25/00922/FUL	Land To The Rear of Bennewell Royd Farm, Carr Road	Erection of 2x dwellinghouses
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141. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 4th November 2025, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. J Wheeler and
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee be accepted.
142. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 4th November 2025, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. A Law, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.
143. Civility and Respect Pledge
Members considered a Civility and Respect Pledge including a Dignity at Work Policy.
Proposed by Cllr. A J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. C Wilson and
RESOLVED:- that the Town Council:-
(i) Adopt the Dignity at Work Policy
(ii) Sign the Civility and Respect Pledge
144. Co-option of Councillor to the East Ward

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

Proposed by Cllr. J Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council co-opt L Fox as Councillor for the East Ward, Deepcar, until the next Town Council elections.

A vote was taken – all in favour.

145. Accounts for Authorisation

Proposed by Cllr. C Wilson, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and

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

		£	Made Under Power
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	November 2025	3930.88	LGA72(S111)
Aldi	Xmas Party Gifts	142.40	LGA72(S137)
Bradfield Parish Council	Chairs Chain Engraving	19.25	LGA72(S111)
T Bisatt	Flowers	40.00	LGA72(S144)
Look Local	Advert – PB Results	144.00	LGA72(S145)
Viking	Stationery	34.13	LGA72(S111)
Viking	Diaries/Postage	47.80	LGA72(S111)
SBEL Ltd	Venue Room Hire – PB Event	150.00	LGA72(S137)
Steel Valley Beacon Arts	PB Scheme Award	10188.00	LGA72(S145)
4SLC Trust	PB Scheme Award	17618.00	LGA76(S19)
Bolsterstone Village Hall Trust	PB Scheme Award	20000.00	LGA76(S19)
Steel Valley Project	PB Scheme Award	7194.00	LGA76(S19)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water Monitoring	10.30	LGA72(S111)
Bolsterstone MV Choir	Xmas Party Entertainment	150.00	LGA72(S137)
Waldershelf Singers	Xmas Party Entertainment	150.00	LGA72(S137)
City Illuminations	Poppy Feature	264.00	LGA72(S144)
T Bisatt	Xmas Hamper Boxes	17.98	LGA72(S145)
Look Local	Advert – Xmas Party Tickets	210.00	LGA72(S145)
YLCA	Webinar – gov.uk domains	10.00	LGA72(S111)
S/B Photographic Society	Grant	500.00	LGA76(S19)

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

		£	Made Under Power
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water Monitoring – ARC	20.60	LGA72(S111)

A Holden	Window Cleaning Charges	60.00	LGA72(S111)
NRC Services	Cleaning Charges	882.74	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Annual Roof Survey	150.00	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Repairs to Disabled Toilet	60.00	LGA72(S111)
Gemcall Services Ltd	Annual Service Chg-Sanitary Units	350.00	LGA72(S111)
Pollards	Coffee Supplies	57.50	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Annual Water Samples	153.36	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Unblocking Urinals	37.50	LGA72(S111)
Pointer Ltd	Annual Maintenance – Fire Alarm System	700.94	LGA72(S111)

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

October 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)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC Room 10	196.00	LGA72(S111)
British Gas Lite	Electricity Charges – Xmas Tree (precinct)	8.78	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Broadband/Phone Charges	44.14	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Computer Charges	31.20	LGA72(S111)
Intuit Ltd	Quickbooks Package	19.20	LGA72(S111)
Moorepay	Payroll Charges	72.67	LGA72(S111)
Business Stream	Water Charges - ARC	442.34	LGA72(S111)
EDF	Electricity Charges – ARC – Sep	334.92	LGA72(S111)
Veolia	Waste Removal Charges	114.98	LGA72(S111)
Veolia	Annual Duty of Care	55.13	LGA72(S111)

(iv) The Clerk informed members of information received from South Yorkshire Pension Authority (SYPA) regarding a new pooling system for employer contributions. Proposed by Cllr. R Crowther, seconded by Cllr. J Wheeler and
RESOLVED:- That Stocksbridge Town Council be part of SYPA's pooling system for employer contributions.

Chair