STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 9th July 2026

PRESENT: Cllr. R Crowther (Chair); Cllrs. J Grocutt, A Law, L Fox, J Wheeler, J Staniforth

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60. To Receive Chair's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. K Davis and C Wilson.

61. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.

62. Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.

63. Public Questions and Petitions
There were no public questions and petitions.

64. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th June 2026
Item 43 – the Clerk informed that she had written to M Ahmed with details of the Remembrance Day parade route, also requesting a programme of scheduled works for the roads in the area. M Ahmed passed the Council's requests onto Amey's inspectors and Communications Manager, with the Clerk awaiting a further response.

65. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th June 2026
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 11th June 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.

66. 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 June 2026 as supplied by the Clerk.

67. Correspondence
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from YLCA including:-
- Weekly News and Notifications – 12th June 2026
- Weekly News and Notifications – 19th June 2026

- Weekly News and Notifications – 26th June 2026
- Weekly News and Notifications – 3rd July 2026

SYMCA - Suspension of Supertram Services
The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from SYMCA informing that Supertram services had been withdrawn until further notice from Friday 26 June due to the extreme hot weather conditions, and that services would resume once temperatures had fallen.

SYMCA - Meadowhall Interchange Park & Ride Expansion
The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from SYMCA regarding public engagement being undertaken from 1-28th July 2026 regarding plans to increase the capacity of Meadowhall Interchange Park & Ride.

SHS Letter to Parents
The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from D Williams, Stocksbridge High School, informing of a letter that had been sent to parents.

North LAC Public Meeting
The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from the Local Area Committee informing of a North LAC Public Meeting to be held at The Venue on 7th July.

SYMCA - Bus Service Changes
The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from SYMCA informing of bus service changes in South Yorkshire from Saturday 25th July.

Laying Up of the Colours
The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from City Councillor Denise Fox informing of a Laying Up of the Colours event at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday 25th July.

SYMCA - Tramlines Festival
The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from SYMCA informing that Tramlines Festival will be taking place at Hillsborough Park between 24th-26th July and urging the public to plan before they travel.

68. Clerk's Reports
The Clerk reported that she had contacted Yorkshire Ambulance Service to request further information regarding the potential closure of Middlewood Ambulance Station, and that she was awaiting a response. The Clerk noted that Bradfield Parish Council had received a response which had been circulated to members.

The Clerk reported that she had written to Mrs C Jackson congratulating her on her retirement and thanking her for her work at Stocksbridge High School over the last thirty years on behalf of the Town Council.

The Clerk reported that she had invited D Williams, Headteacher of Stocksbridge High School, to the Town Council meeting on 10th September to discuss the school's recent OFSTED report – D Williams confirmed his attendance at the meeting.

The Clerk reported that she had invited Sgt O Ingham to the Committee meetings on 29th September to exchange updates as discussed following his attendance in February – O Ingham confirmed his attendance at the meeting.

The Clerk reported that she had arranged a Remembrance Day meeting to be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 3rd September 10am-11am.

The Clerk reported that she had received an invitation for the Mayor and a guest to attend the Yorkshire Day Civic Celebrations on 1st August.

The Clerk reported that she had received a complaint from a member of the public regarding the parking charges at Fox Valley.

69. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members

a) Cllr JS reported that he had attended camping with the Scouts and had helped out with the Scouts hut, the Christian Centre Summer Fayre, St Ann's Gala, Oughtibridge Gala, Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre (SCLC) Fayre, Bolsterstone Village Festival, Kid's Saturday Club and badminton at SCLC, and a meeting with D Williams, Head of Stocksbridge High School. JS thanked Cllrs CW and JG for assisting him with casework. JS also informed that his nomination to join the Stocksbridge Towns Fund Board had been accepted.

b) Cllr JG reported that she had attended St Ann's Fayre, the Christian Centre Summer Fayre, St Ann's Proud to Be Me assembly, a SCLC board meeting, a coffee day at Belmont, shadowing staff at SCLC, Cedar Road Coffee Shop, People Keeping Well drop-ins, Veteran's Breakfast Club, Bolsterstone Village Festival, Stocksbridge Friendship Bowling Club Inter-School Competition at SCLC, a meeting with SCLC volunteers, and a North Local Area Committee (LAC) meeting.

c) Cllr LF reported that she had been supporting residents with casework relating to utility issues and encouraging older residents to sign up for the Yorkshire Water priority service register. Following discussion regarding the latest moorland fires and risks of disposable barbecues, the Clerk undertook to write to M Tidball MP requesting that she promotes a ban of the sale of disposable barbecues in light of the threat of wildfires.

d) Cllr JW reported that he had attended Stocksbridge Youth Club who had presented the Town Council with a poster designed by a local artist and signed by club members relating to a project about "The World We Live In". Cllr JW also informed that he had attended Bolsterstone Village Festival, Veteran's Breakfast Club, a North LAC meeting, and a lunch meeting at the Christian Centre.

e) Cllr AL reported that he had attended a Royal British Legion meeting and a STEP meeting.

70. To Receive a Verbal Report from The Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr R Crowther, reported that he had attended the Fox Valley 10th Anniversary Celebrations, and had visited Stocksbridge Food Bank.

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

26/01597/FUL	52 St Mary Crescent	Erection of front porch to dwellinghouse

26/01234/FUL	10 Smithy Moor Lane	Demolition of the rear detached garage and erection of detached outbuilding for use as a workshop and carport
26/01752/ADV	Land Adjacent Ford House 4 Fox Valley Way	1x internally illuminated fascia sign, window vinyls to trolley bays
26/01751/ADV	Fox Valley Way S36 2AA	Additional internally illuminated signage to 2x existing totems

The undermentioned planning application has been Granted Conditionally:-

26/01203/FUL	3 Belmont Drive	Demolition of conservatory, erection of single-storey side extension with raised patio, infil of lower ground floor carport to form garage, and installation first floor side window to dwellinghouse
26/01100/FUL	43A Pot House Lane	Erection of two-storey side/rear extension to dwellinghouse

The undermentioned planning application has been Withdrawn:-

26/01164/FUL	Beachcomber Barbershop	Sub division of basement flat to create 2no flats including erection of single-storey rear extension at basement level, removal of external stairs and erection of single-storey side extension to form new entrance to flats (Application under Section 73 to vary condition 2 of 25/02001/FUL)

72. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 30th June 2026, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. L Fox and
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee be accepted.

73. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 30th June 2026, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. L Fox and
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.

74. The ARC Management Committee Members discussed Minutes of the ARC Management Committee, held on 30th June 2026, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. L Fox and
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the ARC Management Committee be accepted.
(ii) that the Town Council authorise an increase of 2.3% per ft² to office space within the Town Hall building, effective from 1 September 2026.
(iii) that office rental charges be reviewed annually.

75. Accounts for Authorisation

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

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

		£	Made Under Power
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	July 2026	4011.02	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water Monitoring	10.30	LGA72(S14P9)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Wallgate Maintenance	60.00	LGA72(S14P9)
Word for Word	Councillor Business Cards	145.20	LGA72(S111)
Viking	Stationery/Toilet Supplies	74.47	LGA72(S111)
T Bisatt	Mayor's Portrait/Frame	60.96	LGA72(S111)
Little Einstein's Nursery	Grant	1000.00	LGA76(S19)
T Bisatt	Mileage Expenses	7.70	LGA72(S111)

(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)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Repairs to doors	65.00	LGA72(S111)
A Holden	Window Cleaning Charges	60.00	LGA72(S111)
Culligan UK Ltd	Water Cooler Charges	90.08	LGA72(S111)
Porter Fire	Fire Extinguisher Service	182.40	LGA72(S111)
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning Charges	842.89	LGA72(S111)

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

June 2026:-		£	Made Under Power
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Toilets	59.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – History Society	43.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC	616.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC Room 10	212.00	LGA72(S111)
British Gas Lite	Electricity Charges – Xmas Tree (Precinct)	14.65	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Broadband/Phone Charges	42.66	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Computer Charges	79.20	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Website Hosting – 1 Year	120.00	LGA72(S111)
Siemens Financial Services	Photocopier Lease	147.02	LGA72(S111)
Intuit Ltd	Quickbooks Package	19.20	LGA72(S111)
Moorepay	Payroll Services	76.47	LGA72(S111)
Veolia	Waste Removal Charges	152.34	LGA72(S111)
EDF	Electricity Charges – ARC	633.94	LGA72(S111)

Chair