

DRAFT MINUTES of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 3 December 2018** at Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Meeting Chaired by: Cllr Meryl Liddell

Councillors: Richard Leech, Derek Liddell, Debra Smith, Ron Stier, Alan Thompson and Andrew Browell

In attendance: Barnsley Chronicle reporter and one resident.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No points were raised by residents, and the Chair invited councillors to give reports.

Cllr D Liddell reported a broken step on Orchard Wood. Cllrs Thompson and Smith advised that they had received resident complaints about parking congestion near the pharmacy in Silkstone, and about speeding on High Street towards the Potting Shed.

Cllr M Liddell advised that there have been 2 more burglaries in the parish (at Moor End Lane and Knabbs Lane in Silkstone Common).

Cllr Stier reported obstructions to the footpath at 1,3,5 and 8 Moor End Lane due to overgrowth.

Cllr Leech again raised concerns about blocked gullies on the A628 and Cone Lane. He also advised that a chestnut tree behind the bus stop on A628 Silkstone Cross is showing signs of disease, and although it has been reported to BMBC it has since deteriorated. Footpaths throughout the parish are in need of sweeping.

18-138 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note an apology from Cllr Yates.

18-139 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note declarations of interest from Cllrs Thompson and Browell in respect of Agenda Item 8 – grant application from Silkstone Church PCC.

18-140 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5 November 18 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

18-141 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

RESOLVED to note the resignation of Cllr Richard Bell. The Chair thanked Cllr Bell for his services to the community.

18-142 CLERK'S ROLE

RESOLVED to change the Clerk and RFO role to a voluntary position. Cllr M Liddell reported that a recruitment exercise has been completed. There had been two of the candidates, who were very strong, after much deliberation it was decided the role should be converted to a voluntary role enabling the candidate, the working party felt the more suitable take up the role. Mr Richard Bell has volunteered to undertake the voluntary role as clerk and responsible finance officer. As a recent former councillor, Mr Bell cannot take a remunerated position with the council for a period of 12 months and will therefore serve as Clerk and RFO in a voluntary capacity.

18-143 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FROM BARNESLEY MBC

RESOLVED to record that no applications have been notified.

18-144 SILKSTONE PAVILION & RECREATION GROUND

a. Silkstone football field flood lights

RESOLVED to note the proposal prepared by Mr Steve Fletcher for floodlights on the lower playing field, and to give approval for an application for planning permission to be made.

Councillors expressed concerns about the current waterlogged state of the pitches, and whether they would be at risk of overuse if installing floodlights resulted in more use. Reference was made to suggestions made during the November meeting that an all-weather pitch might be feasible. **RESOLVED** to bring a report to a future meeting regarding the issues raised.

b. Pavilion and Recreation Ground Health & Safety issues

RESOLVED to note Cllr Stier's comments regarding problems with the external lights at the Pavilion. An electrician will be contacted. Internal fire doors at the Pavilion are not closing properly. There are broken steps in Conroyd Wood in need of repair. PAT testing is due this month. Cllr Stier also reported that two user groups at the Pavilion have been using the meeting room without permission, and that a plumber is needed to investigate why the ground floor radiators are failing to heat up.

18-145 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to refuse a grant application from Silkstone Church for Christmas lights for the church tower, as the application failed to meet the council's grants policy. However, councillors agreed that providing Christmas lights is of benefit to the community, and that the council regrets that it has been unable to provide a location for its own display.

RESOLVED therefore that the parish council will purchase Christmas lights, to remain property of the council, and to ask Silkstone Church to display them on behalf of the community.

RESOLVED to approve an application from Silkstone Methodist Church for a grant of £400 towards repairs to and maintenance of the Church Clock.

18-146 FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to accept a verbal report from Cllr M Liddell concerning work to prepare a budget for 2019/20, and to note that a budget will be put to council in January 2019 for approval.

18-147 FINANCE REPORT

RESOLVED to approve the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 30 September 2018, which include the bank reconciliation, budget monitor and receipts and payments schedules.

18-148 RESERVES REPORT

RESOLVED to approve the Reserves Report, representing an estimate of the council's budgetary position at year-end. Cllr Smith advised that income is expected to be largely as budgeted, and that expenditure will be substantially less than expected. This is principally due to the change in Clerk remuneration as resolved at 18-142 above. Expenditure on Neighbourhood Planning is likely to be deferred to next year. A sum of £5000 remains in the budget for capital expenditure, but at this point it is not certain that the spending will be made. It is anticipated that Reserves will increase at year-end within the range of £6000 - £9000.

18-149 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED to approve the invoices for payment schedules dated 3 December 2018 as follows:

Date	Payee	Description	Total
<u>Paid in between meetings</u>			
05-Nov-18	Barnsley Chronicle	Advertising clerk position WAB	37.00
05-Nov-18	Grant		247.75
05-Nov-18	BOS Office supplies	Newsletter printing	518.29
05-Nov-18	Handyman	Villages maintenance Oct 18	440.00
02-Sep-18	EON	Pavilion gas bill Sept	48.11
02-Sep-18	EON	Pavilion electric bill Sept	69.01
13-Nov-18	Meryl Liddell Expenses	Hotel fees for recruitment of Clerk	200.00
02-Nov-18	EON	Pavilion gas bill Nov	93.50
02-Nov-18	EON	Pavilion electric bill Nov	63.93
09-Oct-18	Therebutnotthere	Plaques to commemorate WWI	272.84
09-Oct-18	Cartridgesave	Brother TN-2410 Black toner cartridge	38.02
09-Oct-18	Tree2mydoor	2 oak trees to commemorate WWI	159.98
18-Oct-18	Asda	Coffee & sugar	5.04
01-Nov-18	Co-op Bank	Card fee	2.00
<u>To be paid 3 December 18</u>			
20-Nov-18	BOS Office Supplies	Newsletter printing - Nov 18	518.29
05-Dec-18	Huskar 180	Grant payment	40.42
29-Nov-18	Expert Water Services	Monthly legionella monitoring	54.00
17-Oct-18	Minder Security & Fire	2 x fobs and call out fee	82.80
01-Nov-18	BMBC	Advert on BMBC website for Clerk	138.00

26-Nov-18	Richard Bell	Smart phone case & SIM card	5.86
26-Nov-18	Richard Bell	Sony Xperia Smartphone	116.04
26-Nov-18	Richard Bell	Mileage	4.05
26-Nov-18	Expert Water Services	Monthly legionella monitoring (Dec)	54.00
31-Oct-18	Botham's Prestige	Maintenance October 2018	1,278.50
Total Invoices for Payment			4,487.43

18-150 MEETINGS

Richard Leech	Budget and Staffing meetings Meeting with Cllr Stier re Health & Safety and asset register BMBC waste management consultation
Derek Liddell	2 NALC conference calls, and other NALC meetings
Ron Stier	Good Companions Club Meeting with Cllr Leech re Health & Safety and asset register
Debra Smith	Budget and Staffing meetings
Meryl Liddell	Budget and Staffing meetings

18-151 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence:

Email from a resident regarding parking problems and speeding in Silkstone. A response has been made by the Chair.

Inspection report on Trim Trail.

18- 152 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held on 8 January 2019 at Silkstone Sports Pavilion commencing at 6.45pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.00pm

Chair's Signature	Date
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