DRAFT MINUTES of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 6th January 2020** at Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT
Meeting Chaired by: Cllr Meryl Liddell

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

In attendance: Parish Clerk and Barnsley Chronicle reporter.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Barnsley Chronicle reporter asked about reports of 'Anti-Social' behaviour reports in the Parish. Cllr M Liddell said that it was isolated, with some issues in Orchard Wood, reports of nuisance near the MUGA and an incident in Silverwood Scout Camp where a man was assaulted.

Further report from Cllr Leech about the blocked gullies on A628 from Silkstone Golf Club downwards.

A fantastic first landing by the Children's Air Ambulance on Silkstone Recreation Ground was reported by Cllr M Liddell just prior to Christmas; everything went smoothly and despite very minor marks to the football playing surface there were no other issues.

Cllr Stier reported that Cone Lane needed leaves sweeping, particularly from the Cemetery downwards. He also reported that residents had asked him about the former Mission Rooms site and was happening as it is very unsightly; the Clerk stated that the land is privately owned, and renewed planning permission has been given to rebuild a community type hall.

Cllr Stier asked about the grassed area on Hall Royd Walk which is looking unkempt and messy. There seems to be no change to the position taken by Barnsley MBC that despite cutting the grass for many years, they have concluded that it is not their land and as such are refusing to maintain.

Cllr Thompson reported a bin on Broad Gates being used by people disposing of domestic waste and therefore it becomes full.

Cllr D Liddell reported that the hedges on Blackhorse Drive and Woodland View had both been cut back rigorously. Also reported was that the steps in Orchard Wood still need attention.

A report of dumped containers on Blacker Green Lane was made by Cllr Leech; he will check that they are still there so the Clerk can report to Barnsley MBC.

19-212 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note apologies from Cllr Millar.

19-213 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations made.

19-214 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2019 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

19-215 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FROM BARNSLEY MBC

https://wwwapplications.barnsley.gov.uk/PlanningExplorerMVC/Home/ApplicationDetails?planningApplicationNumber=2019%2F1521

2019/1521	Single storey rear extension to dwelling and garage conversion 16 Broad Gates, Silkstone, S75 4HD.

RESOLVED to make no comment.

https://wwwapplications.barnsley.gov.uk/PlanningExplorerMVC/Home/ApplicationDetails?planningApplicationNumber=2019%2F1462

2019/1462	Various alterations to existing store including changes to elevational treatments, new plant to rear of store on concrete bases and new boundary fencing to replace existing. Co-operative Store, The Cross, Silkstone, S75 4LX.

RESOLVED to make no comment subject to consideration of the plans by Cllr Stier due to problems downloading the documents from Planning Explorer.

19-216 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note an update from Cllr Smith that there are plans to have a public consultation in the spring, advertising the event in the newsletter. No 'Housing Needs' Survey is going to be undertaken at this stage. The objectives of the Committee are being refined and the Grant Application is in the process of being completed for submission.

RESOLVED to note that the next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 21st January 2020 in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion at 7PM.

19-217 RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY 2020

RESOLVED to approve the Risk Management policy for 2020.

19-218 SILKSTONE RECREATION GROUND

RESOLVED to note and approve the minutes of the Silkstone Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Monday 9th December 2019.

RESOLVED to note no new updates from Cllr Stier.

19-219 ANNUAL TREE AUDIT

RESOLVED to note an update from the Clerk following the annual tree audit of Orchard Wood, Conroyd Wood and The Chestnuts. Two diseased trees in Orchard Wood to be removed, continuation of crowning works in The Chestnuts left over from 2019 to be completed. There is one potentially dangerous overhanding branch from Conroyd Wood onto Cone Lane which the Clerk will report to Highways and a programme of thinning out and ivy removal is required in Conroyd Wood.

19-220 PICNIC BENCHES PROJECT

RESOLVED to note an update from Cllr M Liddell that Groundwork have been asked to visit site and give a quotation.

19-221 DRAFT BUDGET 2020/2021

RESOLVED to note an update from the Clerk going through the budget build-up by item for 2020/2021.

The 2020/2021 budget has been presented to Council by the Finance Committee with a recommendation of a 2% increase of the Precept, however, options for lower increases have been included by way of comparison.

The Clerk reported that the Average Weekly Earnings index for December 2019 was 3.5% and that the Retail Price Index for December 2019 was 1.3%. Therefore, it is entirely feasible that supplier charges and costs of goods will increase during 2020.

There was a debate amongst Councillors at what level of Precept increase should be sought from the Principal Authority. Cllr D Liddell commented that in the past the Council had not increased the budget and that then put pressure on reserves due to unexpected costs and increases from suppliers. Cllr Stier was not convinced that it was warranted asking residents for an increase and argued for no increase.

The Chair put the question to Council for a vote by show of hands.

RESOLVED to note a majority of 4 votes to 2 in favour of a 2% Precept increase with Cllr Stier and another Councillor dissenting.

19-222 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule dated 6th January 2020.

19-223 VE DAY 2020

RESOLVED to note an update from Cllr Thompson that planning is going well but unfortunately, due to the day being a Bank Holiday it has not been possible to get the village schools to be involved. The next meeting of the Group is on Wednesday 15th January at 2PM in All Saints Church.

19-224 MEETINGS

Cllr Alan Thompson	VE Day 2020 meeting with Silkstone Heritage Group, Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting.
Cllr Richard Leech	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting, Silkstone Common Sports & Social Club Meeting, Twinning Group meeting, Silkstone Playing Fields Committee.
Cllr Derek Liddell	NALC National Assembly.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting.
Cllr Ron Stier	Silkstone Common Good Companions, Silkstone Playing Fields Committee, Penistone Crime Safety Sub-Group Meeting.
Cllr Debra Smith	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting.
Cllr Peter Millar	No record.
Clerk	Silkstone Common Sports & Social Club Meeting, Neighbourhood Planning Committee, VE Day 2020 planning, Meeting with Silkstone Heritage Group.

19-225 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence:

Correspondence form members of CARE Group about the Grit Bin on Mr & Mrs Crawshaw's land which has now been moved into its original position.
Clerk Direct magazine passed to Cllr D Liddell

19-211 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held on Monday 3rd February 2020 at Silkstone Sports Pavilion commencing at 6.45pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.03pm.

Chair's Signature	Date