

DRAFT MINUTES of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 8th January 2024** in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Meeting chaired by Cllr Lesley Gill.

Councillors: Cllr Debra Smith, Cllr Alan Thompson, Cllr Janice Wake, Cllr Peter Millar, Cllr Meryl Liddell and Cllr Derek Liddell.

Also present : Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer : Richard Bell.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- No public questions or matters raised by Councillors.

23-163 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note apologies received by the Clerk in advance of the meeting from Cllr Leech and Cllr Logan.

23-164 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations of interest made by Councillors.

Members were reminded that they are personally responsible for and must update their entry in the register of interests within 28 days of becoming aware of a pecuniary interest that is not already registered (s31, Localism Act 2011).

23-165 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th December 2023 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

23-166 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2023/1073	Conversion of existing stables into dwelling at Lakeside View, Blacker Green Lane, Silkstone, Barnsley, S75 4NF
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RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to raise concerns with Planning that this is contrary to National Green Belt policy and the Neighbourhood Development Plan at H1 & H2 as 'back garden' development on Green Belt land.

23-167 BIODIVERSITY DUTY & POLICY 2024

The Clerk explained the new Duty in relation to Biodiversity.

RESOLVED to adopt the new Biodiversity policy.

Members discussed the creation of a Working Party. Cllr Gill said she would attend the YLCA webinar on 10th January.

RESOLVED to defer the creation of a Working Party until the Business Development Plan meeting in May.

23-168 GRANT AWARDING POLICY 2024

Following legislative changes which now allow Council's the Power to provide grants to Churches, the Clerk presented an amended Grant Awarding policy.

RESOLVED to adopt the new Grant Award policy.

23-169 FINANCE REPORT – QUARTER 3 (to end of December 2023)

The Clerk presented the Finance Report going through each 'Cost Centre' showing budget, actual payment to date and projections for year end.

The Clerk also presented the Bank Reconciliation showing payments, receipts and bank balances which reconciled.

Cllr Smith said there were areas where Council needed to spend money, such as Speed Reduction and Allotments.

The Clerk said that Council was waiting for a response from Highways concerning speed reduction initiatives. In relation to Allotments, Members all agreed that money should be spent on improving the site, including fencing. Cllr Gill said that the entrance gate to the Allotments had been temporarily repaired but needed to be replaced. The Clerk said that at the last Allotments Working Party meeting it was agreed that a meeting be held with all Allotment holders in March/April time to seek ideas for improvements.

RESOLVED to accept the Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation as presented as a true and accurate record.

23-170 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Online Authorisers	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Payment Type
01-Jan-24		Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00	SO
01-Jan-24		Richard Bell	Parish Clerk Salary	£912.88	£0.00	£912.88	SO
01-Jan-24		Richard Bell	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	SO
05-Jan-24		Keeley Baxter	Pavilion Cleaning (£24 per week) x 4	£98.00	£0.00	£98.00	SO
11-Dec-23		Bothams Prestige	Grounds works & village maintenance	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
31-Dec-23		Unity Bank	Bank Charges	£33.05	£0.00	£33.05	DD
08-Jan-24	DS/JW	HMRC	Income Tax & National Insurance	£749.32	£0.00	£749.32	ONLINE
07-Nov-23	LG/RL	Armour Fire Protection	Fire Extinguisher & PA Testing	£134.50	£0.00	£134.50	ONLINE
07-Nov-23	LG/RL	Richard Bell	Gmail Account	£15.99	£0.00	£15.99	ONLINE
23-Nov-23	LG/RL	Viking	Office Stationary	£47.71	£3.54	£51.25	ONLINE
23-Oct-23		British Telecommunications	Broadband	£81.23	£16.25	£97.48	DD
17-Nov-23		South Yorks Pensions Authority	Pension Contribution	£693.19	£0.00	£693.19	DD
24-Nov-23		Business Stream	Recreation Ground Water Supply	£76.40	£0.00	£76.40	DD
08-Jan-24	DS/JW	SLCC	Annual Membership Fee	£188.00	£0.00	£188.00	ONLINE
28-Nov-23		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£83.84	£4.19	£88.03	DD
28-Nov-23		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£106.24	£5.31	£111.55	DD
08-Jan-24	DS/JW	EE Limited	Office Telephone	£57.89	£11.58	£69.47	ONLINE
Total invoices for payment				£4,379.66	£255.95	£4,635.61	

RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule dated 8th January 2024.

23-171 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to note that no Grant Applications have been received.

23-172 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Clerk asked Members to confirm that the final version can now be sent to Barnsley MBC for publishing and printing.

RESOLVED to confirm the final version can be sent to Barnsley MBC and printers.

23-173 THE STOCKS

The Clerk updated Members on progress. Lawyers have been in contact with Archive Services in Morley, but no information has been obtained as yet. However, the Clerk has come across a paper record which says :-

“South Yorkshire County Archives – Conveyance 1968 (Vol 188 381 170)

Between Silkstone Parish Council and Barnsley Brewery Co. Ltd. 154 sq. yds. Main Street, Silkstone, formerly site of Pinfold Stores, adjacent to Red Lion Inn – renovated Silkstone Stocks now there.” Archive 773950.

It is understood that Andy Horsfield may have a photograph of Pinfold Stores which the Clerk is investigating and will update lawyers.

RESOLVED to note the update.

23-174 WHOLE COUNCIL TRAINING

RESOLVED to note the date and time of the Whole Council Training event to be Saturday 17th February 2024 between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

RESOLVED to approve a budget of £100 for subsistence and refreshments.

23-175 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE

RESOLVED to note that no correspondence for note has been received.

23-176 MEETINGS

Cllr Richard Leech	Not present.
Cllr Derek Liddell	YLCA Local Council Award scheme.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	None.
Cllr Debra Smith	None.
Cllr Janice Wake	None.
Cllr Alan Thompson	Silkstone Warm Welcome and Age UK.
Cllr Lesley Gill	Silkstone Warm Welcome.
Cllr Peter Millar	None.
Cllr Jim Logan	Not present.

23-177 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 5th February 2024.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:26pm.

Chair's Signature	Date
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