

DRAFT MINUTES of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 5th February 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, Cllr Richard Leech, Cllr Jim Logan and Cllr Derek Liddell.

Also present : Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer : Richard Bell and five members of the public.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Representatives of Silkstone Common Methodist Church attended the meeting and gave an update on the present position on the proposed future of the Chapel. Worship no longer taking place but plenty of user groups are still carrying on with events, including the Old Silkstone Band. 70 hours a month in user groups who have been told they need to find another location. The meeting of the Circuit is 12th March 2024 when it is expected the decision will be made to sell the building.

Cllr Gill said there was an item on the Agenda to discuss setting up a Working Party to see what appetite there is in the community to look at ways of saving the building as a Community facility.

Cllr Leech said the road surface in Towngate was breaking up and he will report to Highways. The gullies on Cone Lane were again blocked so he will report these also.

One bench on the Waggon way and another in Silkstone Common Recreation Ground need to be refurbished this Spring.

Cllr Thompson said there had been complaints from residents that dog fouling was taking place in the Children's play area adjacent to the Allotment site in Silkstone. This has been raised with Ward Councillors. He also said that there were felled trees around the Martin Croft former garages site and utilities had not filled in the verge correctly following connection works.

Cllr M Liddell said that the red coloured road surface on Knabbs Lane was breaking up and needed to be reported to Highways.

23-178 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note no apologies received by the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

23-179 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note Pecuniary interest declared by Cllr Gill and Cllr Millar as allotment holders.

RESOLVED to note a declaration of interest from Cllr Millar in relation to item 7 as he is standing for Ward election representing a political party in May 2024.

RESOLVED to note that Cllr Gil and Cllr Millar have updated their register of interests which have been sent to the Monitoring Officer.

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).

23-180 DISPENSATIONS

RESOLVED to note that Dispensations have been agreed by the Proper Officer of the Council to allow Cllr Gill and Cllr Millar to remain in any meeting, debate and vote in relation to items pertaining to Allotments for a period of 4 years in accordance with Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 and Standing Order 13 [e].

23-181 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council Extraordinary meeting held on Monday 22nd January 2024 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

23-182 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED to agree to a request by the Chair to suspend Standing Orders to allow an Allotment holder to speak in relation to item 5.

23-183 BEE KEEPING ON ALLOTMENT SITE

An Allotment holder addressed Council seeking permission to keep bees on the allotment site he currently rents.

The Allotment holder explained the essential environmental benefits of bees and his experience and membership of various beekeeping associations and bodies, which included the provision of public liability cover.

Members asked questions and sought clarifications.

23-184 REINSTATEMENT OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to summarise the advantages and disadvantages of bee keeping on an allotment site, seeking guidance where appropriate and produce a report for Council to consider.

23-185 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2023/1158	Conversion of agricultural building to 3 bed dwellinghouse with associated building operations (prior notification) at Hall Royd Farm, Hall Royd Lane, Silkstone Common, Barnsley, S75 4PP.
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RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to raise an objection with Planning that this application is inappropriate and contrary to National Green Belt policy and the Neighbourhood Development Plan in relation to the change of use from agricultural to residential.

23-186 BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW

RESOLVED to note that the mini newsletter is being delivered in both villages this week in advance of 12th February 2024 deadline for comments set by the Boundary Commission by Members and the Council's deliverer.

23-187 STAFFING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note the Staffing Committee will hold an informal gathering to discuss what information is required prior to setting up a Committee meeting.

23-188 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Online Authorisers	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Payment Type
01-Feb-24		Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00	SO
01-Feb-24		Redacted	Wages & Salaries	£912.88	£0.00	£912.88	SO
01-Feb-24		Redacted	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	SO
02-Feb-24		Redacted	Pavilion Cleaning (£24 per week) x 4	£98.00	£0.00	£98.00	SO
10-Jan-24		Bothams Prestige	Grounds works & village maintenance	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
22-Jan-24	RL/LG	Matthew Rymer	Recreation Ground Fencing	£1,180.00	£0.00	£1,180.00	ONLINE
22-Jan-24	RL/LG	M Brookes Plumbing	Emergency Bolier Repair	£90.00	£18.00	£108.00	ONLINE
05-Feb-24		HMRC	Income Tax & National Insurance	£749.32	£0.00	£749.32	ONLINE
05-Feb-24		Profell	Woodland Tree Audit	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00	ONLINE
05-Feb-24		Vision ICT	Training Webinar	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00	ONLINE
05-Feb-24		YLCA	Training Webinar	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	ONLINE
23-Oct-23		British Telecommunications	Broadband	£23.95	£4.79	£28.74	DD
19-Jan-24		South Yorks Pensions Authority	Pension Contribution	£472.78	£0.00	£472.78	DD
24-Nov-23		Business Stream	Recreation Ground Water Supply	£76.40	£0.00	£76.40	DD
25-Jan-24		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£86.24	£4.31	£90.55	DD
22-Jan-24		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£316.85	£15.84	£332.69	DD
05-Feb-24		EE Limited	Office Telephone	£35.26	£7.05	£42.31	ONLINE
Total invoices for payment				£5,418.10	£270.07	£5,688.17	

RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule dated 5th February 2024.

23-189 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to note that no Grant Applications have been received.

23-190 HUSKAR COMMUNITY ROOMS

Cllr Leech said that the Chair of the Silkstone Community Centre charity had resigned and given notice that she will stay in post until the end of the financial year. It is understood that the Treasurer will also be resigning at the same time. They have both been unsuccessful in finding replacement trustees.

Cllr M Liddell suggested that a request for volunteers should go in the Spring Newsletter.

Cllr Leech said that if no one could be found this may fall back on the Parish Council to absorb chair and finance duties.

RESOLVED to ask the Editor of the Newsletter to include an advert and ask the Clerk to have this subject as an item for discussion at the next meeting of the Council.

23-191 ONLINE BANKING AUTHORISATIONS

RESOLVED to note that Council currently has a financial risk as only four Councillors are able to authorise payments with two required for each payment.

RESOLVED to note Cllr M Liddell, Cllr D Liddel and Cllr Millar will endeavour to register for online banking as soon as possible.

RESOLVED to agree Cllr Thompson and Cllr Logan be given access to online banking and ask the Clerk to arrange.

23-192 VILLAGE BEDDING PLANTS

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to raise a Purchase Order to Hall Green Nurseries for £500 plus VAT.

223-193 WOODS ANNUAL SURVEY

RESOLVED to note an update from the Clerk that the annual woods survey had taken place and the tree surgeon had identified tress requiring management and felling during 2024.

23-194 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.

23-195 SUMMER FAYRE 2024

RESOLVED to note that the Events Working Party would be meeting on 7th February to further discuss arrangements.

Cllr Leech will liaise with Silkstone United Cricket Club concerning a clash of events and what options can be considered.

23-196 METHODIST CHAPEL

RESOLVED to create a Working Party to enable Council to formulate plans for actions that may be required and report back to Council.

RESOLVED to note that the inaugural meeting of the Working Party will take place on Monday 12th February at 7pm in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

23-197 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence:

1) Correspondence from Scouts asking for permission to put "Dog Fouling" posters around the Recreation Ground and Woodland.

2) Promotion request for Thurgoland Community Choir.
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23-198 MEETINGS

Cllr Richard Leech	Extraordinary Meeting, Ward Alliance Procurement, Warm Welcome.
Cllr Derek Liddell	YLCA Personnel, YLCA Joint Executive, Extraordinary Meeting.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Extraordinary Meeting.
Cllr Debra Smith	Extraordinary Meeting, Training Webinar, Warm Welcome.
Cllr Janice Wake	Extraordinary Meeting.
Cllr Alan Thompson	Silkstone Primary School, Warm Welcome.
Cllr Lesley Gill	Extraordinary Meeting, Warm Welcome.
Cllr Peter Millar	Extraordinary Meeting.
Cllr Jim Logan	Extraordinary Meeting, Warm Welcome.

23-199 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 4th March 2024.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:16pm.

Chair's Signature	Date
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