

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 3rd February 2020** at Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Meeting Chaired by: Cllr Meryl Liddell

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

In attendance: Parish Clerk and Barnsley Chronicle reporter.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Further report from Cllr Leech about the blocked gullies on A628 from Silkstone Golf Club downwards and streetlights not working at The Cross. Cllr Leech will report the street lighting. The previously reported containers on Blacker Green Lane made by Cllr Leech are still there. Clerk to contact Barnsley MBC.

Cllr Stier reported that gullies are blocked on Cone Lane and require clearing, particularly next to LC22 and at the junction with Beacon Hill. Also bushes at 8 Moorend Lane are overhanging the footpath forcing pedestrians to walk into the road. Clerk to report all to Barnsley MBC.

The post box at the bottom of Moorend Lane still does not have a collections times sign. Clerk to complain again to the Post Office. Additionally, footpath number 8 between Ben Bank Road and Hall Road Walk is waterlogged and needs re-surfacing. Clerk to visit site and take photographs for report to Public Rights of Way Officer at Barnsley MBC.

Cllr Stier also reported complaints about the dry-stone wall obstructing the footpath on Ben Bank Road leaving the village; Cllr M Liddell commented that this had been collapsed since early December 2019. Clerk to report to Barnsley MBC.

Cllr Thompson reported the ongoing issue of speeding cars, particularly from High Street past Silkstone Lane towards the Pot House Hamlet. In view of the building works in this area and parked contractors' vehicles it is highly dangerous. Also, a report of quad bikes between High Street and Towngate churning up the footway.

19-227 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note no apologies.

19-228 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note an interest declared by Cllr Smith in relation to the grant application by Silkstone Common Ladies Choir at item 15.

RESOLVED to note that planning application number 2019/1528 at item 4 was made in the name of the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council.

19-229 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th January 2020 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

19-230 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FROM BARNSELY MBC

<https://wwwapplications.barnsley.gov.uk/PlanningExplorerMVC/Home/ApplicationDetails?planningApplicationNumber=2019%2F1528>

2019/1528	Installation of four floodlights on the Silkstone Recreation Ground. Barnsley Road, Silkstone, Barnsley, S75 4LX.
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RESOLVED to make no comment other than to support the initiative.

<https://wwwapplications.barnsley.gov.uk/PlanningExplorerMVC/Home/ApplicationDetails?planningApplicationNumber=2020%2F0080>

2020/0080	Erection of front and rear extension to dwelling at 31 Cone Lane, Silkstone Common, Barnsley, S75 4PU.
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RESOLVED to make no comment.

19-231 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note an update from Cllr Smith that a meeting took place on 21st January 2020 and it was agreed that since this is a Committee of the Parish Council the minutes of the meeting should be formally reported and noted by Council.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will ensure this is added to subsequent agendas.

Cllr Smith reported that the Housing Objectives were being addressed and that Committee members each have a designated area of the villages to categorise and provide a description. The Grants application has been successful, and the funds will be transferred to the Parish Council account imminently.

Also, now that the grant funding has been approved, Kirkwells Consultants will be preparing a document for the next meeting. A public consultation is being planned for April or May 2020 depending on progress and available dates.

RESOLVED to note that the next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 18th February 2020 in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion at 7PM.

19-232 GRIEVANCE & DISCIPLINARY POLICIES

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the revised Grievance and Disciplinary policies.

19-233 SILKSTONE RECREATION GROUND

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Silkstone Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Monday 20th January 2020.

RESOLVED to note the following Health & Safety updates from Cllr Stier: -

- Damage to the grass verges caused by parking cars and very wet conditions.
- The 'Burco' water heater was leaking so a new tap has been fitted. Subsequently there were issues with overheating of the plug which has now been replaced.
- Football Changing Room 2 wall heater left on.
- Tractor Battery was flat, now resolved.
- Damage to cricket outfield by cars.

RESOLVED to note an update from the Clerk concerning the damage to the cricket outfield by cars and potential solutions to the parking issues.

The Groundsman has been asked to repair the cricket field, but solutions need to be found to the problem of cars going off the designated 'paved' turning area onto the grass. As reported in the Silkstone Playing Fields Committee minutes one team manager parks his car further up the drive to prevent others parking and temporary fencing pins and hazard tape have been considered.

Cllr Leech commented that a low-cost resolution needs to be found and that this will be an item for the Agenda of the next Playing Fields Committee. A rope placed across the top of the drive attached to the security post has been removed due to Health & Safety concerns for pedestrians.

The Clerk further reported that a quotation to lay tarmac along the side of the driveway from the style to the start of the paver area has been obtained, however, the cost is excessive at £11,502 + VAT and so this will not be pursued as an option. An alternative to lay crushed road planings was also dismissed as being too expensive at £8,427 + VAT.

Cllr Thompson suggested applying for a grant and will send details to the Clerk to pursue.

19-234 PRECEPT 2020/2021

RESOLVED to note the precept demand to Barnsley MBC.

19-235 PICNIC BENCHES PROJECT

RESOLVED to note an update from Cllr M Liddell that Groundwork have given a quotation of £6,200 + VAT to supply benches and lay disabled access pathways.

Cllr M Liddell commented that this is too expensive, and an alternative plan needs to be drawn up. In the meantime, three new benches have been purchased, two round 8 seater tables and one 6 seater table with wheelchair access using the grant funding received from Tesco.

Cllr Thompson suggested that TWIGGS may be able to assist and will email the Clerk with contact details.

19-236 FINANCE REPORT

RESOLVED to note the Finance Report including Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitor for Q3 2019/2020 as presented by the Clerk.

Income is projected to be on budget at year end. Cllr Smith asked if it was expected that income for SRG & Pavilion would be realised which the Clerk confirmed is the likely outcome based upon pitch rental income. In terms of expenditure there are, as expected, to be substantial savings against budget on Employees and Administration due to the Clerk position being unsalaried until November 2019 and savings on stationary costs such as printing.

There has been a favourable year for Woods so far with no emergency issues and a well-managed woodland resulting in an expected saving on budget. Similarly, there have been no major maintenance works required to the Pavilion so an expected saving on budget is projected.

The budgets for Community Hub and Neighbourhood planning whilst currently unspent are expected to be used during Q4.

Cllr Smith asked where the donation from Silkstone United Huskers had been allocated on the budget. This has been recorded as received income but will be set as earmarked reserves at the end of 2019/2020.

This funding is available for use within the Parish for sporting or leisure activities and will be managed by the Council.

19-237 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule dated 3rd February 2020.

Date	Invoice number	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Cheque number	Purchase Order
Paid in between meetings								
27-Jan-20	N/A	Carl Brown	Electrical Testing of Burco	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	CASH	N/A
31-Jan-20	N/A	Stewart Walton	Bench Refurbishment Materials	£51.22	£0.00	£51.22	CASH	2020-004
20-Jan-20	N/A	Richard Bell	Postage	£9.95	£0.00	£9.95	301679	N/A
20-Jan-20	N/A		Office Mobile 'phone repair	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	301679	N/A
08-Jan-20	N/A		Office paper	£8.33	£1.67	£10.00	301679	N/A
12-Jan-20	N/A		Stationary	£8.29	£1.60	£9.95	301679	N/A
15-Jan-20	N/A		Kitchen Water Heater (Burco) New Tap fitting	£20.42	£4.08	£24.50	301679	N/A
			Total £104.40					
16-Jan-20	H17E442E02	Eon	Pavillion Electricity	£77.16	£3.86	£81.02	DD	N/A
16-Jan-20	H17FD8FD18	Eon	Pavilion Gas	£107.04	£5.35	£112.39	DD	N/A
01-Feb-20	N/A	Richard Bell	Parish Clerk Salary - December 2019	£698.23	£0.00	£698.23	SO	SPC01
31-Jan-20		Viking	Office Stationary & Stamps	103.36	6.68	110.04	301680	N/A
03-Feb-20	N/A	Penistone Line Partnership	Annual Renewal	25.00	0.00	25.00	301681	N/A
03-Feb-20	N/A	Stewart Walton	Handyman Services - January 2020	160.00	0.00	160.00	301682	2020-004
27-Jan-20	EWS -2020-02	Gareth Pritchard	Legionella Monitoring - February 2020	£45.00	£9.00	£54.00	301683	2019-005
	TBC	Richard Bell	Trim Trail Benches (Tesco Grant)	£931.00	£186.20	£1,117.20	301684	2020-006
31-Jan-20	1916	Bothams Prestige	Vertidrain - drainage works to pitches	£750.00	£150.00	£900.00	301685	2020-005
31-Jan-20	1911	Bothams Prestige	Maintenance of SRG and Villages - January	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	301686	2019-009
03-Feb-20	652-1920	YLCA	Spring Training Conference - March 2020	£240.00	£0.00	£240.00	301687	N/A
03-Feb-20	N/A	Carl Brown	Handyman Services - January 2020	£280.00	£0.00	£280.00	301688	2019-007
03-Feb-20	673/G3108	HMRC	Income Tax & NI - January 2020	£556.47	£0.00	£556.47	301689	N/A
03-Feb-20	712236A	South Yorkshire Pensions	LGPS - January 2020	£239.44	£0.00	£239.44	301690	N/A
03-Feb-20	N/A	Richard Bell	Office Allowance	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00	301691	N/A
			Office Mobile Telephone	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	301691	N/A
			Total £50.00					
Total invoices for payment				£5,446.33	£573.52	£6,019.91		

19-238 PAYMENTS BY BANK STANDING ORDER

RESOLVED to agree that recurring monthly payments to Botham's Prestige and Expert Water Services can be made by bank standing order subject to annual review.

19-239 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to agree to the Grant Application from Silkstone Common Ladies Choir and preapprove a grant of £400. Cllr Smith will communicate the decision.

RESOLVED that the cost of newsletter production for Silkstone Heritage Group will be borne by the Parish Council in full and therefore the grant application is refused.

RESOLVED to defer the grant application by CARE Group after consideration of item 15.

19-240 VE DAY 2020

RESOLVED to note an update from Cllr Thompson that preparations are almost complete to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. The next meeting of the planning group is Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 2pm in All Saints Church.

19-241 KEEP BRITAIN TIDY CAMPAIGN 2020

RESOLVED to agree a budget of up to £500 for publication, materials and tools required for the spring event being managed by CARE.

RESOLVED to reject the grant application from CARE Group, deferred under minute number 19-239.

19-242 PAVILION IT ACCESSIBILITY

RESOLVED to defer this item until the next meeting.

19-243 MUGA

RESOLVED to note an update from the Clerk that a quotation has been obtained to repaint the 'Youth Shelter' at a cost of £680 + VAT.

The Clerk suggested that the paint could be purchased, and volunteers apply. Cllr Thompson suggested that TWIGGS may be able to assist.

Alternatively, the shelter could be removed and relocated into Silverwood Scout camp. Councillors are not in favour of this suggestion.

RESOLVED to agree that the Clerk will arrange for repainting.

19-244 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, Ward Alliance, Silkstone Playing Fields Committee and HR Meeting.
Cllr Derek Liddell	VE Day 2020 meeting with Silkstone Heritage Group, NALC Management Board, YLCA Joint Executive Board meeting and Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting and HR Meeting.
Cllr Ron Stier	Silkstone Common Good Companions and Silkstone Playing Fields Committee.
Cllr Debra Smith	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting.
Cllr Peter Millar	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting.
Clerk	Silkstone Common Sports & Social Club Meeting, Neighbourhood Planning Committee, VE Day 2020 planning, HR Meeting and Silkstone Playing Fields Committee.

19-245 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence:

Two emailed complaints from residents concerning the budget build up and precept increase following the article in the Barnsley Chronicle.

A request to have a Memorial Bench or plaque in remembrance of a former resident of the Parish.

19-246 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held on Monday 2nd March 2020 at Silkstone Sports Pavilion commencing at 6.45pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

Chair's Signature	Date
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