

MINUTES of the REMOTE MEETING of SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 4th January 2021 via Zoom Conferencing facilities as permitted by paragraph 10 of the Local Government Act 1972.

On 2nd April 2020 HM Government published 'The Local Authorities and Police and Crime panels (Coronavirus) Regulations which allows Silkstone Parish Council to hold remote meetings until 7th May 2021. The Council's Standing Orders have been amended by the Clerk using delegated powers to confirm the procedures for holding a lawful and effective meeting, including voting rights, how members of the public can access documents and allows remote access for members of the public and press.

PRESENT

Meeting Chaired by: Cllr Meryl Liddell

Zoom Host: Richard Bell, Parish Clerk

Councillors: Derek Liddell, Peter Millar, Debra Smith, Ron Stier, Lesley Gill and Richard Leech.

Also, In attendance: Parish Clerk, one resident and Barnsley Chronicle reporter.

STATEMENT FROM CHAIR

Prior to commencement of the Meeting and in accordance with guidance, a statement was read by the Chair outlining the procedures to be undertaken to hold a lawful and effective remote meeting including the requirement for Councillors with voting rights to observe the code of conduct adopted by the Council.

Members are reminded to note the addendum to the Standing Orders of the Council under paragraph 27 - Remote Meetings.

The Clerk will mute all participants except the Chair - if anyone wishes to speak could they please clearly raise their hand. Voting will be undertaken by the same method.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident addressed the Council relating to the Budget setting for 2021/2022 stating that in his view there should be no inflationary increase in view of the hardship felt by some residents during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and the substantial reserves help by the Council.

Cllr M Liddell thanked the resident for his thoughts and said that the matter would be discussed by Councillors as an agenda item. She offered to set aside Standing Orders to allow the resident to speak further during the debate, but he declined and left the meeting.

Cllr Leech reported that the steps between Manor Park and Towngate have now been repaired by Barnsley MBC public rights of way team.

Regrettably with regard to the previously reported issues with the reporting of fly tipping to Barnsley MBC; the dumped tyres and 'fridge that have been reported three times and showing as

“completed” on the online portal, have still not been removed. Cllr Leech will forward the Clerk and Ward Councillors newly taken photographs and the previous report numbers.

Cllr Stier reported that Silkstone Common Good Companions group would like to record their thanks to the Parish Council for the grant award, which enabled them to purchase and distribute Christmas hampers to older residents in the villages.

A further report was made by Cllr Stier of vehicle tyre marks on public footpath number 8 at the rear of Viewlands. Cllr M Liddell asked that this be reported to Barnsley MBC.

Cllr Stier reported that there is a lot of litter in Conroyd Wood and thinks we should consider engaging a ‘handyman’. Cllr M Liddell said that we had previously sought applications by way of advert in the newsletter but had little success. Cllr Leech agreed that there is certainly an escalation of littering and apparent substance abuse and potentially ‘drug dealing’.

Cllr Leech said that we need to raise again with the Police and alert parents in the parish as to what is going on.

The Christmas tree in Silkstone has been removed by Cllr Leech and the one in Silkstone Common will be removed tomorrow.

20-112 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note apologies from Cllr Sue Williams.

20-113 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations of interest.

20-114 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th December 2020 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes. The signed document will be collected by the Clerk within 7 days.

20-115 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<https://wwwapplications.barnsley.gov.uk/PlanningExplorerMVC/Home/ApplicationDetails?planningApplicationNumber=2020%2F1369>

2020/1369	Erection of stables and menage at Stable Cottage, Moor End Farm, Moorend Lane, Silkstone Common, S75 4RA.
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<https://wwwapplications.barnsley.gov.uk/PlanningExplorerMVC/Home/ApplicationDetails?planningApplicationNumber=2020%2F1391>

2020/1391	Crown clean and thin Ash tree T1 by 15-20% within TPO 4/2000 at 36 Black Horse Drive, Silkstone Common, S75 4SD.
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RESOLVED to make no comment on either application.

20-116 PARISH BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT PLAN WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED to note the report of the meeting of 21st December 2020 and note the recommendation by the Working Party that two portable SID's are purchased by the Parish Council for use in the villages.

20-117 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note an update from Cllr Smith following the meeting of 15th December 2020 that most of the work have been done on the 'issues and options' document. There is a further meeting scheduled for 6th January to discuss publication of a newsletter in late January and additionally how the plan can be relevant to younger residents of the parish.

The Clerk reminded the Committee that a quotation will need to be sought from BOS for production of the newsletter so he can raise a Purchase Order.

20-118 DRAFT BUDGET 2021/2022

The Clerk went through each line of the draft budget 'build up' explaining the views of the Finance Committee at their meeting of 17th November 2020.

A draft budget has been prepared using a 2% inflationary uplift, but options had also been included for a 0% and 1% increase.

Members debated the potential level of increase on the precept to be demanded from Barnsley MBC. Cllr Smith said that in view of the final hardship brought about by the Coronavirus pandemic she would like to see the level of precept frozen.

Cllr Leech said that his position in previous years had always been to keep the precept moving upwards to protect the Council's finance against unknown and increasing costs. However, looking at the current situation we are in relative to lockdown and financial hardship, this year he is minded to agreeing that no inflationary increase should be demanded.

Cllr D Liddell said that he is never in favour of not uplifting the precept, even if it's a small amount to protect against vulnerabilities the Council may face; for example, if the group running the Huskar Community Rooms could no longer operate, that would leave a massive financial burden upon the Council. Cllr M Liddell said that a vote would be needed.

Cllr Leech proposed that there be no inflationary increase; seconded by Cllr Stier who raised his hand.

Cllr Smith, Cllr Millar, Cllr Gill and Cllr M Liddell all raised their hands to show approval of the proposal.

Cllr D Liddell dissented.

Cllr M Liddell said that there has to be a 'caveat' that this is an exceptional year and no increase has to be a 'one off'. Cllr Leech agreed.

RESOLVED to agree the draft budget as proposed based upon a 0% increase and demand the precept from Barnsley MBC on that basis.

20-119 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date Tax Point	Invoice number	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Cheque number	Purchase Order
01-Dec-20	H1938C13B2	Eon	Pavilion Gas Supply	£20.97	£1.05	£22.02	DD	N/A
01-Dec-20	H19392AB1E	Eon	Pavilion Electricity Supply	£49.08	£2.45	£51.53	DD	N/A
09-Dec-20		Microsoft	Office 365 Annual Subscription	£66.66	£13.33	£79.99	DEBIT	N/A
20-Dec-20	507486	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Clerks Manual	£51.50	£0.80	£52.30	DEBIT	N/A
14-Dec-20	iz625	Armour Fire Protection	Annual Fire extinguisher & PA Testing	£76.00	£0.00	£76.00	DEBIT	2020-036
17-Dec-20	201203	Business Stream	Allotments Water Supply	£82.80	£0.00	£82.80	DD	N/A
17-Dec-20	7857550464	Giff Gaff	Business Continuity Mobile 'phone	£8.34	£1.66	£10.00	DEBIT	N/A
18-Dec-20	329	South Yorkshire Pensions	Local Government Pension Scheme	£277.02	£0.00	£277.02	DD	N/A
17-Dec-20	7984545504	EE	Office Mobile Telephone	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	DEBIT	N/A
20-Dec-20	47606322	Zoom Video Conferencing	Conferencing Facilities Fee	£11.99	£2.40	£14.39	DEBIT	N/A
01-Jan-21	SPC01	Richard Bell	Parish Clerk Salary - December 2020	£718.40	£0.00	£718.40	SO	N/A
03-Jan-21	4991609-003	Plusnet	Broadband Connection	£17.00	£3.40	£20.40	DEBIT	N/A
30-Dec-20		Bothams Prestige	Grounds & Villages Maintenance	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	301791	2019-09
04-Jan-21	223678	HMRC	Income Tax & NI - December 2020	£559.67	£0.00	£559.67	301792	N/A
31-May-20	1996	Bothams Prestige	Football Pitch Renovation (Pre-Season)	£1,765.00	£353.00	£2,118.00	301793	2020-016
04-Jan-21		Richard Bell	Office Allowance	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00	301794	N/A
30-Dec-20	3003108278	Barnsley MBC	Hanging Baskets 2020	£4,273.15	£854.63	£5,127.78	301795	N/A
14-Dec-20	776318	Viking	Office Stationary & Postage Stamps	£84.98	£1.80	£86.78	301796	N/A
Total invoices for payment				£9,137.98	£1,439.60	£10,577.58		

RESOLVED to approve the payments schedule dated 4th January 2021.

20-120 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to note that no applications have been received.

20-121 CARE GROUP – FIVE YEAR PLAN

Cllr M Liddell thanked CARE for the in-depth report and suggested that the plan should be deferred for detailed consideration by the Business Development Working Party.

Cllr Smith said that there was some really positive stuff in the plan and with permission will share with the Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee.

RESOLVED to defer the plan to the Business and Development Plan Working Party for consideration; the next meeting is 26th January 2021.

20-122 SPEED INDICATOR SIGNS

Cllr M Liddell said that there was a recommendation by the Business and Development Plan Working Party that the Council proceeds with the purchase of two portable Speed Indicator Devices and ancillaries as proposed in the report provided to Councillors by the Clerk.

RESOLVED to agree to the purchase of Speed Indicator Devices as recommended with a budget of £7,000 plus VAT.

20-123 MEETINGS

Cllr Richard Leech	Business Development Plan Working Party, Neighbourhood Planning Committee, .
Cllr Derek Liddell	Business Development Plan Working Party, Neighbourhood Planning Committee, NALC National Assembly.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Neighbourhood Planning Committee, Business Development Working Party.
Cllr Debra Smith	Business Development Plan Working Party, Neighbourhood Planning Committee.
Cllr Ron Stier	None.
Cllr Lesley Gill	None.
Cllr Sue Williams	Not present.
Cllr Peter Millar	Business Development Working Party
Clerk	Business Development Plan Working Party, Meeting with CARE, Fire Extinguisher & Portable Appliance Testing at the Pavilion.

20-124 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

RESOLVED to note that there was no correspondence to note.

20-125 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next remote meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held on Monday 1st February 2021 via Zoom conferencing facilities commencing at 6.45pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.28 pm.

Chair's Signature	Date
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