

DRAFT MINUTES of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 7th March 2022** in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Meeting Chaired by Cllr Richard Leech

Councillors: Debra Smith, Peter Millar, Sue Williams, Janice Wake, and Lesley Gill.

Also, present : Richard Bell (Clerk) and one member of the public.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident reported that the dog waste bin at the Monkey Tunnel/former Mission Rooms does not appear to be being emptied. Cllr Leech said he thinks it is not formally adopted or registered by Barnsley MBC and asked the Clerk to make contact with the relevant team. The resident also asked if any progress had been made with Footpath No. 8 between Hall Royd Walk and Ben Bank Road. Clerk to chase PRWO at Barnsley MBC.

The resident also reported that the Penistone Crime sub-group previously reported as being disbanded has now restarted.

Cllr Smith reported that the ivy at the top of Cone Lane is still causing a reduction in width for pedestrians using the footpath at this point.

Cllr Millar reported issues with visibility when exiting Cone Lane from Ladyroyd direction due to the privet hedge being very full at this point.

Cllr Leech again reported issues with gullies across the villages, notably on Cone Lane and A628. This latter lack of maintenance was evident following the heavy rains flooding the garage forecourt.

21-219 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note apologies from Cllr M Liddell and Cllr D Liddell.

21-220 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note a declaration of potential interest from Cllr Smith in invoices for payment item.

21-221 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th February 2022 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the Minutes.

21-222 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to note no planning applications to consider.

21-223 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP) STEERING GROUP

Cllr Smith confirmed that the Regulation 14 consultation will be taking place between 28th February 2022 and 11th April 2022.

The Clerk confirmed that the large maps had been ordered from BOS. Cllr Smith and Cllr Millar will liaise to install a banner in Silkstone Common.

RESOLVED to note the update.

21-224 COUNCILLOR 'DROP IN' SESSIONS

Cllr Williams confirmed that the sessions had been successful with residents attending so it was good to engage with the community in a relaxed and informal manner. The next session will be in Silkstone Common next month. The Clerk will arrange for advertising on the PC Facebook page.

RESOLVED to note the update.

21-225 WORKING PARTY MEETINGS

RESOLVED to note the next meetings as:-

(a) HM Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Working Party – Monday 21st March @ 7PM in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

(b) Allotments Working Party – Monday 14th March @ 4PM on the Allotment site.

21-226 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Invoice number	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Cheque number	Purchase Order
01-Feb-22		Eon	Pavilion Gas Supply	£189.98	£9.50	£199.48	DD	N/A
01-Feb-22		Eon	Pavilion Electricity Supply	£124.09	£6.20	£130.29	DD	N/A
10-Feb-22		Adobe	Adobe Pro Software	£12.64	£2.53	£15.17	DEBIT	N/A
10-Feb-22		Plusnet	Broadband	£17.00	£3.40	£20.40	DD	N/A
17-Feb-22		Giff Gaff	Business Continuity Mobile 'phone	£8.34	£1.66	£10.00	DD	N/A
19-Feb-22		South Yorkshire Pensions	Local Government Pension Scheme	£277.02	£0.00	£277.02	DD	N/A
01-Mar-22		EE	Office Mobile Telephone	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00	DD	N/A
21-Mar-22		Zoom Video Conferencing	Conferencing Facilities Fee	£11.99	£2.40	£14.39	DD	N/A
04-Mar-22	2022-03	Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00	SO	2021-012
01-Mar-22	SPC01	Richard Bell	Parish Clerk Salary	£718.40	£0.00	£718.40	SO	N/A
02-Mar-22		Richard Bell	Office Allowance	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00	SO	N/A
31-Jan-22		Claire Kellett	Pavilion Cleaning (£20 per week)	£80.00	£0.00	£80.00	SO	2021-023
14-Feb-22		Fabrication Northeast Ltd	Fabrication Northeast Limited	£1,500.00	£300.00	£1,800.00	BACS	2022-004
14-Feb-22		Westcotec Ltd	Speed Indicator Device	£3,150.00	£630.00	£3,780.00	301948	2022-008
27-Feb-22		Debra Smith	NDP Banners	£57.30	£0.00	£57.30	301949	N/A
27-Feb-22		Leona Thomas	NDP Newsletter Delivery	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00	301950	2021-049
27-Feb-22		Daniel Wood	NDP Newsletter Delivery	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00	301951	2022-012
12-Feb-22		Breakthrough Comms.	Social Media Managemmnt	£495.00	£99.00	£594.00	301952	2022-007
27-Feb-22		Stewart Walton	Handyman Services	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00	301953	2022-006
27-Feb-22		Silkstone CARE	Grant Application	£247.75	£0.00	£247.75	301954	N/A
27-Feb-22		Profell Tree Services	Woodland Maintenance	£1,450.00	£0.00	£1,450.00	301955	2022-011
02-Feb-22		Insignia Limited	QE Jubilee Coins	£462.00	£92.40	£554.40	301956	2022-009
27-Feb-22		BOS Ltd	NDP Newsletter Production	£821.07	£0.00	£821.07	301957	2022-003
07-Feb-22		HMRC	Income Tax & National Insurance	£559.57	£0.00	£559.57	301958	N/A
07-Feb-22	846-2122	YLCA	Training Webinar - Cllr Williams	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	301959	N/A
Total invoices for payment				£10,747.15	£1,158.09	£11,905.24		

RESOLVED to approve the payments schedule dated 7th March 2022.

21-227 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Clerk confirmed that a grant application had been received from Silkstone CARE for tools and equipment necessary for village maintenance. This will take them up to £400 in grant applications for 2021/2022.

The Clerk advised Council that it has the power under Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972 to incur expenditure in the interests of and bring benefit to some or all of the area, or some or all of the inhabitants.

RESOLVED to approve a Grant from Silkstone CARE group using Section 137.

The Clerk confirmed that a grant application had also been received from South Yorkshire Buildings Residents Association (SYRA) who are amongst other activities raising money for resurfacing of the land around the houses.

The Clerk advised Council that it has the power under Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972 to incur expenditure in the interests of and bring benefit to some or all of the area, or some or all of the inhabitants.

There was a debate by Councillors as to whether the grant application was suitable given that the responsibility for resurfacing should be shared equally by the residents and perhaps public money should not be used to fund something that private homeowners should pay for. There was an acceptance that these were historical industrial settlements and works would enhance the area.

The Clerk advised Councillors that many residents of the parish would benefit so using the power under Section 137 was appropriate for the constituted group and as such the application complied with the requirements of the Grant Awarding Policy.

Cllr Leech proposed a motion asking Councillors to vote by a show of hands to approve the award of the grant on this occasion but not as a precedent to awarding any further grants for the purposes of resurfacing. Five Councillors voted for the motion with one dissenting.

RESOLVED to approve a Grant from SYRA group using Section 137.

21-228 CONROYD WOOD NATURE TRAIL

The Clerk gave a verbal description of an application from Silkstone CARE Group for match funding of proposed improvement works in Conroyd Wood. Part funding to continue the project had been given by BMBC Ward Alliance to the value of £2,000.

Council has the power under Public Health Act 1875 s.164 to maintain open spaces for public recreation.

Works took place in 2018/2019 to make the footpath more accessible for all. These works would extend further the Nature Trail. Cllr Smith pointed out that previously we worked with the contractor to part fund the works and thereby reclaim the VAT element.

RESOLVED to agree to match fund the project by up to £2,000 plus VAT.

21-229 SPRING PARISH NEWSLETTER

In order to allow sufficient time for communication of the Queens Platinum Jubilee events, the Clerk asked Council to consider delaying publication of the Spring edition of the newsletter until mid to late May 2022.

RESOLVED to ask the Editor of the newsletter to delay production until late May, with dates to be confirmed and communicated.

21-230 HM QUEEN ELIZABETH JUBILEE FAIR & EVENTS

Council was asked to agree arrangements for events in commemoration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

RESOLVED to agree that the Queens Platinum Jubilee Fair on Friday 3rd June 2022 would take place on Silkstone Recreation Ground and that stallholders would not be charged a fee.

RESOLVED to agree that the Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacon would be lit on Thursday 2nd June 2022 on Beacon Hill in Silkstone Common in line with national arrangements.

Council was further asked to consider siting the new Commemorative Bench in Silkstone Common rather than in the QE Jubilee Gardens.

RESOLVED to ask the Handyman to establish if it would be possible to replace the bench on Knabbs Lane, Silkstone Common and site the existing bench somewhere else.

21-231 HM QUEEN ELIZABETH JUBILEE GARDENS

Cllr Leech gave an update following a site meeting with CARE. A quotation has been provided by Twiggs to build a path and construct a focal point for planting and gardens. They are able to commence works in April. The Clerk advised that the works seem reasonable and that it is proving very difficult to arrange for anyone else to provide a quotation.

RESOLVED to approve the quotation provided by Twiggs with a request that a Cherry Tree is planted rather than a Pear Tree.

Council was also asked to agree for a laminated sign to be commissioned so residents can see plans and progress of the proposed works.

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to obtain a quotation for a sign.

21-232 KEEP BRITAIN TIDY EVENT

The Clerk gave a verbal update confirming that CARE is organising the 'Great British Spring Clean' for 2022 to take place simultaneously in Silkstone and Silkstone Common. Council was asked to consider a request from CARE to fund refreshments for volunteers.

RESOLVED to note the arrangements, provide refreshments of up to £100 and publicise on Facebook and in the village Noticeboards.

21-233 COMMUNITY & ASSET SECURITY

Cllr Wake gave a verbal update and asked if Council would fund Neighbourhood Watch signs in the villages if groups came forward to run schemes in their area. The dates for the 'pop-up' police stations initiate were being discussed and can be confirmed once availability of the Pavilion has been agreed.

RESOLVED to note the update and agree to an initial fund of £100 for new schemes.

21-234 BEST FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION & YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM

Cllr Williams gave a verbal presentation of both events and distributed flyers amongst Councillors asking Council to consider giving support to the 'Best Front Garden Completion' as part of events to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Cllr Williams said it would promote community spirit and be good for the villages as there are a lot of beautiful gardens across the parish.

Cllr Leech said that the initiative looked good but was cautious on taking too much on considering the Summer Fair taking place in less than 3 months. Cllr Williams said she would be happy to lead on the initiative.

In relation to 'Yorkshire in Bloom' Cllr Leech said that it would need a long process of engagement with stakeholders and that CARE do not have the resources to commit to what is a massive project.

RESOLVED to ask Cllr Williams to provide further information and proposals for the Best Front Garden Competition and present back to Council.

21-235 ANNUAL PARISHIONERS MEETING

The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Parishioners Meeting will take place on Monday 11th April in Silkstone Common Methodist Church commencing at 7PM. This is a meeting of the parish so Councillors will not be summoned to attend.

RESOLVED to note that the date, time, and place of the meeting.

21-236 REQUEST TO USE SILKSTONE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk explained that Silkstone School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has asked for permission to use the Recreation Ground for their annual summer Fair on Friday 8th July 2022.

RESOLVED to confirm permission to use the Recreation Ground subject to Risk Assessments agreed by the Clerk.

21-237 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence:

1) Resident sent details of Grants available for former working area railways projects.
2) Pennine Line Partnership newsletter via email.

21-238 MEETINGS

Cllr Richard Leech	CARE Meeting, Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting and Ward Alliance Meeting.
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Cllr Derek Liddell	Not Present
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Not Present
Cllr Debra Smith	Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting and 'Drop-in' sessions.
Cllr Janice Wake	Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting
Cllr Lesley Gill	CARE Meeting, Neighbourhood Development Plan and 'Drop-in' sessions.
Cllr Sue Williams	CARE Meeting, Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting, and 'Drop-in' sessions.
Cllr Peter Millar	None
Clerk	Meeting various contractors on site, meeting with Handyman .

21-239 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 7th March 2022 commencing at 6.45pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.17 pm.

Chair's Signature	Date
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