**DRAFT MINUTES** of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 5th December 2022** in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

**PRESENT**

Meeting chaired by Cllr Richard Leech

Councillors: Cllr Lesley Gill, Cllr Debra Smith, Cllr Sue Williams, Cllr Peter Millar, Cllr Janice Wake, Cllr Meryl Liddell, and Cllr Derek Liddell.

Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer : Richard Bell.Also present, two members of the public and Cllr John Wilson (Barnsley MBC)

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

* A member of the public raised the issue of blocked gullies on Cone Lane and also issues with Footpath number 8 from Ben Bank Road to Hall Royd Walk being very muddy. Cllr John Wilson will take up with PROW Officer.
* Cllr D Liddell raised the issue of Estate Agent Boards being left in situ after house sale. Cllr John Wilson said Barnsley MBC were considering a proposal to charge.
* Cllr D Liddel also wanted to praise the contractors on the Trans Pennine Trail for doing a fantastic job.
* Cllr Leech reported a lack of gully cleaning on the A628 near the garage and at the bottom of Cone Lane. Also, street lights are inoperative around ‘The Cross’
* Cllr Leech reported issues with the new road surface on Towngate as appearing to be defective with surface grit everywhere which may cause an accident. Clerk to email Highways team.
* Cllr Leech wanted to record the thanks of the Parish Council to Horsfields Nursery for donating the village Christmas Trees.

**22-126 APOLOGIES**

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

**22-127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED** to note no declarations of interest made.

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).

**RESOLVED** to bring forward item 13 and suspend Standing Orders at 7:08pm to allow PC Nick Grey to address the meeting.

A verbal presentation was given requesting permission to undertake specialist non-lethal firearms training on Silkstone Recreation Ground around and inside the Sports Pavilion. The proposed dates and timings will be sent to the Clerk to arrange access to the site. Councillors sought clarifications and received assurances about safety and risk assessments.

**RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Orders at 7:19pm

**RESOLVED** to agree to the request from South Yorkshire Police to undertake specialist training exercises on Silkstone Recreation Ground and in the Pavilion.

**22-128 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to note an amendment to minute reference 22-111 as requested by Cllr Smith to read *“absence of forecast”.*

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

**22-129 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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| 2022/0649 | Erection of 2 portacabins for use as changing rooms at Silkstone Common Miners Welfare Ground (sic), Hall Royd Walk, Silkstone Common, S75 4QA. |

**RESOLVED** to set aside Standing Orders at 7:32pm to allow Cllr John Wilson to be involved with the discussion.

**RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Orders at 7:43pm

**RESOLVED** to record comments with Barnsley MBC Planning around Consultation, Health & Safety, Suitability, Use, Conflict with Neighbourhood Plan and Local Green Spaces and name of the location on the application.

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| 2022/1193 | Two story rear extension at 43 Towngate, Silkstone, S75 4SWA |

**RESOLVED** to make no comments.

**22-130 EVENTS WORKING PARTY**

Cllr Gill confirmed she had met with the Scout Group and they are happy to assist with catering and drinks, they will source the necessary licence. The booking forms for the Recreation Ground will be passed to the Clerk to make the application to BMBC on behalf of the Council.

**RESOLVED** to note the update.

**22-131 PUBLIC DROP IN SESSIONS**

Cllr Leech confirmed that the target is to commence ‘drop in’ sessions commencing 10th January 2023 and then every Tuesday thereafter from 10AM until 1PM. He will co-ordinate with Alan Thompson to arrange for the leaflet drops, social media communication and perhaps consider ‘dial a ride’ or give lifts to those unable to attend.

**RESOLVED** to note the update and encourage all Councillors who are able to assist with the sessions.

**22-132 MEETING DATES 2023**

**RESOLVED** to agree the meeting dates for 2023.

**22-133 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** to accept the proposed budget for 2023/2024 as presented by the Finance Committee.

**RESOLVED** to demand a Precept from Barnsley MBC of £76,800 representing an increase on the 2022/2023 Precept of 1½%.

**22-134 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**



**RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule dated 5th December 2022.

**22-135 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED** to agree to the proposed changes to the wording of the current Grant Awarding policy.

**RESOLVED** to note no grant applications has been received.

**22-136 MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION FEES**

**RESOLVED** to agree to membership renewal for 2023 of the Society of Local Council Clerks.

**22-137 ORCHARD WOOD**

The Clerk shared proposals from CARE Group to install a formal pathway from Moorend Lane entrance to the steps.

Councillors were not in favour of such a short path given the proposed cost.

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to discuss further with CARE.

**22-138 HANGING BASKETS 2023**

**RESOLVED** to agree to place an order for 60 hanging basket displays for 2023.

**22-139 SPORTS PITCH DRAINAGE WORKS**

**RESOLVED** to agree further drainage works on Silkstone Recreation Ground football playing surface.

**22-140 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE**

**RESOLVED** to note thefollowing correspondence:

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| 1. Request Silkstone School PTA to publicise their Christmas Fair |
| 1. Enquiry form resident about running dog training sessions on Silkstone Recreation Ground |

**22-141 MEETINGS**

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| Cllr Richard Leech | Finance Committee, Community Litter Picking, Gullies Clearing, Parish Liaison meeting with Barnsley MBC |
| Cllr Derek Liddell | None |
| Cllr Meryl Liddell | Finance Committee, Newsletter Production |
| Cllr Debra Smith | Not present |
| Cllr Janice Wake | Events Working party |
| Cllr Lesley Gill | CARE meeting, Events Working Party |
| Cllr Sue Williams | Events Working Party, Finance Traininig |
| Cllr Peter Millar | None |

**22-142 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 9th January 2023 commencing at 6.45pm.

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| Chair’s Signature | Date |

*The Chair closed the meeting at 8:40 pm.*