**DRAFT MINUTES** of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 9th January 2023** in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

**PRESENT**

Meeting chaired by Cllr Richard Leech

Councillors: Cllr Lesley Gill, Cllr Debra Smith, and Cllr Derek Liddell.

Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer : Richard Bell. Also present, four members of the public.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

* A member of the public raised an issue with overhanging bushes and trees onto Cone Lane causing obstruction to cars.
* Cllr Leech again reported continuing issues with an apparent lack of gully cleaning on the A628 – there are a build-up of mud and leaves on Cone Lane that needs sweeping.
* Cllr Leech reported continuing issues with the new road surface on Towngate as appearing to be defective, despite assurances from BMBC Highways.

**22-143 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED** to note apologies received by the Clerk in advance of the meeting from Cllr Millar, Cllr Wake and Cllr Williams.

Cllr D Liddell gave apologies for Cllr M Liddell.

**22-144 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).

**22-145 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th December 2022 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

Cllr Leech proposed bringing forward Agenda item 14 and asked Council to agree to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.

**RESOLVED** to bring forward item 14 and suspend Standing Orders at 7:01pm to allow members of the public to speak through the Chairman.

**22-146 SILKSTONE COMMON RECREATION GROUND**

The Clerk gave a synopsis of events leading up to an application being submitted by the Parish Council to Barnsley MBC to express an interest in taking over the lease of the Recreation Ground.

Barnsley MBC Strategic Property and Asset Board considered the application from the Parish Council and Silkstone Common Sports and Recreations Association (SCSRA) on 27th October 2022 and expressed their “disappointment” that the two applicants cannot work together to make a joint application.

Cllr Smith asked if it was legally possible to make a joint application as two separate legal bodies. She did however support continuing with a commitment to seek a way of actively being involved with the Recreation Ground and look at improvements to the Children’s play area and MUGA as well as looking to provide more activities for residents.

Cllr Leech agreed that the Parish Council should seek to ‘reach out’ to the SCSRA to see if there was a possibility of working together before a decision is made to continue with the expression of interest or withdraw.

Through the Chairman a resident said he had recently been confronted in the Recreation Ground as he sat on a bench by one of the football coaches asking him to leave inferring ‘safeguarding’ concerns – not wanting to cause an escalation he reported to Council that he had left the Recreation Ground but was very upset and angry at the allegation.

Cllr D Liddell said he was very concerned to hear this report and thought that as this was on a Public Right of Way the hirers of the football pitch had no right to ask him to leave.

Through the Chairman another resident made reference to the Planning Application by a football team for ‘portacabin’s’ and parking for many cars – she said that this was not in keeping with the Recreation Ground and was not welcome. Another resident agreed stating that the football team seem to be acting as if they already manage the Ground by erecting large signs.

Cllr Gill agreed and said that a Working Party should be convened to discuss the and recommend to Council the next actions.

**RESOLVED** to create a Silkstone Common Recreation Ground Working Party and hold an inaugural meeting inviting all councillors.

Cllr Leech asked Council to agree to reinstate Standing Orders.

**RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Orders at 7:27pm.

**22-147 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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| 2022/1212 | Alterations to dwelling at 3 Delph Close, Silkstone, Barnsley, S75 4NP |

**RESOLVED** to make no comments.

**22-148 EVENTS WORKING PARTY**

Cllr Gill confirmed that the application to hire Silkstone Common Recreation Ground was still under consideration and once agreed more bookings can be made.

**RESOLVED** to note the update.

**22-149 PUBLIC DROP IN / WINTER WARM SESSIONS**

Cllr Leech confirmed that the first session will commence on 10th January 2023. The weather forecast is not good but there is an offer of lifts.

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

**22-150 PENISTONE AREA COUNCIL – PUBLIC SUPPORT BOOKLET**

Cllr Leech asked Council if there were any comments and/or feedback that can be given to the Penistone Area Council.

Councillors all expressed positive comments and would be happy to support.

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to give positive feedback.

**22-151 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**



**RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule dated 9th January 2023.

**22-152 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

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

**22-153 FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT & FIRE DETECTION SYSTEM**

The Clerk explained to Council the rationale behind obtaining a Fire Risk Assessment and protection of the Council’s main asset.

Councillors accepted the findings of the Consultancy and agreed to the installation of a fire detection system. Cllr Smith asked if a second quotation should be obtained. The Clerk said that the quote is from a preferred supplier and local to the Council.

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to raise a Purchase Order for installation and monitoring of a fire detection system.

**22-154 KING CHARLES III CORONATION**

Whilst no official communication has been issued by Buckingham Palace the Clerk asked Council to consider potential events.

Cllr Leech said that there may be a Beacon Lighting which the Council could support.

**RESOLVED** to note and await further information.

**22-155 BEST GARDEN COMPETITION 2023**

In Cllr Williams absence the Clerk asked Council to consider whether the event should take place in 2023; Cllr Williams has expressed a commitment to organise again.

Councillors thought that in view of the Coronation and Summer Fayre, there may be too much to support.

Cllr Leech said he thought that there should be fewer low denomination prizes so as not to make too complicated.

**RESOLVED** to defer to the Events Working Party to consider.

**22-156 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE**

**RESOLVED** to note thefollowing correspondence:

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| 1. Christmas Card from a resident in Silkstone wishing all members rf the Council a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. |
| 1. Request to raise funds for Junior football team by holding football tournament on Silkstone Recreation Ground |

**22-157 MEETINGS**

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| Cllr Richard Leech | Community Litter Picking, Winter Warm sessions meetings |
| Cllr Derek Liddell | YLCA Finance & Scrutiny Committee |
| Cllr Meryl Liddell | Not present |
| Cllr Debra Smith | None |
| Cllr Janice Wake | Not present |
| Cllr Lesley Gill | CARE |
| Cllr Sue Williams | Not present |
| Cllr Peter Millar | Not present |

**22-158 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 6th February 2023 commencing at 6.45pm.

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| Chair’s Signature | Date |

*The Chair closed the meeting at 7.58 pm.*