**DRAFT MINUTES** of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 6th February 2023** in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

**PRESENT**

Meeting chaired by Cllr Richard Leech

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

Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer : Richard Bell, one member of the public.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

* A member of the public asked if there had been any developments with improving footpath number 8 (St Florent Way) – the Clerk confirmed conversations were taking place with Barnsley MBC. The same resident also raised the issue of heavy agricultural vehicles leaving excess mud on the Highway.
* Cllr D Liddell raised the issue of trees being cut back on the Trans Pennine Trail by contractors employed by homeowners.
* Cllr Wake raised the issue of the deteriorating road surface in Manor Park, with large potholes evident in many places.
* Cllr Leech again reported continuing issues with an apparent lack of gully cleaning on the A628.Cllr Leech again reported continuing issues with the new road surface breaking up on Towngate causing potholes and dangerous ruts; the contractors also broke a water pipe which has had a poor repair carried out. Cllr Leech also reported a water leak on Manor Park which due to blocked gullies is ‘running off’ the surface. Also reported were damage steps on Manor Park/Towngate – Cllr Leech will send photographs to the Clerk to report.

**22-159 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED** to note apologies received by the Clerk in advance of the meeting from Cllr Smith. Cllr D Liddell gave apologies for Cllr M Liddell.

**22-160 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).

**22-161 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to accept a correction to the minutes proposed by Cllr Gill in relation to Minute Reference **22-155** to read “**RESOLVED** to go ahead with Gardening Competition with a single prize of £25 for the winner.”

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023 as a true and accurate record, subject to the above correction. The Chair signed the minutes.

**22-162 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED** to note that no planning applications were received prior to the meeting.

**22-163 EVENTS WORKING PARTY**

Cllr Gill confirmed that the application to hire Silkstone Common Recreation Ground had been agreed so bookings can now be made. Branding/Artwork for the Summer Fayre neds to be agreed; consideration will be given to hiring marquees. The entrance to the Recreation Ground is 2.9 metres wide.

**RESOLVED** to note the update.

**22-164 SILKSTONE WARM WELCOME SESSIONS**

Cllr Leech confirmed that the event had been very popular and lively, with 21 attendees making a great atmosphere. The next event is tomorrow, 7th February 2023 . Cllr Millar will add to the website.

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

**22-165 SILKSTONE COMMON RECREATION GROUND WORKING PARTY**

**RESOLVED** to acknowledge the Notes of the Working Party meeting held on 24th January 2023 and approve extending an invitation to members of Silkstone Common Recreation Ground Sports and Recreation Association (SCSRA) for a meeting on 15th February 2023.

**22-166 KING CHARLES III CORONATION**

The Clerk confirmed that Buckingham Palace had now announced the programme of national celebration during the weekend of the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

The Ceremonial Coronation takes place on Saturday 6th May, followed by ‘The Big Lunch’ on the Sunday and ‘The Big Help Out’ on the Monday.

Members discussed a few ideas for holding a Parish Council sponsored event for ‘The Big Help Out’ which may prove difficult due to the Bank Holiday so lack of school engagement and families going away for the long weekend.

**RESOLVED** to add the item to the Agenda for March to allow time for Members to consider further.

**22-167 NEWSLETTER**

Cllr Williams will make contact with Cllr M Liddell to arrange to meet up and plan the Spring newsletter for publication in late March.

Cllr Leech said that there had been a lot of issues around non-delivery of newsletters by the last deliverers so proposed that Councillors and volunteers carried out the Spring delivery by ‘breaking’ Silkstone village into zones.

**RESOLVED** to note the update and ask the Clerk to plan delivery routes. .

**22-168 COUNCILLOR ELECTIONS 2023**

In preparation for the Election, the Clerk explained the process for Members wishing to stand for election and any qualifying members of the public wishing to stand for election to the Parish Council. Nomination papers and dates had not as yet been received from Barnsley MBC but once received these will be distributed.

Members were asked to note particular the instructions for making an appointment with Electoral Services and hand deliver Nomination papers.

**RESOLVED** to note the update and await nomination papers.

**22-169 FINANCE REPORT**

The Clerk presented the Finance Report up to Quarter 3 including payments and receipts, forecasting to year end and Bank Reconciliation.

**RESOLVED** to accept the Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation as a true reflection of the financial position of the Council to the end of Quarter 3 2022-2023.

**22-170 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**



**RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule dated 6th February 2023.

**22-171 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk confirmed that a Grant Application had been received from Silkstone Luncheon Club for help with the cost of ‘Dial-a-ride’ for members of the Club.

**RESOLVED** to approve the Grant Application and pay £500 to Silkstone Luncheon Club using the Power under Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972.

**22-172 HIGHWAY SPEED LIMIT PROPOSALS**

Members discussed the speed reduction proposed by Barnsley MBC as Highways Authority for Ben Bank Road, Silkstone Common.

**RESOLVED** to support the proposal and offer to enter into discussions about additional speed reduction measures which may be possible.

Members discussed the speed reduction proposed by Barnsley MBC as Highways Authority for Cone Lane, Silkstone Common.

**RESOLVED** to support the proposal in principle but ask that consideration be given to extending the 30mph zone to all of Cone Lane.

**22-173 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE**

**RESOLVED** to note thefollowing correspondence:

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| 1. Two separate emails from residents objecting to the speed reduction schemes on Ben Bank Road and A628. |
| 1. ‘Sustrans’ – event taking place on Trans Pennine Trail. |

**22-174 MEETINGS**

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| Cllr Richard Leech | Community Litter Picking, Silkstone Warm Welcome and SCRG Working Party. |
| Cllr Derek Liddell | YLCA meeting and SCRG Working Party. |
| Cllr Meryl Liddell | Not present |
| Cllr Debra Smith | Not present |
| Cllr Janice Wake | SCRG Working Party. |
| Cllr Lesley Gill | Silkstone Warm Welcome and SCRG Working Party. |
| Cllr Sue Williams | No meetings. |
| Cllr Peter Millar | No meetings. |

**22-175 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

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| Chair’s Signature | Date |

*The Chair closed the meeting at 7.58 pm.*