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

**PRESENT**

Meeting chaired by Cllr Richard Leech

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

Also present : Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer : Richard Bell, Cllr Robert Barnard (BMBC) and 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 that the Public Rights of Way team were looking into available options. Cllr Robert Barnard said he would make some enquiries with Officers. The same resident also commented about the apparent blocked gullies on Cone Lane.
* Cllr Wake raised the issue of potholes on Manor Park, Silkstone – Cllr Robert Barnard said he’d asked for this road to be added to the highways resurfacing budget for 2023-2024.
* Cllr Leech again reported continuing issues with an apparent lack of gully cleaning on the A628.In relation to the road surface on Towngate, it would seem like footpath repairs had been undertaken by BMBC which was good but highlighted how bad the other areas were. Cllr Robert Barnard said that BMBC were in discussion with the contractor who installed the surface about remedial works. Cllr Leech reported a potentially dangerous fallen tree on The Cross and will take a photograph for the Clerk to raise with Highways. Cllr Leech said that 3 or 4 street lights were inoperative on Cone Lane.
* Cllr D Liddell asked if there were plans to extend the period of ‘Green bin’ waste collection. Cllr Robert Barnard said that currently collections are made for 9 months of the year and he did not think there were any plans to extend that period.

**22-176 APOLOGIES**

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

Cllr D Liddell gave apologies for Cllr M Liddell.

**22-177 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED** to note a declaration of interest by Cllr Millar in relation to Planing Application number 2023/0020.

**RESOLVED** to note no other Declarations received.

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).

**22-178 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

**22-179 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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| 2023/0065 & 2023/0135 | Erection of single storey rear extension to Stable Cottage, Moorend Lane, Silkstone Common, S75 4RA (0135 is Listed Building Consent). |

**RESOLVED** to make no comments.

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| 2023/0009 | Works to create cycle (non-motorised) track for owner’s personal use – Land adjacent to 3 Moor End Cottages, Silkstone Common, S75 4RW. |

**RESOVED** to make an objection to the Planning Application on the following basis:-

a) The proposed development is inconsistent with National Green Belt land policy and Barnsley Local Plan.

b) The development, which has already had substantial works undertaken is a visually intrusive ‘eye-sore’.

c) The development is in an area of established native and ancient species of flora and fauna as well as populations of birds and mammals, such as Brown Hare, the development destroys the natural environment and the countryside vista.

d) There may be an impact upon an adjacent Public Right of Way.

e) There may already be inappropriate new access points into Moorend Lane which may cause public safety concerns.

f) The Parish Council is concerned that the development will not remain solely for personal use causing severe public safety concerns and public nuisance.

g) The Parish Council are concerned that the development will be an allurement to children and potentially be a danger.

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| 2023/0142 | Erection of single storey rear extension at 60 Manor Park, Silkstone, S75 4NE. |

**RESOLVED** to make no comments.

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| 2023/0020 | Proposed farm workers dwelling at Ladyroyd Farm, Ladyroyd, Silkstone Common, S75 4SG |

**RESOVED** to make an objection to the Planning Application on the following basis:-

a) The proposed housing development is inconsistent with National Green Belt land policy and Barnsley Local Plan.

b) The application is in conflict with the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan currently out for consultation.

c) There is adequate accommodation in the village available within a short distance by foot or car without the need for a change of use or new housing development.

d) The size and style of the proposed house is inconsistent with it being solely for use by an “Agricultural worker” and would require detailed justification.

e) The Council would respectfully suggest that the applicant has not demonstrated the test of “Essential need, exceptional circumstances or very special circumstances”

f) The agricultural land is adjacent to a residential housing development and has limited access between existing houses. The Parish Council are concerned there will be public nuisance and road safety concerns.

**22-180 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION**

**RESOLVED** to note the resignation of Cllr Sue Williams and place on record the thanks of Silkstone Parish Council for her hard work supporting the community.

**22-181 ELECTIONS 2023**

The Clerk confirmed that Local Elections will take place on Thursday 4th May 2023 and that hard copy Nomination Papers were available from the Clerk at the end of the Meeting. The nomination period commences 28th March 2023 and closes on 4th April 2023 at 4.00pm.

Cllr D Liddell asked about the new legislation around the requirement for Voter ID and whether this had been communicated. The Clerk confirmed that there was a media campaign being carried out by Barnsley MBC and that posters had been put in the Noticeboards.

**RESOLVED** to note the update and availability of Nomination papers.

**22-182 EVENTS WORKING PARTY**

Cllr Gill confirmed that the details for Bouncy Castle, Portaloo and Rides had been passed to the Clerk to confirm booking and insurance provision. Penistone FM had agreed to publicise the event. Cllr Wake reminded the meeting that Silkstone Common J&I school car park was being made available. Cllr Gil said that following the resignation Sue Williams assistance was needed from other Councillors. Cllr Smith said she would be happy to help.

**RESOLVED** to note the update.

**22-183 SILKSTONE WARM WELCOME SESSIONS**

Cllr Leech confirmed that the event had been very popular, with 23 attendees, some ‘regulars’ but pleasing to see new people attend. The events were proving to be a great way of getting people out of their homes. The next event is taking place on Tuesday 7th March with Age UK attending to provide advice and support. Cllr Leech will send the dates for the sessions to Cllr Wake; Cllr Millar will add to the website.

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

**22-184 SILKSTONE COMMON RECREATION GROUND WORKING PARTY**

**RESOLVED** to acknowledge the Notes of the Working Party meeting held on 15th February 2023 and approve holding a meeting of the Working Party and Silkstone Common Recreation Ground Sports and Recreation Association (SCSRA) members on Tuesday 14th March 2023.

**22-185 KING CHARLES III CORONATION**

Cllr Smith said it would be good to hold another Beacon lighting session on Beacon Hill even though there are no national plans for such an event. Cllr Leech agreed and said the cost would be minimal, requiring a few bottles of gas. The Clerk said that a Road Closure request would need to go into BMBC Highways.

**The Chair asked Council to suspend Standing Orders to allow Cllr Robert Barnard to speak.**

**RESOLVED** to agree to suspend Standing Orders at 7:31pm.

Cllr Robert Barnard said that some Parish Councils had sought Grant funding with the Ward Alliance for £500 towards holding events on the Sunday of the Coronation weekend. Cllr Leech said that the planned costs for Silkstone Parish Council were low.

**The Chair asked Council to reinstate Standing Orders.**

**RESOLVED** to agree to reinstate Standing Orders at 7:36pm.

Cllr Gill said it would be nice to repeat the gifting of commemorate coins to the school children of the parish. Cllr D Liddell agreed.

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to find out the required notice for a Road Closure application and make enquiries as to the potential for purchasing of commemorative coins.

**22-186 NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk gave an update that the new A5 style newsletter would be going to the printers in mid-March and that the Scout Group would be doing the delivery in Silkstone.

**RESOLVED** to note the update. .

**22-187 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**



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

**22-188 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED** to note no Grant Applications have been received.

**22-189 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE**

**RESOLVED** to note thefollowing correspondence:

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| 1. Correspondence from a resident concerning a potential ‘change of use’ of recently purchased land in Silkstone. |
| 1. Resident complaining about the state of carriageway repairs on Hall Royd Walk, Silkstone Common. |

**22-190 MEETINGS**

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| Cllr Richard Leech | Community Litter Picking, Ward Alliance, Silkstone Warm Welcome and SCRG Working Party. |
| Cllr Derek Liddell | YLCA event at Malton Town Council who were awarded a Quality Gold Award and SCRG Working Party. |
| Cllr Meryl Liddell | Not present |
| Cllr Debra Smith | Silkstone Warm Welcome and SCRG Working Party. |
| Cllr Janice Wake | SCRG Working Party and Events Working Party. |
| Cllr Lesley Gill | Silkstone Warm Welcome, Events Working Party and SCRG Working Party. |
| Cllr Peter Millar | No meetings. |

**22-191 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 3rd April 2023 commencing at 6.45pm.

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| Chair’s Signature | Date |

*The Chair closed the meeting at 7.47pm.*