

DRAFT MINUTES of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 5th June 2023** in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Meeting chaired by Cllr Lesley Gill

Councillors: Cllr Richard Leech, Cllr Debra Smith, Cllr Peter Millar, Cllr Alan Thompson, and Cllr Janice Wake.

Also present : Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer : Richard Bell, one member of the public and Cllr Alex Burnett (Barnsley MBC). .

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Elvin Athey from Silkstone Common Methodist Church addressed the meeting concerning the Chapel and how despite worship being moved, the Church are keen to retain the building as a Community space
- Cllr Leech reported that the Beech Nuts on the footpaths on Manor Park, have been cleared and the A628 gullies seem to have been cleared. Cllr Leech also reported the issues with the road surface tar melting on Towngate, attended to by BMBC who applied sand.
- Cllr Thompson reported an incident on Martini Croft, Cllr Alex Burnett said that he was in discussion with the Community Police team. Cllr Thompson also reported that the developers on the former garages site in Martin Croft had been served an Enforcement Order in relation to tree reinstatement.

23-052 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note apologies received by the Clerk in advance of the meeting from Cllr M Liddell and Cllr D Liddell.

23-053 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations of interest made by Councillors.

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).

23-054 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council Annual meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2023.as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

23-055 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2023/0423	Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension at 32 Hall Royd Walk, Silkstone Common, S75 4PP.
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RESERVED to make no comments.

2020/1270	Reserved matters application for the erection of 3 dwellings (in
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	connection with outline approval granted at appeal under reference APP/R4408/W/17/3180755) (Amended Design and Layout) at 'The Laurels' 24, Viewlands, Silkstone Common, S75 4QP.
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RESOLVED to raise comments about the larger houses and lack of parking and restate previous comments to the proposed development.

23-056 EVENTS WORKING PARTY AND SUMMER FAYRE

Cllr Gill reported that everything was in order and 25 stalls were booked, Scouts will be doing food and the weather forecast was looking good.

RESOLVED to note the update and encourage all Councillors who are able, to attend the Summer Fayre.

Members discussed the proposed Gardening Competition as there were only 2 or 3 confirmed entrants . The Clerk confirmed that the event will mean a public money spend of over £150 which needs to be justified in accordance with Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972.

Cllr Gill asked Councillors to vote on a proposed cancellation of the Gardening Competition – all members voted to cancel the event.

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to confirm the cancellation to Sue Williams.

23-036 SILKSTONE WARM WELCOME SESSIONS

Cllr Leech confirmed that the volunteers were all happy to continue and there continued to be a good attendance. Age UK had been very supportive and identified vulnerable residents. Next meeting 13th June 2023.

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

23-037 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Cllr Smith said that the plan was progressing slowly; the Examiners report has had the agreed changes incorporated. The mapping was being redrawn.

The ideal situation would be for the modified plan to be presented to Council for agreement and then proceed towards a referendum.

RESOLVED to note the update.

23-038 PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES 2023

Members reviewed the following policies

- (a) Standing Orders
- (b) Financial Regulations
- (c) Reserves Policy
- (d) Business Continuity Plan
- (e) Social Media Policy
- (f) Disciplinary & Grievance Policy

RESOLVED to accept the updated policies.

23-039 CONSULTATION ON INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

RESOLVED that no additional issues other than those raised by NALC need to be presented. .

23-040 INTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT

RESOLVED to note the Internal Auditors Report and thank David Hughes for his professional time.

23-041 SECTION 1 OF THE ANNUAL RETURN

- ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022/2023

RESOLVED to approve the Section 1 annual return for the AGAR.

23-042 SECTION 2 OF THE ANNUAL RETURN

- ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022/2023

RESOLVED to approve the Section 2 annual return for the AGAR

23-043 COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP FUND

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to submit an Expression of Interest form.

23-044 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Invoice number	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Cheque number
Tax Point							
10-May-23		Adobe	Adobe Pro Software	£12.64	£2.53	£15.17	DEBIT
11-May-23		Plusnet	Broadband	£19.00	£3.80	£22.80	DD
10-May-23		South Yorkshire Pensions	Local Government Pension Scheme	£341.93	£0.00	£341.93	DD
01-Jun-23		EE	Mobile Telephone	£25.61	£5.12	£30.73	DEBIT
01-Jun-23		Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00	SO
01-Jun-23		Richard Bell	Parish Clerk Salary	£718.40	£0.00	£718.40	SO
02-Jun-23		Keeley Baxter	Pavilion Cleaning (£22 per week) x4	£88.00	£0.00	£88.00	SO
10-May-23		Bothams Prestige	Grounds works & village maintenance	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
Total invoices for payment				£2,281.00	£226.53	£2,507.53	

RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule dated 5th June 2023.

23-045 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Members debated whether the application from Yorkshire Air Ambulance satisfied the intention of the Grant Awarding policy.

The Clerk advised Council that the grant may not fall within the requirements of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 as benefiting some or all of the residents.

Cllr Gill asked Council to vote which resulted in 3 for and 3 against awarding the grant. The Chair exercised her casting vote in accordance with Standing Orders to award the grant.

RESOLVED to approve the Grant using the power under Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 but Council do not wish this to set a precedent.

23-046 BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

The Clerk confirmed that the transfer of banking was completed on 12th May 2023 and asked Members to ensure they have access to the online bank and authorisation of payments.

RESOLVED to note the update and ask the Clerk to resend user name ID and bank account details to Members.

23-047 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

The Clerk updated Council on the newsletter production and let the Editor have articles prior to deadline date of 12th June 2023.

RESOLVED to note the update.

23-048 VILLAGES BEDDING PLANTS

RESOLVED to

23-049 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence:

1) Resident complaining that the grass had not been cut on Silkstone Lane at the Junction with Bull Haw Lane. Also, there were several Estate Agents signs which looked unsightly.
2) Resident enquiring about the possibility of a memorial bench in Silkstone.

23-050 MEETINGS

Cllr Richard Leech	Silkstone Warm Welcome and Community Litter Picking
Cllr Derek Liddell	Not present.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Not present.
Cllr Debra Smith	Silkstone Warm Welcome, Neighbourhood Development
Cllr Janice Wake	Silkstone Warm Welcome,
Cllr Alan Thompson	Silkstone Warm Welcome
Cllr Lesley Gill	Silkstone Warm Welcome.
Cllr Peter Millar	None.

23-051 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 10th July 2023.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:58pm.

Chair's Signature	Date
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