

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 3rd February 2025** in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Meeting chaired by Cllr Meryl Liddell.

Councillors: Cllr Richard Leech, Cllr Janice Wake, Cllr Derek Liddell, Cllr Jim Logan, Cllr Debra Smith & Cllr Peter Millar.

Also present: Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer: Richard Bell.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Leech reported that the gullies and footpath on Cone Lane both need to be cleared of debris. The same applies to the gullies on A628 around Silverwood/Silkstone Golf Club area.

He also reported that traffic on High Street was a problem, especially localised speeding.

Cllr Smith said that there were a few street lights on Cone Lane that were inoperative. The Clerk will need LC numbers to report to Barnsley MBC.

Cllr Logan said that the theft of wall coping stones around Noblethorpe had increased with long sections having been removed. The Clerk said that a resident had reported the same issue in the area opposite Silverwood Camp.

The issue of missing bin collections was raised by Cllr Wake, the continued failure to collect is causing problems for residents.

Cllr Milar raised the issue of speeding on Cone Lane and asked why the proposed speed limit reductions had not been put in place yet. He reported 'near misses' with pedestrians crossing the road from the camp site.

24-145 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note no apologies received by the Clerk prior to commencement of the meeting.

24-146 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations of interest made that have not already been disclosed.

24-147 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of Silkstone Parish Council held on Monday 2nd December subject to amendment of two typographical errors, as a true and accurate record.

The Chair signed the minutes.

24-148 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2024/1044	Erection of gazebo to front of detached dwelling at 7 Ben Bank Road, Silkstone Common, Barnsley, S75 4PA
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RESOLVED to make no comment.

2024/0974	Retrospective application for single storey extension to rear of detached garage to form granny flat at 1 Meadow View Cottage, Woodland View, Silkstone Common, S75 4RR.
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RESOLVED to make no comment.

2024/1036	Demolition of integral garage and erection of side, front and rear extensions, and installation of ramp to front door, to single storey detached dwelling at Barn Owl Cottage, Moorend Land, Silkstone Common, S75 4QX
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RESOLVED to make no comment.

24-149 HUSKAR COMMUNITY ROOMS

Cllr Leech reported that Silkstone Parish Council were added as Trustees of the Charity in December 2024. He further reported that the new booking system and bank mandates were all being actively managed by the new Treasurer, so everything was now running a lot better.

RESOLVED to note the update.

24-150 SILKSTONE COMMON METHODIST CHAPEL

The Clerk reported that no updates had been received from the Methodist Church so nothing to progress presently.

RESOLVED to note the update and keep a watching brief.

24-151 BIODIVERSITY POLICY 2025

RESOLVED to agree the updated Biodiversity Policy and review again in 12 months.

24-152 FINANCE REPORT – QUARTER 3

The Clerk went through the Budget Monitor of spend against agreed budget by each Cost Centre with a projection to year end.

RESOLVED to accept the Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitor at the end of Quarter 3 2024/2025.

24-153 PRECEPT DEMAND 2025/2026

RESOLVED to note that the Precept Demand of Barnsley MBC had been sent in accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

24-154 ONLINE BANKING AUTHORISATIONS

RESOLVED to note that Cllr M Liddell is no able to authorise online payments.

24-155 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Online Authorisers	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Payment Type
10-Dec-24		Bothams Prestige	Grounds works - Sports Pitches	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
19-Dec-24		South Yorkshire Pensions	Redacted	£472.78	£0.00	£472.78	DD
20-Dec-24		C Landscapes Limited	Village Grass Cutting	£187.50	£0.00	£187.50	SO
27-Dec-24		BT	Office Broadband	£27.11	£5.42	£32.53	DD
02-Jan-25		EE	Office Telephone & Microsoft 365	£37.51	£7.50	£45.01	DD
02-Jan-25		Redacted	Salaries	£912.88	£0.00	£912.88	SO
02-Jan-25		Redacted	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	SO
02-Jan-25		Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00	SO
20-Dec-24		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£117.48	£5.87	£123.35	DD
29-Dec-24		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£95.28	£4.76	£100.04	DD
29-Dec-24		Redacted	Pavilion Cleaning (£26 per week) x 4	£104.00	£0.00	£104.00	SO
31-Dec-24		Unity Trust Bank	Service Charges	£9.60	£0.00	£9.60	DD
09-Dec-24	RL/PM	Redacted	Hedgehog Houses & Xmas Batteries	£320.62	£0.00	£320.62	ONLINE
09-Dec-24	RL/PM	HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£749.32	£0.00	£749.32	ONLINE
09-Dec-24	RL/PM	Hedges Direct	Security Hedge for Recreation Ground	£437.48	£87.50	£524.99	ONLINE
09-Dec-24	RL/PM	SLCC	Annual Membership Fee	£240.00	£0.00	£240.00	ONLINE
17-Dec-24	RL/PM	BOS	Remembrance Order of Service	£109.00	£0.00	£109.00	ONLINE
17-Dec-24	RL/PM	BOS	Road Closure Notices	£58.50	£0.00	£58.50	ONLINE
17-Dec-24	RL/PM	YLCA	Training Webinar	£26.30	£0.00	£26.30	ONLINE
24-Dec-24	RL/DS	Cllr Richard Leech	Business Mileage Reclaim	£8.10	£0.00	£8.10	ONLINE
24-Dec-24	RL/DS	Armour Fire Protection	Annual PAT & Fire Extinguishers	£231.50	£0.00	£231.50	ONLINE
24-Dec-24	RL/DS	ICO	Annual Fee to ICO	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00	ONLINE
24-Dec-24	RL/DS	Redacted	Gmail Account Storage	£13.32	£2.67	£15.99	ONLINE
08-Jan-25	RL/JW	HMRC	Inland Revenue & Tax	£749.32	£0.00	£749.32	ONLINE
10-Jan-25		Bothams Prestige	Grounds works - Sports Pitches	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
17-Jan-25		South Yorkshire Pensions	Redacted	£472.78	£0.00	£472.78	DD
20-Jan-25		C Landscapes Limited	Village Grass Cutting	£187.50	£0.00	£187.50	SO
27-Jan-25		BT	Office Broadband	£27.11	£5.42	£32.53	DD
31-Jan-25		EE	Office Telephone & Microsoft 365	£37.51	£7.50	£45.01	DD
03-Feb-25		Redacted	Salaries	£912.88	£0.00	£912.88	SO
03-Feb-25		Redacted	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	SO
03-Feb-25		Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00	SO
20-Jan-25		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£125.32	£6.27	£131.59	DD
28-Jan-25		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£93.93	£4.70	£98.63	DD
29-Dec-24		Redacted	Pavilion Cleaning (£26 per week) x 4	£104.00	£0.00	£104.00	SO
31-Jan-25		Unity Trust Bank	Service Charges	£10.05	£0.00	£10.05	DD
20-Jan-25	RL/PM	Viking Direct	Office Stationary & Printer Cartridges	£164.04	£32.81	£196.85	ONLINE
Total invoices for payment				£6,049.02	£328.80	£6,377.83	

RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule dated 3rd February 2025.

24-156 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to agree Grant Awards to Silkstone Common Good Companions and Silkstone Luncheon Club in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 section 137.

24-157 VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

RESOLVED to ask the Events Working Party to consider how the parish council should commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

RESOLVED to note that the Events Working Party will meet at 7pm on Monday 10th February.

RESOLVED to approve production and delivery of a revised VE Day Booklet last issued in 2020.

24-158 DEFIBRILLATOR

RESOLVED to note that Cllr Leech will attempt to contact Silkstone Pharmacy to see if the Defibrillator can be installed there.

24-159 HANGING BASKETS 2025

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to raise a Purchase Order for Hanging Baskets as quoted.

24-160 HEALTH & SAFETY

RESOLVED to approve an increase to the Legionella Monitoring specialist.

24-161 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE

1) Resident contacted the Parish Council concerning organised off-road cycling routes being created in Orchard Wood.
2) Resident reporting the ongoing theft of coping stones from around the parish, notably A628 near Silverwood Scout Camp.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence dealt with by the Clerk.

24-162 MEETINGS

Cllr Richard Leech	Warm Welcome, Staffing Committee and Tree Surgeon emergency visit.
Cllr Derek Liddell	YLCA Joint Executive Board, YLCA Personnel and Finance & Scrutiny Working Groups.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Silkstone Charities.
Cllr Debra Smith	Staffing Committee.
Cllr Janice Wake	Silkstone Charities and Staffing Committee.
Cllr Peter Millar	Staffing Committee.
Cllr Jim Logan	None.

24-163 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude members of the press and public using the power under The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the nature of the following item of business to be transacted as being prejudicial to the public interest commencing 7.47pm.

24-164 CLERK APPRAISEL

RESOLVED to ask the Staffing Committee to convene and progress the Clerk's annual appraisal.

RESOLVED to ask Members to return their appraisal forms to Cllr Leech as soon as possible.

24-165 STAFFING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note the Staffing Committee will meet at 6pm on Wednesday 12th February in the Sports Pavilion.

24-166 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The next Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 3rd March 2025.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.59pm.

Chair's Signature	Date