

MINUTES of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 12th May 2025** in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Meeting chaired by Cllr Meryl Liddell.

Councillors: Cllr Richard Leech, Cllr Jim Logan, Cllr Debra Smith, and Cllr Derek Liddell.

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Leech again reported that the gullies on Cone Lane need to be cleared of debris although leaf and debris removal works from the road surface had taken place.

Cllr Leech said he was still getting residents complaining about Footpath number 29 between Towngate and Manor Park and whether a handrail could be installed. He also again raised the issue of streetlights being inoperative at The Cross.

Cllr Logan raised concerns about the state of Silkstone Beck reedbeds on land owned by Yorkshire Water near Pot House Hamlet. He said that vibrant ecological habitat had been destroyed due to water diversion works in the area. He believes historically this area was managed by the Small Mines Drainage organisation but this definitely needs addressing. Cllr M Liddell said that this should be reported to Environment Agency and asked the Clerk to investigate.

25-001 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr D Liddell proposed Cllr M Liddell as Chair, Seconded by Cllr Logan.

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands to elect Cllr Meryl Liddell as Chair for the forthcoming 12 months.

25-002 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr M Liddell proposed Cllr Leech as Vice-Chair, Seconded by Cllr Logan.

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands to elect Cllr Richard Leech as Vice-Chair for the forthcoming 12 months.

25-003 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note apologies received by the Clerk prior to commencement of the meeting from Cllr Millar and Cllr Wake.

25-004 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations of interest were made.

25-005 REGISTERS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note that completed Registers of Interest were handed to the Clerk by all Members present.

25-006 MINUTES

RESOLVED to note that the Grant approval for CARE is no longer required due to funding being agreed by Penistone Area Council Ward Alliance.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of Silkstone Parish Council held on Monday 7th April 2025, as a true and accurate record.

The Chair signed the minutes.

25-007 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2025/0281	Erection of a single storey rear extension at 33 South Yorkshire Buildings, Silkstone Common, Barnsley, S75 4RJ
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RESOLVED to make no comment.

2025/0131	Variation of condition 2 of 2021/0257 (Demolition of existing buildings and conversions of agricultural buildings to form 4no. dwellings with associated amenity space and extensions/outbuildings) to allow amendments to Plot 5 (including removal of single storey extension, fenestration changes and inclusion of Air Source heat pump and ground mounted solar panels).at Berry Moor House Farm, Pinfold Hill Lane, Silkstone Common, Barnsley, S75 4RF
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RESOLVED to make no comment.

25-008 SILKSTONE COMMON METHODIST CHAPEL

RESOLVED to note that the Public Meeting organised by the Methodist Church is to be held on Monday 19th May 2025 at 7.30 pm.

25-009 NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

RESOLVED to agree the nominations for Members to the various Committees and Working Parties.

25-010 REPRESENTATIVES FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH OF YLCA

RESOLVED to agree to put forward Cllr D Liddell and Cllr M Liddell as representatives of Silkstone Parish Council.

25-011 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES TO LOCAL GROUPS

RESOLVED to agree the nominations for Members to the various Local Groups.

25-012 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2027

RESOLVED to note the next meeting of the Business Development Plan Working Party will take place in the Sports Pavilion on Thursday 29th May 2025 at 7pm.

25-013 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

RESOLVED to adopt the updated Community Engagement Policy.

25-014 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2024/2025

RESOLVED to approve Section 1 and Section 2 of the Annual Governance statement for 2024/2025.

The Chair and Clerk signed the returns.

25-015 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2024/2025

RESOLVED to accept the Internal Audit Report for 2024/2025 and thank David Hughes for his time.

25-016 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

RESOLVED to agree the updated Schedule of payments by Direct Debit and Standing Order.

25-017 ASSET REGISTER

RESOLVED to agree to the disposal of the Fridge-Freezer, Chest Freezer and Tractor and update the Asset Register accordingly when disposed.

25-018 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Online Authorisers	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Payment Type
10-Apr-25		Bothams Prestige	Grounds works - Sports Pitches	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
19-Apr-25		South Yorkshire Pensions	Redacted	£472.78	£0.00	£472.78	DD
20-May-25		C Landscapes Limited	Village Grass Cutting	£187.50	£0.00	£187.50	SO
27-May-25		BT	Office Broadband	£29.87	£5.97	£35.84	DD
27-May-25		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£164.55	£8.23	£172.78	DD
28-May-25		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£96.80	£4.84	£101.64	DD
28-May-25		Redacted	Pavilion Cleaning (£26 per week) x 4	£104.00	£0.00	£104.00	SO
28-May-25		Unity Trust Bank	Service Charges	£13.80	£0.00	£13.80	DD
31-May-25		Redacted	Cleaning Contract - Pavilion	£130.00	£0.00	£130.00	SO
03-May-25		EE	Office Telephone & Microsoft 365	£38.27	£7.66	£45.93	DD
03-May-25		Redacted	Salaries	£970.77	£0.00	£970.77	SO
03-May-25		Redacted	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	SO
03-May-25		Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00	SO
15-Apr-25	PM/JW	YLCA	Annual Membership Fee	£847.00	£0.00	£847.00	online
15-Apr-25	PM/JW	YLCA	Training	£48.00	£0.00	£48.00	online
15-Apr-25	PM/JW	Starboard Systems	Scribe Accountancy Software	£561.60	£112.32	£673.92	online
15-Apr-25	PM/JW	Barnsley MBC	Waste Contract (Part Year)	£138.19	£0.00	£138.19	online
15-Apr-25	PM/JW	Redacted	Mileage Costs & Gas for Beacon	£79.70	£0.00	£79.70	online
23-Apr-25		HMRC	Income Tax & National Insurance	£867.67	£0.00	£867.67	online
12-May-25		Redacted	Cleaner	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	online
12-May-25		Vision ICT	Website Hosting	£138.25	£27.65	£165.90	online
12-May-25		Bothams Prestige	Pitch Marking	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00	online
12-May-25		HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£867.67	£0.00	£867.67	online
12-May-05		Bothams Prestige	Football Playing Surface Works	£4,486.00	£747.20	£5,223.20	online
12-May-25		Redacted	Handyman Services	£166.50	£0.00	£166.50	online
Total invoices for payment				£11,591.34	£1,139.95	£12,721.29	

RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule dated 12th May 2025.

25-019 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to approve a grant of up to £500 for Silkstone Heritage Group for the refurbishment of hand bells using the power under Local Government Act 1972 Section 144.

25-020 SPEED REDUCTION / SAFETY SCHEME

RESOLVED to close earmarked reserves ‘Children’s Play Equipment’ and ‘Environmental Sustainability Projects’ and move the balance of £40,000 to a new earmarked reserve ‘Road Safety Initiatives’.

RESOLVED to make a ‘match-funding’ donation from earmarked reserve ‘Road Safety Initiatives’ to Barnsley MBC for the speed and safety project outside the two parish schools as proposed by Cllr Alex Burnett (BMBC) in the sum of £16,800 using the power under Highways Act 1980 Section 274a (Introduced by Local Government Rating Act 1997 Section 30.)

25-021 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE

1) Resident asking when the large holes dug in Orchard Wood would be filled.
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RESOLVED to note the correspondence dealt with by the Clerk.

25-022 MEETINGS & CLERK UPDATE

Cllr Richard Leech	VE Day Beacon Lighting Event x 2, Internal Audit, Meeting with CARE, Annual Parishioner’s Meeting, Warm Welcome x 2, Twinning Meeting, Meeting with CARE regarding Bernard’s Place, Meeting with Football representative, Emptied bins and undertook Community Litter Pick around the Recreation Ground. Weekly Defibrillator check undertaken in Silkstone, YLCA Training Event.
Cllr Derek Liddell	VE Day Beacon Lighting Event x 2, Annual Parishioner’s Meeting, Northern Counties Group Meeting, YLCA Joint Executive Meeting
Cllr Meryl Liddell	VE Day Beacon Lighting Event x 2, Events Working Party, Annual Parishioner’s Meeting
Cllr Debra Smith	None.
Cllr Janice Wake	Not present
Cllr Peter Millar	Not present
Cllr Jim Logan	VE Day Beacon Lighting Event x 2, Events Working Party, Annual Parishioner’s Meeting.
Clerk Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotments Renewal invoices issued – all holders now paid. • Hanging Basket Sponsorship invoices issued. • Internal Audit preparation and inspection.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Governance Report Completion. • Defibrillator Weekly Checks undertaken in Silkstone Common. • VE Day publication and event implementation.
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25-023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The next Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 2nd June 2025.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.44pm

Chair's Signature	Date