

**MINUTES of the MEETING of SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.**

**PRESENT**

Meeting chaired by Cllr Meryl Liddell.

Councillors: Cllr Richard Leech, Cllr Peter Millar, Cllr Debra Smith, and Cllr Derek Liddell.

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

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Cllr Leech said that he had been made aware of an incident on a legacy 'dropped kerb' involving a mobility scooter. He also said that a hedge adjacent to number 98 Manor Park was obstructing the footpath and needs reporting to Berneslai Homes/Barnsley MBC.

Cllr D Liddell said that several large branches appeared to have been forcibly broken on trees at the entrance to Orchard Wood from Moorend Lane.

Cllr Leech repeated that Footpath number 29 between Towngate and Manor Park was still in a dangerous state. He also reported that Gullies on A628 and Cone Lane had still not been cleared.

**25-038 APOLOGIES**

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

**25-039 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED** to note no declarations of interest were made.

**25-040 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025, as a true and accurate record.

The Chair signed the minutes.

**25-041 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

2025/0517	Erection of building to form agricultural machinery storage, workshop and stables at Roger Royd Farm, Whin Moor Lane, Silkstone, S75 4NL.
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**RESOLVED** to make no comment.

2025/0484	Variation of Application 2020/1270 erection of 3 dwellings at The Laurels, 24 Viewlands, Silkstone Common, S75 4QP.
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**RESOLVED** to seek clarification from planning as to whether the original application is time barred or if there has been an extension of time. Additionally, the Neighbourhood Development Plan is now in place, so this be considered in any planning decision or variation.

2025/0135	Erection of single storey stable block on land at Norcroft Bridge, Silkstone Lane, Silkstone, S75 4.
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**RESOLVED** to make no comment in relation to the application but ask Planning to see if a time 'covenant' can be imposed to prevent future redevelopment/change of use.

## 25-042 CHANGING OF ELECTION CYCLE

Members discussed the request from Barnsley MBC to change the Parish Council's election cycle to match theirs following a change to 'All out' elections commencing in 2026.

**RESOLVED** to agree to change the Parish Council election cycle to now end for elections to take place in 2026.

## 25-043 FINANCE REPORT – END OF QUARTER ONE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026

**RESOLVED** to agree the Bank Reconciliation for Quarter One and note the Budget Monitor with supporting summary of receipts and payments.

## 25-044 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Online Authorisers	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Payment Type
12-Jun-25		Bothams Prestige	Grounds works - Sports Pitches	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
12-Jun-25		HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£867.67	£0.00	£867.67	SO
19-Jun-25		South Yorkshire Pensions	Redacted	£503.08	£0.00	£503.08	DD
19-Jun-25		C Landscapes Limited	Village Grass Cutting	£187.50	£0.00	£187.50	SO
27-Jun-25		BT	Office Broadband	£29.87	£5.97	£35.84	DD
19-Jun-25		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£48.35	£2.42	£50.77	DD
28-Jun-25		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£34.13	£1.71	£35.84	DD
28-Jun-25		Redacted	Pavilion Cleaning (£26 per week) x 4	£104.00	£0.00	£104.00	SO
30-Jun-25		Unity Trust Bank	Service Charges	£15.00	£0.00	£15.00	DD
02-Jul-25		EE	Office Telephone & Microsoft 365	£38.27	£7.66	£45.93	DD
02-Jul-25		Redacted	Salaries	£970.77	£0.00	£970.77	SO
02-Jul-25		Redacted	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	SO
02-Jul-25		Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00	SO
16-Jun-25		Silkstone Community Centre	HCR Rental for Warm Welcome	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00	online
16-Jun-25		CARE	Grant Award	£266.24	£0.00	£266.24	online
16-Jun-25		Old Silkstone Band	Grant Award	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	online
16-Jun-25		Redacted	Newsletter Delivery	£260.00	£0.00	£260.00	online
19-Jun-25		Profell	Tree Management Works	£1,150.00	£0.00	£1,150.00	online
07-Jul-25		Redacted	Refurbishment of Waggonway Benches	£85.50	£0.00	£85.50	online
07-Jul-25		Barnsley MBC	Commercial Waste Collection	£417.69	£0.00	£417.69	online
07-Jul-25		YLCA	Traning Webinar	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	online
07-Jul-25		Signs Xtra	Hanging Basket Signs	£99.00	£19.80	£118.80	online
07-Jul-25		Silkstone Community Centre	HCR Rental for Warm Welcome	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	online
Total invoices for payment				£6,903.49	£253.64	£7,157.13	

**RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

## 25-045 GRANT APPLICATIONS

**RESOLVED** to refuse the Grant Application received as the Grant Awarding policy does not allow for retrospective grant payments and Members did not wish to set this aside on this occasion.

## 25-046 INSURANCE RENEWAL

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to undertake a marketing exercise to procure a new insurance contract for the next 3 years.

**RESOLVED** to note that the Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer is employed by one of the insurers who may choose to provide a quotation.

## **25-047 VJ DAY COMMEMORATIONS**

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to liaise with Cannon Farrow and provide support for any planned Commemorations by the Church and Heritage Group.

## **25-048 SPEED REDUCTION SCHEMES**

As confirmed by the Business Development Plan, Members agreed that the following speed reduction and road safety proposals be submitted to Barnsley MBC Highways with funding from the Parish Council earmarked reserve.

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to present the following proposals to Barnsley MBC Highways: -

- 30mph mandatory speed limit signs obscured on A628 by tress and vegetation travelling from Dodworth direction – can the trees be removed and vegetation cut down.
- Gated approach on A628 on above verge.
- Repainting of red 30mph roundels on A628 at both entrances to Silkstone.
- Repainting of red crossing point on road surface at A628.
- Can a larger reflective/warning bollard be installed at the above crossing point.
- 'Dragon's Teeth' repainting on A628 from Hoylandswaine entrance to Silkstone and painting of same in direction from Dodworth.
- Gated approach to Silkstone Common on B6449 from Dodworth.
- Bridleway/Horses Warning Road sign at the point of Trans Pennine Trail B6449 Silkstone Common from both directions.
- Painted red roundel on road surface B6449 at both entrances to Silkstone Common.
- Painted red roundel on road surface C270 Cone Lane at point of previous mandatory speed limit sign (now removed).

## **25-049 REPAIRS TO PAVILION GUTTERING**

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to seek quotations for repair/replacement of the guttering in an attempt to alleviate water ingress into the Pavilion with a budget of £1,500 +VAT.

## **25-050 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE**

1) Communication with resident concerning planning applications
2) Request from a Military & Police Motorcycle Club to attend the War Memorial in June 2026 for a wreath laying event.

**RESOLVED** to note the correspondence dealt with by the Clerk.

## **25-051 MEETINGS & CLERK UPDATE**

Cllr Richard Leech	Warm Welcome, Huskar Community Rooms Meeting, Emptied bins and undertook Community Litter Pick around the Recreation Ground. Weekly Defibrillator check, Meeting with Clerk to undertake repairs to Recreation Ground Steps, Installation of New Litter Bins, Changed SID batteries.
Cllr Derek Liddell	YLCA South Yorkshire Branch Annual Meeting, Managing Parish Halls Training.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	YLCA South Yorkshire Branch Annual Meeting
Cllr Debra Smith	None
Cllr Janice Wake	Not present
Cllr Peter Millar	None
Cllr Jim Logan	Not present
Clerk Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hanging Basket Sponsorship missing signs and Baskets</li> <li>• Defibrillator Weekly Checks undertaken.</li> <li>• Local Government Reorganisation Training</li> <li>• New Fence Purchase Order issued.</li> <li>• Survey of Pavilion and Huskar Community Rooms</li> <li>• LOLER inspection of Pavilion</li> </ul>

## 25-052 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The next Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

*The Chair closed the meeting at 7.40pm*

Chair's Signature	Date
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