

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 1st September 2025** in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Meeting chaired by Cllr Meryl Liddell.

Councillors: Cllr Debra Smith, Cllr Janice Wake, Cllr Jim Logan, and Cllr Derek Liddell.

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr D Liddell said that he had been approached by several residents in relation to Planning Application 2024/0676 at the site of the former Mission Rooms which is to be considered by Council. He also reported discussions with residents in relation to the Methodist Chapel.

Cllr Smith reported an approach from a resident via email complaining of ongoing building works and noise in Silkstone Common which she had responded to suggesting that the resident approach Barnsley MBC. The subsequent reply from the Resident was antagonistic so she did not engage further.

She also reported that a resident had been in touch in relation to Planning Application 2025/0454 and provided photographs.

Cllr Logan said that he had made a report of potential Asian Hornets around his farm and that bees are being decimated.

25-053 APOLOGIES

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

25-054 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations of interest were made.

25-055 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED to note that a response was received from Barnsley MBC Planning in relation to Planning Application 2025/0484 and circulated to Councillors by the Clerk.

The Chair signed the minutes.

25-056 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2024/0676	Erection of community Hall (Amended Plan 2025. Amended Documentation March 2025 and Amended Documentation July 2025) Land behind 5 and 6 beacon Close, Silkstone, Barnsley, S75 4PY
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RESOLVED to further object to the application on the following grounds: -

- The application as presented is incorrectly recorded as “*Erection of Community Hall*” when the legal agents for the applicant have clearly stated in correspondence that this is not going to be a Community Building but a commercial enterprise so therefore the basis of the application is factually incorrect and very misleading.
- Allowing frequent use by substantial sized motor vehicles on the Public Footpath presents a potentially serious road safety issue for pedestrians who use this footpath for access to the Station Inn, Village Bakery, Children walking to Silkstone Common J&I school and as this footpath leads directly to Silkstone Common Recreation Ground, to dog walkers and vulnerable residents.
- Ask Barnsley MBC Planning Officer if the Public Rights of Way Officer has been consulted, as there are strong grounds for objections to allowing motor vehicles to use this Public Footpath adjacent to the site, which has never been the case during previous use by users of the former Mission Rooms or other former religious buildings.
- Ask Barnsley MBC Planning Officer if Network Rail have been consulted given the potential close proximity of large commercial vehicles being driven near the Railway Line and Bridge known as the ‘Monkey Tunnel’.
- Council further disputes that the Public Footpath, if used for vehicles, is wide enough for commercial vehicles, minibuses and emergency vehicles. In relation to the latter have South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue been invited to give their professional views.
- Council further objects based on the obvious major disruption and road safety concerns for the village and local residents during proposed building works if this application was allowed.
- The scope and commercial use of the building is contrary to the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

2025/0454	Change of use of building from residential use to taxi/chauffer office at 2 Meadow View Cottage, Woodland View, Silkstone Common, S75 4RR
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RESOLVED to raise an objection due to road safety concerns in relation to the number of large private hire minibuses and other vehicles as evidenced by photographs parked on Woodland View and Woodland Rise and the potential negative impact on access for Residents to their homes, late night noise and access to Orchard Wood by residents, especially children walking to Silkstone Common J&I school; further, if a change of use is allowed, how this could affect subsequent future intrusive business use in a residential area contrary to the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

2025/0627	Installation of hardstanding to front to provide extra parking spaces to dwelling at 5 Highfield Cottages, Silkstone Lane, Silkstone, S75 4JY
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RESOLVED to make no comment in relation to the application.

2025/0730	Variation of conditions 2 and 3 of planning application 2021/1303 – two storey side/rear extension to house at 18 Pack Horse Green Silkstone, S75 4JT
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RESOLVED to make no comment in relation to the application.

25-057 DIGITAL & DATA COMPLIANCE

RESOLVED to note the advice from YLCA in relation to the assertion on the AGAR 2025-2026 relating to council owned emails being used for Councillors transacting business of the Council and ask the Clerk to obtain Gov.UK email addresses for all Councillors.

RESOLVED to adopt the IT Policy as recommended by YLCA also in relation to the above.

25-058 MEDIA WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED to note the verbal update from Cllr M Liddell in relation to publication dates for the Parish Magazine starting with the Winter Edition.

RESOLVED to note that the Working Party are investigating the cost of having the Magazine distributed by Royal Mail and if reasonable to ask Council to consider for Silkstone deliveries.

25-059 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Online Authorisers	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Payment Type
10-Jul-25		Bothams Prestige	Grounds works - Sports Pitches	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
10-Jul-25		HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£867.67	£0.00	£867.67	SO
18-Jul-25		South Yorkshire Pensions	Redacted	£503.08	£0.00	£503.08	DD
21-Jul-25		C Landscapes Limited	Village Grass Cutting	£187.50	£0.00	£187.50	SO
25-Jul-25		BT	Office Broadband	£29.87	£5.97	£35.84	DD
16-Jul-25		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£42.00	£2.10	£44.10	DD
28-Jul-25		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£77.37	£3.87	£81.24	DD
31-Jul-25		Redacted	Pavilion Cleaning (£26 per week) x 4	£104.00	£0.00	£104.00	SO
31-Jul-25		Unity Trust Bank	Service Charges	£11.10	£0.00	£11.10	DD
31-Jul-25		EE	Office Telephone & Microsoft 365	£38.27	£7.66	£45.93	DD
01-Aug-25		Redacted	Salaries	£970.77	£0.00	£970.77	SO
01-Aug-25		Redacted	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	SO
01-Aug-25		Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00	SO
11-Aug-25		Bothams Prestige	Grounds works - Sports Pitches	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
11-Aug-25		HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£867.67	£0.00	£867.67	SO
20-Aug-25		South Yorkshire Pensions	Redacted	£503.08	£0.00	£503.08	DD
20-Aug-25		C Landscapes Limited	Village Grass Cutting	£187.50	£0.00	£187.50	SO
27-Aug-25		BT	Office Broadband	£29.87	£5.97	£35.84	DD
20-Aug-25		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£47.63	£2.38	£50.01	DD
27-Aug-25		British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£282.98	£14.15	£297.13	DD
28-Aug-25		EE	Office Telephone & Microsoft 365	£38.27	£7.66	£45.93	DD
28-Aug-25		Redacted	Pavilion Cleaning (£26 per week) x 4	£104.00	£0.00	£104.00	SO
01-Sep-25		Redacted	Salaries	£970.77	£0.00	£970.77	SO
01-Sep-25		Redacted	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	SO
01-Sep-25		Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00	SO
21-Jul-25		BOS	Newsletter Pproduction	£837.50	£0.00	£837.50	Online
21-Jul-25		Silkstone Community Centre	Hire of HCR	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	Online
21-Jul-25		YLCA	Training Webinar	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	Online
21-Jul-25		Redacted	Handyman Services	£85.50	£0.00	£85.50	Online
21-Jul-25		Redacted	Handyman Services	£385.15	£0.00	£385.15	Online
21-Jul-25		Signs Xtra	Hanging Basket Signs	£101.11	£17.69	£118.80	Online
31-Jul-25		Profell	Tree Management	£1,760.00	£0.00	£1,760.00	Online
05-Aug-25		Silkstone Community Centre	Hire of HCR	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	Online
05-Aug-25		Defib World	Defibrillator Pads	£116.59	£20.40	£136.99	Online
05-Aug-25		Redacted	Pavilion Guttering Replacement	£1,040.00	£0.00	£1,040.00	Online
05-Aug-25		Redacted	Handyman Services	£37.99	£0.00	£37.99	Online
20-Aug-25		First Impressions	Hanging Baskets 2025	£3,385.53	£592.47	£3,978.00	Online
20-Aug-25		Silkstone Community Centre	Hire of HCR	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	Online
20-Aug-25		Redacted	Wages & Salaries (Back pay)	£163.10	£0.00	£163.10	Online
20-Aug-25		Bothams Prestige	Junior Football Pitch marking	£102.13	£17.87	£120.00	Online
20-Aug-25		Barnsley MBC	Waste Collection Contract	£417.69	£0.00	£417.69	Online
20-Aug-25		HMRC	Tax & NI (Back Pay)	£23.63	£0.00	£23.63	Online
Total invoices for payment				£16,722.16	£1,130.35	£17,852.51	

RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule dated 1st September 025.

25-060 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to note that no Grant Applications have been received.

25-061 INSURANCE RENEWAL

RESOLVED to follow the advice of the Clerk following a marketing exercise to accept the quotation from Clear Insurance for a new 3-year Long Term Agreement.

25-062 INSTALLATION OF BROADBAND

RESOLVED to agree to a new Broadband installation into the Clerk's office.

25-063 COMMERCIAL WASTE CONTRACT

RESOLVED to agree to a larger wheelie bin and additional waste collection cost for Silkstone Recreation Ground.

25-064 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE

- 1) Communications from residents in relation to the Planing Application numbered 2024/0676

2) Communications from residents in relation to the Methodist Chapel asking if the Parish Council were still interested in talking on the building and running as a Community Hub.
3) Report from a Resident of obscene graffiti near the War Memorial.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence dealt with by the Clerk.

25-065 MEETINGS & CLERK UPDATE

Cllr Richard Leech	Not present
Cllr Derek Liddell	YLCA Personnel & Finance Scrutiny Committee, YLCA Joint Executive Board, Nabs Wood Woodland Trust Event, Yorkshire Day Celebrations Event, Methodist Chapel Open meeting
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Yorkshire Day Celebrations Event, Methodist Chapel Open meeting, Media Working Party
Cllr Debra Smith	None
Cllr Janice Wake	Media Working Party
Cllr Peter Millar	Not present
Cllr Jim Logan	None
Clerk Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance Tender • Defibrillator Weekly Checks undertaken. • Community Litter Pick and Waste Bin emptying.

25-066 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The next Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 6th October 2025.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.38pm

Chair's Signature	Date
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