

MINUTES of the MEETING of SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 6th October 2025 in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Meeting chaired by Cllr Meryl Liddell.

Councillors: Cllr Richard Leech, 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 Leech again reported the various issues with Footpath 28 from Towngate to Manor Park which now includes a broken handrail. He also reported excessive leaf debris on the A628 from Hoylandswaine direction to Silkstone and overgrown hedge on Cone Lane.

25-067 APOLOGIES

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

25-068 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations of interest were made.

25-069 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council held on Monday 1st September 2025, as a true and accurate record.

The Chair signed the minutes.

25-070 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2025/0755	Installation of balustrading and gate to the existing boiler house step, creation of a new pathway from the fire escape and installation of external PIR lighting at All Saints Church, High Street, Silkstone, Barnsley, S75 4JH
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RESOLVED to make no comment in relation to the application.

2025/0785	Erection of patio extension to existing rear extension (Permitted Development) to dwelling at 4 Whinmoor View, Silkstone, S75 4LL
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RESOLVED to make no comment in relation to the application.

25-071 DIGITAL & DATA COMPLIANCE

RESOLVED that all Councillors will transition to use the new council owned gov.uk email addresses.

25-072 STAFFING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note the Staffing Committee will meet at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd October and report back to Council.

25-073 EVENTS WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED that Council agrees in principle to two Fayres, one in Summer 2026 and the other in Autumn 2026 and asked the Events Working Party to look into the feasibility of both and report back to Council.

25-074 PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES 2025

RESOLVED to adopt the following policies subject to slight amendments as highlighted below: -

- (a) CCTV Policy
- (b) Complaints Policy & Procedure 2025
- (c) Risk Management Policy – *amend (1c), (1d) & (2d)*.
- (d) Standing Orders
- (e) Data Protection Policy
- (f) Equality Policy – *substitute "Personnel" for "Staffing"*

25-075 FINANCE REPORT – END OF QUARTER TWO FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026

RESOLVED to agree the Bank Reconciliation up to 30th September 2025 with supporting receipts and payments account summary.

The Clerk went through the Budget Monitor up to the end of Quarter 2 highlighting areas where some Cost Centres may be slightly overbudget and others underbudget. Overall, the Budget is expected to show a larger than expected balance, partly explained by the sale of the Tractor.

Cllr Smith said that Council needs to look at making progress with budgeted initiatives during the course of the next 6 months. Cllr Leech suggested that a meeting of the Business Development Plan Working Party takes place soon.

25-076 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Payment Type
10-Sep-25	Bothams Prestige	Grounds works - Sports Pitches	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
10-Sep-25	HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£899.02	£0.00	£899.02	SO
18-Sep-25	South Yorkshire Pensions	Redacted	£519.29	£0.00	£519.29	DD
21-Sep-25	C Landscapes Limited	Village Grass Cutting	£187.50	£0.00	£187.50	SO
25-Sep-25	BT	Office Broadband	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00	DD
16-Sep-25	British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£40.98	£2.05	£43.03	DD
28-Sep-25	British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£128.04	£6.40	£134.44	DD
30-Sep-25	Redacted	Pavilion Cleaning (£26 per week) x 5	£130.00	£0.00	£130.00	SO
30-Sep-25	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charges	£10.50	£0.00	£10.50	DD
30-Sep-25	EE	Office Telephone & Microsoft 365	£38.27	£7.66	£45.93	DD
01-Oct-25	Redacted	Salaries	£970.77	£0.00	£970.77	SO
01-Oct-25	Redacted	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	SO
01-Oct-25	Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00	SO
08-Sep-25	Public Loan Works Board	Loan Repayment	£6,744.18	£0.00	£6,744.18	DD
12-Sep-25	Clear Insurance	Insurance Premium	£2,293.84	£0.00	£2,293.84	Online
15-Sep-25	Redacted	Newsletter Delivery	£260.00	£0.00	£260.00	Online
24-Sep-25	Tudoe Rose	Summer Bedding Plants	£400.00	£80.00	£480.00	Online
24-Sep-25	Vision ICT	.GOV email accounts	£83.35	£16.67	£100.02	Online
24-Sep-25	Silkstone Commuunity Centre	Hire of Huskar Community Rooms	£90.00	£0.00	£90.00	Online
Total invoices for payment			£13,937.16	£335.86	£14,273.02	

RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule dated 6th October 2025.

25-077 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to note that no Grant Applications have been received.

25-078 EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

RESOLVED to note that the External Auditor has signed off the 2024/2025 accounts (AGAR) but with a comment concerning the level of Precept paid by Barnsley MBC.

The Clerk explained that the amount of Precept demanded of Barnsley MBC was different from that paid in April 2025 which was unknown to Silkstone Parish Council and therefore it seems unfair to 'penalise' the Parish Council.

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to raise with the Director of Finance as a complaint and seek advice from YLCA.

25-079 CHRISTMAS TREES & VILLAGE TREE DRESSING

RESOLVED to agree to place an order for lamp post mounted Christmas Trees in the parish.

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to seek quotations for professional tree dressing of the village Christmas Trees.

25-080 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE

1) Communication from a resident regarding continued potentially dangerous earthworks in Orchard Wood.
2) Communication from the General Manager of the Steel Valley Project asking if a presentation can be made to Council.
3) Correspondence from South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority about the 'Beds for Babies' project asking if the parish council could accommodate collection of donations.
4) Freedom of Information request for the disclosure of the Building Condition Survey of Silkstone Common Methodist Chapel commissioned by the Council.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence dealt with by the Clerk.

25-081 MEETINGS & CLERK UPDATE

Cllr Derek Liddell	YLCA Recruitment & remote Meeting, Northern Group of Local Councils Associations meeting.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Events Working Party

Cllr Richard Leech	Warm Welcome Events, CARE Meeting, Boundary Walks Meeting, Informal meeting of Staffing Committee
Cllr Debra Smith	Informal meeting of Staffing Committee
Cllr Janice Wake	Events Working Party, Informal meeting of Staffing Committee
Cllr Peter Millar	Not present
Cllr Jim Logan	Events Working Party
Clerk Update	- Defibrillator Weekly Checks undertaken. Including replacement of pads following expiry - Community Litter Pick and Waste Bin emptying.

25-082 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

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

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.04pm

Chair's Signature	Date
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