

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 5th January 2026** in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Meeting chaired by Cllr Meryl Liddell.

Councillors: Cllr Richard Leech, Cllr Debra Smith, Cllr Janice Wale, and Cllr Derek Liddell.

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Leech again reported the need for gullies to be cleaned on Cone Lane, lighting columns not working on The Cross/A628 junction and gullies also on A628 need clearing. He reported that the footpath down Cone Lane required clearing for safety and that the steps on Footpath 28, Manor Park to Towngate had still not been repaired.

Cllr Leech asked Council to record thanks to Cllr John Roberts for his assistance with gully clearing in Silkstone Recreation Ground.

He also said that contractors would be removing overgrown shrubs in Bernard's Place, Silkstone following the new fence installation.

Cllr Smith reported moss build up on the footway on Ben Bank Road opposite the Station Inn which caused a slipping incident.

Cllr Wake said that she had spoken to Cllr Alex Burnett about dangerous parking around Broad Gates and Manor Park. This was reported to the Police who did not seem interested and suggested this is something for Barnsley MBC parking patrols to deal with. She also said that the proposed road closure on Martin Croft would cause severe disruption to residents in that area and needed to be managed.

Cllr Leech asked Councillors to let him know when the SID's in Silkstone Common had ceased functioning and required replacement charged batteries.

25-113 APOLOGIES

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

25-114 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations of interest were made.

25-115 MINUTES

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

The Chair signed the minutes.

25-116 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to note that no Planning Applications have been received.

25-117 PLANNING CONSULTATION ON DRAFT CHANGES TO THE LOCAL VALIDATION CHECKLIST

RESOLVED to respectfully decline the invitation from BMBC Planning to comment.

25-118 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2026/2027

The draft Council Tax band D base has been published, which will be agreed by Cabinet on 7th January 2026.

Councillors were asked by a show of hands, by the Chair to agree to an increase of just over 3% increase to the current Precept and Local Council Tax Support Grant.

Councillors agreed to the increase by favour of 3 to 2.

RESOLVED to make a gross precept demand of £85,000 from Barnsley MBC.

25-119 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Payment Type
10-Dec-25	Bothams Prestige	Grounds works - Sports Pitches	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
10-Dec-25	HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£899.02	£0.00	£899.02	SO
18-Dec-25	South Yorkshire Pensions	Redacted	£519.29	£0.00	£519.29	DD
21-Dec-25	C Landscapes Limited	Village Grass Cutting	£187.50	£0.00	£187.50	SO
24-Dec-25	BT	Office Broadband	£72.91	£14.58	£87.49	DD
16-Dec-25	British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£94.93	£4.75	£99.68	DD
28-Dec-25	British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£100.88	£5.04	£105.92	DD
31-Dec-25	Redacted	Pavilion Cleaning (£26 per week) x 5	£130.00	£0.00	£130.00	SO
31-Dec-25	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charges	£10.20	£0.00	£10.20	DD
30-Dec-25	EE	Office Telephone & Microsoft 365	£38.27	£7.66	£45.93	DD
02-Jan-26	Redacted	Salaries	£1,000.60	£0.00	£1,000.60	SO
02-Jan-26	Redacted	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	SO
02-Jan-26	Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00	SO
01-Dec-25	Redacted	Newsletter Delivery	£130.00	£0.00	£130.00	ONLINE
01-Dec-25	Viking	Pavilion Supplies & Stationary	£145.03	£29.00	£174.03	ONLINE
01-Dec-25	Silkstone Community Centre	rental for Warm Welcome sessions	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	ONLINE
05-Dec-25	BOS	Parish Magazine Printing	£831.50	£0.00	£831.50	ONLINE
05-Dec-25	Silkstone Common Community	Grant Award	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	ONLINE
05-Dec-25	Royal British Legion	Remembrance Wreath	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00	ONLINE
05-Dec-25	Redacted	Cllr reimbursement for xmas lights	£36.40	£0.00	£36.40	ONLINE
05-Dec-25	Business Stream	Allotments Water	£421.08	£0.00	£421.08	ONLINE
15-Dec-25	First Impressions	Christmas Lights	£3,900.00	£780.00	£4,680.00	ONLINE
24-Dec-25	Armour Fire Protection	PAT & Fire Extinguisher Inspection	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00	ONLINE
		Total invoices for payment	£10,369.03	£1,057.11	£11,426.14	

RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule dated 5th January 2026.

25-120 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to approve a Grant Application for £500 from Silkstone Luncheon Club and £582 from Silkstone Common Good Companions.

25-121 ALLEGED BREACH OF COPYRIGHT

The Clerk reported that a letter of claim has been received by the Council concerning an alleged breach of copyright by including a photograph in the 2028 Winter Edition of the Parish Newsletter.

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to make enquiries and seek legal advice regarding the claim and continued publication of all historic newsletters on the Council's website.

25-122 DEFIBRILLATOR

The third Defibrillator has still not been installed due to problems finding a location in Silkstone.

RESOLVED to make a concerted effort to find a location in Silkstone in the vicinity of the Church/Pharmacy.

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to post on Facebook asking residents for ideas for a location.

25-123 EVENTS WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED to note that the Summer Fayre will take place inside All Saints Church, Silkstone on Saturday 26th September 2026 with all proceeds going towards the Church Maintenance fund.

25-124 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE

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| 1) Anonymous letter concerning parking issues on a street in Silkstone Common. |
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RESOLVED to note the correspondence dealt with by the Clerk.

25-125 MEETINGS & CLERK UPDATE

Cllr Derek Liddell	Northern Associations Remote Meeting, YLCA Personnel Remote Meeting.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	None.
Cllr Richard Leech	Warm Welcome Events, Barnsley MBC Ward Alliance, Community Litter Pick and bin emptying, Defibrillator Weekly Inspection, Silkstone Recreation Ground Gully Clearance with Cllr John Roberts.
Cllr Debra Smith	None.
Cllr Janice Wake	None.
Cllr Peter Millar	Not present
Cllr Jim Logan	Not present
Clerk Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Defibrillator Weekly Checks undertaken.

25-126 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The next Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 2nd February 2026.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.52pm

Chair's Signature	Date
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