

**DRAFT MINUTES** of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026** in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

## **PRESENT**

Meeting chaired by Cllr Meryl Liddell.

Councillors: Cllr Richard Leech, Cllr Debra Smith, Cllr Jim Logam, Cllr Peter Millar, 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 reported that he had met with a local Police Officer to discuss drug use and dealing at the rear of the Asda store on Silkstone Recreation Ground. The Officer asked for photographic evidence and committed to make regular patrols where possible.

Potholes have been reported to Barnsley MBC and Asda store management by Cllr Leech.

Cllr Logan said that land in the area on the border with Cawthorne parish was in a dangerous state due to a lack of maintenance. Reconstruction work is needed in the area.

## **25-127 APOLOGIES**

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

## **25-128 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **25-129 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026, subject to typographical amendments, as a true and accurate record.

The Chair signed the minutes.

## **25-130 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED** to note that no Planning Applications have been received.

## 25 -131 MEDIA WORKING PARTY

**RESOLVED** to note that the next meeting of the Media Working Party will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7pm.

## 25-132 POLIICIES

**RESOLVED** to accept the following amended policies for 2026: -

- (a) Biodiversity Policy
- (b) Grant Awarding Policy

## 25-133 FINANCE REPORT – YEAR TO DATE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026

**RESOLVED** to agree the Bank Reconciliation to the End of Quarter 2.

**RESOLVED** to note the Budget Monitor for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 together with the Accounts Summary of Receipts and Payments.

## 25-134 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Payment Type
10-Jan-26	Bothams Prestige	Grounds works - Sports Pitches	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
10-Jan-26	HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£899.02	£0.00	£899.02	SO
18-Jan-26	South Yorkshire Pensions	Redacted	£519.29	£0.00	£519.29	DD
21-Jan-26	C Landscapes Limited	Village Grass Cutting	£187.50	£0.00	£187.50	SO
24-Jan-26	BT	Office Broadband	£72.91	£14.58	£87.49	DD
16-Jan-26	British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£104.78	£5.24	£110.02	DD
28-Jan-26	British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£156.28	£7.81	£164.09	DD
31-Jan-26	Redacted	Pavilion Cleaning (£26 per week) x 5	£130.00	£0.00	£130.00	SO
31-Jan-26	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charges	£10.20	£0.00	£10.20	DD
30-Jan-26	EE	Office Telephone & Microsoft 365	£38.27	£7.66	£45.93	DD
02-Feb-26	Redacted	Salaries	£1,000.60	£0.00	£1,000.60	SO
02-Feb-26	Redacted	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	SO
02-Feb-26	Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00	SO
21-Jan-26	SLCC Membership	Annual Membership Fee	£582.00	£0.00	£582.00	ONLINE
21-Jan-26	Google One	Cloud Storage	£15.99	£0.00	£15.99	ONLINE
21-Jan-26	Silkstone Common Good Com	Grant Award	£582.00	£0.00	£582.00	ONLINE
21-Jan-26	Silkstone Luncheon Club	Grant Award	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	ONLINE
21-Jan-26	Profell	Woodland Inspection	£240.00	£0.00	£240.00	ONLINE
21-Jan-26	Silkstone Community Centre	Warm Welcome Room Rental	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	ONLINE
		<b>Total invoices for payment</b>	<b>£6,205.26</b>	<b>£251.37</b>	<b>£6,456.63</b>	

**RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

## 25-135 GRANT APPLICATIONS

**RESOLVED** to approve a Grant Application for £266.24 from Silkstone CARE Group.

## 25-136 ALLEGED BREACH OF COPYRIGHT

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to investigate the alleged breach and maintain the defence of Limitation dealing with any subsequent legal action accordingly.

### **25-137 HANGING BASKETS**

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to attempt to find and commission a supplier for Hanging Baskets for 2026.

### **25-138 MAINTENANCE OF TOOLS**

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to raise a Purchase Order for maintenance and repairs of equipment and tools used by CARE for village works in accordance with the estimate received.

### **25-139 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE**

1) Approach from ITV concerning a potential new programme
2) Contact from BMBC regarding wood chippings on footpath near Bull Haw: Lane
3) Silkstone Common Community Hub – Public Meeting notice
4) Report of abandoned Christmas Trees on Silkstone Lane

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

### **25-140 MEETINGS & CLERK UPDATE**

Cllr Derek Liddell	YLCA Personnel Committee, YLCA Joint Executive Board, YLCA Annual Meeting and Strategic Working Group.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Events Working Party, Silkstone Charities.
Cllr Richard Leech	Warm Welcome Events, Woodland Inspection, Community Litter Pick and bin emptying, Defibrillator Weekly Inspection, Christmas Tree removal.
Cllr Debra Smith	None.
Cllr Janice Wake	Not present.
Cllr Peter Millar	None.
Cllr Jim Logan	Events Working Party
Clerk Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Defibrillator Weekly Checks undertaken.</li><li>• Hanging Basket Enquiries</li><li>• Inspection of Woodland</li><li>• CCTV annual inspection</li></ul>

**25-141 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The next Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.

*The Chair closed the meeting at 7.35pm*

Chair's Signature	Date
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