

MINUTES of the MEETING of SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 2nd March 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, Cllr Wake 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.

He also reported that the 'Give Way' sign light is out on the High Street/A628 junction and that the retaining wall at Hillside, Silkstone, which is Berneslai Homes responsibility is bulging.

Cllr Leech asked Councillors for assistance with removing the Christmas Tree from Silkstone Common and dispose. Cllr D Liddell said he would assist and Cllr Logan said the tree could be disposed of on his land.

A pothole on Cone Lane has been reported to Barnsley MBC by the Clerk.

Cllr Logan said the streetlighting opposite the Arrester Bed entering the village is flashing and has been for some time. Cllr M Liddell will check.

Cllr D Liddell asked if the rectification works to Orchard Wood due to damage has been done.

Cllr Wake said she has been engaging with Cllr Alex Burnett and the Police concerning illegal and dangerous parking at the top of Martin Croft.

25-142 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note no apologies were received by the Clerk prior to commencement of the meeting.

25-143 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations of interest were made.

25-144 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council held on Monday 2nd February 2026.

Cllr Smith asked if a meeting of the Media Working Party had taken place as recorded in the Minutes which Cllr M Liddell confirmed.

Cllr Leech said that an article in the Parish Magazine relating to an event held by the Constituency MP in Silkstone Common could be perceived as being overtly political despite the disclaimer. Silkstone Parish Council has always been non-political and should not give a platform for any political party.

He further said that inclusion of the article had been discussed prior to sending to the printers and at least two Councillors were uncomfortable with it being published.

The Clerk confirmed that he had been asked for advice and had counselled against using content which was anything more than just factual.

Councillors agreed that further guidance needs to be sought and discussed, particularly around who makes a decision to publish an article that may be controversial.

The Chair signed the minutes.

25-145 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2025/1048	Demolition of existing attached garage to side of dwelling, and erection of replacement 2 storey side extension at 13 Whinmoor Way, Silkstone, S75 4JE
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RESOLVED to make no comment.

25-146 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

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10-Feb-26	Bothams Prestige	Grounds works - Sports Pitches	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
10-Feb-26	HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£899.02	£0.00	£899.02	SO
18-Feb-26	South Yorkshire Pensions	Redacted	£519.29	£0.00	£519.29	DD
21-Feb-26	C Landscapes Limited	Village Grass Cutting	£187.50	£0.00	£187.50	SO
24-Feb-26	BT	Office Broadband	£72.91	£14.58	£87.49	DD
24-Feb-26	Business Stream	Water - Silkstone Recreation Ground	£154.34	£0.00	£154.34	
16-Feb-26	British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£155.87	£7.79	£163.66	DD
28-Feb-26	Redacted	Pavilion Cleaning (£26 per week) x 5	£130.00	£0.00	£130.00	SO
28-Feb-26	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charges	£10.20	£0.00	£10.20	DD
26-Feb-26	EE	Office Telephone & Microsoft 365	£38.27	£7.66	£45.93	DD
01-Mar-26	Redacted	Salaries	£1,000.60	£0.00	£1,000.60	SO
01-Mar-26	Redacted	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	SO
01-Mar-26	Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00	SO
09-Feb-26	Huskar Community Rooms	Warm Welcome Room Hire	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	ONLINE
09-Feb-26	CARE Group	Grant Award	£266.24	£0.00	£266.24	ONLINE
09-Feb-26	Bothams Prestige	Football Pitch Marking	£100.00	£20.00	£120.00	ONLINE
09-Feb-26	Infinite Fire & Security		£60.00	£12.00	£72.00	ONLINE
17-Feb-26	SC Good Companions	Grant Award	£582.00	£0.00	£582.00	ONLINE
17-Feb-26	C Firth Limited	Repair & Maintenance	£370.00	£74.00	£444.00	ONLINE
17-Feb-26	Viking	Office Stationary	£38.03	£7.61	£45.64	ONLINE
Total invoices for payment			£5,750.69	£359.72	£6,110.41	

RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule dated 2nd March 2026.

25-147 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to note that no Grant Applications have been received.

25-148 DIGITAL IMAGES PROVIDER

RESOLVED to agree ad hoc purchase of images where required and agreed by the Clerk and Chair in accordance with Financial Regulations.

25-149 HANGING BASKETS

RESOLVED to note an update from the Clerk that there may be a potential supplier of hanging baskets for 2026, but discussions are still ongoing.

25-150 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE

1) A complaint has been received from a resident concerning an article published in the parish magazine without his permission.
2) Correspondence from the Constituency MP concerning Silkstone Common Recreation Ground.
3) Contact from two residents about January meeting minutes being missing from the Council website
4) A resident seeking permission to prune a bush on Council land.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence dealt with by the Clerk.

25-151 MEETINGS & CLERK UPDATE

Cllr Derek Liddell	YLCA Finance & Scrutiny.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Events Working Party, Media Working Party
Cllr Richard Leech	Warm Welcome events, Community litter pick and bin emptying, Defibrillator weekly Inspection, HCR Finance Meeting MP Caseworker meeting, Silkstone Common Community Hub meeting and Fire Door Contractor.
Cllr Debra Smith	None.
Cllr Janice Wake	Events Working Party
Cllr Peter Millar	Media Working Party
Cllr Jim Logan	Events Working Party
Clerk Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Defibrillator Weekly Checks undertaken.• Hanging Basket Enquiries• LGR – Town & parish Councils online seminar• PFAS technical training event

25-152 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The next Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 13th April 2026.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.45pm

Chair's Signature	Date
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