

MINUTES of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 11th May 2026** in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Meeting chaired by Cllr Meryl Liddell.

Councillors: Cllr Richard Leech, Cllr Jim Logan, Cllr Debra Smith, Cllr Peter Millar and Cllr Derek Liddell.

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Leech again reported that the gullies on Cone Lane and A628 need to be cleared of debris; he also said that the streetlights on The Cross were still unlit.

Cllr Leech said he has had another complaint from a resident about Footpath number 29 between Towngate and Manor Park as the steps are still dangerous. He also said that hedging and vegetation next to the play area on Manor Park was overgrown.

Cllr Smith said that there were areas in Orchard Wood that required repairing due to holes being dug causing a potential danger; the Clerk will organise filling in works.

Cllr M Liddell reported that Cllr Wake had asked to raise a few issues; parking was still an issue on Martin Croft, dog waste is a problem inside the play area on Martin Croft and also in the football play area off Broad Gates.

26-001 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr D Liddell proposed Cllr M Liddell as Chair, Seconded by Cllr Logan.

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands to elect Cllr Meryl Liddell as Chair for the forthcoming 12 months.

26-002 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Logan proposed Cllr Leech as Vice-Chair, Seconded by Cllr D Liddell.

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands to elect Cllr Richard Leech as Vice-Chair for the forthcoming 12 months.

26-003 APOLOGIES

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

26-004 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AS COUNCILLOR

RESOLVED to note that completed Registers of Interest were handed to the Clerk by all Members present.

26-005 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations of interest were made.

26-006 REGISTERS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note that completed Registers of Interest were handed to the Clerk by all Members present.

26-007 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of Silkstone Parish Council held on Monday 13th April 2026, as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Silkstone Parish Council held on Monday 27th April 2026, as a true and accurate record.

The Chair signed the minutes.

26-008 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2026/0278	Removal of attached side garage, raising of roof to create habitable space (including rear balcony) and erection of 2 storey front, side, and rear extensions (including integral garage) to dwelling at 29 Cone Lane, Silkstone Common, Barnsley, S75 4PU
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RESOLVED to make no comment.

2026/0289	Removal of existing single storey side extension, and erection of single storey front, side and rear extensions (incorporating integrated garage) and installation of new parking area to front of dwelling at 24 Manor Park, Silkstone, S75 4NE
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RESOLVED to make no comment.

2026/0339	Erection of single-storey rear extension and raised patio, front porch, new pitched roof to replace flat roof on side garage and widening of front drive to dwelling at 10 Whinmoor Way, Silkstone, S75 4JE
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RESOLVED to make no comment.

2026/0319	Erection of two-storey front and rear extensions, and single-storey side extension, including alterations to the roof form and external elevations to dwelling. External works to include new glazing, bi-fold doors and feature gable glazing, together with the use of natural stone and vertical cladding at Owl Croft, Royd Hill Farm, Cone Lane, Silkstone Common, S75 4PT
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RESOLVED to make no comment.

26-009 NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

RESOLVED to agree the nominations for Members to the various Committees and Working Parties subject to amendment when Cllr Wake and Cllr Bird have considered.

26-010 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES TO LOCAL GROUPS

RESOLVED to agree the nominations for Members to the various Local Groups subject to amendment when Cllr Wake and Cllr Bird have considered.

26-011 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2026-2030

RESOLVED to note the next meeting of the Business Development Plan Working Party will take place in the Sports Pavilion on 24th June 2026 at 7pm.

26-012 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2025/2026

RESOLVED to approve Section 1 and Section 2 of the Annual Governance statement for 2025/2026.

The Chair and Clerk signed the returns.

26-013 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2025/2026

RESOLVED to accept the Internal Audit Report for 2024/2025 and thank David Hughes for his time.

26-014 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

RESOLVED to agree the updated Schedule of payments by Direct Debit and Standing Order.

26-015 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Payment Type
11-May-26	Bothams Prestige	Grounds works - Sports Pitches	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
11-May-26	HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£899.02	£0.00	£899.02	SO
18-Apr-26	South Yorkshire Pensions	Redacted	£519.29	£0.00	£519.29	DD
21-Apr-26	C Landscapes Limited	Village Grass Cutting	£187.50	£0.00	£187.50	SO
25-Apr-26	BT	Office Broadband	£72.91	£14.58	£87.49	DD
30-Apr-26	British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£58.29	£2.91	£61.20	DD
30-Apr-26	British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£105.02	£5.25	£110.27	DD
30-Apr-26	Redacted	Pavilion Cleaning (£26 per week) x 5	£130.00	£0.00	£130.00	SO
03-May-26	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charges	£10.20	£0.00	£10.20	DD
03-May-26	EE	Office Telephone & Microsoft 365	£38.27	£7.66	£45.93	DD
01-May-26	Redacted	Salaries	£1,000.60	£0.00	£1,000.60	SO
01-May-26	Redacted	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	SO
01-May-26	Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00	SO
13-Apr-26	Silkstone Community Centre	Warm Welcome Sessions	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00	ONLINE
13-Apr-26	HMRC	Underpayment on National Insurance	£15.37	£0.00	£15.37	ONLINE
13-Apr-26	Redacted	Village Maintenance	£186.76	£0.00	£186.76	ONLINE
13-Apr-26	Viking	Office Administration	£76.64	£15.33	£91.97	ONLINE
24-Apr-28	Starboard Systems	Accountancy Software Suite	£612.00	£122.40	£734.40	ONLINE
24-Apr-26	Profell Tree Services	Woodland Maintenance	£1,320.00	£0.00	£1,320.00	ONLINE
24-Apr-26	Silkstone Common Hub	Grant Award	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	ONLINE
24-Apr-26	Insite Fire & Security	Alarm Monitoring	£24.00	£0.00	£24.00	ONLINE
24-Apr-26	YLCA	Annual Membership Fee	£882.00	£0.00	£882.00	ONLINE
24-Apr-26	Redacted	Administration of the Council	£5.65	£0.00	£5.65	ONLINE
29-Apr-26	ID Cards	Administration of the Council	£86.45	£17.29	£103.74	ONLINE
		Total invoices for payment	£7,956.39	£401.50	£8,357.89	

RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule dated 11th May 2026.

26-016 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to note that no grant applications have been received.

26-017 SILKSTONE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk explained that a potentially serious issue had taken place in the Huskar Community Rooms involving about a dozen youths from outside the parish who had entered the building whilst junior dance classes were taking place and refused to leave. The Police have been notified and have been granted access to CCTV.

Following the incident, a security assessment has been undertaken by the Council's preferred supplier who has provided recommendations including 'panic' buttons and remote response.

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Infinite Fire & Security for additional security measures in and around the Huskar Community Rooms.

RESOLVED to remove the side panels from the 'Youth Shelter' in Silkstone Recreation Ground to discourage potential anti-social behaviour.

26-018 CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA FEESIBILITY

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to proceed with obtaining feasibility reports and quotations for a young children's play area next to the MUGA and report back to Council in due course.

26-019 INVITATION TO TAKE PART IN RESEARCH

RESOLVED to note that Cllr Smith will respond to the questionnaire on behalf of Council. .

26-020 SUMMER BEDDING PLANTS FOR VILLAGES

RESOLVED to approve a spend of up to £500 for parish planting and ask the Clerk to raise Purchase Orders as required.

26-021 ALLOTMENTS SITE

RESOLVED to agree to the provision of a skip for use by allotment holders, subject to permission being obtained from the landowner.

26-022 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE & CLERK UPDATE

1) State of entrance to Silverwood – asking to identify owner.
2) Planning Enquiry in Silkstone Common
3) Enquiry about using Football Pitch

RESOLVED to note the correspondence dealt with by the Clerk.

26-023 ANNUAL PARISHIONERS' MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Annual Parishioners' Meeting will take place on Monday 8th June 2026 at 6.30pm in the Silkstone Common Methodist Chapel.

26-024 HANGING BASKETS 2026

RESOLVED to note the update from the Clerk that Licences will not be granted by Barnsley MBC Highways to any concrete lamp columns following survey by independent contractors, severely reducing the number of hanging baskets that will be displayed this year.

26-025 MEETINGS

Cllr Richard Leech	Huskar Community Rooms (Silkstone Community Centre), BMBC Ward Alliance, Contractor – Emergency Fire Door, Internal Audit, Community Litter Pick & Bins Emptying, Defibrillator Weekly Check, Contractor – HCR door replacement.
Cllr Derek Liddell	YLCA Joint Executive Board, South Yorkshire Community Foundation Grants.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Events Working Party.
Cllr Debra Smith	None.
Cllr Melvyn Bird	Not present.
Cllr Janice Wake	Not present.
Cllr Peter Millar	None.
Cllr Jim Logan	.Events Working Party.
Clerk Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allotments – two new holders onboarded.• Internal Audit preparation and inspection.• Annual Governance Report Completion.• Defibrillator Weekly Checks undertaken in Silkstone Common.• Community Litter Pick and Bins emptied.

26-026 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The next Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 1st June 2026.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.53pm

Chair's Signature	Date
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