

MINUTES of the MEETING of SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 14th September 2026 in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Meeting chaired by Cllr Meryl Liddell.

Councillors: Cllr Debra Smith, Cllr Jim Logan, Cllr Peter Millar, Cllr Melvyn Bird, and Cllr Derek Liddell.

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Logan said that many residents had raised concerns about security on Silkstone Recreation Ground following the unauthorised encampment next to the Huskar Community Rooms. He spent a long time reporting the matter to the Police on behalf of Council – the Clerk confirmed that a contractor had been asked to attend site and provide a quotation for remedial measures to address security.

Cllr Logan also reported that there are about 5 dead Sycamore trees on Whinmoor Lane some of which were in Silkstone parish.

Cllr Bird said that he had also been in contact with the Police about the encampment and anti-social behaviour.

26-061 APOLOGIES

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

26-062 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations of pecuniary interest were made.

26-063 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of Silkstone Parish Council held on Monday 6th July 2026, as a true and accurate record.

The Chair signed the minutes.

26-064 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2026/0080	Formation of dropped kerb to allow improved access onto drive at Hollybank, 37 Cone Lane, Silkstone Common, Barnsley, S75 4PX.
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RESOLVED to note that the Chair of the Planning Committee considered this application during recess and did not believe any comment was warranted.

2026/0616	Rebuilding of section of boundary wall and reinstatement of ground to former levels to dwelling at The Angel Inn Barn, High Street, Silkstone, Barnsley, S75 4FZ
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RESOLVED to make no comments.

26-065 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2026-2030

RESOLVED to approve the notes of the meeting of the Business Development Working Party and adopt the Business Development Plan 2026-2030.

RESOLVED to accept the recommendation of the Working Party.

26-066 EVENTS WORKING PARTY & AUTUMN FAYRE

RESOLVED to note that the Fayre takes place on Saturday 26th September at All Saints Church, Silkstone and Members are asked to attend if possible and assist with running the event.

26-067 SILKSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk explained that Council as a Corporate Body had been added as a Trustee in 2025 as an emergency measure following the departure of two Trustees.

Recently the Co-operative Bank have requested personal information of, initially the Chair of the Council and then personal information of each Parish Councillor. Despite arguments against the Bank would not accept that the Council acts as a Corporate Body and not individuals and have said that the account would be suspended.

RESOLVED to reluctantly ask the Clerk to contact the Treasurer and Trustees of Silkstone Community Centre and ask for Silkstone Parish Council to be removed as Trustee.

26-068 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Payment Type
17-Jul-26	South Yorkshire Pensions	Redacted	£332.42	£0.00	£332.42	DD
10-Jul-26	Bothams Prestige	Grounds Maintenance	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
10-Jul-26	HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£899.02	£0.00	£899.02	SO
20-Jul-26	C Landscapes Limited	Village Grass Cutting	£187.50	£0.00	£187.50	SO
27-Jul-26	BT	Office Broadband	£79.91	£15.98	£95.89	DD
20-Jul-26	British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£45.10	£2.26	£47.36	DD
27-Jul-26	British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£171.78	£8.59	£180.37	DD
31-Jul-26	Redacted	Pavilion Cleaning (£26 per week) x 5	£130.00	£0.00	£130.00	SO
31-Jul-26	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charges	£12.50	£0.00	£12.50	DD
30-Jul-26	EE	Office Telephone & Microsoft 365	£42.09	£8.42	£50.51	DD
03-Aug-26	Redacted	Salaries	£1,000.60	£0.00	£1,000.60	SO
03-Aug-26	Redacted	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	SO
03-Aug-26	Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00	SO
10-Jul-26	Bothams Prestige	Grounds Maintenance	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO
10-Jul-26	HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£899.02	£0.00	£899.02	SO
17-Aug-26	South Yorkshire Pensions	Redacted	£519.29	£0.00	£519.29	DD
20-Aug-26	C Landscapes Limited	Village Grass Cutting	£187.50	£0.00	£187.50	SO
27-Aug-26	BT	Office Broadband	£72.91	£14.58	£87.49	DD
20-Aug-26	British Gas	Pavilion Utilities	£46.92	£2.35	£49.27	DD
31-Aug-26	Redacted	Pavilion Cleaning (£26 per week) x 5	£130.00	£0.00	£130.00	SO
31-Aug-26	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charges	£12.50	£0.00	£12.50	DD
01-Sep-26	EE	Office Telephone & Microsoft 365	£42.09	£8.42	£50.51	DD
01-Sep-26	Redacted	Salaries	£1,000.60	£0.00	£1,000.60	SO
01-Sep-26	Redacted	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	SO
01-Sep-26	Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00	SO
08-Sep-26	PWLB	Public Works Loans Board	£6,744.18	£0.00	£6,744.18	SO
24-Aug-26	Scottish Water	Pavilion Water	£248.74	£0.00	£248.74	DD
08-Sep-26	Scottish Water	Allotments Water	£289.43	£0.00	£289.43	DD
10-Jul-26	Viking	Bin Bags	£30.99	£6.20	£37.19	ONLINE
10-Jul-26	Lightmain Company	Recreation Ground Works - MUGA	£1,733.33	£346.67	£2,080.00	ONLINE
10-Jul-26	Groundtech	Skip for Pavilion	£330.00	£66.00	£396.00	ONLINE
10-Jul-26	Redacted	Office Stationary	£100.95	£20.19	£121.14	ONLINE
15-Jul-26	ACE Ltd	Defibrillator Installation	£614.44	£122.89	£737.33	ONLINE
15-Jul-26	ICE Services	Pavilion Showers & Boiler Works	£560.62	£112.12	£672.74	ONLINE
15-Jul-26	Defib World	Defibrillator Pads	£137.99	£0.00	£137.99	ONLINE
30-Jul-26	Redacted	Allotment Skip Hire Costs	£26.97	£0.00	£26.97	ONLINE
30-Jul-26	Redacted	Cleaning Equipment for Pavilion	£139.51	£0.00	£139.51	ONLINE
30-Jul-26	Redacted	Village Maintenance	£17.00	£0.00	£17.00	ONLINE
30-Jul-26	Redacted	Confidential Waste	£65.00	£0.00	£65.00	ONLINE
06-Aug-26	Profel	Tree Works in QEJG	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	ONLINE
06-Aug-26	Richard Lunn	Floor Covering Cleaning	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00	ONLINE
06-Aug-26	Defib World	Defibrillator Battery	£251.99	£0.00	£251.99	ONLINE
14-Aug-26	Transition Landscaping	Fence in Recreation Ground	£3,430.00	£686.00	£4,116.00	ONLINE
14-Aug-26	Defib World	Defibrillator Battery	£215.99	£0.00	£215.99	ONLINE
14-Aug-26	Redacted	Autumn Fayre Banners	£112.96	£0.00	£112.96	ONLINE
24-Aug-26	Redacted	Office Software Licence	£41.66	£8.33	£49.99	ONLINE
24-Aug-26	Jason Wade	Pavilion Decorating	£1,020.00	£0.00	£1,020.00	ONLINE
28-Aug-26	Redacted	Newsletter Delivery	£130.00	£0.00	£130.00	ONLINE
28-Aug-26	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£420.00	£84.00	£504.00	ONLINE
28-Aug-26	Redacted	Newsletter Delivery	£130.00	£0.00	£130.00	ONLINE
28-Aug-26	Huskare Community Rooms	Room Hire	£90.00	£0.00	£90.00	ONLINE
28-Aug-26	Redacted	Recreation Ground Works - Football	£42.37	£0.00	£42.37	ONLINE
01-Sep-26	Minder Security	Annual Alarm Maintenance	£102.00	£0.00	£102.00	ONLINE
01-Sep-26	Strident	Speed Indicator Device Batteries	£131.43	£26.29	£157.72	ONLINE
Total invoices for payment			£25,832.14	£1,971.45	£27,803.59	

RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule dated 14th September 2026.

26-069 INSURANCE RENEWAL 2026

RESOLVED to accept renewal terms as presented within the scope of the Long-Term Agreement.

26-070 SILKSTONE COMMUNITY HUB NOTICEBOARD

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to arrange for a new Noticeboard to be ordered and installed at Silkstone Common Methodist Chapel in line with the Quotation provided.

26-071 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to provide a grant of £500 to the Tuesday Club to assist with room hire costs at Silkstone Community Hub using power under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED to provide a grant of £945 to Silkstone Dynamos Junior Football Club towards new matchday kit and training tops using the Sports Community Fund in Earmarked Reserves.

26-072 CONCLUSION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLVED to note that the external auditor has completed the review of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for year ended 31st March 2026 and issued the Certificate of compliance and made no comments.

26-073 NJC NATIONAL SALARY AWARD

RESOLVED to note the National Salary Award of 3.3% for the employee of the Council and new pay scales backdated to 1st April 2026.

26-074 SILKSTONE RECREATION GROUND

RESOLVED to approve a budget of up to £2,000 plus VAT towards physical security measures on Silkstone Recreation Ground to prevent unauthorised access.

26-075 CARE AGM

RESOLVED to note that the AGM of Silkstone CARE Group will be held in Silkstone Sports Pavilion on 19th October 2026.

26-076 PROPOSED NEW CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

RESOLVED to increase the Earmarked Reservice to £50,000 for the Project and ask the Clerk to obtain quotations.

26-077 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE & CLERK UPDATE

1) Local Resident engaged with BMBC Highways to get vegetation cut and potholes filed during the closure of Cone Lane.
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RESOLVED to note the correspondence dealt with by the Clerk.

26-078 REMEMBRANCE PARADE

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to apply to Barnsley MBC for a Road Closure of Martin Croft on Sunday 8th November 2026 for the annual Remembrance Parade.

26-079 MEETINGS

Cllr Richard Leech	Not present.
Cllr Derek Liddell	Attended YLCA Yorkshire Day celebrations, YLCA Personnel & Finance Scrutiny meetings, Warm Welcome events, Business Development Plan Working Party attended Gunthwaite & Inbircworth Parish Council meeting by invitation.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Attended YLCA Yorkshire Day celebrations, Events Working Party. Business Development Plan Working Party.
Cllr Debra Smith	Business Development Plan Working Party.
Cllr Melvyn Bird	None.
Cllr Janice Wake	Not present.
Cllr Peter Millar	None.
Cllr Jim Logan	.Events Working Party.
Clerk Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BMBC Planning Drop-in session at Town Hall.• Defibrillator Weekly Checks undertaken.• Community Litter Pick and Bins emptied.• Clean up of unauthorised encampment on Silkstone Recreation Ground.• Annual Burglar Alarm survey at the Sports Pavilion.

26-080 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The next Meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 5th October 2026.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.44pm

Chair's Signature	Date
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