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

PRESENT

Meeting chaired by Cllr Meryl Liddell.

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

Also present: Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer: Richard Bell, Cllr John Roberts (BMBC).

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Leech reported that the footpath and steps from Towngate to Maor Park had still not being repaired.

He also said that the hedge next to number 98 Manor Park was severely overgrown and obstructing the footpath.

One of the picnic benches that had been moved without permission had now been partially destroyed.

Silkstone United Cricket Club have reported problems with the roller shutter at the rear of the Pavilion.

Cllr Logan reported that the dead trees on Whinmoor Lane were still present.

Cllr Smith reported that the street lights were out for almost half the length of Cone Lane.

26-081 APOLOGIES

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

26-082 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations of pecuniary interest were made.

26-083 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of Silkstone Parish Council held on Monday 14th September 2026 as a true and accurate record.

The Chair signed the minutes.

26-084 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to note that no planning applications have been received prior to the commencement of the meeting.

26-085 PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

RESOLVED to accept updates to the following policies :-

(a) Retention of Documents policy
(b) Published Information policy.
(c) Risk Management Policy
(d) Risk Assessments

26-086 STAFFING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to ask Members to complete feedback form for the Clerk's appraisal which will be circulated by email.

26-087 FINANCE REPORT END OF QUARTER TWO FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027

RESOLVED to agree the Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitor for the period 1st April to 30th September 2026.

26-088 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total
01.09.2026	EE	Office Mobile	£29.57	£5.92	£35.49
01.09.2026	EE	Office Mobile	£12.52	£2.50	£15.02
28.09.2026	EE	Office Mobile	£12.52	£2.50	£15.02
01.09.2026	Redacted	Salary	£1,000.60	£0.00	£1,000.60
01.09.2026	Redacted	Office Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00
28.09.2026	Redacted	Backpay	£193.80	£0.00	£193.80
28.09.2026	Redacted	Train travel	£5.20	£0.00	£5.20
01.09.2026	Expert Water Services	Legionella	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00
01.09.2026	Minder Security	Pavilon Alarm	£102.00	£0.00	£102.00
01.09.2026	Strident Innovations Limited	SID Batteries	£131.43	£26.29	£157.72
08.09.2026	Public Works Loan Board (PWLB)	Load Repayment	£6,744.18	£0.00	£6,744.18
08.09.2026	Business Stream	Water	£289.43	£0.00	£289.43
10.09.2026	Botham's Prestige	Grounds Maintenance	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50
10.09.2026	HMRC	Tax &NI	£899.02	£0.00	£899.02
28.09.2026	HMRC	Tax & NI	£140.28	£0.00	£140.28
17.09.2026	BOS Office Supplies Group Ltd.	Newsletter	£880.00	£0.00	£880.00
17.09.2026	Tuesday Club	S137 Grant	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
17.09.2026	Huskar Community Rooms	Hire of Room	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00
17.09.2026	Infinite fire & security	Fire Alarm	£130.00	£26.00	£156.00
17.09.2026	Clear Insurance	Insurance Policy	£2,357.96	£0.00	£2,357.96
17.09.2026	Redacted	Benches	£52.00	£0.00	£52.00
17.09.2026	Silkstone Dynamos JFC	Earmarked Reserves	£945.00	£0.00	£945.00
18.09.2026	South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	Pension	£332.42	£0.00	£332.42
21.09.2026	British Gas	Utility	£35.77	£1.79	£37.56
29.09.2026	British Gas	Utility	£299.41	£14.97	£314.38
21.09.2026	C Landscapes Ltd	Villages Maintenance	£187.50	£0.00	£187.50
25.09.2026	BT	Broadband	£79.91	£15.98	£95.89
27.09.2026	Redacted	Pavilion Cleaning	£104.00	£0.00	£104.00
28.09.2026	All Saints Silkstone	Donation	£460.10	£0.00	£460.10
30.09.2026	Unity Trust Bank plc	Bank Charges	£11.20	£0.00	£11.20

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

26-089 HERITAGE WALKS INFORMATION BOARD

RESOLVED to agree to fund a replacement board on Hillside, Silkstone and ask the Clerk to source and order using Best Value principles.

26-090 GRANT APPLICATIONS

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

26-091 AUTUMN FAYRE 2026

RESOLVED to note that £460.10 was raised by the raffle and stall holder donations which was donated to the All-Saints Restoration Fund. It was further noted that the Cutler Café raised and additional £650.00.

26-092 PAVILION INSULATION

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to seek alternative quotations and proceed on the basis of the most competitive price.

26-093 PROPOSED NEW CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to seek alternative quotations and present a report back to Council with recommendations.

26-094 CHRISTMAS TREE 2026

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to purchase solar powered lights for the Christmas Tree in Silkstone Common and arrange for a contractor to dress the tree in accordance with the previous Resolution of Council.

26-095 HANGING BASKETS 2027

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to seek a Licence from Barnsley MBC Highways for the installation of Hanging Baskets and order an initial 40 baskets with the option to increase to the 2025 number of 54 if Licences can be agreed.

26-096 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE

1) Local Resident reported split tree branch in Orchard Wood.
2) Contact from National Trust regarding Christmas Tree lights.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence dealt with by the Clerk.

26-097 REMEMBRANCE PARADE

RESOLVED to note the Parade will take place on Sunday 8th November with Cllr Richard Leech laying the wreath on behalf of Silkstone Parish Council.

26-098 MEETINGS

Cllr Richard Leech	Warm Welcome, Insulation Contractor, weekly Defibrillator chess in Silkstone, Community litter pick and empties bins in Recreation Ground, YLCA Talking Table training workshop, repaired Pavilion lock.
Cllr Derek Liddell	Various YLCA Committee and Training meetings.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Autumn Fayre.
Cllr Debra Smith	None.
Cllr Melvyn Bird	Not present.
Cllr Janice Wake	Not present.
Cllr Peter Millar	Not present.
Cllr Jim Logan	.Autumn Fayre.
Clerk Update	• Local Government Review workshop. • Defibrillator Weekly Checks undertaken. • Community Litter Pick and Bins emptied. • Insulation Contractor. • Meeting at War Memorial with Canon and Parade Master to discuss Remembrance Parade.

26-099 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

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

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.37pm

Chair's Signature	Date