

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 8 January 2018** at Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Chair: Cllr Meryl Liddell

Councillors: Richard Bell, Andrew Browell, Derek Liddell, Debra Smith, Ron Stier, Alan Thompson (following co-option) and Chrissie Yates.

In attendance: 1 resident and 2 co-option candidates.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The resident a Neighbourhood Watch organiser advised on the crime figures for the Parish for 2017 as follows:

Crime	Silkstone Common	Silkstone
Burglary dwelling	7	3
Attempted burglary	2	0
Burglary other (sheds and garages)	3	4
Motor Vehicle burglary	6	3
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	1
Damage to Motor Vehicle	3	3

It was noted with pleasure that Jim Travis has been awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) in the Queen's new year's honours list. The Clerk will send a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Stier reported an e-mail from ward Cllr John Wilson confirming that Silkstone and Silkstone Common are smoke free zones.

Cllr Stier reported that a few residents had asked him about the removal of a large conifer tree at Viewlands, Silkstone Common. Cllr Stier researched and found that the tree had been removed by a tree surgeon with authority from Berneslai homes who removed the tree as it was close to telegraph pole wires.

Cllr Stier highlighted that the Barnsley MBC bin collection calendars usually distributed to all homes will cease for 2018. The current list is up to end of January 18. The new calendar can be

viewed on the Barnsley MBC website later this month. It was agreed that the document should be downloaded and included in the Parish newsletter.

Cllr Stier advised that the electronic display at Silkstone Common train station has been removed and that a new ticket machine is currently being installed. He expressed concern that the ticket machine does not provide concessionary tickets. The Clerk has e-mailed the station manager to ask why the machine does not allow for concessions and seeking confirmation that concessionary travellers will still be able to purchase tickets on the train.

Cllr Liddell advised that at the last SY branch meeting the group were advised that a rail contact specifically to keep Parish Councils up to date with rail and station changes was to be set up – he will check and advise the Clerk.

17-137 APOLOGIES - NONE

17-138 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – NONE

17-139 CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR

Following information interviews with each candidate it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Alan Thompson onto Silkstone Parish Council. He signed a declaration of acceptance of office which was also signed by the Clerk and was handed summary information about the Parish Council along with a register of interests document to return to Barnsley MBC. The Chair welcomed Alan to the Parish Council and all members introduced themselves.

17-140 PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council's meeting held on Monday 4 December 17 as a true and accurate record. Amendment made to minute number 17-125.

17-141 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact the Planning department to enquire about the status of the Viewlands application that went to appeal and will also check on the status of the application for the land adjacent to the waggon way in Silkstone and will advise members.

17-142 SILKSTONE RECREATION GROUND

a. Picnic Orchard

RESOLVED to note that Tesco have advised that there will be a delay in the application process for the picnic benches grant application with a decision delayed to as late as June 18. Considering this it was agreed that a further grant application will be progressed in addition to the Tesco application.

Cllr Alan Thompson agreed to research potential grant funders for this work.

b. Gas & Electric Supplier update

RESOLVED to note that a review of the gas and electric supplier has been undertaken by energy advice line and a new contract set up with EON (the existing supplier) for the Pavilion gas and electric.

c. Health & Safety

RESOLVED to note that legionella monitoring at the Pavilion continues monthly with no issues to report. The electrician has been asked to check the smoke alarm and disabled toilet alarm which were not working correctly at the time of the last H&S check.

17-143 DEFIBRILLATORS

RESOLVED to note that 30 residents have booked onto the defibrillator awareness session tomorrow evening at the Silkstone Common Methodist Church. The orders have been placed for the 2 defibrillator units and delivery is awaited. As soon as the units are received the Clerk will arrange for an electrician to install them.

17-144 DRAFT BUDGET 2018/2019

RESOLVED to approve the draft budget for 2018/2019 with a 2% increase on the precept. The Clerk will issue the precept demand for a total of £76,500 to Barnsley MBC which will include an element of council tax support grant which Barnsley MBC will calculate.

17-145 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED to approve the invoices for payment schedule dated 8 January 18 summarised below:

Payee	Description	Total	Cheque/DD/SO
Paid in between meetings Handyman	Maintenance November 17	380.00	301332
To be paid 8 January 18 Co-op bank	Charge card fee	2.00	charge card (Nov 17)
KDA Tudor Environmental	Pavilion consumables New wheelie bin enclosure for car park	11.28 214.40	charge card (Dec 17)
Post Office Co-op bank	Stamps Card fee	38.00 2.00	
EON	Pavilion electric bill Dec 17	50.17	DD
EON	Pavilion gas bill Dec 17	77.33	DD

Yorkshire Water	Allotments water bill	41.86	301333
Expert Water Services	Legionella monitoring Dec 17	54.00	301334
Nicholson Roberts	Repairs to entrance door at Huskar rooms	601.50	301335
Parish Clerk	Salary December 17	1,100.00 65.46	SO 301336
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI December 17	226.04	301337
SY Pensions Authority	Pensions December 17	270.5	301338
Bothams Prestige	Maintenance December 17	1,230.50	301339
	Totals	4,365.04	

Totals include VAT where applicable

17-146 MEETINGS

Cllr Derek Liddell	YLCA Finance & General Purposes Committee
Cllr Ron Stier	Silkstone Common Good Companions. CARE assessment/presentation with the Deputy Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, regarding the next step in the Queens Award for Voluntary Service application.
Cllr Richard Leech	CARE assessment/presentation with the Deputy Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, regarding the next step in the Queens Award for Voluntary Service application Ward Alliance meeting later this month.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	CARE assessment/presentation with the Deputy Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, regarding the next step in the Queens Award for Voluntary Service application

17-147 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE

Clerk & Councils Direct	Handed to Derek Liddell
e-mail from a Silkstone resident regarding off road cycling causing damage to	Agreed to forward to Cannon Hall Estates agents.

Cannon Hall estates wood.	
Confirmation of reason for removal of grit bin on Guest lane	Noted. Information to be forwarded to residents who raised concerns.
Letter from resident regarding South Yorkshire Buildings 150-year anniversary	Parish Council will contact street lighting to find out when the street lights in the area are due for re-newal. The Parish Council have attempted to assist the residents of SY buildings in the past to improve the unadopted roads of the area but support was needed from every home owner in SY buildings and this was not possible. The Parish Council are unable to assist with any highways issues in this location and the resident is to be asked to contact Barnsley MBC highways department to address issues relating to emergency vehicle access.

17-148 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

RESOLVED to include agenda items for GDPR and for a winter gritting policy.

17-149 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held on 5 February 18 at Silkstone Sports Pavilion commencing at 6.45pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.29 pm

Chair's Signature	Date