

DRAFT MINUTES of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 1 October 2018** at Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Meeting Chaired by: Cllr Meryl Liddell

Councillors: Richard Bell, Richard Leech, Derek Liddell, Debra Smith, Ron Stier, Alan Thompson and Chrissie Yates.

In attendance: Parish Clerk and Barnsley Chronicle reporter.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

As no residents were present at the meeting the Chair invited councillors to give reports.

Cllr Bell reported that Network Rail will be removing vegetation along the railway line between 11-30pm -7.30am at weekends on a 9 mile stretch of track. Members noted with thanks that Network Rail have advised residents by letter of this proposed work.

Cllr Leech reported that some gullies on the A628 are still blocked. It was noted that Barnsley MBC have advised that the A628 gullies clearance has been programmed by highways but that due to workload this will not be until March 2019. He also advised that some of the steps on the path through the wood from Towngate to Manor Park need repair again – clerk to advise public rights of way officer. The ivy reported as overgrowing the footpath at Beacon Close at the last meeting has not been cut back.

Cllr Stier advised that he had been told motorbikes are arriving on trailers at the wood opposite Pot House Hamlet. Mountain bikes are also still using the wood for off road mountain biking. The clerk has previously advised Cannon Hall estates' land agent who agreed to address the problem. He also advised that the dumped propane bottles along the footpath at Knabbs Hall, reported at a previous meeting have still not been removed. Clerk to chase Barnsley MBC for them to be removed.

Cllr Thompson reported on the ongoing issues with anti-social behaviour on Martin Croft, Silkstone. The Berneslai Homes housing officer is aware and is dealing with the issues in liaison with the police.

18-086 APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to note apologies and accept reasons for absence from Cllr Andrew Browell.

18-087 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

18-088 CLERK RESIGNATION

RESOLVED to bring forward an item of correspondence from agenda item 15.

RESOLVED to note the resignation of the Clerk & RFO Mrs Karen Canadine. It was noted that her employment will cease on 31 October 18 with her last working day being 26 October 18. Members thanked Karen for her work with the parish council over the last 11 years and wished her well.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a meeting of the Staffing Committee will be held on Tuesday 9 October 18 at 7pm at the Silkstone Sports Pavilion to agree the recruitment process and documents necessary to advertise the vacant post.

18-089 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3 September 18 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

Updates from the minutes:

Overgrown hedge at vacant property on Woodland View - Clerk will contact Barnsley MBC as contact with estate agent did not progress this safety issue.

18-090 PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATIONS

RESOLVED to note correspondence from Barnsley MBC relating to a request for parish council to consider planning applications by electronic consultation only. Silkstone Parish Council do not have the facility to display electronic planning applications at parish council meetings i.e. no overhead projector or screen. Presently the parish council budget would not allow for the purchase of such equipment and due to the number of applications received this would not be a cost-effective option at present. Planning explorer is an inconsistent tool for planning application searches so could not be relied on at a council meeting.

18-091 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FROM BARNSELY MBC – None received

18-092 POLICY REVIEW DATES SCHEDULE

RESOLVED that members will consider which policies they could review – allocations to be agreed at the November meeting so that all policies can be reviewed before January 19. It was particularly noted that the Risk Assessments and Risk Assessment policy must be reviewed before the end of March to ensure a review has taken place during the financial year.

18-093 WINTER WEATHER MAINTENANCE POLICY WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED that Cllrs Meryl Liddell, Richard Leech, Richard Bell and Alan Thompson will form the working party and will meet on Wednesday 10 October to discuss the policy for winter 18/19.

18-094 BARNSELEY MBC BINS AUDIT

RESOLVED to note that following e-mail consultation with councillors, a response was issued to Barnsley MBC relating to the bins audit for Silkstone and Silkstone Common.

18-095 SILKSTONE PAVILION & RECREATION GROUND

a. Youth Shelter

RESOLVED to defer a decision relating to refurbishment or removal of the youth shelter for 6 months.

b. PAT Testing & FFE

RESOLVED to defer to the November meeting.

c. Health & Safety

Cllr Stier reported that the electrical work required to lights and the emergency lights, at the pavilion has been completed today.

18-096 HUSKAR 180 GRANT AWARD

RESOLVED to note that the pre-approved grant of £400 for the Huskar 180 commemorations was not required in full. Cllr Thompson will issue receipts to the clerk for expenditure so that a payment can be made at the November meeting.

18-097 WW1 ARMISTICE COMMEMORATION

RESOLVED to note a grant application for the purchase of 26 perspex plaques from There But Not There, to remember the 26 men from the parish that gave their lives in WW1. The grant application was denied since the group do not have their own bank account. However, the parish council will purchase the plaques direct at a cost of £10 each plus vat. The plaques will be displayed in All Saints Church, Silkstone.

RESOLVED that the parish council will also purchase 2 oak trees from Tree2mydoor at a cost of £66.66 + vat each. One tree to be planted in The Chestnuts, Silkstone, and one in Orchard Wood, Silkstone Common near the memorial in the meadow. Cllr Bell will liaise with CARE to organise planting of the trees. Plaques for the trees will be ordered from Signs Xtra.

18-098 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED to approve the invoices for payment schedules dated 1 October 18 as follows:

Payment to	Description	Total excl. VAT	Cheque/DD/SO
<u>Paid in between meetings</u> Handyman	September 18 maintenance	270.00	301439
Zurich Municipal	Insurance Renewal 2018/2019	2,347.99	301440
YLCA	Annual conference	115.00	301441
To be paid 1 October 18 Barnsley MBC	Extra for larger bin (to be recharged to cricket club)	65.60	301442
Expert Water Services	Legionella monitoring July 18	45.00	301442
Expert Water Services	Legionella monitoring Sept 18	45.00	
Employee costs	Employee wages, HMRC tax & NI & SY Pensions	1,862.73	SO, 301444,301445, 301446,301448, 301449 & 301451
Yorkshire Water	Allotments water bill	184.37	301447
Botham's prestige	Villages & SRG maintenance	1,065.42	301450
Microsoft office	Microsoft office renewal	49.99	Charge card
Post office	Stamps	58.00	
Co-op bank	charge card	2.00	
	Total excl VAT	£6,111.10	

18-099 SILKSTONE BAND – WATERFORD PLAQUE

RESOLVED to note that during attendance at an Old Silkstone Band rehearsal, the chair as representative of the parish of Silkstone was presented with a crystal plaque from Waterford. The plaque will be displayed around the parish starting with The Station Inn, Silkstone Common. The plaque will be added to the asset register.

18-100 MEETINGS

Richard Leech	Huskar Community rooms committee meeting – all going well. HCR Committee currently looking at funding for ventilation improvements to the building. Many diverse user groups use the facility. Ward alliance meeting – Penistone East & West ward alliance are the most successful in the borough. CARE annual meeting – reported on CARE Duke of York award and
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	Queen's award for voluntary service. The latter will be awarded by the Lord Lieutenant at a presentation soon – date to be confirmed.
Richard Bell	War Memorials Trust workshop where he gave a presentation.
Alan Thompson	Liaison with residents at Martin Croft regarding anti-social behavior issues
Derek Liddell	7 Sept – YLCA Finance & General Purposes Committee 11 September – NALC Management board 19 September – Crowd funding workshop 23 September – Rehearsal of Old Silkstone Band and presentation 25 September – London NALC conference for smaller councils 27 September – joint meeting with NALC and SLCC 28 September – South Staffordshire parish summit keynote speaker 1 October – NALC Chair/Vice Chair meeting
Ron Stier	CARE Annual meeting
Meryl Liddell	23 September – Old Silkstone Band Meeting with Clerk & Richard Leech following Clerks resignation to discuss practicalities of interim period between clerks and recruitment process.

18-101 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence:

Royal Mail – information relating to scam mail – to be posted on Facebook
CARE programme – to be uploaded to website
Berneslai Homes meeting & walkabouts – Alan Thompson to attend
Parish Council Charter – e-mail noted and agenda item to be included in November to review
Barnsley MBC bin audit – circulated in between meetings for councillors' comments and response issued
Resident's letter regarding abandoned cars in SY Buildings - Members asked Clerk to forward to Ward Councillor for comment since parish council has no powers in this area.
Penistone line partnership newsletter issued to all councillors

18- 102 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held on 5 November 2018 at Silkstone Sports Pavilion commencing at 6.45pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Chair's Signature	Date