

**MINUTES of the MEETING of SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 at Silkstone Sports Pavilion.**

**PRESENT**

**Meeting Chaired by:** Cllr Meryl Liddell.

**Councillors:** Richard Leech, Derek Liddell, Debra Smith, Ron Stier, and Alan Thompson.

In attendance: 7 residents. Apologies from Barnsley Chronicle reporter for absence.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Resident raised the issue of drivers exceeding the speed limit throughout the Parish; Cllr M Liddell shared the concerns and repeated the commitment to do everything the Parish Council can to address the issue; despite the disappointing and unsatisfactory findings of the traffic speed assessment by BMBC outside the co-operative store on the A628.

A separate resident raised issues about the seemingly unauthorised digging and creation of bike jumps. Cllr Leech said that this had been reported previously to Cannon Hall Estates as owners of the land but that the Clerk would report it again.

Cllr Thompson reported that there are continuing problems with the garages on Martin Croft and also there was a deterioration of the road surface halfway up at the turning point and will obtain photographs for reporting to BMBC Highways.

Cllr Stier again reported overhanging hedges intruding upon the highway at numbers 1, 3, 5 & 8 Moorend Lane. Cllr Stier also raised continuing concerns about the new Royal Mail post-box which has now been opened but has no collection times. The Clerk posted a letter to himself two weeks ago which has just arrived which may suggest post is now being collected. The complaint to Royal Mail remains open.

A further report from Cllr Stier was in relation to the footpath from Hill Top Cottages to Cone Lane, which is heavily overgrown. Cllr Leech through the Chair suggested that the Clerk contact TWIGS for assistance as too big for CARE to tackle. Cllr Stier reported blocked gullies on Moorend Lane near the Huskar Memorial in Silkstone Common.

Cllr Leech again raised concerns about blocked gullies on the A628 and Cone Lane. He also advised that a chestnut tree behind the bus stop on A628 Silkstone Cross is still showing signs of disease, and although it has been reported to BMBC it has since deteriorated. Cllr Leech also updated the situation with streetlights being inoperative around The Cross, which has been reported to BMBC, whilst one has been repaired others are still inoperative.

Still road sign issues at the top of Cone Lane at the railway bridge as the 'height warning' sign is missing. Also, the bins at the bottom of Cone Lane and half way up have not been emptied and rubbish including dog waste is overflowing.

Cllr M Liddell reported the village sign coming from Dodworth into Silkstone requires cleaning as it is extremely dirty.

## 19-048 APOLOGIES

**RESOLVED** to note apologies from Cllr D Liddell on NALC business. No other apologies received.

## 19-049 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**RESOLVED** to note a declaration of interest from Cllr Smith regarding Item 9.

## 19-050 MINUTES

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

Matters arising - Cllr Smith asked if there had been developments in relation to the 'scalpings' on the Waggonway. Clerk to visit the site and report.

## 19-051 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FROM BARNSELEY MBC

2019/0231	Reserved matters Application for Erection of 3 dwellings/associated car parking/garages/landscaping (Outline Application Ref 2017/1164) Land adjacent to Glebe Farm, Silkstone.
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**RESOLVED** to set aside Standing Orders at 19:04 to enable the Public to contribute.

Cllr Leech unhappy that BMBC planning do not seem to have taken on board concerns previously stated when the initial application was made. The proposed 6-bedroom properties with a garage and 2 allocated parking spaces will cause major issues with parking. What about deliveries, workmen, visitors etc. The road adjacent to the proposed development is naturally a fast one, sloping down towards the Potting Shed Hamlet and newly tarmacked; visibility will be an issue.

Cllr M Liddell reminded the residents that the Parish Council only effectively get 'one vote' so everyone who objects also gets 'one vote' – does anyone have anything to add that has not already been said?

Residents are concerned that the size of the proposed properties will mean that they "tower over the bungalows" on Fall View and that there will be issues with light and privacy. Cllr Barnard said that he was aware of residents' views and that he had visited them.

A resident read an extract from the Parish Council Village Design statement; Cllr M Liddell reminded everyone that the statement was only "supplementary" to planning and not binding. Cllr M Liddell explained that the Parish Council had been trying to engage Parishioners to become involved in creating a 'Neighbourhood Plan' which would make a real difference; Planning Officers would have a legal obligation to consider the Neighbourhood Plan during planning applications. Residents present gave their contact details in order to become involved going forward.

Any objection needs to include the points raised relating to the use of Leilani hedging, loss of enjoyment of light and compromised privacy.

Councillors unanimously agreed a proposal by Cllr M Liddell that the Parish Council writes to the Planning Officer expressing the concerns of the Council and Residents.

**RESOLVED** to resume Standing Orders at 19:31.

Cllr Leech reported that he had visited the Planning Explorer site for BMBC and there were several planning applications not included in the Agenda. The Clerk explained that following a consultation BMBC had decided to cease the practice of sending our paper copies of planning applications with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. However, the Clerk would be emailed to confirm that new applications had been made and could be viewed via the Planning Explorer. Cllr Leech stated that he thought it was not in the best interests of Parish Councillors, some of whom do not use email.

The applications in question were, however, all made prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April, The Clerk confirmed that no paper copies or emails had been received.

The Planning Applications are: -

Reference	Description	Site Address	Validated Date	Decision	Status
2019/0329	Erection of a single storey rear extension, raised decking and alterations to the roof	22 Fall View, Silkstone, Barnsley, S75 4LG	19 March 2019	Under Consideration	Registered
2019/0308	Demolition of existing lean-to and erection of single storey extension (Listed Building Consent)	Woolley Manor Farm Cottage, Blacker Green Lane, Silkstone, Barnsley, S75 4NF	15 March 2019	Under Consideration	Registered
2019/0325	Demolition of existing lean-to and erection of single storey extension	Woolley Manor Farm Cottage, Blacker Green Lane, Silkstone, Barnsley, S75 4NF	14 March 2019	Under Consideration	Registered

**RESOLVED** to record "no comment".

Clerk to contact Planning at Barnsley MBC to ensure alerts are received on new planning cases.

## 19-052 SILKSTONE PAVILION & RECREATION GROUND

### Pavilion and Recreation Ground Health & Safety issues

**RESOLVED** to note that the wall heater in Changing Room 2 require immediate attention by a plumber. It is inoperative and requires replacement and the entire water system drained. The lower floor radiators are still slow to heat up. Clerk to action.

Also, an issue with the double glazed window overlooking the cricket pitch which is deteriorating and may need repair or replacement. The gap between the Pavilion and concrete base on cricket side seems to be widening. Cllr M Liddell to contact Patrick Smith.

Cllr Stier reported that the monthly Legionella monitoring had taken place. Also reported were issues with waste being put into the Parish Council bin, which may be from the Co-op store.

### 19-053 Silkstone Playing Fields Committee Constitution

Members are asked to approve the proposed new Constitution. Cllr M Liddell asked what changes there were from the previous Constitution; Cllr Leech confirmed that the changes were mainly administrative and bringing the wording up to date.

Cllr Thompson suggested that at paragraph 4. 1 the wording be amended to: -

*“The quorum shall be a minimum of any three representatives; one of whom should be a Member of the Parish Council.”*

**RESOLVED** to accept the new Constitution including the above amendment.

### 19-054 SUMMER FAIR 2019.

**RESOLVED** to note a verbal update from the Clerk; progress is being made and a small number of residents are actively involved in the planning. However, more support is required. Next Meeting to be held at the Silkstone Sports Pavilion on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

### 19-055 GREAT WAR COMMEMORATION PLAQUES.

**RESOLVED** to note the verbal update from the Clerk and seek two additional quotations for supply of stone plinths.

### 19-056 YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION.

**RESOLVED** to approve membership renewal for 2019 at a cost of £729.00.

### 19-057 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Invoice number	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Cheque number
<b>Paid in between meetings</b>							
08-Mar-19		Parish Clerk	Village Maintenance - Wheelbarrow	29.15	5.85	34.98	301559
08-Mar-19	229	MD Pest Control	Mole Eradication	100.00	0.00	100.00	301560
19-Mar-19		N/A	VOID CHEQUE	0	0	0	301561
19-Mar-19		Parish Clerk	GBSC Equipment	67.25	13.45	80.70	301562
18-Mar-19	H16E36F29F	Eon	Pavillion Electricity	50.33	2.52	52.85	DD
18-Mar-19	H16E34104A	Eon	Pavillion Gas	110.37	5.52	115.89	DD
		Parish Clerk	Office Allowance	40.00	0.00	40.00	301563
			Office Mobile Telephone	10.00	0.00	10.00	301563
		60 miles @ 45p per mile	Travelling to YLCA Training Event DN4 9UX	27.00	0.00	27.00	301563
			Cash Box	9.95	0.00	9.95	301563
			Postage Fee	2.00	0.00	2.00	301563
			<b>Total £88.95</b>				301563
	82266	Viking	Clerk Office Filing Cabinet & Sationary	79.43	15.89	95.32	301564
	92701	Viking	Pavillion Filing Cabinet	129.00	25.80	154.80	301565
	3002780318	Barnsley MBC	Hanging Baskets Invoice 2018	2,071.00	414.20	2,485.20	301566
	92	Profell Tree Services	Woodland Maintenance as per Audit Report	2,895.00	0.00	2,895.00	301567
	INV-3043	John Whitmore Electrical	Pavillion Flood light replacement	115.00	23.00	138.00	301568
		Mr R Stier	Pavillion Keys	13.90	0.00	13.90	301569
	SINV00249765	BOS Office Supplies Group Ltd.	Newsletter Printing	518.29	0.00	518.29	301570
		Silkstone Common Ladies Choir	Grant Award	400.00	0.00	400.00	301571
			<b>Total Invoices for Payment</b>	<b>6,538.52</b>	<b>500.38</b>	<b>7,038.90</b>	

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**RESOLVED to approve the invoices for payment schedules dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.**

**19-058 ELECTIONS 2019.**

**RESOLVED** to note that the statutory 'Notice of Elections' was published 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and displayed in the two Parish Council cabinets the same day. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.

**19-059 GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN**

**RESOLVED** to note an update from the Clerk concerning the first phase of planned litter picking in Silkstone on 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 where volunteers helped collect 30 bags of waste.

Members are asked to note the dates for phase two during the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April.

**19-060 YLCA 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**RESOLVED** to note a brief update from Cllr D Liddell that celebration events had changed and it was unlikely that Silkstone Band will be attending as previously reported.

**19-061 TESCO BAGS FOR HELP – SILKSTONE PICNIC ORCHARD WORKING PARTY**

**RESOLVED** to note that the first meeting of the Working Party will meet on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and report back to Council at the next meeting.

**19-062 MEETINGS**

Meryl Liddell	Summer Fair, Clerk Mentoring, Elections.
Derek Liddell	Summer Fair, NALC Northern Group Meeting, NALC National Assembly, YLCA Finance & General Purpose, NCUO National Conference.
Ron Stier	Good Companions Club, Silkstone Playing Fields Committee, Silkstone Luncheon Club.
Debra Smith	Great British Spring Clean, Summer Fair, Finance Meeting with Clerk.
Richard Leech	Silkstone Playing Fields Committee, Ward Alliance, Clerk Mentoring.
Alan Thompson	All Saints Church, Summer Fair.
Clerk	Summer Fair, Great British Spring Clean, Mentoring with Chair, Finance Meeting with Cllr Smith, Silkstone Playing Fields Committee.

**19-063 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE**

**RESOLVED** to note the following correspondence:

- (a) Email from CARE concerning rubbish bins not being emptied on Cone Lane.
- (b) Legal publications noted and distributed.

**19-064 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Silkstone Sports Pavilion commencing at 6.45pm.

*The Chair closed the meeting at 8.28pm*

Chair's Signature	Date
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