

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 2nd December 2019** at Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Meeting Chaired by: Cllr Meryl Liddell

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

In attendance: Parish Clerk, two residents and Barnsley Chronicle reporter.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr and Mrs Crawshaw spoke about their concerns following the re-positioning of the grit box on the track leading to their farm in Silkstone Common. The track in question has been maintained by them since 1976 and they are concerned that when the grit is delivered by BMBC it will damage the tarmac that they paid to have laid. They have made representations to BMBC but had no response.

The Clerk stated that it was not BMBC who had moved the grit box but volunteer residents who have done the wonderful improvement to and continued maintenance of the banking next to the rail track and surrounding area. When they moved the grit box in early 2019 they would no doubt have assumed that the track in question was adopted highway and that it would cause no issues.

Cllr M Liddell commented that she was sure there would have been no intention to cause any harm or inconvenience and that she would ask the CARE Group if they could help by moving the grit box back to its original location.

Further report from Cllr Leech about the blocked gullies on A628 from Silkstone Golf Club downwards. Also the lighting columns going out of Silkstone towards Hoylandswaine are still unlit.

Cllr Stier has been in contact with the Head-teacher at Silkstone Common J & I School concerning issues with parking; he has confirmed that letters have been sent to all parents asking for consideration when parking to drop off and collect students. Also a report has gone to BMBC Rights of Way Officer via the Clerk concerning issues on footpath number 8 following works on the Berneslai Homes bungalows.

Cllr Thompson reported being approached by an allotment holder concerning the water supply to the allotments and isolation of the stop cock.

Cllr Millar reported slight damage to the bench on Champney Hill; Cllr Stier commented that this was a private bench installed by a resident, with permission, in memoriam.

Cllr M Liddell mentioned that Berneslai Homes will be undertaking building improvement works to the bungalows on Martin Croft between January and March 2020

19-195 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note no apologies.

19-196 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations made.

19-197 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th November 2019 as a true and accurate record. The chair signed the minutes.

19-198 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FROM BARNSELY MBC

RESOLVED to note there were no planning applications to consider.

19-199 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

RESOLVED to note an update from Cllr M Liddell following the Neighbourhood Planning Group meeting held on Monday 18th November.

RESOLVED to note that Kirkwells have been appointed, subject to a successful grant application for funding by the Parish Council. The objective is to have a completed draft plan for presentation to Barnsley MBC by March 2021.

RESOLVED to note that the next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 17th December 2019 in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion at 7PM.

19-200 WINTER WEATHER POLICY

RESOLVED to adopt the updated Winter Weather policy.

19-201 SILKSTONE RECREATION GROUND

RESOLVED to note that the following updates from Cllr Stier:-

- 1/11/19 – downstairs Changing Room 2 had pooling water, assumed to be due to persistent heavy rain – no obvious leak. To be monitored.
- 18/11/19 – wooden fencing/barrier damage to road vehicle; may have been an attempt to enter the grassed areas or steal equipment.
- 02/12/19 - Health & Safety reviews carried out including Legionella contractor visit.
- Changing Room 2 hand-dryer defective and slight leak on sink needing attention.

19-202 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

RESOLVED to note an update from the Clerk concerning issues with management of the road closure and that next year there will need to be more assistance and notification to residents of the Road Closure Notice for Martin Croft.

19-203 VE DAY COMMEMORATIONS

RESOLVED to note an update from Cllr Thompson following a meeting of the VE Day commemoration group on Wednesday 27th November.

Cllr Thompson will circulate the minutes to Councillors containing agreed actions for the day including the Church Bells being run as occurred on VE Day in 1945; a service at 3PM followed by a tea party at the vicarage and displays in the Church. Schools have been engaged and are being encouraged to look at the life of civilians during and at the end of the war.

RESOLVED to note that the next meeting is to be held at the Church at 2PM on 15th January 2020.

19-204 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to note an update from the Clerk concerning the amount of grant funding still available and unallocated for 2019/2020.

Cllr M Liddell commented that next budget year the Council should write to groups who have previously made grant applications.

19-205 FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note that the Finance Committee met on Wednesday 20th November to prepare the budget build up for consideration by Council at the January meeting.

19-206 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule dated 2nd December 2019.

19-207 TWINNING BANK ACCOUNT

RESOLVED to note that Cllr D Liddell has contacted HSBC and that Karen Canadine has been removed as an account signatory.

Cllr Leech stated that a new Chair for the group should be appointed by the New Year after which time the remaining account signatories can be amended.

19-208 HERITAGE SILKSTONE

RESOLVED to note an update from the Clerk about the many hours of volunteer work undertaken by the group; most notably in connection with WW1 and WW2 commemorations in recent years and the ongoing research into VE Day.

Members are asked to consider a grant application.

Cllr D Liddell asked about the group's plans for future funding. Had they considered a 'membership scheme' and other methods to raise their profile?

RESOLVED to approve the grant application of up to £400 in line with the Grant Policy.

19-209 MEETINGS

Cllr Alan Thompson	VE Day 2020 meeting with Silkstone Heritage Group, Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting.
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Cllr Richard Leech	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting, Finance Committee meeting, Silkstone Common Sports & Social Club Meeting, Ward Alliance meeting.
Cllr Derek Liddell	NALC Smaller Council's Meeting, NALC Management Board.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting, Silkstone Charities, Finance Committee meeting.
Cllr Ron Stier	Silkstone Common Good Companions, Silkstone Charities.
Cllr Debra Smith	Finance Committee meeting, Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting.
Cllr Peter Millar	Neighbourhood Planning meeting.
Clerk	Silkstone Common Sports & Social Club Meeting, Neighbourhood Planning Committee, Finance Committee meeting, VE Day 2020 meeting with Silkstone Heritage Group

19-210 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence:

Resident reported excessive speeding on High Street, Silkstone.
Resident has organised a donation of a Christmas Tree from KDA to be displayed in the grounds of Silkstone Common Methodist Church.

19-211 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held on Monday 6th January 2020 at Silkstone Sports Pavilion commencing at 6.45pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.27pm.

Chair's Signature	Date
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