

MINUTES of the **REMOTE MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 7th December 2020** via Zoom Conferencing facilities as permitted by paragraph 10 of the Local Government Act 1972.

On 2nd April 2020 HM Government published 'The Local Authorities and Police and Crime panels (Coronavirus) Regulations which allows Silkstone Parish Council to hold remote meetings until 7th May 2021. The Council's Standing Orders have been amended by the Clerk using delegated powers to confirm the procedures for holding a lawful and effective meeting, including voting rights, how members of the public can access documents and allows remote access for members of the public and press.

PRESENT

Meeting Chaired by: Cllr Meryl Liddell

Zoom Host: Richard Bell, Parish Clerk

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

Also, In attendance: Parish Clerk, Cllr John Wilson, Sue Williams (prospective Councillor) Lesley Gill (prospective Councillor) and Barnsley Chronicle reporter.

STATEMENT FROM CHAIR

Prior to commencement of the Meeting and in accordance with guidance, a statement was read by the Chair outlining the procedures to be undertaken to hold a lawful and effective remote meeting including the requirement for Councillors with voting rights to observe the code of conduct adopted by the Council.

Members are reminded to note the addendum to the Standing Orders of the Council under paragraph 27 - Remote Meetings.

The Clerk will mute all participants except the Chair - if anyone wishes to speak could they please clearly raise their hand. Voting will be undertaken by the same method.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Leech reported that one of the steps between Manor Park and Towngate as well as the footpath in the woods behind the Red Lion pub' – he will forward photographs to the Clerk.

A further report of issues with the reporting of fly tipping to BMBC; the dumped tyres and 'fridge has been reported several times and is showing as "completed" on the online portal. Reported again and now showing as "In progress".

Cllr Stier reported problems with the top steps in Orchard Wood going down the side of school from the bench. Cllr Stier also reported an overgrown hedge alongside numbers 1-8 South Yorkshire Buildings forcing pedestrians onto the road. Clerk to report to BMBC.

The Barnsley Chronicle reporter asked if there had been any further vandalism in the parish; Cllr M Liddell confirmed that the bridge in Conroyd Wood had been vandalised together with low wooden fencing around the carp park near the MUGA.

Cllr D Liddell reported that the damages bench in Nabs Wood have now been repaired by the Woodland Trust.

20-092 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note no apologies.

20-093 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note no declarations of interest.

20-094 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

RESOLVED to note that Alan Thompson has resigned and place on record thanks for all his hard work for the Parish Council and wish him well for the future.

20-095 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

The Chair asked Council to consider applications from two residents of the parish who wished to become Councillors.

Standing Orders suspended at 7.05PM

The Chair invited Sue Williams to speak –. Sue Williams addressed the Council.

The Chair invited Lesley Gill to speak - Lesley Gill addressed the Council.

Standing Orders resumed at 7.18PM.

Sue Williams, Lesley Gill, Cllr John Wilson and the Barnsley Chronicle reporter were placed in the Zoom Conferencing 'waiting room' so Council could consider the candidates.

RESOLVED to co-opt Sue Williams and Lesley Gill onto the Council. The Chair welcomed them.

Cllr Sue Williams and Cllr Lesley Gill signed their 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' forms on screen in view of the Proper Officer of the Council. The signed forms will be returned to the Proper Officer of the Council within 7 days.

20-096 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2020 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes. The signed document will be collected by the Clerk within 7 days.

Matters arising – Cllr D Liddell asked if there had been any response from the PROW Officer at BMBC following the report of trees being damaged on the Trans Pennine Trail. The Clerk confirmed not but asked if the email sent by Cllr D Liddell to Sarah Ford can be forwarded to him.

20-097 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<https://wwwapplications.barnsley.gov.uk/PlanningExplorerMVC/Home/ApplicationDetails?planningApplicationNumber=2020%2F1325>

2020/1325	Replace two Velux windows with pitched roof dormers to dwelling at Kiara, 70 Moorend Lane, Silkstone Common, S75 4QU.
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RESOLVED to make no comment.

<https://wwwapplications.barnsley.gov.uk/PlanningExplorerMVC/Home/ApplicationDetails?planningApplicationNumber=2020%2F1085>

2020/1085	Erection of detached garage with office space above at Moorend Farmhouse, Moorend Lane, Silkstone Common, S75 4RA.
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RESOLVED to make no comment.

<https://wwwapplications.barnsley.gov.uk/PlanningExplorerMVC/Home/ApplicationDetails?planningApplicationNumber=2020%2F1270>

2020/1270	Reserved matters application for the erection of 3 dwellings in connection with outline approval granted at appeal at The Laurels, 24 Viewlands, Silkstone Common, S75 4QP.
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RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to Planning raising issues of road safety during any works and consideration of traffic volumes generally. Also, to restate that the Council considers that this proposed development is 'back land development'.

20-098 PARISH BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT PLAN WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED to note the report of the meeting of 24th November 2020.

20-099 NEW COMPLIANT WEBSITE.

RESOLVED to note that the new Accessibility Regulations compliant website is live.

RESOLVED to note that the Chair will speak to Vision ICT about the secure 'Members Area' which is not password protected.

20-100 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note an update from Cllr Smith following the meeting of 17th November 2020 that the 'issues and options' document is nearly complete after. The public consultation has been deferred until April 2021 due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

20-101 SLCC MEMBERSHIP FEE 2021

RESOLVED to approve renewal of the membership fee for 2021.

20-106 SILKSTONE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that following the lifting of lockdown measures by HM Government on 2nd December 2020 'grassroots football' can be resumed. The football teams will supply amended risk assessments in line with guidance from the Football Association in order to resume use of the football pitches and Pavilion. There will be no changing room facilities with only one ground floor toilet available.

The Clerk also reported that

RESOLVED to note the re-opening of the Pavilion and football pitches.

20-107 CHRISTMAS TREES AND LIGHTS 2020

The Clerk reported that all the Christmas Tree lights have been installed and are operative; the Christmas Trees have been installed by Cllr Leech and lights added.

There have been over 80 Christmas light sponsors which has generated an income of around £1,700. If the lights are added next Christmas, the hanging basket sponsorship signs will be removed prior to installation.

RESOLVED to thank Horsfield's nursery for kindly donating both Christmas Trees.

20-108 COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

Cllr Leech reported that the Ward Alliance had agreed a grant application to Silkstone Craft Club for the supply of a small gift to all primary school children in the parish. The gifts have been purchased and volunteers will be wrapping.

Standing Orders set aside at 7.22pm to allow Cllr John Wilson to give an update on the progress with wrapping presents prior to distribution.

Standing Orders reinstated at 7.28pm.

RESOLVED to congratulate the Craft Club and give thanks to all those involved in the gift wrapping and distribution.

20-109 MEETINGS

Cllr Richard Leech	SCSRA, Silkstone Playing Fields Committee, Business Development Plan Working Party, Neighbourhood Planning Committee, Finance Committee, Ward Alliance, Remembrance Sunday, CARE & Clerk Christmas Tree erection, New Councillor.
Cllr Derek Liddell	Business Development Plan Working Party, Neighbourhood Planning Committee, NALC Management Board, South Yorkshire Community Foundation, Speed Awareness Meeting.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Media Working Party, Neighbourhood Planning Committee, Business Development Working Party, Silkstone Charities, Finance Committee.

Cllr Debra Smith	Business Development Plan Working Party, Neighbourhood Planning Committee, Finance Committee.
Cllr Ron Stier	None reported.
Cllr Peter Millar	Media Working Party, Neighbourhood Planning Committee, Business Development Working Party, Clerk – installation of Hive into Pavilion, Speed Awareness Meeting.
Clerk	Silkstone Playing Fields Committee, Business Development Plan Working Party, Finance Committee, Ward Alliance, Remembrance Sunday, CARE, Christmas Tree erection, New Councillor, Hive installation in Pavilion.

20-110 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence:

1) Thank you message from Silkstone Luncheon Club for the grant award – Chair has acknowledged.
2) Contact by email offering a free pond funded entirely by Natural England – No location viable.
3) All Saints Church have requested permission to hold a Carol Service next to the War Memorial – Clerk to liaise with Reverend Browell to ensure Risk Assessments undertaken and compliance with HM Government Regulations.
4) Many emails from residents offering praise for the Christmas Tree Lights.
5) Yorkshire Water have acknowledged a report about the fencing on Moorend Lane being damaged. A resident has also reported.
6) Resident asking about the strip of land on Hall Royd Walk and the possibility of turning it into a wild flower meadow.
7) Report of a potential prowler on Ladyroyd, Silkstone Common.
8) Report of fly-tipping on Blacker Green Lane and Pte Green Flats – both have been reported by Cllr Richard Leech.
9) Report of dog fouling on Manor Park on footpath towards Huskar Close.
10) Report of road sign on Silkstone Lane – reported to BMBC.
11) Report of fly-tipping on the former garage site – the Clerk has written to the developers.
12) CARE have forwarded recommendations for Business Development 5-year plan – to

include on January meeting agenda.

13) Contact from a resident on Ben Bank Road responding to the report in the Chronicle about speeding in Silkstone Common offering his assistance and support – Clerk has responded with update on developments.

14) Further contact from resident about the overgrown shrubs on Woodland View – Cllr Richard Leech and Cllr Debra Smith will action.

15) Contact by resident via BMBC customer service website thanking the Council for the Christmas lights – Clerk has written to resident pointing out it was the PC and thanking him for the feedback.

16) Contact from Northern Powerhouse regarding relocating of the electricity pylon which passes over the Allotment site.

20-111 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next remote meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th January 2021 via Zoom conferencing facilities commencing at 6.45pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.55 pm.

Chair's Signature	Date
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