

DRAFT MINUTES of the **MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 17th January 2022** in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT

Meeting Chaired by Cllr Richard Leech

Councillors: Debra Smith, Janice Wake, Sue Williams, Derek Liddell, Lesley Gill and Meryl Liddell.

Also, present : Richard Bell (Clerk), Cllr John Wilson and one member of the public.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident reported issues with the stop box top on Cone Lane still not having been replaced between LC22 and LC23, also at LC22 the dry-stone wall is falling down; blocked gullies all the way down Cone Lane is a problem. The overhanging ivy at the top of Cone Lane is still restricting pedestrians on the footpath.

Cllr Williams reported an issue with the footpath adjacent to Bank House farm. A resident has contacted her concerning the state of the pathway and excessive mud, he believes is as a result of the renovations works. Cllr Leech thought the pathway at this point belonged to the local farmer but will make some enquiries.

Cllr Leech again raised the issue of gully cleaning across the parish. He also reported incidents of Anti-Social behaviour and drug paraphrenia in evidence around the MUGA.

Cllr M Liddell reported issues with the road surface on Ben Bank Road within the speed reduction 'rumble' strips.

Cllr D Liddell raised the issue of Silkstone Tunnels and asked if any progress had been made in establishing where monitoring is still taking place. Cllr John Wilson was unaware that such reports had ever been done but suggests the PC contact the relevant Officer at Barnsley MBC.

21-182 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note apologies from Cllr Millar.

21-183 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note that no declarations of interest were made.

21-184 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th December 2021 as a true and accurate record, subject to clarification regarding Item 12 being hand recorded on the minutes proposed by Cllr Smith. The Chair signed the Minutes.

21-185 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2021/1702	First floor side extension at 5 Huskar Close, Silkstone, S75 4SX.
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RESOLVED to make no comments.

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21-186 SILKSTONE COMMON RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Leech explained that he had received a formal request by letter from the Chairman of the Silkstone Common Sports and Recreation Association (SCSRA) for the Parish Council to consider taking on the lease of Silkstone Common Recreation Ground (SCRG) from Barnsley MBC. Cllr Leech has responded confirming that any such request or enquiry would need to be made via a resolution of Council.

Following an explanatory meeting with Officers of Barnsley MBC and Cllr John Wilson; the matter has been passed to Council to decide if this is something to pursue formally with Barnsley MBC.

Councillors discussed various issues such as budget requirements, Clerk time and Councillor commitment to any project. Overall and without dissent Council agreed that it would be good for the villages to have different and/or complementary sporting and recreational activities to those currently in Silkstone.

The Chairman asked Council to set aside Standing Orders to enable Cllr John Wilson to speak.

RESOLVED to agree to set aside Standing Orders at 7.12PM.

In response to a comment by a councillor Cllr Wilson thought it important that he made it clear that there are absolutely no plans for any development of the site for Housing or any other purpose; the lease is held on behalf of CISWO for the purposes of sport and recreation only.

Cllr Wilson also said that the survey commissioned by SCSRA was funded by the Ward Alliance so this should be available to the parish council to assist future proposals. He also reminded members that there are access issues to be considered relative to land owned by residents of Beech Avenue and ongoing legal issues with a resident adjacent to SCRG.

The Chairman asked Council to reinstate Standing Orders.

RESOLVED to agree to reinstate Standing Orders at 7.18PM.

Consideration would need to be given to setting up a Working Party with a view to a longer term aim to have a "Friends of Silkstone Common Recreation Ground" group who could access grant funding and offer volunteer time.

RESOLVED to approach Barnsley MBC and make a formal request to start negotiations with a view to taking on the lease of SCRG.

21-187 BUDGET & PRECEPT DEMAND 2022/2023

The Clerk presented a revised budget document to include and exclude SCRG dependant on the resolution of council in the preceding item.

Council is asked to consider three options in relation to an increase to the 2021/2022 Precept.

The 2022/2023 budget proposed by the Finance Committee has been amended to include a small amount for potential maintenance of SCRG and professional fees should the process of agreeing the lease be completed before 1st April 2023.

Council was split between ensuring the Precept kept pace with inflation and other rising costs and others who believed that there is no financial justification to increase at a time of potential hardship. The RFO reminded council that there had been no inflationary increase to the precept for the previous two financial years.

Cllr D Liddell proposed that Council resolve a 2% budgetary increase. Cllr Leech asked Council to vote on the proposal by show of hands. 3 Members were in favour of the proposal and 4 against so the proposal was defeated.

Cllr M Liddell proposed that Council resolve a 1% Precept increase. Cllr Leech asked Council to vote on the proposal by show of hands. 5 Members voted in favour of the proposal and 2 against so the proposal was carried.

RESOLVED to agree the budget as presented with a 1% Precept increase and ask the RFO to demand the Precept from Barnsley MBC.

21-188 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date	Invoice number	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Cheque number	Purchase Order
01-Dec-21		Eon	Pavilion Gas Supply	£68.85	£3.44	£72.29	DD	N/A
01-Dec-21		Eon	Pavilion Electricity Supply	£61.59	£3.08	£64.67	DD	N/A
10-Dec-21		Adobe	Adobe Pro Software	£12.64	£2.53	£15.17	DEBIT	N/A
17-Dec-21		Giff Gaff	Business Continuity Mobile 'phone	£8.34	£1.66	£10.00	DD	N/A
17-Dec-21		South Yorkshire Pensions	Local Government Pension Scheme	£277.02	£0.00	£277.02	DD	N/A
01-Jan-22		EE	Office Mobile Telephone	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00	DD	N/A
20-Dec-21		Zoom Video Conferencing	Conferencing Facilities Fee	£11.99	£2.40	£14.39	DD	N/A
01-Jan-22		Expert Water Services	Legionella Monthly monitoring	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00	SO	2021-012
01-Dec-21	SPC01	Richard Bell	Parish Clerk Salary - September 21	£718.40	£0.00	£718.40	SO	N/A
10-Dec-21		Plusnet	Broadband	£17.00	£3.40	£20.40	SO	N/A
10-Jan-22		Plusnet	Broadband	£17.00	£3.40	£20.40	SO	N/A
01-Dec-21		Richard Bell	Office Allowance	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00	SO	N/A
07-Jan-22		Claire Kellett	Pavilion Cleaning (£20 per week)	£80.00	£0.00	£80.00	SO	2021-023
10-Dec-21	2479	Bothams Prestige	Grounds & Villages Maintenance	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO	2019-009
10-Jan-21	2519	Bothams Prestige	Grounds & Villages Maintenance	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	SO	2019-009
07-Dec-21		Amazon	Voucher for Mario Cart Event	£15.00	£0.00	£15.00	DEBIT	N/A
10-Dec-21		Microsoft	Software Package	£66.66	£13.33	£79.99	DEBIT	N/A
07-Dec-21		Co-operative Stores	Christmas Refreshments (Chairs Allowance)	£9.10	£0.00	£9.10	DEBIT	N/A
03-Dec-21		Shenzhen (Amazon)	Pavilion Floodlight Charger	£5.99	£1.53	£7.52	DEBIT	N/A
14-Dec-21		SLCC	Annual Membership Fee	£186.00	£0.00	£186.00	DEBIT	N/A
16-Dec-21		Business Stream	Water Supply (Allotment)	£69.08	£0.00	£69.08	DD	N/A
22-Dec-21		Business Stream	Water Supply (Pavilion)	£52.99	£0.00	£52.99	DD	N/A
10-Jan-22		HMRC	Income Tax & National Insurance	£679.27	£0.00	£679.27	301935	N/A
10-Jan-22		BHIB Ltd	Insurance Premium Error	£2.45	£0.00	£2.45	301936	N/A
10-Jan-22		Armour Fire Protection	Fire Extinguisher Audit & PA Testing	£179.00	£0.00	£179.00	301937	N/A
10-Jan-22		Heritage Silkstone	Grant Award	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00	301938	N/A
10-Jan-22	2531	Bothams Prestige	Vertidrainning of Sports Pitches	£750.00	£150.00	£900.00	301939	2021-050
Total invoices for payment				£5,834.21	£605.93	£6,440.14		

RESOLVED to approve the payments schedule dated 10th January 2022.

21-189 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to note no applications received.

21-190 UTILITY PROVIDER CONTRACT RENEWAL

RESOLVED to defer to the next meeting.

21-191 HANGING BASKETS 2022

RESOLVED to note and approve the order for hanging baskets in 2022.

21-192 HM QUEEN ELIZABETH JUBILEE WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED to acknowledge the notes of the Working Party meeting of 10th January 2022.

RESOLVED to approve the recommendations to purchase commemorative jubilee coins, beacon and hold a QE Jubilee summer fair on Friday 3rd June 2022.

21-193 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

RESOLVED that this was not necessary as next item to be deferred.

21-194 STAFFING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to defer the item to the next meeting.

21-195 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTE

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence:

1) Contact from Arthritis Support asking for leaflet distribution.

21-196 MEETINGS

Cllr Richard Leech	Silkstone Common Recreation Ground, QE Jubilee, 5G Mast meeting, Barnsley MBC/Parish Council liaison.
Cllr Derek Liddell	QE Jubilee and also attended a funeral on behalf of YLCA.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	QE Jubilee
Cllr Debra Smith	None
Cllr Janice Wake	QE Jubilee
Cllr Lesley Gill	QE Jubilee, Silkstone Common Recreation Ground.
Cllr Sue Williams	None
Cllr Peter Millar	Not present.
Clerk	Silkstone Common Recreation Ground, QE Jubilee, cleaner, heating engineer.

21-197 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Silkstone Parish Council will be held in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion on Monday 7th February 2022 commencing at 6.45pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.26pm.

Chair's Signature	Date
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