

DRAFT MINUTES of the **REMOTE MEETING** of **SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 12th April 2021** 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, Ron Stier, Debra Smith, Lesley Gill, Sue Williams and Richard Leech.

Also, In attendance: Parish Clerk, Cllr John Wilson (BMBC) 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.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Cllr M Liddell addressed the meeting with the following statement:-

"The Nation and Commonwealth were saddened to hear of the passing of His Royal Highness, The Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh on Friday at the age of 99. Silkstone Parish Council, on behalf of everyone in the parish, offers our deepest condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal family at this sad time.

Would everyone join me in a minutes' silence in recognition of his service to our Country, dedicated public duty and charitable work."

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Stier raised an issue with overgrown hedges on Moorend Lane at South Yorkshire Buildings causing issues for wheelchair users and pedestrians. Clerk to visit site and take a photograph for Highways. Also, a report of works on Footpath Number 8.

Cllr Smith mentioned that a resident had approached her about the footpath off the A628 just over the stile; subsequently this has now been resolved by the landowner. The Silkstone Common Ladies Choir passed on their thanks for the Grant via Cllr Smith.

The ongoing issue of pedestrian safety whilst using the public footpath in Fall Wood has been raised by two residents to Cllr Smith. Cllr Leech has also had complaints and has now established the identity of the new landowners. The Public Rights of Way Officer is to liaise with the landowner and undertake a site visit. Cllr Stier has also received complaints from residents about safety in the wood and inconsiderate and potentially dangerous parking.

Cllr Smith asked if this issue can be discussed as an Agenda item at a future meeting to ensure a balanced consideration of the use by all. Cllr M Liddell said that the problem the Parish Council have is that the land is in private ownership so there is little the Council can do. Cllr D Liddell said that any change of use of a public footpath would need planning permission.

Cllr D Liddell highlighted issues concerning land boundaries on Silkstone Common Recreation Ground. Barnsley MBC are involved as are the Police so no further comment can be made.

Cllr Leech raised the condition of the road on Towngate, Silkstone where there has been a recurrence of large ruts occurring on the road and footpath. The Clerk asked for photographs so a report could be sent to Highways.

20-166 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note apologies from Cllr Millar.

20-167 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note a declaration of interest from Cllr Gill as an allotment holder – Item 9.

20-168 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Silkstone Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st March 2021 as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes. The signed document will be collected by the Clerk within 7 days.

20-169 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<https://www.applications.barnsley.gov.uk/PlanningExplorerMVC/Home/ApplicationDetails?planningApplicationNumber=2021%2F0342>

2021/0342	Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension to dwelling at 71 Hall Royd Walk, Silkstone Common, S75 4QB.
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RESOLVED to make no comments.

20-170 THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES & POLICE & CRIME PANELS (CORONAVIRUS) REGULATIONS 2020 – REMOTE MEETINGS.

The Clerk gave a verbal update of the current position in relation to the legal challenge against HM Government and how this could affect the likelihood of any meeting of the Council being deemed to be unlawful if it was done remotely after 7th May 2021 or whether it would be regarded as just not being legal and any decisions made being potentially subject to Judicial review.

It is, therefore, not definitive as to how or where the scheduled June meeting of the Council would be held until the judgment is known and Council have considered options.

If the Annual Meeting of the Council is moved to Tuesday 4th May 2021 it would still fall within the above Regulations and be lawful.

In view of the uncertainty, the guidance from NALC is that Council use the power under Local Government Act 1972 section 101 to empower the Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer to deal with mandatory undertaking if required.

RESOLVED to approve the Annual Meeting of the Council be moved to Tuesday 4th May 2021.

RESOLVED to empower the Clerk under Section 101 for a period of 3 months or until otherwise revoked by Council.

20-171 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to note an update from Cllr Smith that the Consultation period is now ongoing until 17th May 2021 and responses are still being received.

RESOLVED to give thanks to Sheila Webber at the Barnsley Chronicle for publishing an article about the Neighbourhood Development plan.

20-172 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Cllr Williams confirmed that currently there are 6 members of the Working Party; there have been two filming sessions in the parish.

RESOLVED to note that the Working Party will be seeking a grant from the Ward Alliance.

20-173 MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the revised Members Code of Conduct for Silkstone Parish Council.

20-174 ALLOTMENTS WORKING PARTY

The Clerk gave a verbal update recommending that an Allotments Working Party is reinvigorated to consider issues of waste and tipping on and around the Allotment site with a view to also promoting the setting up of an Allotments Society or Association to enable grant applications to be made.

RESOLVED to approve the setting up of a new Allotments Working Party.

20-175 HANGING BASKETS

The Clerk gave a verbal update of the current situation. All current sites for Hanging Baskets have been filled but two potential additional lamp columns have been identified and raised with the contractor.

RESOLVED to note the verbal report and that baskets have been ordered as resolved at the last meeting.

20-176 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Date Tax Point	Invoice number	Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Total	Cheque number	Purchase Order
01-Jan-21	H1938C13B2	Eon	Pavilion Gas Supply	£55.94	£2.80	£58.74	DD	N/A
01-Jan-21	H19392AB1E	Eon	Pavilion Electricity Supply	£54.21	£2.71	£56.92	DD	N/A
01-Feb-21	H1938C13B2	Eon	Pavilion Gas Supply	£98.04	£4.90	£102.94	DD	N/A
01-Feb-21	H19392AB1E	Eon	Pavilion Electricity Supply	£50.26	£2.51	£52.77	DD	N/A
03-Feb-21	199504	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	CiLCA Fees	£410.00	£0.00	£410.00	DEBIT	N/A
25-Feb-21	210211	Business Stream	Water Supply (Pavilion)	£20.31	£0.00	£20.31	DD	N/A
17-Feb-21	7857550464	Giff Gaff	Business Continuity Mobile 'phone	£8.34	£1.66	£10.00	DEBIT	N/A
15-Feb-21		Hedges Direct	Supply of Security Hedging for SRG	£1,656.95	£331.49	£1,988.44	DEBIT	2021-005
19-Feb-21		Watsons	Revaluation of Asset for Insurance	£350.00	£70.00	£420.00	DEBIT	2020-030
18-Feb-21	329	South Yorkshire Pensions	Local Government Pension Scheme	£277.02	£0.00	£277.02	DD	N/A
17-Feb-21	7984545504	EE	Office Mobile Telephone	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	DEBIT	N/A
20-Feb-21	47606322	Zoom Video Conferencing	Conferencing Facilities Fee	£11.99	£2.40	£14.39	DEBIT	N/A
03-Feb-21	4991609-003	Plusnet	Broadband Connection	£17.00	£3.40	£20.40	DEBIT	N/A
28-Feb-21		Bothams Prestige	Grounds & Villages Maintenance	£1,025.42	£205.08	£1,230.50	301806	2019-09
01-Mar-21	SPC01	Richard Bell	Parish Clerk Salary - February 2021	£718.40	£0.00	£718.40	SO	N/A
01-Mar-21	223678	HMRC	Income Tax & NI - February 2021	£559.67	£0.00	£559.67	301807	N/A
01-Mar-21	1372-2021	YLCA	Planning Enforcement Webinar	£45.00	£0.00	£45.00	301808	N/A
01-Mar-21	N/A	Richard Bell	Office Allowance	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00	301809	N/A
01-Mar-21	268482	BOS	Neighbourhood Plan Newsletter	£258.00	£0.00	£258.00	301810	2021-006
25-Feb-21	12512	Vision ICT	Neighbourhood Plan Website	£750.00	£150.00	£900.00	301811	2020-029
01-Mar-21	N/A	Silkstone CARE Group	Grant Application	£247.75	£0.00	£247.75	301812	N/A
Total invoices for payment				£6,405.85	£764.03	£7,169.88		

RESOLVED to approve the payments schedule dated 1st March 2021.

20-177 YLCA MEMBERSHIP FEE 2021

RESOLVED to agree to renewal of the membership of YLCA for 2021.

20-178 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to note that no grant applications have been received.

20-179 SILKSTONE RECREATION GROUND

Following the relaxation of restrictions on grassroots sports with effect from Monday 5th April 2021 both football and cricket have resumed. Risk Assessments have been updated and the Covid-19 QR code is still active.

The changing rooms are able to be used subject to social distancing but no shower usage. To avoid football and cricket taking place at the same time the sports teams are liaising and the Silkstone Playing Fields Committee will discuss at their next meeting.

RESOLVED to note the verbal update from the Clerk. .

20-180 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

RESOLVED to note that the SID's have arrived and will be installed in Silkstone Common shortly.

20-181 BENCHES AND LAND OWNED BY BMBC IN SILKSTONE COMMON

The Clerk said that there are a number of benches and parcels of land in the parish which are owned by Barnsley MBC and proposed to Council that we approach BMBC with a view to taking over responsibility for repair and maintenance of the benches as well as taking over small pockets of land in Silkstone and Silkstone Common under licence to enable these to be managed.

Cllr Stier was concerned that if the Parish Council took over responsibility and volunteers were unable to maintain that we would be left with the financial burden of trying to get a contractor to cut the grass etc The Clerk said that if that were the case, the licence could be surrendered.

RESOLVED to agree to an approach being made to Barnsley MBC with a view to taking over responsibility for repair and maintenance.

20-182 HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

The Clerk proposes that Council consider events in celebration of the Platinum jubilee alongside the National celebration in June 2022 where an extra days Bank Holiday has been announced.

Additionally, the 'Chestnuts' is an open space that is potentially an area for development by CARE. There is also a proposal by them that it is permanently renamed the "Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Gardens" or some such title in celebration of the event

Cllr M Liddell agreed that a Working Party be set up to consider events and present to Council at the September meeting. Cllr M Liddell, Cllr Williams, Cllr Gill and Cllr Leech all expressed a desire to be in the Working Party. Cllr Leech said that initial discussions could take place at the next meeting of the Business Development Working Party on Tuesday 27th April 2021.

RESOLVED to set up a Working Party to consider an events programme for agreement by Council and as part of that the change of name which is agreed in principle by the Council.

20-183 MEETINGS

Cllr Richard Leech	Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting, Ward Alliance meeting.
Cllr Derek Liddell	NALC National Assembly meeting, NALC Management Board meeting.
Cllr Meryl Liddell	Neighbourhood Planning Committee, Youth Development Working Party.
Cllr Debra Smith	Neighbourhood Development Planning Committee.
Cllr Ron Stier	None.
Cllr Lesley Gill	Neighbourhood Planning Committee.

Cllr Sue Williams	Neighbourhood Planning Committee, Youth Development Working Party.
Cllr Peter Millar	Neighbourhood Planning Committee.
Clerk	Allotments meeting and Hanging basket survey of both villages. CiLCA training webinar and study leave.

20-184 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence:

1) Resident called to ask about litter picking assistance on Coates Lane – unfortunately, not in our parish but in any event, there are concerns about carrying out litter picking safely on this road.
2) Resident asking about assistance with accumulation of waste on the Wagonway behind number 40. Cllr Leech to have a look.
3) Two contacts about the issues in Fall Wood.
4) SCSRA have asked if the Parish Council can note the land border issues.
5) Two residents contacted the Council about the former garage site on Martin Croft.
6) A resident asked if the Parish Council would consider taking over responsibility for a parcel of land between Ladyroyd and The Meadows. The developers of the Estate have passed ownership to BMBC – no appetite to take over a mature site.
7) Request for a memorial tree planting on land owned by BMBC – perhaps the Chestnuts as a memorial garden are a better option. A resolution of Council would be required to decide where a tree could be planted.
8) Ben Bank Road dry stone wall has been collapsed in two places for a long time. Two residents have asked if they can assist. If we can identify the landowners, we could write and ask for the walls to be repaired.

20-185 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.53 pm.

Chair's Signature	Date
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