

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2003 IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SILSDEN TOWN HALL**

COMMENCED: 7.30PM

CONCLUDED: 10.10PM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr C Atkinson
Cllr M Elsmore
Cllr M Tomkins

Cllr P Bottomley
Cllr P Bromley
Cllr L Walton

Cllr A Edwards
Cllr K Savage

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Lesley Corcoran, Town Clerk
Public 1

Police 0
Press 2

CLLR WALTON IN THE CHAIR

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr Dodd. Cllr Savage to arrive later.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

Cllr Edwards in planning.

3. **POLICE REPORT.**

PC Stothers gave his apologies, as he was unable to attend the meeting. Councillors had heard rumours that the Police Station may no longer be available as a location for the contact point. As of the above date the council were not able to either confirm or deny these rumours. A meeting for the contact group was arranged for Monday the 3rd of February; again no police officers were in attendance. Cllr Tomkins confirm he has resigned from his role within the contact group.

Cllr Edwards showed the council pictures of the vandalism, which occurred in the park on the night of Saturday the 1st of February. It was reported that members of the public had tried to contact the police with regards to the incident but were unable to get through to a police officer. The council have requested again some lighting in the park especially along the path from the gates to the bowling hut. It was proposed by Cllr Tomkins and seconded by Cllr Atkinson and resolved all in favour that the clerk write to request these lights.

It was also proposed and agreed that the clerk write to the police asking why the public was unable to log this crime. The council now query how can the crime statistics be correct if calls are not getting through?

Cllr Walton showed the council evidence of a Christmas light bulb, which was one of a few that that been shot at during the Christmas period.

Action Clerk to write to the police re the above.

Clerk to write to BMDC with copies to Mr Slaven and Cllr Eaton with a request for lighting.

4. **MINUTES.**

It was proposed by Cllr Tomkins and seconded by Cllr Bottomley “**that the minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on the 6th of January 2003 (previously circulated) be signed**, after an amendment to item 2 showing that Cllr Bromley declared an interest in finance, **as a true and accurate record.**”

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

Under item 3 the council was inform that no decision can be made of the schools for at least another 12 months due to the UDP enquiry.

Cllr Atkinson informed the council that the Environmental Agency could not help in connection to the Bradley Green Culvert.

8pm Cllr Savage arrived.

A list of questions was compiled for Cllr Hawkesworth these are attached to the back of these minutes.

Action Clerk to send questions to Cllr Hawkesworth.

6. **OTHER MATTERS ARISING.**

None.

7. **SWIMSTART.**

The clerk confirmed help had been requested from the YLCA with regards to the devolvement of Swimstart. The council requested that they see sight of the financial statements of Swimstart at their next finance meeting. It was also confirmed that Cllrs Edwards, Atkinson, Bromley and Walton would if possible attend the Swimstart meetings as council representatives.

Action Clerk to contact Swimstart and chase YLCA before next meeting

8. **CLLR EATON.**

The council responded to a letter received from Cllr Eaton. The response is attached to the end of these minutes.

Action Clerk to write to Cllr Eaton.

9. **SKIPTON ROAD.**

The council received a copy of a letter of complaint regarding a fall that had occurred in Skipton Road as a result of the condition it is in during recent works.

The council were concerned that no apparent risk assessment had been done. It was proposed that ATMOS be contacted with a request for a copy of the following information:

1. A programme for works.
2. A method statement.
3. Risk assessment.
4. The name of the planning supervisor and a contact details in case of problems.

Action Clerk to write to ATMOS with copies to Cllr Hawkesworth and Mr Core of Highways.

10. **SILSDEN.NET.**

It was proposed by Cllr Edwards and seconded by Cllr Atkinson all in favour that the council will now display minutes, agenda's and other information on the web site www.Silsden.net

11. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

1. WYPA – Annual Report
2. Regional Assemblies
3. Report WYPA consultation event
4. CPRE Planning update
5. Report (AF) Neighbourhood forums
6. YRCC Housing enablers scheme
7. Rural Transport Partnership Flyer
8. Email from Mark Davies re Town Hall
9. Email re UDP no the pre enquiry presentation request by Silsden
10. Bradford Vision brochure.

All correspondence unless stated underneath will be filed in the chambers. Number 5 the council will request a visit from this group in the summertime. Number 7 Cllr Walton will try to attend this seminar on 25th February, if not able, then Cllr Bottomley will go in his place. Number 8 the council will consider the request to manage to town hall when it is brought up to standard.

Action Clerk to email Mark Davies and write to YRCC.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.**

None requested

13. **ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.**

Cllr Elsmore proposed and Cllr Tomkins seconded all in favour the following payments be made:

Mrs L Corcoran – Salary	Chq No 294	£490.05
Inland Revenue	Chq No 296	£ 41.44

LCR Subs	Chq No 295	£ 11.59
SLCC – Clerk Membership	Chq No 297	£ 68.00

14. **PLANNING AND UDP.**

The following approvals by BMDC were read out:

02/04143/ful	31 Taylor Ave	Extension
02/04118/ful	St James Church	Disabled access
02/03453/ful	Plot 4 Belton Road	Warehouses/Offices

The following refusal was read out:

02/03044/cou	Brunthwaite lane	Conversion
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The council considered the following applications. Cllr Edwards declared an interest in number 4 and took no part in the discussion and decision.

1. 03/00300/ful	9 Longbottom Avenue	Extension
2. 03/00225/ful	8 Burnsall Mews	Conservatory
3. 03/00215/ful	34 Waterside	Extension
4. 03/00332/ful	38 Waterside	Conservatory

The Council found no objections to the above apart from the usual proviso that all materials used are within keeping.

The clerk is to request copies of the relevant topic papers on regional planning guidance.

Action Clerk to email planning comments and request papers.

15. **BRADFORD COUNCIL, KEIGHLEY AREA PANEL, GOVERNMENT & KTC.**

Cllr Elsmore attended at meeting re the future funding of the Town Council, he confirm that BMDC stated that any under spending 2002/3 and 2003/4 would not be clawed back. Elections costs for this year will be met by BMDC. In 2004 BMDC will pay for the costs of a Parish election if held on the same day as council elections. Funding for election should be available for the foreseeable future.

Clerk to chase up timetable and forms for the May elections.

It was proposed to invite Cllr S Cooke as guest Speaker to our Annual Parish Meeting. It will be held on the 13th March 2003 in Silsden Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Posters inviting people to become councillors are to be displayed around Silsden.

Clerk to chase Keighley area Panel re response on requested for light in Aireview.

Lamps out – (4) High Green Drive, (1) Bridge Street, still out under Hainsworth lane Culvert.

Action Clerk to deal

16. **REPORTS.**

Road Safety Concern raised again at the double parking and parking on pavements, which seem to becoming worse. Clerk to contact the Ambulance

service and the Fire service for their comments and support on this issue. Also to contact the police with a request for a traffic warden.

S.E.G Policy update on the protection of countryside features and amendment of the hedgerows regulations 1997. Clerk to pass on the Mr Norris and ask him to keep the council updated.

Swimstart The clerk read out a progress report. All is going well with lessons and bookings.

Schools The Ofsted inspectors will be in Hothfield after half- term.

Action Clerk to deal

17. **ANY OTHER NEWS.**
None.

It was confirmed that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 6th March 2003 at 7.00pm in the council chambers.

There being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 10.10pm.

Prepared by
Mrs L Corcoran – Clerk

Signed as true and accurate - Mayor