

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 9th JANUARY 2003 IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SILSDEN TOWN HALL**

COMMENCED: 7.30PM

CONCLUDED: 10.15PM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr C Atkinson
Cllr M Elsmore
Cllr M Tomkins

Cllr T Chilton
Cllr P Bromley
Cllr L Walton

Cllr P Bottomley
Cllr K Savage

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Lesley Corcoran, Town Clerk
Mr C Slaven, Keighley Anti Crime Partnership
Mr W Bairstow, Head Teacher, Hothfield
Mrs V Bottomley, Head Teacher, Aire View

Police 3
Press 2

CLLR WALTON IN THE CHAIR

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs Edwards and Dodd

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE ADGENDA.

Cllr Bromley declared an interest in Finance

3. SCHOOLS.

The Heads of both schools attended the meeting to help with discussions on the future of schooling in Silsden. These idea's are still in a very early stage and possibilities talked about were two primary schools at sites either side of Silsden, rebuild of a junior and infant school but a different site, rebuild of Hothfield and new site for infants on Elliot St. The Town council gave the schools their full backing in pressing for a template, which will equal or improve the facilities the schools have at present.

4. POLICE REPORT.

Crime figures for Silsden were down from 47 in Dec 01 to 33 in Dec 02. The demolishing of the shed at Aire View School has made things a lot quieter in that area. Acting Superintendent Martin Jordan was involved in discussions regarding the statistics on actual crime and the fear of crime. He stated that the statistics were about as accurate as they could get, which indicates that Silsden's crime is negligible. He restated that we would not be returning to having a village police officer. He also reiterated that any specials that applied from Silsden would be placed on patrol in Silsden if they so wished, adding that nobody from Silsden had responded to recent adverts to become a special. He then issued an invitation to any of the councillors to attend at tasking meeting held on Tuesdays to see how

Police deploy resources. Cllr Atkinson informed the council that a grant had been awarded to be spent on the community contact point and youth services.

ACTION Clerk to obtain more posters for recruitment of specials for display.

13. **KEIGHLEY ANTI CRIME PARTNERSHIP REPORT.**

This item was brought forward on the agenda. Mr C Slaven gave a short talk to the council on the Visual Audit Project he is hoping to undertake. The council was given a draft of the paper to look at and comment on. Comments will be collected and forward to Mr Slaven at the next council meeting.

5. **MINUTES.**

It was proposed by Cllr Bromley and seconded by Cllr Atkinson **“that the minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on the 5th of December 2002 (previously circulated) be signed as a true and accurate record.”**

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

Allotments-The deeds have been traced at BMDC and we are awaiting information about the income and expenditure of the allotments.

Cllr Hawkesworth- The Cllr has confirmed that she will be able to attend our meeting in March. Town Council are requested to prepare a list on questions for the Cllr Hawkesworth by February meeting.

ACTION Councillors to prepare questions for Cllr Hawkesworth

7. **OTHER MATTERS ARISING.**

Memorial Cup – Cllr Atkinson will look into this matter for discussion at the next meeting.

Training – All councillors received a handout from the YLCA with regards to training. Cllr Elsmore confirmed the Silsden Town Council are already participating in the scheme as the clerk has commenced her training course.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

Modernising Mental Health- public consultation paper
Community Pride- article on Street wardens.

*ACTION Mental health paper filed for reference
Photocopy article and circulate to all councillors.*

9. **PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT.**

None

10. **ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.**

Cllr Savage proposed and Cllr Tomkins seconded, all in favour that the following payments previously approved by the finance committee be made.

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| L Corcoran (1/1/03-31/1/03) | chq 292 | £490.05 |
| P Bromley –travel expenses | chq 291 | £ 34.39 |

Cllr Savage proposed and Cllr Tomkins seconded all in favour to paid the following

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| Inland Revenue NI-LC | chq 293 | £ 13.00 |
| Inland Revenue tax-LC | chq 293 | £ 13.10 |
| Inland Revenue NI-STC | chq 293 | £ 15.34 (chq 293 total £41.44) |

11. **PLANNING AND UDP.**

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| 02/04118/ful | St James Church | Disabled access link |
| 02/04324/ful | 39 Waterside | Extension |

The council have no objections to these plans so long as the materials used are in keeping with the surrounding area.

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| 02/04481/ful | Cruck House | Conversion |
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The council previously objected to this conversion when it was presented as plan number 00/02488/cou. The objection then was on the grounds that the mains sewers cannot cope with any increase in capacity. This objection still stands for the new application.

Bradford Approvals

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| 02/03816/ful | 18 Craven Drive | Conversion and Extension |
| 02/04062/ful | 45 Millfields | 2 Storey Extension |
| 02/03693/ful | 20 Foster Avenue | Reconstruction and Garage |
| 02/03993/ful | Beck House Farm | 2 Storey Extension |
| 02/03706/ful | 7 Rombalds Crescent | 2 Storey Extension |
| 02/03982/adv | Marsel House | Sign |

Bradford Refusals

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| 02/03180/ful | 2 Telford Close | Extension |
| 02/03883/ful | 11 Bracken Mount | Conservatory |
| 02/03755/ful | 2 The Fieldfares | Conservatory |

Cllr Elsmore updated the council on the opening of the UDP enquiry, where he was invited to give a speech. It was decided however, that BMDC did fulfill their obligations for consultation. Cllr Elsmore suggested and it was agreed to that he would give a presentation in May prior to Silsden's slot. The council gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Elsmore for all his work on the UDP situation. Cllr Bottomley has some information on PPG's and will pass it on to the council for future reference.

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

It was suggested that we try the Keighley Area Panel for a new lamp on Aire View at the junction with Hothfield Street. A list of surgeries for MP Ann Cryer has been received and will be put on display.

ACTION Clerk to write to KAP and put up the poster.

13. **REPORTS.**

ROAD SAFETY- Sign lights do not work on signs at the bottom of Briggate. No sign for Silsden on the Aire Valley Trunk Road. Council queries what the road works are on Bolton Road and felt they should be informed of any major road works which are to take place in Silsden. At Bradley Road and Bradley Avenue junction a manhole, which has had many repairs, is now sinking into the road taking some of the surrounding road with it.

XMAS LIGHTS- Lights are to be taken down at the week-end (11th -12th January)
SEG – Cllr Atkinson suggest he met with Stephen Gerard of the Environment Agency with regards to the condition of the culvert under Bradley Green. It was noted that Street Cleansing is not of an acceptable standard.

SCHOOLS – Dealt with under item 3. Cllr Tomkins asked permission to offer the council chambers as accommodation to the Hothfield ofsted inspectors if needed. This was agreed on the proviso either the caretaker or a councillor is on the premises at the same time.

*ACTION Clerk to write to Cllr Hawkesworth on the cleansing and highways issues.
Clerk to write to Mr Gerard and ask him to liaise with Cllr Atkinson.*

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS-an opportunity share information.**

Blocked gully outside 2 Craven Drive
Lamp out (3) Aire View.
Lamp out (2) Banklands Avenue
Lamps out Hainsworth Lane/Road Culvert
Lamp out (2) Skipton Road

ACTION clerk to report on 01274 431000

It was confirmed that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 6th February 2003 at 7.30pm in the council chambers.

There being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 10.30pm.

Prepared by
Mrs L Corcoran – Clerk

Signed as true and accurate - Mayor