

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

COMMENCED: 7.00PM

CONCLUDED: 10.00PM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr C Atkinson
Cllr M Elsmore
Cllr M Tomkins

Cllr A Edwards
Cllr K Savage
Cllr L Walton

Cllr T Chilton

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Lesley Corcoran, Town Clerk
Public 8
Cllr A Hawkesworth

Police 1
Press 1
Mr D Kennedy

CLLR WALTON IN THE CHAIR

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs Dodd and Bromley. Cllrs Savage and Chilton to arrive later

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

None.

3. POLICE REPORT.

The crime statistics for the February's comparison were as follows: the figure fell from 43 in 2002 to 33 in 2003 with a large reduction in business burglary and vehicle crime. However it was noted that criminal damage had increased from 6 to 10. PC Stothers to get CI Jordan to respond with regards to West Yorkshire's stance on returning 'Bobbies to the Beat' as it is now happening in London and Manchester. He also stated that there were no plans to have a contact point in Airedale Hospital and that they were hoping for 2 extra specials for Silsden. Cllr Atkinson commented that WYP should have 1 officer for every 425 people (ratio in the Met 1:363) and wondered where the officers were for the 10,000 residents of Silsden. A request was made for £5000 funding from the police for CCTV cameras.

Cllr savage and Chilton arrived 7.23pm

Parking on Keighley Road still causing problems. Query as to whether details of RTA's are being taken correctly at Keighley station.

By resolution of the whole council part of the public adjournment was brought forward to this point.

Local residents voiced their concern over the increasing acts of vandalism and damage happening around the Wesley Place car park and the memorial gardens.

They also stated that reporting these acts was frustrating as they could wait up to 40 mins for a response. Pc Stothers confirmed that some action was now being taken and gave out his details to the residents for a point of contact.

Cllr Savage requested that the need for patrolling this area be looked into with the suggestion of plain-clothes patrol with uniform back up.

4. **CLLR HAWKESWORTH**

Responses to previously circulated questions are attached to the back of these minutes.

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A resident called for pressure to be brought for an investigation into the planning decisions that are being made at Keighley. He felt there was no overall Town planning and cited Four Folds as an example where town planning should have been exercised.

ACTION Clerk to deal with issues raised in the questions.

5. **MINUTES.**

It was proposed by Cllr Atkinson and seconded by Cllr Savage “**that the minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on the 6th of February 2003 (previously circulated) be signed, as a true and accurate record.**”

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

Cllr Walton placed some information in the file with regards to the Rural Transport seminar. The clerk read out a reply with regards to their request for street wardens. This request was denied as statistics show Silsden does not qualify for wardens. West Yorkshire Police responded with regards to the time delay in phones being answered at the police station. Councillors were reminded that the actual Police contact number is 0845 6060606. Guidelines for using 999 are to be placed in the file.

7. **OTHER MATTERS ARISING.**

The clerk read out a letter in response to issues raised with the Department of Transportation, Design and planning. The clerk also confirmed that a letter had been forwarded to Leeds Highways in regards to signs on the Airevalley trunk road.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

1. Electoral Arrangements
2. White Rose Update
3. YLCA minutes

4. Country Air
5. UPD March Programme
6. Topic papers RPG's
7. Licensing Bill Info
8. Health Action link & Open Aire
9. Countryside Voice
10. Lord Mayors invitation
11. Letter from Mr I Day

Item 1 to 10 will be filed in the chambers. The clerk will respond to Mr Day's letter stating that they feel that though the changing accommodation is in need of funds question whether s106 monies spent on this would benefit the majority of Silsden.

ACTION clerk to deal

9. **ADJOURMENT.**

Dealt with under sections 3 and 4.

10. **ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.**

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

Salary LC (1/3/03-31/03/03)	chq 298	490.05
Inland Rev.	chq 299	41.44
Petty Cash repay	chq 298	17.72
Cllr Bromley Travel Claim	chq 300	4.54
		553.75

11. **PLANNING AND UDP.**

The following approvals by BMDC were read out:

03/00206/ful	3 Keighley Road	Outside Store
02/02723/ful	Gables Rest Home	Replacement Bedrooms
03/00332/ful	38 Waterside	Conservatory
02/04324/ful	39 Waterside	Two Storey Extension
03/00225/ful	8 Burnsall Mews	Conservatory

The following 4 plans were considered: no objections except the usual proviso that all the works and material used are in keeping with the area.

03/00325/ful	Light Bank	Conversion
03/00633/ful	10 Glaisdale Close	Conservatory
03/00497/ful	9 Mill Banks	Extension
03/00555/pn	Land at Low Lane	Agricultural Building

Action Clerk to email planning comments

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

Computer from BMDC is to be placed on loan to Cllr Savage.
Road edges on Bradley Road are collapsing, opposite the Old Hall, from the Green right up through the lanes to the Boundary.

Action Clerk to write to Highways

13. **REPORTS.**

S.E.G The Spring Clean up will take place on the 22nd of March, meeting outside the post office at 10.00am.

YLCA Cllr Elsmore requested that another councillor should try to attend the YLCA meeting for the 12th of March as he was unable to attend himself. He also suggested that councillors think about resolutions they may wish the YLCA to discuss and bring them to the next council meeting.

Xmas Lights All the repairs are being done.

Swimstart. Next meeting the 19th of March and a coffee morning on the 12th of April.

Schools The Ofsted inspectors now finished in Hothfield, verbal report due soon.
Aireview have a meeting next Tuesday though they are looking to addressing the issues on the Budget brought about by low numbers and the wish of many parents for all day nursery provision.

14. **ANY OTHER NEWS.**

Cllr Atkinson mentioned the possibility of funds being available for lighting on Aireview.

A shield was chosen from a brochure for the Edwin Bottomley Memorial Shield. The Mayor informed the council that the Cobbydale Singers are in concert on Saturday the 22nd of March 2003 at St James Church, proceeds in aid of The Children's Society.

ACTION Cllr Atkinson to place the order for the Shield.

It was confirmed that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd April 2003 at 7.30pm in the council chambers.

There being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

Prepared by
Mrs L Corcoran – Clerk

Signed as true and accurate - Mayor