

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY THE 7th AUGUST 2003
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SILSDEN TOWN HALL**

COMMENCED:7.35PM

CONCLUDED:10.00PM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr K Savage
Cllr L Walton
Cllr P Simper

Cllr M Elsmore
Cllr A Edwards

Cllr D Galley
Cllr P Bottomley

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Clerk The Press 1 Public 0
Cllr Clive Richardson – Vice Chair of the Police Authority
Mark Whyman – Divisional Commander Keighley Police
Mr David Preece

Cllr Edwards in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Atkinson, Bromley, Phillips and Chilton

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

None

3. POLICE REPORT

PC Stothers reported the following crime statistics comparing June 2002 with June 2003:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Burglary-Dwellings	3	1
Burglary-Others	9	5
Vehicle Crime	12	12
Misc. Crime	21	27
Overall	45	47

PC Stothers stated the figures showed positive results in respect of vehicle crime and burglary. There was however an increase in damage over the carnival weekend and this will be borne in mind when liaising over next year's carnival.

The council wished to thank PC Stothers for all the work he had done and for his help in resolving some of the parking problems on Keighley Rd. A request was also made that extra patrols were deployed to keep an eye on the memorial gardens and the cenotaph during VJ day as last year there was some vandalism and damage done to the wreaths laid.

Clerk to deal

4. POLICE AUTHORITY QUESTIONS.

The question of when the Police station would be reopened was asked. Mark Whyman stated in reply that no firm decision as yet had been made over the future of the police station though it was looking like the costs involved to refurbish it up to the acceptable standard for public use would be prohibitive. He did feel that however a contact point was they way forward and would be looking into establishing one in Silsden. A general discussion followed regarding the level of policing and people of Silsden's perception of policing in the area. Cllr Richardson stated there were simply not enough resources to put 'Bobbies on the Beat' but felt that the way forward would be the deployment of Police Community Support Officers, who would give a uniformed presence. They would also be able to deal with issues now dealt with by Traffic wardens, which should go some way to ease Silsden's traffic problems.

The council took this opportunity to tell the police that they would support the police 100% for anything they do that will improve the policing and perception of policing in Silsden.

Cllr Richardson also stated that the police authority had a duty to consult with the local authorities and he would be doing so in future via the clerk.

5. MR PREECE-UDP QUESTIONS.

Mr Preece gave the council a general update on the UDP enquiry. He felt that we wouldn't be looking at an adoption date until well towards the end of next year. He brought along a map showing the drawing of the new road designed by Countryside Properties. This was not the council's plan but merely one to be used as an example of a possible line. He explained that the council would be consulted on the road before it goes to the public enquiry stage. Cllr Walton stated he had received an undertaking from BMDC that all development traffic would use the new road and NOT travel through Silsden and Mr Preece confirmed that this would certainly be a condition asked for.

Cllr Savage raised the issues of inconsistency in planning decisions especially in a conservation area. Mr Preece confirmed that enforcement was a problem in many areas but he would look into the issue.

6. PLANNING.

The following plans were dealt with by the clerk and the chair of planning and returned with no objections save the usual proviso on materials being in keeping,

03/02625/ful	7 Longbottom Ave	Extension
03/02234/ful	5 Jacques Grove	Extension

The Following plans were dealt with at the meeting,

03/02583/ful	Keighley Golf Club	Disabled Access
03/02629/ful	Silsden Cricket Club	New Clubhouse
03/02634/ful	Land west of The Terrace Brunthwaite	Demolition and new Building
03/02668/ful	Ivy House Cottage, Low Ln.	Extension

The council has no objections to the above plans save the usual proviso that all materials used are in keeping with the area. They would also like to query whether the Ivy House extension is appropriate development for Green belt land.

BMDC Refusals

03/01694/adv 76-78 Kirkgate Sign

BMDC approvals

02/04481/ful Cruck House Conversion

Clerk to email planning comments

7. MINUTES.

The following minutes all previously circulated we proposed and signed as a true and accurate record.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd of July 2003. Proposed by Cllr Walton, seconded by Cllr Elsmore with all in favour.

The minutes of the co-option meetings held on the 3rd of July and the 24th of July 2003. Proposed by Cllr Elsmore, seconded by Cllr Walton with all in favour.

The minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on the 10th of July 2003. Proposed by Cllr Savage, seconded by Cllr Elsmore with all in favour.

Cllr Walton stated the he fully accepted Cllr Edwards apology offered in the above minutes.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MAIN MEETING.

The clerk confirmed that Ann Cryer would now be attending the October meeting. The Charter of cooperation between STC and BMDC (previously circulated) is been accepted and to be forwarded to BMDC.

Railings around the flowerbed next to Wesley Place car park are to be erected by BMDC.

Clerk to send Charter to Tony Kilner

9. OTHER MATTERS ARISING.

Clerk to find out whether or not the phone outside the police station is now working.

10. ALLOTMENTS

No update as yet matter last chased 1/8/03

11. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Resignation of Cllr Tomkins- letter of thanks to be sent.
2. Final recommendations of the Boundary Commission – Addingham to remain in Craven. - Noted
3. Letter stating Aireview being investigated for extra lighting- Noted.

4. YLCA Annual report –Filed.
5. Member Support Review- invite to Sept or Oct meeting.
6. Country Air– Filed
7. Providing Indemnities Consultation paper– Filed
8. Payphone removals – Accept proposal but request no more be removed.
9. Detruncking of the A65 notice- Noted.
10. Minutes of last AMP meeting– Filed.
11. 903 bus service review. - Reply stating that this is an excellent service and should not be changed but perhaps expanded.

Clerk to deal

12. ADJOURNMENT.

None requested

13. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

The following were proposed for payment by Cllr Savage and seconded by Cllr Elsmore with all in favour.

Mrs L Corcoran	329	£502.72
Inland revenue	330	£ 50.84
The paperclip	331	£ 5.52
Mrs L Corcoran	332	£ 24.74

The financial regulations and risk assessment (previously circulated) was presented to council for adoption. It was proposed by Cllr Savage and seconded by Cllr Elsmore with all in favour to adopt

Copies of Swimstart's balance sheet were given to the chair of finance.

14. STANDING ORDER ADDITION.

It was proposed by Cllr Savage, seconded by Cllr Simper with 4 votes for and 1 against to defer this item until the October meeting.

Clerk to Diarise

15. GEORGE NEWTON TRUST.

To be placed on the agenda for September's meeting where two councillors must be chosen to be trustee's for the trust.

16. BRADFORD COUNCIL, KEIGHLEY AREA PANEL, GOVERNMENT & KTC

No comments

17. REPORTS.

Swimstart A report was read out which highlights how well the pool is doing and the efforts made by the group to Fund raise.

RS.The clerk told the council of a trial of hand held speeding guns being carried out by councils down South. She is to try and obtain some more information and see if Silsden can also run a trial.

Xmas Lights a new home needs to be found for one new feature after the closure of the Fruit Hamper.

School Governors Aireview had a successful annual meeting for parents. It was suggested that the council write to Phil Green of Bradford education informing him of the premises formally Cavalier on Elliot Street are now up for rent and this site has been suggested in the past as an ideal site for a new school.

YC Next meeting on the 2nd of Sept. at 4pm all councillors welcome to attend. The clerk to set up a bank account for the YC to use. Town Councillors to be signatories in accordance with financial regulations.

Clerk to deal

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS-an opportunity to share information.

Cllr Savage commented that the Yellow lines on Aireview and Skipton Rd still not completed.

Cllr Elsmore suggested we chase the Water authority re the sign for the canal bridge.

Cllr Walton apologies for the next meeting

Cllr Simper suggested we think about trying to keep going the name 'Cobbydale'

Clerk to deal

19. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday the 4th September 2003 at 7.30pm.

Being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record

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Chairman 4/9/03