

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY THE 8TH MAY 2003
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SILSDEN TOWN HALL**

COMMENCED:7.30PM

CONCLUDED:10.25PM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr C Atkinson
Cllr M Elsmore
Cllr L Walton

Cllr A Edwards
Cllr K Savage
Cllr P Bottomley

Cllr T Chilton
Cllr D Galley

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Clerk

The Press

Cllr Walton in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Tomkins & Bromley.

2. MAYOR'S END OF OFFICE STATEMENT.

The Mayor stated that the council had had ups and downs but overall it had been a good term of office. He stated that he had felt offended by the lack of support from a certain councillor, but thanked those present and all those who had attended over his term of office for their support, which made his time in office a pleasure. The Mayor also stated that ongoing issues included the UDP, precepting and he felt that the council was going forward.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2003/4.

Cllr Alan Edwards was proposed by Cllr Walton, seconded by Cllr Elsmore with all in favour as the new Mayor of Silsden Town Council.
The retiring Mayor gave the incoming Mayor a donation for the charity Manorlands; the clerk was also presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers.

Cllr Edwards took the Chair.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2003/4.

Cllr Michael Elsmore was proposed by Cllr Edwards and seconded by Cllr Savage with all in favour as the new Deputy Mayor for Silsden Town Council.

5. OFFICE OF ACCEPTANCE FORMS AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORMS.

All councillors completed and signed these form in the presence of the Proper Officer of the Council.

6. ADMINISTRATION.

Governing Bodies- Aireview

Cllr Elsmore.

Governing Bodies-Hothfield Planning Committee	Cllr Tomkins. Cllrs Tomkins, Atkinson, Savage, Edwards, Bottomley, Walton, Elsmore and Galley.
Finance Committee	Cllrs Elsmore, Walton, Tomkins, Bromley and Galley.
George Newton Trust Christmas Lights	Cllrs Edwards and Tomkins Cllr Walton, Atkinson, Bromley, Galley and Chilton.
YLCA	Cllrs Elsmore and Tomkins with Cllr Bottomley if needed.
SEG	Cllr Chilton.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllrs Walton and Edwards declared an interest in finance.

8. POLICE REPORT

PC Stothers was unable to attend the meeting tonight but forwarded the following crime statistics comparing April 2002 with April 2003:

Burglary-Dwellings	4	3
Burglary-Others	12	9
Vehicle Crime	25	15
Misc. Crime	19	23
Overall	60	50

The council urge PC Stothers to resolve the problems of parking on Keighley Road and on the yellow lines on Aireview.

It was proposed by Cllr Atkinson and seconded by Cllr Savage with all in favour that a letter is sent to the Leader of BMDC and the Chair of the Police Authority to ascertain when they are going to do something about the level of policing and increasing the presence of the police on the streets of Silsden. It was also resolved that the clerk invites the Chair of the Police Authority to a council meeting.

Action Clerk to email PC Stothers and send a letter to the leader and Chair of the Police Authority.

9. MINUTES.

It was proposed by Cllr Walton and seconded by Cllr Elsmore with all in favour that after the addition of the words 'all in favour' in section 4 **“that the minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on the 3rd April 2003 (previously circulated) be signed, as a true and accurate record.”**

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Clerk read out an email from Silsden Park Rangers confirming that they would adopt an open door policy if their new changing room goes ahead.

A reply from Mr D Kennedy on various matters was read out to the council. With regards to the cleansing rota it was resolved by the council that the clerk should reply

requesting that New Road is manually cleaned and question why only every 13 weeks for Silsden when Addingham and Ilkley have a 'Schmidt' at least once a month. The clerk is also to invite Mr Fisher of the Cleansing Department to a Council meeting.

Cllr Atkinson and Cllr Galley commented on a meeting they had had with Mr S Core of the Highways department re the flooding problems on Skipton Road. They felt the solutions offered will go towards alleviating the problems. The Clerk is to write to Mr Core and thank him for all his hard work on the council's behalf.

Clerk to deal with the above.

11. OTHER MATTERS ARISING.

Bradley Green: It was resolved that the clerk write to Cllr Eaton to ask for a programme of works and if it job has gone out to tender what the tender return date is.

Clerk to deal with the above.

12. EDWIN BOTTOMLEY SHIELD.

It was resolved to write to the local schools and youth groups in the area asking for suggestions of criteria for the awarding of the shield.

Clerk to deal with the above.

13. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Sign letter A629
2. Draft Protocol (circulated)
3. Invitation Community Development & Lifelong learning Open day 14.5.03 10.00am
4. The Countryside Agency-Parish Plans
5. LCR-Letter
6. Open Aire
7. Invite to a meeting with Human resources of BMDC at KTC 11th June 7pm.

Items 3, 6 & 7 filed for reference.

Item 1. Clerk to request a stand-alone sign & also request that BMDC erect the signs when the road is detrunked.

Item 2. With the suggestion that under the heading 5.2 that usage of free car be included. STC would accept in principal the draft document.

Item 4. This was given to Cllr Chilton to see if STC qualified for any grants.

Item 5. Clerk to write to the TC concerned and ask to be kept updated on any action taken with regards to a private inspection and survey of their sewerage infrastructure.

Action Cllr Chilton to deal with item 4 Clerk to deal with the rest.

14. ADJOURNMENT-PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

None

15. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

The following payments were proposed for payment by Cllr Savage and seconded by Cllr Bottomley with all in favour except Cllrs Walton and Edwards who took no part in the discussion and vote due to a declared interest.

Payee	Chq No.	Amount
Mrs L Corcoran	308	£502.72
Inland Revenue	309	£ 50.84
The Paperclip	310	£ 94.86
YLCA	311	£562.00
Cornhill Insurance	312	£770.05
Mayor's Allowance	313	£700.00
Swimstart	314	£490.49
Christmas Lights	315	£ 83.37
Cllr L Walton	316	£ 6.50
Mrs L Corcoran	317	£ 7.48
SLCC	318	£ 11.99

Year end accounts for the year ending March 2003 were presented to the council Cllr Elsmore proposed and Cllr Walton seconded with all in favour that the accounts be approved.

Cllr Walton asked the council for permission to have the chain altered at his own expense . This was agreed by the whole council. It was also proposed by Cllr Chilton and seconded by Cllr Savage that the chains be engraved with Cllr Walton's details and that idea's be looked at to updating the Deputy Mayor's chain.

Action Cllr Walton to deal.

16. PLANNING AND UDP.

03/01321/cou 3-5 Townhead Separation of property
As the property as been a single property for so long this council objects on the grounds that the highways would not be able to cope with increase traffic and parking and that the main sewers are not able to cope with any further input.

03/01283/ful 24 Craven Ave Conservatory
No objections except the all materials use are to be within keeping of the surrounding area.

03/01195/cou 1 Hothfield/39 Skipton Rd.
No objections but would like to draw to your attention the possible parking problems and requested that double yellow lines are placed around this area.

03/01006/ful The Hollows, Hole Ln amendment recd 30.4.03
The original barn was converted and therefore as per BMDC policy a new barn cannot be constructed.

03/01431/ful 43 Daisy Hill 2 storey extension
The council had no objections to the above except the usual proviso that all the materials are within keeping with the area.

Action Clerk to email the above comments to Keighley planning.

Cllr Walton commented on the impressive and informative exhibition put on by S.E.A.T.

Cllrs Walton, Bottomley and Elsmore gave the council a résumé of the days events at the UDP enquiry. They stated they felt the day had been positive and were pleased with the inspector's attitude.

Cllr Atkinson requested that the Allotments Issue be placed on the agenda for June.

Action Clerk to place on the Agenda.

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

BMDC

Meeting for Parish and town Councils at KTC on 14.5.03 was noted.

The council suggested that all Craven Ward Councillors are issued with standing invitations to this council's meetings.

The council suggested that a letter of thanks be written to Mr M Smith with regards to all his hard work in looking after the park and surrounding areas.

The council also stated they had no objections to memorial bench being placed in the park.

KAP

The council are to invite Cllr Emmott to the June meeting in order that he can hear the presentation to be given by the young people.

18. REPORTS.

RS

This council noted that BMDC road accident statistics are only for personal injury accidents.

It was resolved that this council would write to the leader requesting that all the broken and damaged signs in Silsden be fix or replaced as they could now be considered dangerous as drivers are unable to read many.

YLCA

Cllr Elsmore informed the council of training session for new councillors in July.

This item will be looked at again in the June meeting.

Cllr Elsmore also informed the council the a councillors guide can be downloaded from the following web site www.nalc.gov.uk

SWIMSTART

The clerk gave an update on the present situation and confirmed that the Swimstart accounts had been audited and that they were progressing with their move towards charitable status.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Cllr Elsmore informed the council that there would be some restructuring at Aireview due to falling numbers and staffing changes.

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

Cllr Walton informed the council that a copy of the Silsden Survey is now in the file.

Cllr Bottomley gave the council a résumé of a meeting, which she had arranged with the young people who were looking to help with the project of getting a Skate/bike Park in Silsden. They will present their ideas to the full council in the June meeting.

20. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The meeting in June will take place on the 12th of June and commence at **7pm**.
All other main meetings unless otherwise stated will take place on the first Thursday of each month.

Being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.25pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record

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Chairman 12/6/03