

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

COMMENCED:7.30PM

CONCLUDED:10.05PM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr K Savage
Cllr L Walton
Cllr A Phillips

Cllr M Elsmore
Cllr A Edwards
Cllr P Bromley

Cllr D Galley
Cllr P Bottomley

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Clerk The Press (2) Public (5) Police (1)
Chris Slaven
Representatives from Hothfield School (3)
Representatives from Rural Housing Enablers (2)

Cllr Edwards in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Chilton & Simper.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllrs Bottomley & Walton – Finance

Some of the agenda items were taken out of sequence to allow for time constraints.

4.HOTHFIELD-MULTI USE GAMES AREA.

A presentation given by Mrs Ruth Leach of Hothfield School about the M.U.G.A. The TC were asked if they would take a leading role in organising a community partnership as the proposed area is now the school playing fields adjacent to the youth club. PC Stothers felt that this was in fact a better site as it may attract more youths towards the youth club and it's facilities and therefore off the streets. It was proposed by Cllr Savage, seconded by Cllr Walton, with 7 votes in favour and 1 abstention to support this project. The Mayor is to call and chair the first meeting.

3. POLICE REPORT

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

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Burglary-Dwellings	4	1
Burglary-Others	3	2
Vehicle Crime	12	7
Misc. Crime	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
Overall	41	33

It was also reported that there were 85 incidents for October, of which 61 were attended by a Police Officer. The rest would not generally have required an officer's presence at the scene. PC Stothers is to chase up the replacement of the emergency telephone at the Police Station. Cllr Phillips asked if the crime figures reflected changes in force policy. PC Stothers replied that some extra patrols may have made a difference, but he felt it was just a general trend in crime that the report shows. The TC formally thanked PC Stothers for his hard work with the YC.

5. CHIRS SLAVEN.

Confirmed that the contact point will be in Silsden's former Police Station and that there was funding in place for refurbishment. He also confirmed that Silsden should be the next contact point up and running. He requested commitment from volunteers and stated that Tony Walker would attend our next meeting to elaborate. Business Watch is to undertake another Christmas extravaganza on the 3rd of December 2003. The TC was shown some analysis done by the business watch on business crime. The council were also told that there was funding available for any inter-generational work, it was proposed that Mr Slaven attend the next Youth Council meeting on this matter.

6. RURAL HOUSING ENABLERS

The Council were informed about the work of the Rural Housing enablers. It was proposed that they work closely with the Council to help produce a report that will identify the housing needs of Silsden. Volunteers for a steering group will be required.

14. PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT

Members of the public informed the Council once again of the problems they face at the entrance to the Cringles Park on Bolton Road. They feel that this area is an accident black spot and that traffic is travelling far too fast on a blind bend for it to be safe for pedestrians to cross too and from the bus stop. They called for traffic signs and rumble bars. It was proposed by Cllr Savage, seconded by Cllr Elsmore that the Council support the public on this matter.

Action – Clerk to write to Highways with these suggestions.

7. MINUTES.

The minutes for the meeting on 2nd October 2003 and the 16th October co option meeting (previously circulated) were, after a few minor grammatical amendments proposed and signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Bromley and seconded by Cllr Savage with all in favour.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.

Clerks report noted and will be attached to public copy of these minutes. Mr Presland of B.M.D.C. has confirmed that the new road signs requested are being erected on the week commencing 9th November 2003.

9. ALLOTMENTS.

Statutory allotments still no update. It was suggested and agreed that the Council take N.A.L.C.'s advice regarding the other pieces of land

10. TO ADOPT AN OVER VIEW POLICY FOR CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES

This policy was proposed by Cllr Savage, seconded by Cllr Elsmore and adopted with all in favour.

11. PLANNING AND UDP.

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| 1) 03/04161/ful | Transmitting Station
Holden Road | 0.6m Antenna onto
existing mast. |
| 2) 03/02519/ful | Hunters Glen | 3 houses (amended
from 4) |
| 3) 03/04330/ful | 4 Lowfield Crescent | Extension |
| 4) 03/03813/ful | Aireview Works | Demolition & 6 new
dwellings. |

No objection to 1 and 3.

STC reiterated all of the previous objections to application 2

- The TC questions the use of Septic tanks and do not believe the run off is long enough. They feel that a 'Biodisc' would be a better system. They state the beck will be unable to cope with any more Top water run off. They also object on a highways issue, the access to the development in along an unmade road and an unadopted Road. It was also felt that this was over development of this area.

Application no 4 is objected to on a number of grounds: Highways entrance to the site very tight. Parking in sufficient for the type of property, also parking very much a problems in that area at the moment. The sewerage system will not be able to cope. The council feel strongly that this is gross over development of the site. Cllr Walton to bring a query re a security fencing at the Belton Road site to the next planning meeting.

12. QUALITY COUNCILS

Details of a meeting at B.M.D.C on Nov 17th at Keighley TH were read out to inform the Councillors.

13. CORRESPONDENCE.

Group Response info see enclosed filed for future reference

YRCC appointment of proxy vote –No action required

Countryside Voice - File

Info on Town Guides - Note for future reference

TCG News-File

National Ass. Of Cllrs Event - details enclosed

YRCC annual report and AGM on 22/11/03 at Beningbrough CC, York 2pm Start

Open Aire – File

Letter of complaints re parking problems outside new bookies

Noted application for licence of Vilucci café bar on Kirkgate
 Info on Community venue Seminar – noted
 Info Parish Consultation meeting 3rd Dec Cllr Elsmore to attend
 Info on procedures re Hearings from the standard’s committee – filed with polices
 YLCA information Cllrs informed - white rose update filed.
 Letter from Hothfield re classroom next to Swimming Pool. Swimstart Committee are dealing
 Swimstart chair aware. TC copy of letter filed

Action clerk to deal

15. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

LC Salary (Nov) (net)	347	502.62
Tax LC & NI LC		
STC NI	348	50.94
The paperclip	349	68.30
Cllr Walton	350	1.06
Cllr Bottomley	351	1.06
Slcc Conference	352	25.00
Vat repay Xmas lights	346	34.96
Vat repay SwimStart	353	361.61
Poppy wreath	345	35.00
Post repay	354	7.72
Notice Broad repairs	355	53.00
Total for main account		1141.27

Cllr Bromley Proposed and Cllr Savage seconded that the above payments be paid with all in favour (except Cllrs Walton & Bottomley who took no part in the item due to a declared interest).

16. BRADFORD COUNCIL, KEIGHLEY AREA PANEL, GOVERNMENT.

Nothing to report.

17. REPORTS.

Swimstart. – No report.

Road Safety. – Nothing to report.

YLCA. - Nothing to report.

S.E.G. Winter clear up to take place on 8th November 2003.

School Governors. Ofsted Inspectors due in at Aireview School.

KAC. - Nothing to report.

YC - £325 was raised by the sponsored bag pack. After which the manager of the Coop challenged the Youth Council to do the same for three consecutive days before Christmas. The YC wanted the TC to be aware that they were advised to do a consultation of those that may be affected by the proposed bike park site.

18. ANY OTHER MATTERS.

The Clerk advised the Council that Countryside Properties wished to meet with the Council. The Council resolved that no such meeting could take place before the completion of the UDP enquiry and the publication of the Inspectors report.

The Civic Society wished the Council to be aware that they may be raising a petition with regards to the lack of Police patrols based in Silsden.

Cllr Phillips informed the Council about proposed increases in water rates over the next five years.

Cllr Galley requested the Clerk chase Cllr Eaton with regard to the area outside the OAP centre.

Cllr Walton also reported there may be a problems of 'fly tipping' on Belton Road.

Cllr Bottomley will confirm with the clerk then BMDC informed.

Benches in the little garden above the beck are covered in graffiti.

Drains at the bottom of Aire View were blocked. BMDC job No 13696

Action – Clerk to deal.

19. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday the 4TH DECEMBER 2003 at 7.30pm.

Being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.05PM.

Signed as a true and accurate record

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Chairman 4/12/03