

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY THE 3rd JULY 2003
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SILSDEN TOWN HALL**

COMMENCED:7.30PM

CONCLUDED:9.50PM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr C Atkinson
Cllr M Tomkins
Cllr L Walton

Cllr A Edwards
Cllr K Savage
Cllr A Phillips

Cllr T Chilton
Cllr M Elsmore
Cllr P Bromley

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Clerk
Park Ranger 1

The Press 2
Mr John Schofield

Public 1

Cllr Edwards in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Bottomley and Galley

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	2
Burglary-Others	4	5
Vehicle Crime	6	16
Misc. Crime	25	24
Overall	38	47

Pc Stothers stated the increase in vehicle crime was not in specific areas but generally. The council was also informed that the West Yorkshire force was currently in a recruitment drive and a significant number of the new police will be coming to the Keighley Division.

Cllrs again raised the issue of illegal parking on the streets and urged the police to do more to resolve the situation.

4. MINUTES.

It was proposed by Cllr Walton and seconded by Cllr Tomkins with all in favour that **“that the minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on the 12th June 2003 (previously circulated) be signed, as a true and accurate record.”**

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

It was confirmed that speed enforcement action would be taken in Silsden between now and the end of July.

Cllr were asked to prepare question for Mr Preece re the UDP and Cllr Richardson of the Police authority, to be given to the clerk at the next planning meeting.

The clerk confirmed that Ann Cryer MP could attend the August meeting, it was felt that September would be better for this council.

Cllr Chilton gave an update on the information he had obtained on the Bradley green Culvert, the council have just had meetings with the residents but no more is known as yet.

Action Clerk to write to Ann Cryer MP. Forward questions when received.

6. OTHER MATTERS ARISING.

None.

7. PARK RANGERS.

A discussion took place between the council and the Park ranger service. The council were given an outline of the Rangers duties and powers. The Rangers explained how the work closely with the police, but that their limited powers meant that they were only there as 'eyes and ears'. A contact number for anybody wanting to make specific requests for a Ranger Service was given as 01274 432697. It was also confirmed that the Ranger service for the whole of the Bradford district was given funding of approximately £400,000 per year. Mr John Scofield, the person with overall control of all parks and open spaces also gave his contact number 01535 618265.

8. SWIMSTART.

It was proposed that a specific meeting be arranged for the councillors to be updated on the present situation. Cllr Atkinson requested that this be a full meeting, Cllr Elsmore seconded this with all in favour.

Action In accordance with standing orders the clerk to arrange a closed meeting.

The monthly report of the Swimstart group was read out by the clerk, which states that the lessons are fully booked, and a waiting list for most. They are also entering a float in the carnival and further fund raising events such as a plastic duck race and coffee morning are planned.

9. PROPOSED CHARTER AGREEMENT.

The council are to return this paper with their comments to the clerk by the next planning meeting.

10. ALLOTMENTS

No update

Clerk to chase again on a two weekly basis.

11. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Reply from Yorkshire water - which outlined the repair work taking place at the pumping station.
2. Acceptance of invite from Ann Cryer MP – Clerk to move to September meeting and not August.
3. Invite for a fundraising seminar - At £50 per head the council felt this was not value for money.
4. Bradford Asset Management Booklet - given to Cllr Atkinson.
5. Countryside Voice – Filed
6. LCR – Filed
7. Community Pride – Filed
8. The Quality scheme explained – Filed.
9. Country Air – Filed.
10. ‘Bradfood’ CD and Flyer, about organic shops and suppliers – Filed
11. Draft of revised RPG12 – to be given to the planning chair.
12. Community Plan WYFS – Filed.
13. Letter for Silsden Methodist Church, about a request for CCTV cameras – Forwarded to BMDC.

Clerk to deal

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Three issues were raised the first was about the parking on the pavement on North Street. The second was a request for railing around the flowerbed in the Wesley place car park to stop some of the damage being done by those riding their bikes and skateboards in that area. The third being the telephone outside the police station is still missing.

It was proposed by Cllr Elsmore and seconded by Cllr Savage that the council write to the parks department with the suggestion of railings and write to the police requesting the telephone be replaced as a matter of urgency.

Clerk to deal

13. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

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

Mrs L Corcoran	324	£502.72
Inland revenue	325	£ 50.84
Cllr P Bottomley	326	£ 14.82
Colin Read – Audit	327	£ 56.40
Mrs L Corcoran	328	£ 6.24

The annual accounts previously presented and annual return was placed before the council for approval. Cllr Elsmore and Seconded by Cllr Chilton proposed approval with all in favour.

Clerk to forward return to Mazars in accordance with the procedures set out.

14. PLANNING AND UDP.

The comments passed were as follows:

03/02354/cou Cobbydale Mills Back to manufacturing
No objections, but question if something is to be done with the timber framed skeleton of a building, which is lying in the field.

Also

The notification of refusal for

03/01837/ful 6 Swale Court Extension & Conservatory
The council are concerned as to whether this is the correct information, as the building work at this property appears to be well underway

Bradford Approvals

03/01563/ful 1 Craven Court Extension & Conservatory
03/01891/ful 67 Waterside Extension

Action Clerk to deal

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

BMDC

Grass verges on Skipton Road need to be made good after recent road works.

No Street name on the entrance to South View Terrace.

Cllr Atkinson proposed a motion 'that the park ranger service be disbanded and the monies for Silsden be given back to the town'. A vote was taken: 1 for, 6 against and 2 abstentions. The motion was not carried.

Action Clerk to deal

16. REPORTS.

RS

The road markings for limited waiting outside the schools and Prince St need to be renewed.

Cllr Walton confirmed he was leading a cycling proficiency course for local school children this summer.

XMAS LIGHTS

Two new features had been bought. Permission has been given to erect a fence around the Christmas tree.

SEG

Were on going with the grills around the flower boxes but request that the council chase again the whereabouts of the benches.

YLCA

Nomination papers for a parish rep. were received. This council resolved to vote to Cllr Ann Jay of Denholme.

Action Clerk to deal

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

Light out lamp 1 Bridge Street

Drain blocked outside pear Tree Cottage.

The Mayor reminded the council that the clerk can be given information like this at any time and it did not have to wait until a meeting.

The council resolved to have drinking water available for the meetings.

Clerk to report the faults and obtain glasses and jugs for the drinking water.

29. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting was confirmed as the 10th of July 2003 at 8.00pm and the next main public meeting was confirmed as the 7th August 2003 at 7.30pm.

Being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record

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Chairman 7/8/03