

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY THE 2nd OCTOBER 2003
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SILSDEN TOWN HALL**

COMMENCED:7.30PM

CONCLUDED:9.45PM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr K Savage
Cllr L Walton
Cllr A Phillips

Cllr M Elsmore
Cllr A Edwards
Cllr P Bromley

Cllr C Atkinson
Cllr P Bottomley

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Clerk
Anne Cryer MP

The Press (2)

Public (2)

Police (0)

Cllr Edwards in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Chilton, Galley, Simper & PC Stothers.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr Bromley – Finance

Cllr Atkinson – Allotments

3. POLICE REPORT

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

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Burglary-Dwellings	5	2
Burglary-Others	14	4
Vehicle Crime	11	9
Misc. Crime	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>
Overall	54	37

PC Stothers felt this was a reasonable reduction but agreed that high visibility patrols are the order of the day.

An email was received by the clerk, from Chris Slaven, stating that the contact point would be situated in Silsden Police Station. He will come to the November meeting to expand this point. Again the council stated that the people of Silsden were angry about the lack of police on the streets of Silsden and felt they were not getting value for money. Cllr Atkinson gave details of an incident reported to him of a lady in Skipton Road who rang 999 re an attempted break-in occurring at that moment on the 10.8.03 at 12.45am. As to this point in time no members of the police force had yet attended. Cllr Atkinson asked Anne Cryer to take up this issue. The mayor suggested

we also send copies of the information to Divisional Commander Mark Whyman and Cllr Clive Richardson.

Cllr Phillips made the point that he had never seen a policeman in Yorkshire since he moved here.

Cllr Elsmore requested that we invite a traffic warden to walk round with Cllr Elsmore so they can be shown the trouble spots. The invitation to be sent via the Divisional Commander

Cllr Savage stated that there was an increasing fear of crime and indeed increasing crime in the AireView Area.

A suggestion was also made that we ask PC Stothers to also include in the crime figures given each month figures for police attendance to reported crimes.

Action Clerk to write to Mark Whyman, Cllr Richardson and Anne Cryer re the 999 complaints. Clerk to email PC Stothers to ask him to make the addition to his report

4. ANNE CRYER MP.

Anne Cryer was welcomed to the meeting. She gave a short speech about her involvement with Silsden in the past and her surgeries. Discussion followed on matters including policing, drink driving, anti social behaviour and the role of ward councillors. Cllr Walton requested that Mrs Cryer take forward with her the suggestion that limit for drink driving in this country becomes the same as in Europe. Cllr Bottomley requested she help with trying to obtain a safe crossing over the Aire Valley trunk road. The Chair of Silsden business watch asked Mrs Cryer for her support for their scheme to try and obtain CCTV for Silsden's high street. The Chair of business watch is to write to Mrs Cryer directly. Cllr Elsmore stated that the Town Council have the power to install CCTV. A public question was raised about the increasing rates which increase well above the inflation rate. Mrs Cryer confirmed that rate capping could still be enforced. Cllr Savage asked for a streamlining of bureaucracy and Cllr Phillips called for an end to rule by targets.

Action Clerk to write to Mrs Cryer with the above points and request a copy of the letter being sent by the chair of business watch.

5. MINUTES.

The minutes for the meeting on 4th September 2003 previously circulated were proposed and signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Bromley and seconded by Cllr Savage with all in favour.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.

- 1) There were 2 applicants for the vacancy of councillor; a meeting has been set for the 16th of October 2003 at 7pm.
- 2) The clerk confirm she has been advise of the registered owner of 52 Kirkgate and the Council have requested that she write to them and the enforcement

officer again re the boarding up of the windows. It is thought that BMDC are the owners of 54 Kirkgate.

- 3) The clerk confirmed that redecoration of the front of the Town hall was now on hold.
- 4) BMDC confirmed that the vertical Engine in Waterloo Mills is known about and is not to be affected by the recent planning permission. Cllr Atkinson requested confirmation that this also included the Hot Well tank and pump, which is situated in a different place to the vertical engine.
- 5) Concern was raised again re the status of the fire station. The clerk to find out what the intentions are for the station future.
- 6) No response has been received with regards to recent complaints about the signage in Silsden. Clerk to write to Cllr Eaton on this matter.

Action Clerk to deal with above.

7. SPEED RESTRICTIONS.

The council were made aware of a letter that had been sent by Aire View School to the Road Safety Unit. This council fully endorse all the comments made in this letter and are to request 20mph limited for the streets around both schools. Letters are to be sent to BMDC and to Cllr Emmott to ask him to take this cause forward on our behalf. It was also suggested that the clerk write to the Road Safety Unit to invite them to a Town Council meeting.

Action Clerk to deal

8. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS.

Proposed by Cllr Walton and seconded by Cllr Atkinson with all in favour that the following addition is made to the standing order number 21. This addition is to be known as 21c

‘The Council shall not make any proposals that could effect the operations of any committees, sub committees or advisory committees/groups. Until the relevant committee/group members have been given sufficient time to hold a meeting and response to the proposals’.

Action Clerk to update standing orders.

9. ALLOTMENTS

No update as yet though Mr Kilner has acknowledged the last letter. The clerk is to find out about an 1866 law, which may also entitle us to the grazing, agricultural and horticultural and under 2 areas not just the statutory allotments.

Action Clerk to contact YLCA on this matter.

10. PLANNING AND UDP.

03/03775/ful

17 Jennings Close

Conservatory

03/03183/ful

10 Hillcrest Ave

Garage & Extension

No objections were raised save the usual proviso that all materials are in keeping.

Action Clerk to email planning comments

11. PROPOSAL BY CLLR WALTON

“That all dogs must remain on a lead whilst in Silsden Park.” Cllr Walton explained his reasoning behind this and felt that Dogs could not be classed as being under control as is required by the present byelaw if they are off the lead. Cllr Savage seconded this proposal. A vote was taken with 6 for 1 against and 1 abstention. The proposal was carried.

Action The clerk to write to all 3-ward councillors in order to get this proposal into a byelaw.

12. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Festival of Remembrance - To Notice board
2. YLCA domain name – silden.wyorks.gov.uk – agreed
3. WYP consultation meeting – date noted – item filed
4. NHS Foundation trust NHF – noted Silsden not included- to request a consultation.
5. Notification of Licence transfer for the Grouse Inn.
6. Letter from Keith Pickles – contents noted and filed.
7. 2 Public letters of praise- contents noted
8. Email re takeaways –Content noted action on going.
9. Clerk’s request to attend a conference re quality councils - agreed

Action Clerk to deal with 1,2,3 and 9.

13. ADJOURNMENT.

None requested

14. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES.

Cllr Elsmore proposed the following recommendation be accepted.

1. That this council does not request the remuneration Panel to advise on a level of participation allowance for the Town Council, as this council does not wish to pay such an allowance to its members.
 2. That the Council requests the Remuneration Panel to advise on the level of travel and subsistence allowance for Town Councillors, and submits views to the Remuneration Panel that it considers the level of such allowances should be identical to those advised for District councillors and that the Panel should advise that the same level of such allowances should apply for all parishes throughout the district.
- Cllr Bromley seconded this with all in favour.

Action Clerk to inform the remuneration panel of the decision.

15. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

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

Mrs L Corcoran	339	£502.72
Inland revenue	340	£ 50.84
Mrs L Corcoran	341	£830.00
Cllr P Bromley	342	£ 3.68

Mrs L Corcoran	343	£ 22.00
Swimstart	344	£ 500.00

From the Youth Council account the following payment was also included in the proposal

Mrs L Corcoran	001	£34.00
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16. BRADFORD COUNCIL, KEIGHLEY AREA PANEL, GOVERNMENT.

A request was made that a mini roundabout be requested for the junction of Bolton Rd/Bell Square.

The road surface outside Derwent Court is in need of repair.

The pavement outside Dual Discount needs to be returned to its former state of flags not tarmac.

Cleansing department appears to miss out the courtyards in Daleswater Mews.

The following have been reported to BMDC here to help on 01274 431000

<u>Fault</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>BMDC Job number</u>
Lamp out	Memorial gardens	91414
Blocked Gullies	Beech Grove	91416
Blocked Drains	Hillcrest Ave	Tendered to ATMOS
Lamp Out	Nicholson Place	91415

Action Clerk to deal

16. REPORTS.

Swimstart Report read out re a successful fundraising event. The Swimstart committee in agreement of the town Clerk have decided to put off the charity status move until the 1/4/2004. The clerk has requested that at that date the council received a full set of audited accounts from Swimstart.

YLCA Cllr Elsmore informed the council that there had had a good annual conference and that Cllr Walton's proposal had been taken onboard..

S.E.G A report was read out by the clerk.

School Governors New Chair of Governors at AireView is Mrs Ball. The school is to be 'ofsteded' in November.

KAC Cllr Bromley had brought up the concern over the contact point none progress at the lasted meeting. The matter will be discussed further at the next main meeting when Chris Slaven will be present.

YC After advice from Ian Day of BMDC the YC have decided to split the sites of the Bike and Skate park. The Skate park will go ahead in the original skate bowl, the bike Park has now been proposed to be situated up by the Rugby field. This site was proposed by Cllr Atkinson and seconded by Cllr Savage with all in favour.

17. ANY OTHER MATTERS.

Cllr Chilton had received a number of complaints about rats seen at the back of the takeaways and along the beck. The clerk confirmed that the environmental health dept are actively looking into the matter.

The same two cars are still parking Illegally on New Road

The council were ask to ascertain who are responsible for the upkeep of the small garden area around Airedale Mews.

Action Clerk to deal with the above.

18. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday the 6th November 2003 at 7.30pm.

Being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record

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Chairman 2/10/03