MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY THE 5th FEBRUARY 2004
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SILSDEN TOWN HALL

COMMENCED:7.30PM **CONCLUDED:**9.25PM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr K Savage	Cllr M Elsmore	Cllr P Bromley
Cllr A Edwards	Cllr A Phillips	
Cllr L Walton	Cllr P Bottomley	

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Clerk The Press (1) Public (1) Police (1)

Cllr Edwards in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES
Cllrs Chilton, Galley and Atkinson. Resignation was received and accepted from Cllr Simper.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.
None

3. POLICE REPORT
A short crime report was given by PS Hobbs. Figures comparing the last 28 days and the same period last year shows overall crime down from 27 to 19. The last 28 days saw no burglaries at all. PS Hobbs stated that vehicle crime would be flagged up as a priority. The council informed PS Hobbs that the residents of Silsden were pleased and impressed to see at last, uniformed officers back on the streets. Thanks were also extended to PCSO Walton for all his hard work.

Cllr Walton requested that all councillors should put themselves forward to be volunteers for the contact point. Cllrs Edwards, Elsmore, Bottomley, Bromley and Savage agreed

4. MINUTES.
The minutes for the meeting on 8 January 2004 previously circulated were proposed and signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Savage and seconded by Cllr Elsmore with all in favour.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.
The conservative club has confirmed it looked into the recent complaint and are unable to identify the culprits, it was felt that it could have been two unknown youths.

A letter in response to the recent meeting with Metro with regards to the Steeton and Silsden Station was read out to council. Cllr Elsmore commented that it had been a very positive meeting.
Cllr Emmott confirmed by telephone to the clerk that the matter of the speed restrictions was still being actively looked in to.
The lining on Aireview still has not been completed –Clerk to chase again.

6. BRADLEY GREEN.
As there had been no update received from BMDC the council have requested that the clerk contact Cllr Dawson to ask him to update the council on this matter. – Clerk to deal

7. ALLOTMENTS
Still awaiting details for Woodside Allotments. The council have been asked to identify on a map the other pieces of land, which may be allotments. Clerk to liase with Cllr Atkinson to get this complete.

8. PLANNING AND UDP.
The council have no planning objections to the following planning applications

04/00268/ful	5 Throstle Nest Rd	2 storey extension
04/00280/ful	land sth 91 Skipton Rd	Dwelling

On the second application 04/00280/ful the council note their concerns over the sewerage system and the drainage system as they feel they are inadequate for present demand let alone more.

Clerk to email comments to BMDC

Cllr Elsmore confirmed that under the Town And Country Planning Act 1990 schedule 8 district authorities are required to register all comments made by town and parish councils on planning applications whether full or amended.

9. QUALITY PARISH
The council resolved to support the clerk in her professional development.

10. CORRESPONDENCE.
1.Skipton Town Council Civic Dinner invite
2.Bradford vision annual report
3.Info on reconstruction Marchup beck wall
4.Planning update
5.TCG News
6.Canal bridge sign update
7.Info on Quality Status seminar

8.YLCA- Quality Status questionnaire
9.YRCC questionnaire
10.Vital villages update
11.Country Air
12.Request for use of notice board
13.Metro Info on new 903 service

Items 1.2.3.4.5.7.10.11&13 are filed for reference.
Item 6 Clerk to contact BMDC re the canal sign
Items 8 & 9 clerk to deal.
Item 12 clerk to write to suggest use of window for a donation to the youth Council

11. ADJOURMENT.

A member of the public came into to report the over hang of the trees on the Golf driving Range are now causing problems for people trying to walk on the pavement and they are in dire need of pruning. The clerk to write a letter to the owner of the range. A further comment was also made about how pleased people were to see the PCSO on the streets of Silsden.

12. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

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

	chq	
LC Salary (Jan) (net)	368	502.72
Tax LC & NI STC NI	369	50.84
Gavel	370	11.25
Printer inks	371	38.76
Lapatop battery	372	48.00
LCR subs	373	12.50
YRCC subs	374	25.00

£40 to cover expense was also issued to Cllr Bottomley as previously agreed at a finance meeting. This was chq number 4 from the Youth Council account

13. BRADFORD COUNCIL, KEIGHLEY AREA PANEL, GOVERNMENT.

BMDC

Clerk to contact BMDC re the state of the windows in the Town hall. They desperately need cleaning.
Clerk to write to BMDC and ask them if they can make the memorial gardens a no alcohol zone.

14. REPORTS.

Swimstart Still on target to become a charity for the 1st of April 2004. STC has written to give notice to withdrawn from the original head of agreement between the school, BMDC and the Town Council

Road Safety

Clerk to write to Highways to request a traffic count as it is suspected the traffic has greatly increased since the opening of the Bingley Bypass.
Xmas Lights Nothing to report
YLCA Cllr Elsmore told the council of a meeting he went to which looked at the precept for policing and it would seem the much of this levy is to pay the pensions of retired Officers. There is to be a further conference with NALC where this issue will be discussed.
S.E.G No report
School Governors TC to give Aireview a letter of congratulations on its recent ofsted report.
KAC No report
YC Cllr Bottomley updated the full council as regards to the Youth Council.

15. ANY OTHER MATTERS.
Bus stop at the top of Skipton Rd in a bad state of repair.
Potholes in Hainsworth Rd
Rubble building up in fields on the wash land to the left of Keighley Rd.

Clerk to deal

16. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.
The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday the 4th March 2004 at 7.00pm

Being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record

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Chairman 4/03/04