

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY THE 8th JANUARY 2004
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SILSDEN TOWN HALL**

COMMENCED:7.30PM

CONCLUDED:9.25PM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllr K Savage
Cllr A Edwards
Cllr D Galley

Cllr M Elsmore
Cllr A Phillips
Cllr L Walton

Cllr C Atkinson
Cllr P Bromley
Cllr P Bottomley

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Clerk

The Press (1)

Public (6)

Police (1)

Cllr Edwards in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Chilton. A leave of absence for 11 weeks was granted with all in favour to Cllr Chilton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr Edwards - planning

3. POLICE REPORT

The following statistics were given comparing a 3-month period

	Oct/Dec2002	Oct/Dec2003
Burglary-Dwellings	9	3
Burglary-Others	12	6
Vehicle Crime	41	32
Misc. Crime	<u>45</u>	<u>52</u>
Overall	107	93

The cllrs were given a copy of the neighbourhood watch newsletter that show comparable crime figures and highlights that Silsden has a low crime rate. PC Stothers will answer any questions on this at the next meeting. Cllr L Walton was formally welcomed and congratulated on becoming the new PCSO for Silsden, Steeton and Eastburn. A member of the public raised her concern over recent acts of vandalism and crime that are happening on Bradley Green. PC Stothers stated that more patrols could be direct through that area if they are made aware of the problems. The council agreed to write to BMDC to ask to boulders to be place all around the green to stop cars from driving on to it. The same request is to be made for the park area at Fletcher Ave and Banklands as cars are also driving onto this area. Cllr Elsmore pointed out that more and more shops are using shutters and suggested this pointed to an increase threat of vandalism and suggested that more police presence

was necessary. He also stated that a recent report carried in a YRCC publication showed West Yorkshire as having some of the highest crime figures and questioned as to whether this was because WYP are undermined. The new steering group for the contact point has appointed PC Stothers as its chair. A letter of support from the Town Council for the contact point was requested. The council resolved to forward such a letter to Chief Superintendent G Sutherland.

4. MINUTES.

The minutes for the meeting on 8th December 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.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.

Report previously circulated and to be attached to the public record of the minutes were noted. Clerk placed an advert for co-option meeting. She is to invite candidates along to the meeting in February for an informal discussion. All candidates will be given written notice with a week of the result of their application.

6. SPEED RESTRICTIONS.

The council noted the reply from K Greenwell with regards to their request for speed restrictions. They also noted the contents of a letter from a member of the public who had suffered as a result of speeding through this area. The council resolved to write again to Mr Greenwell stating that they fully endorsed the comments in the public letter and ask him to reconsider that decision of BMDC not to place speed restrictions due to financial constraints. The clerk was asked to chase the response for Puffin Crossing and send copies of this correspondence to Cllr Emmott to ask him to take to the area committee.

7. ALLOTMENTS

Further advice from YLCA suggested we ask BMDC for a list of all lands, which were, transferred to them under the general transfer. STC should then request all these lands back leaving the onus in BMDC stating why we should not get them back. Cllr Elsmore to chase Mr Kilner on the matter of Woodside allotments.

8. PLANNING AND UDP.

03/050005/ful MUGA school playing fields- the council fully supports this application.

03/05077/cou Beck House Farm Creation of 2 dwellings

03/04995/ful 15 Buckden Ct Extension

03/05013/ful 53 Waterside Replacement Conservatory

The council have no objections to the above save the usual proviso all materials used are in keeping with the area and surrounding buildings.

BMDC approvals

03/03871/cou Plot 4 To coach and funeral vehicle hire.

03/02519/ful Land north Hunters Meadow 3 Dwellings

9. QUALITY PARISH

The clerk confirmed she was taking part in BMDC training events and also that she had passed the first ½ of her training.

10. CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Ann Cryer re Driving Alcohol levels.-to note
Info on Computers for Rural People- to note
White Rose update - note cllrs training in Silsden-to note details
Report from Community Venues event -query Silsden Town Hall-to file for ref
Letter from CPRE requesting we write to ODPM re planning bill- to send letter of support.
DEFRA Info on Equine Issues- to file for ref
WYPA info independent custody visiting scheme- to display poster.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

None requested

12. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

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

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LC Salary (Jan) (net)	366	502.72
Tax LC & NI LC		
STC NI	365	50.84
Swimstart laminator pouches	362	5.00
Denholme TC Travel expenses	363	5.00
Post repay LC	364	5.88
L Corcoran contact point expenses	367	20.00

Cllr Elsmore confirmed he had seen and checked the 1/4rly accounts and that they were fine. Cllr Elsmore then explained the draft budget. Cllr Savage proposed an amendment to the draft budget by increasing the reserve figure by £2500.00.. A vote was taken on this issue 3 against (CA, PBrom, DG) 5 for (ME, LW, PB, KS,AP) increase was carried. The overall budget was then proposed at £30,625.00. A vote was taken 4 against (CA, PBrom, DG, AP) 4 For (LW, PB, ME, KS) the chair's casting vote was used and the budget was carried as £30625.00.The clerk to inform finance dept at BMDC.

13. BRADFORD COUNCIL, KEIGHLEY AREA PANEL, GOVERNMENT.

BMDC

Bradley Green Culvert clerk to chase up details of what is happening.
Yellow lines for at the top of Elliott Street and Prince street area still not replaced clerk to chase. Limited waiting lines still required for bottom of Aire View. The grit box on Fletcher Ave missing.
Public footpath in Jackson's field the diversion no longer passable and needs a handrail on it. Pavement path between Park green and Skipton Rd in dire need of cleaning.

Lamp 19 Insway/HowdenRd out, panel may need attention. Lamp damaged under the culvert on Hainsworth Rd.

All street names need to be cleaned and South View terrace bottom sign is still missing.

Clerk to deal with the above and chase BMDC with regards to the possibility of a mini roundabout at Bell Square.

KAP

Cllr Bottomley attended the planning panel meeting and will bring comments to the next planning meeting of Silsden Town Council.

14. REPORTS.

Swimstart STC to write a letter to dissolve the Heads of agreement with Hothfield and BMDC if and when Swimstart ready to go as a charity.

Road Safety No report

Xmas Lights The council received complaints about the behaviour of a couple of members of the Conservative club during the weekend of the 17th –18th of December. The TC resolved to write to the club stating that this sort of behaviour was unacceptable and was not the sort of example that should be set. A copy of the letter to be sent to Cllr Eaton.

YLCA No report

S.E.G No report

School Governors No report.

KAC No report

YC 3-day bag-pack raise £1003.50p and the TC thanked all those involved. TC to write a letter of appreciation to the YC for their hard work so far.

15. ANY OTHER MATTERS.

None

16. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday the 5th February at **7.00pm. (early start due to Co-option meeting to take place between 7pm and 7.30pm all councillors to attend.)**

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

Signed as a true and accurate record

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Chairman 8/01/04