

## Minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2006

Commenced: 7.35 pm

Concluded: 8.59 pm

Present: Cllrs Walton, Bottomley, Philips, Savage, Coward, Elsmore, Trainor.  
Cllr Naylor joined the meeting at 8.50 pm

In attendance: Deputy Clerk, Press (2) Public (1)

- A. **Application for Co-option.** In closed session it was agreed unanimously that the application from Ann Brown should be accepted and that she be co-opted on to the Council. This was proposed by Cllr Savage and seconded by Cllr Trainor.
1. **Apologies** had been received from Cllrs Atkinson, Edwards, Garret, Ward Councillor Mallinson and Cllr Hawkesworth. Cllr Naylor gave apologies but hoped to join the meeting later. No Apologies received from Ward Cllr Kelly
  2. **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda**  
Cllr Walton item 3.
  3. **Policing & Craven Tasking Group Update** – Cllr Trainor reported figures for Silsden for the period 23 December to 1<sup>st</sup> February which included the Christmas and New Year period.  
Anti Social Behaviour 26 Criminal damage 3 Damage to motor vehicles 5.  
Cllr Trainor reported that the Tasking Group were looking at rescheduling the days on which the meetings were held as the present arrangement was not satisfactory.  
Cllr Trainor also reported that Silsden was to get a new PCSO who would be joining on the 6 February.  
They were also to get a new A board for the Contact Point and new posters to advertise it more as it had had a slow start. It was suggested that a piece also be inserted in the next newsletter.  
Cllr Bottomley said Keighley Voluntary Services wanted details of contact points apart from PC Merrifield. Further contacts were given.
  4. **Minutes of last meeting** – These were approved subject to the following two amendments:
    - 4.1 No. 1 Cllr Garrett's apologies were to be added
    - 4.2 No. 14 Planning 05/08502/rem former Gas Works – to be amended to read 'the junction with Belton Road and **Keighley Road**' not Silsden Road. The Minutes were then proposed by Cllr

Walton and seconded by Cllr Trainor and were signed and initialled at the above amendments.

## 5. **Matters arising**

Cllr Elsmore read out a letter from Yorkshire Water. A reply to be sent thanking them for the letter and to make the point that the Council's initial concerns were with the pipe along the valley floor to Marley and to seek confirmation that the main drain between Silsden and Marley is 'up to capacity'.

## 6. **Bradford Council Concerns over un-adopted roads in particular Hillcrest Avenue**

- 6.1 Un-adopted roads including Hillcrest Ave: Cllr Savage proposed that this matter be deferred until Ward Councillor Mallinson and Cllr Naylor could attend. However it was felt that the question as to how BMDC stood legally as to a definition of a highway and whose responsibility was it if anyone got injured should be raised. Other examples were the cobbled area between New Road and Aire View and also between Tufton Street and Hothfield Street. Also if cars were parked on such roads without tax discs. It was thought that it was necessary to have tax discs on any road other than a private drive.
- 6.2 Keighley Area Committee - nothing new from Area Committee
- 6.3 Children's Playground – Cllr Bottomley reported that she had been notified by Mel Smith of Parks & Landscapes that woodchip was going to be installed as some complaints had been received. Cllr Savage asked if it was possible for Silsden playground to have a rubberised base as in Sutton and Ilkley. Clerk to obtain costings and viability.
- 6.4 Park: - Cllr Elsmore informed the Council that funds were available from the Lottery Fund and the Heritage Lottery fund Next application deadline was 31 March 2006. Some possible options for using such funding were the possibility of having a park attendant and a coffee shop for the park. Cllr Elsmore asked that Councillors kept ideas coming in and he would request an information pack and CD rom.
- 6.5 '106 Money': There was further discussion on spending the remaining '106 money' which was to be used by June – there was £11,000 of the original £17,000 remaining, £6000 having

gone to the Youth Council. Cllr Elsmore had already suggested a handrail and Cllr Bottomley would ask the Youth Council at their meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February about painting the children's play area. The correct paint would have to be bought.

## **7 Items from Councillors**

Cllr Garret had submitted a report on street lighting outlining the fact that street lighting had been removed from the Area Committee's budget. This resulted in a concern as to how street lighting would be maintained in future. It was decided that Cllr Elsmore would raise this matter at the next Parish Liaison Meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and would furnish Councillors with a written report if matters were proceeding quickly. This was proposed by Cllr Coward and seconded by Cllr Savage.

## **8 Correspondence**

8.1 Cllr Elsmore read out a letter from C E Electric. It was decided to hand this correspondence to Cllr Naylor who had expressed an interest in taking up this matter. This was done at the end of the meeting.

8.2 Invites for all councillors to the BMDC Civic reception on 20 March 2006 had been received for each Councillor and these were distributed by the Deputy Clerk.

8.3 A new list of training programmes offered by BMDC had been received and this was to be pinned to the internal notice board in Council Chamber.

## **9 Adjournment – None**

## **10 Park Sign**

10.1 It was agreed that the new sign at the entrance to the Park on the Bolton Road side was indeed misleading as to ownership, was wrongly worded in using the word 'park' as the area had always been known as Silsden 'playing fields' and therefore the sign should be amended to address both these points. The Clerk was to contact BDMC expressing the Council's concern and asking them to contact the Council regarding the wording. Suggested wording was 'Silsden Town Council Playing Fields – Maintained by BMDC'.

Whilst on the subject of signs:

10.2 Cllr Bottomley showed Councillors pictures of the new signage

at the Rocks & Ramps area and all agreed they were excellent.

10.3 Cllr Elmore confirmed that the new town signs were on order and should be ready by the end of February. Cllr Elmore was to contact the press with some dates for a photo opportunity.

## 11 Accounts and Finance

11.1 The following payments were proposed by Cllr Savage and seconded by Cllr Trainor. This included a late addition of payment to Arrowsmith Associates for advice in 2005 on UDP. This was covered under 'Planning legal costs' in the budget.

Mrs L Corcoran	554.76	542
Mrs K Wood	53.76	543
Inland Revenue	87.92	544
Arrowsmith Associates	220.31	545
SLCc subs	54.00	541

Cllr Elmore proposed that £1500 project monies was transferred to the Xmas lights for new features for next year & 5000 be put into reserves. This proposal was agreed by Cllr Savage and seconded by Cllr Bottomley.

11.2 It was proposed that the precept be kept the same as last year at twenty nine thousand one hundred pounds. This was proposal was voted on unanimously and proposed by Cllr Savage and seconded by Cllr Philips.

11.3 Cllr Elmore read out a letter from The George Newton Trust seeking a donation of £500 towards computer equipment and software. It was decided to defer this item to the next Finance meeting when Cllr Edwards would be able to provide more information.

## 12. Planning

- 12.1 Haygill Barn, Bank Ln – No objections
- 12.2 26 North Street – No objections
- 12.3 110 Skipton Road – No objections –

## 13. Reports

Reports had been received regarding Christmas lights and Business Watch.

13.1 Christmas Lights: Cllr Savage requested that the

Council's thanks to the lighting team be minuted. The request for volunteers would be repeated in the next newsletter. Cllr Walton reported that it was hoped to get all the lights down on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February in one day.

13.2 Business Watch – the next meeting for this would be 6<sup>th</sup> February. With regard to the last request for details of Business Watch meetings to be included in the next Council newsletter, the Major informed the Counsellors that the next issue would be in March and that all contributions would have to be received by 28<sup>th</sup> February.

14. **Mayor's Report**

14.1 Civic Service: The Major advised that a Civic Service would be held at the Methodist Church on 30<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30 am and requested that Councillors support this event. He read out a list of local dignitaries who were to be invited including the Major of Bradford. There would be refreshments available after the service.

14.2 Council Surgery: The next surgery would be held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2006

15. Other issues:

15.1 Beck Bash – 18<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 am: Cllr Bottomley informed the Council that there was to be a 'Beck Bash' cleaning operation on 18<sup>th</sup> March and that Silsden Youth Council's application for a £50 grant from Action Earth had been accepted and the YC had received a pack of tabards, posters, certificates to raise the profile of the event. Cllr Walton thought that there should be a police presence at this event and asked the YC to arrange this.

15.2 Flag Crackers of Craven Cllr Coward advised the Council that an offer to perform to raise money for the people of Silsden had been received from the Flag Crackers of Craven Morris Dancers. Similar events for surrounding villages had been a great success and took the form of a pie and pea supper and a ceilidh band would also be supplied. Cllr Savage said that very few Friday evenings were still available at the Sunnybank Club and the option of using the Town Hall was considered.

Action: Cllr Coward was asked to investigate the matter

further and report back to the next meeting. Cllr Savage suggested that the licensing of the town hall for such an event be looked into by the Clerk – also to be reported back to the next meeting.

16. Date of next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2006 at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed 8.59 pm