

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SILSDEN TOWN HALL ON  
THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

**Commenced 7.40pm**

**Concluded 9.15pm**

Present: Cllrs Walton, Edwards, Coward, Brown, Elsmore, Trainor, Maddocks, Phillips, Savage & Bottomley. Police [2] Public [0] Press [1]. The clerk.

**Cllr Trainor in the Chair**

1. Apologies received from Ward Cllr Mallinson no other apologies for absence were received
2. Declaration of Interest : Item 3 LW , Item 13 ME.
3. WEST CRAVEN TASKING/POLICE Business PC Merryfield and Insp Minton attended. PC Merryfield reported that ring leaders had been identified regarding problems in the park and Wesley place. Local supplier of alcohol are also been visited to ensure no under age selling. Speedwatch has been in operation in Silsden – over 20 motorist caught speeding today. Warning notices issued regarding to the riders of the scooter/motorbikes in the car park. Still receiving complaints regarding broken glass at the MUGA more visible patrols to be deployed. Resolved that this council write to youth services questioning what has happened o the broadband connection for the CCTV at the MUGA which should have been on line in August. Insp Minton informed the council that the police wish to push for a designated drinking order for Silsden Town centre. Council supported this idea and police to return to the next meeting to consult with TC on area for the order.
4. MINUTES – That the minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2007 were agreed after the following amendment was included ITEM 11 was amended to include the following addition at the end of it *LW would like the minutes to show that as stated at the meeting he was not against CCTV in principal, as this had been resolved at a previous meeting; but did not want this resolution for the letter to go ahead at this present time until he was satisfied that the monies granted to STC from BW was raised solely by them for CCTV.*
5. UPDATE from previous meeting –noted that further to our request in July Chief Superintendent Allan J Doherty will be attending our meeting on the 6 th December to discuss visible policing. Councillors to supply clerk with a list of questions at the next meeting to ensure that this visit is productive.
6. ADJOURNMENT – PUBLIC ENQUIRIES. none requested
7. Cllr Elsmore confirmed the situation regarding public speaking at council meetings which is that this council is bound by the LGA 72 which stipulates that during a meeting of the council only councillors and the clerk have any entitlement to speak. Invitations by the chair to speak can be made but no members of the public can join in any debate. STC has written into it standing order that a public adjournment will be offered at each meeting where the council will be suspended in order to hear comments.
8. PARISH LIAISON- Parish Charter and planning protocol now agreed and will be signed on 25<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Elsmore informed this council that the new government bill was also discussed and it affect on TC's including for QS councils the Power of Well Being and Power to create By-laws. Council will be kept updated as to the progress of this bill.
9. POST OFFICE CLOSURES – the closures for the Keighley area will roll out from the 26<sup>th</sup> November. This council will support campaigns to keep Silsden Post Office open if it is affected by these compulsory closures.
10. WARD COUNCILLORS – capital funding idea's an application from Silsden Cricket and Football club, suggestions from CA ; Roundabout at Bell Square, Pelican/puffin crossing outside Brierdene were forwarded to Ward Cllr Naylor .KS requested that the ward councillors chase on their behalf the making good of lining in various parts of Silsden and an update on the drainage problems and how these are to be resolved. Council also agreed to send a letter with photographic evidence to

BMDC regarding a possible collapsed drain on Hillcrest Rd and suggest that BMDC have a duty to investigate this.

11. UPDATE from Anti dog fouling - leaflet distributed but only 2 replies received request that the press run an article saying that this council needs the public's help.

Cllr Maddocks left the meeting.

12. FOOTPATH DIVERSION –diversion of part of footpath 49 off Low lane from within the garden areas of Howden House Farm to the track around – no objections.

13. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

1. Agreed payments as follows:

Mrs L Corcoran	684	567.35
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Mrs L Corcoran	684	34.00
Mrs L Corcoran	684	19.99
Mrs A Colman	685	55.87
Mrs A Colman	685	80.00
Mrs A Colman	685	57.11
Mrs A Colman	685	9.60
Mrs K Wood	686	20.00
Inland revenue	687	94.30
Mazars	688	470.00
Yorkshire soc	689	100.00
Campion	690	389.00
M Elsmore	691	8.80

2. Approved the proforma for grant applications.

3. ME to continue to look for best value quotes for flags and bunting, council resolved in principal to cap spending at 1000 pounds

14. PLANNING.

07/05644/ful          Field 0968 Bolton Rd          Improve existing gateway. – No objections.

15. REPORTS – To note WRITTEN/verbal reports of the following:

**Road safety** –none received **YLCA** – None received. **Christmas lights-** attached. **Youth Council-**Minutes and agenda's can now be viewed on [www.silsden.net](http://www.silsden.net) work now well underway for new play area.

16. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: DDO's and police for discussion as to encatchment area. PO closures to remain an agenda item for the time being. ME to report on New code of conduct and the new items which should be of interest to councillors

17. Confirmed the date of the next meeting as the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007 at 7.30pm

Being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

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Chair 1/11/07