**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL**
**HELD ON**
**10th December 2009**

Commenced 7.30pm Concluded 9.10pm

Present: Cllrs Bottomley, Edwards, Atkinson, Elsmore, Trainor and Savage. Press [1] Police [1]

**Cllr Edwards in the chair**

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Coward, Johnson-Gill, Conway, Naylor and Phillips. The mayor took this opportunity to thank both the Gala Committee and the Police for the Christmas Market event.

2. No declaration of interest on items on the agenda was made.

3. Police update received, also confirmed that Hothfield St area was still to be a pact priority alongside Ryefield way. Police will also conduct a survey on the problems of inconsiderate parking on Skipton Rd as an aid to the council requesting some appropriate lining controls. Police to report back at a future meeting.

4. The minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 12th Nov 2009 were signed as a true and accurate record.

5. Silsden Allotments – as councillors have been previously advised, BMDC asset management were under the impression STC were actively seeking management of the council's allotments and were starting process to hand over. This has been stopped by Cllr Naylor.
   **Resolved** that we invite the officer concerned to a meeting with the council to discuss this matter in detail before any further action is taken.

6. Adjournment none requested

7. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – proposal from Cllr Elsmore and supported by Cllrs Bottomley and Trainor that this council request the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Elliot Street near the entrance to the MUGA. **Resolved** that a request be made to BMDC for a Pelican crossing.

8. Items brought back to the agenda from previous meeting with Councillor Elsmore to update on 1 and 2.
   1. HGV ban through Silsden. **Resolved** to request via the Ward councillors that the ban in place during the 16weeks roadwork's be made permanent
   2. Parish Plan agreed in principal at this stage Cllr Elsmore to gather details and a business plan.
   3. **Resolved** that Council to request a comparison of car parking charges in the BMDC district and the justification behind the current charges in Silsden.

9. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.
   1.Agreed payments as below:

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| L Corcoran | 899 | 623.85 |
| IR | 900 | 89.59 |
| Mrs L Gatenby | 901 | 66.00 |
| Mrs L Corcoran | 902 | 97.96 |
| SLCC | 903 | 106.00 |
| Mrs L Corcoran | 904 | 38.00 |
| Silsden RC | 905 | 50.00 |

2. Considered a grant application received from Silsden AFC for £500 towards floodlit training facilities. Council agreed to ring fence £500 for the club which will be paid on production of a receipt for flood lighting equipment.
3. Renewed the council's sponsorship of two classes for the coming season for Silsden Riding Club at a cost of £50.
4. Extended clerks delegated authority to £1000 to allow for purchase of computer system for Deputy Clerk.

10. PLANNING: To pass comments on the following:
09/05598/hou Pickersgill manor farm 2 storey extension to dwelling. No objections.
Council also to note that 09/05073/ful construction of dwelling inland to the rear of 77 Bolton Rd was dealt with under delegated powers and an objection was send on behalf of this council as overdevelopment of the site.
List of decisions from BMDC was read out.

11. REPORTS – To note any verbal reports of the following:
**Christmas lights** good working relationship with Bradford and features not working will be looked at this coming weekend. Also agreed to have an early meeting to sort out lights for next year. Cllr Atkinson to arrange.
**Youth Council** Cllr Bottomley informed the council that it is her intention to retire as youth council coordinator after the completion of the 7up project. Cllr Johnson-Gill to take over the role. The mayor and councillors thanked Cllr Bottomley for all that she had done.

12. Confirmed dates of the next two meetings to be 7th Jan 2010 main meeting and 21st Jan 2010 General Purposed for the budget/precept proposals.

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Chair 7/01/10