

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SILSDEN TOWN HALL ON
3rd September 2009**

Commenced 7.30pm

Concluded 9.00pm

Present: Cllrs Coward, Elsmore, Edwards, Johnson-Gill, Bottomley, Savage & Naylor. Police [2]

Cllr Edwards in the Chair

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Trainor, Conway and Maddocks.
2. No declaration of interest on items on the agenda
3. POLICE – updated council on policing priorities for this coming month and are to look into the issue of inconsiderate parking on North Street and the speed of cars along Swartha Lane as its being used as a rat run during road works.
4. MINUTES – That the minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 6th August 2009 were signed as a true and accurate record.
5. ADJOURNMENT – None requested
6. Clerks report to note update on ongoing Allotments search indicating that Bradford were following due process in order to declare any possible lands surplus and information from Youth Services indicated a good number of youths were accessing this service.
7. Invite to Airedale NHS trust open event 11/9/09 11-12 AGM then 12-18pm open event was noted.
8. Responses required from councillors on the plans and priorities for the local action plan as discussed with Rachel Edmonds at the last meeting were collated and sent to Rachel.
9. Mayors Award. Mayor Edwards will be setting up an award scheme for adults who do something special for Silsden. It would be awarded each year and decided by the current mayor with the help of the council.
10. Highways complaints 2 letters received from residents on highways issues.
 - First concerning the lack of disabled parking provision in the town [only 2 at top of Kirkgate] suggest a space in the middle of the town perhaps at the entrance to Nicholson Place. Clerk to forward letter to BMDC.
 - Second letter received RNIB on behalf of residents on Hunters Meadow regarding the conditions of Spencer Ave. Clerk to forward to highways, but also as unadopted road request that all three ward councillors work on this to try to affect a resolution.

11. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

1. To agree payments as per budget sheet (circulated)

Mrs L Corcoran	878	623.85
IR	879	91.07
Mrs L Gatenby	880	64.18
staples	881	222.26
Mazars	882	460.00
Muga	883	1000.00

2. Resolved to donated to Methodist coffee morning group against newly incur expenses of Town Hall hire the sum of £100
 3. Grant application completed and resolved to grant Silsden Community Players £500 towards costs.
 4. Council noted successful completion of external audit with no comments.
12. PLANNING: To pass comments on the following:
None received at time of meeting
Cllr Bottomley raised concerns regarding possible breach of conditions on plot 6/7 Belton Rd site. Concerns inc breaching of working times now working from 6am-6.30pm, Now being used for heavy engineering [B2] when only passed for B1/B8 use. Company now also working a weekends to be forwarded to the enforcement office and copied into ward Cllr Naylor
13. REPORTS – To note any verbal reports of the following:
Joint Transport Committee – verbal update given on progress made so far
Christmas lights – Cllr Naylor stated this matter now with the portfolio holder [Cllr Hawksworth] and a meeting to be arranged with John Blackburn. Cllr Naylor to advise council of outcome as and when.
Youth Council – Mile stone has been reached as the councillors had now raised over £200,000 towards project. The Town Council heartily congratulated the youth councillors and Cllr Bottomley for all their efforts.
14. Confirmed the date of the next meeting as 8th October 2009

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Chair 8/10/09