

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2012**

Commenced:7.30pm

Concluded: 9.00pm

Present: Cllrs Huggins, A Conway, Robinson, K Conway, Jump, Atkinson & Savage. Public [7] Police [1]

Cllr Atkinson in the Chair

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Naylor, Bell-Jump and Croft.
2. No declaration of interest on items on the agenda
3. POLICE update was received from PS Julie Gray. Residents were reminded to be vigilant about security especially back doors, garages and garden sheds. A request was made for Speedwatch in hi viz for Kirkgate as the number of motorists speeding and not stopping at the crossings was deemed as an increasing problem. There was also a request for Speedwatch in other problematic areas such as going up Bolton Rd, Skipton Rd and Keighley Rd. The council also to write to highways about the possibility of a flashing speed sign for Kirkgate.
4. The meetings of Silsden Town Council held on 3rd Oct 2012 were signed as a true and accurate record.
5. ADJOURNMENT – taken with item 8.
6. Resolved to send the following as the council's response to draft proposals for the Town Hall and the selling of Wesley Place and the Library by BMDC.
STC strongly oppose the selling of Wesley place, library or car as this only expansion land in Silsden and believe funding for updating the Town Hall where possible can be realised by other sources.

This project was briefed to a user group before STC and before a district councillor why was that and why didn't the officer check that all had been notified? Why did they go ahead when they found out that STC and district councillor not present courtesy would suggest something so sensitive would have gone to STC first they found out about it after the event having contacted by press.

A detailed accurate plan was promised by Nigel to be place before STC who were then willing to call a public consultation this has not been forthcoming, but instead a vague item has been placed by Nigel on the Neighbourhood Forum agenda which if un-amended will give just a concept with vague costings.

Nigel told STC meeting project will only go ahead if disabled compliant can town hall be made to be compliant. Project dependant on hat this advice is as it is a waste of resources to do detailed work if it can't be done- so this is the first thing to check not difficult as STC has already been told crossing can't move and pavement not wide enough.

Has any basic feasibility work been done on the lowering of the floor levels in the gent's toilet given the land levels and the lack of space at the rear?

Has any thought been given to the change of character of the building as a result?

Plans produced so far are concept drawings at best as Nigel wants to change location of lift so exactly what is proposed?

Where would Library go?

Would STC chambers have to move if so where would civic furniture etc go?

Will project be £300,000 less costs and fees if so how much will they be Nigel suggested at least 13%.

Building in a conservation area what if any alteration is proposed to facade of town hall.

The condition survey says pipework for heating system needs to be replaced amongst other things will this be done I.e. Are the essentials to be done or will the money be spent on cosmetics like lift etc. Point needs to be made that building needs elements that have not had maintenance sorted out before the nice to haves are considered. That is will condition survey form basis of the improvements?

Have the user groups and Mark Davies been contacted as to their input for proposed changes? Will rooms be too small, will a lift in one room mean that users are interrupted each time the lift is to be used? The upper room and larger ground are fully booked Monday to Friday so this does not increase capacity it reduces it.

7. Noted chair has secured some of the wood from the poisoned Oak Tree to be made into some sort of artefact. Ideas to be collected and to be put before council in the Jan 2013 meeting.
8. Land at Airedale Mews – Legal information confirms that this land is designated open public space and cannot be sold as anything different. Council resolved that they were unable to grant to request to sell a plot of this land to a resident. Council further resolved to send a letter to all residents of Airedale Mews stating that there can be no parking on the land nor the siting of household wheelie bins, as this is designated as public open space. The issues round parking will be monitored and if needs be a permanent barrier will be erected, design in consultation with the residents.
9. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

1. Agreed payments as below

Mrs L Corcoran	1145	657.65
Mrs G Bazylewicz	1146	72.71
IR	1147	38.72
Mrs L Corcoran	1148	1000.00
Mrs G Bazylewicz	1149	150.00
Mazars LLP	1150	660.00
RBL	1151	50.00
Keighley Tree Services	1152	60.00

2. Resolved council to retain Colin Read as internal auditor for this financial year.

10. PLANNING:

[12/03874/FUL](#) Address Land at Holden Gate Riddlesden Silsden West Yorkshire Proposal Temporary siting of a 50m meteorological mast – Objections on the grounds of visual amenity as visible from several rights of way, and given the location an archaeological survey must be carried out prior to any decision.

[12/03885/FUL](#) Address Black Pots Farm Light Bank Lane Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0NL Proposal Installation of a single micro-scale wind turbine (14.97m to hub, 5.6m diameter blades) – Objections this is an area of historical interest which includes the cup and ring stones [doubler stones], plus a number of ancient ring encampments, it is adjacent to designated ancient woodland and would destroy the visual amenity as visible from the many rights of way. A thorough archaeological survey must be carried out. Council would also like to ensure that both 12/03874/ful

and 12/03885/ful are linked given their proximity to each other and Bradford Council's own policy to look holistically when dealing with wind turbines.

[12/04058/FUL](#) Address Townhead House Brunthwaite Lane Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0NH Proposal New agricultural building over an existing slurry store. Slurry store below ground level and once the building is constructed the area will be slatted and beef cattle housed here – No Objections

[12/04185/HOU](#) Address 94 Howden Road Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0JB Proposal Amended scheme for construction of single and two storey side and rear extension- No Objections

11. Items from Cllrs - Market – resolved for the clerk to write to the markets manager to ascertain whether possible to establish a one day market or farmers market in Silsden.
12. REPORTS noted Cllr Jump is doing a comprehensive review of all the drains and gulley's in Silsden and will submit his findings to BMDC for their attention and monitor any action taken. Cllrs Jump, Bell-Jump and Naylor are also looking for a permanent solution for the raised stones at the weir. Further beck cleanups are being arranged by the environmental group.
13. Agreed the date for next meeting as the 6th of December 2012

Being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 9pm

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Chair 6/12/12