

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
THURSDAY 7th February 2013**

Commenced 7.30pm

Concluded 9.24pm

Present: Cllrs Huggins, A Conway, Robinson, Naylor, K Conway, Atkinson, Jump, Bell-Jump, Croft (till 8.30pm) and Savage. Noreen Akhtar KAO, Police [1] Public [10]

Cllr Atkinson in the chair.

1. No apologies for absence were received
2. No declaration of interest on items on the agenda other than Cllr Naylor's standing one for planning items
3. Police update was received and it was confirmed that officers had been in the park and around Silsden on a number of occasions in response to the Dog fouling complaints. No offences were witness. Cllr Huggins asked that in future meetings we were giving details not just on crime committed but on clear up rates for the area as well. This was agreed to. Item 7 was also taken at this time due to police involvement. Noreen Akhtar confirmed there had been a cluster of complaints with regards to dog fouling and that BMDC have the responsibility and power to enforce against a owner who allows their dog to foul and doesn't clear it up. However this has to been witness in order to issue the enforcement. New signs for the exclusion zones (children's play areas) and dogs on leads are being brought in. There has been hi viz patrols extra cleansing patrols, out of hours patrols by the environmental health officers in plain clothes. It was reiterated that witnesses must come forward in order to go ahead with enforcement. The Dog Poo poster campaign started by the community is having an effect and the TC, campaigners and Keighley coordinators office along with Ward Cllr Naylor will be working together to further expand this campaigned and Ward Cllr Naylor will supply more bins. Hot spot area for the bins are to be identified.
4. MINUTES – The minutes of the meetings of Silsden Town Council held on 3rd Jan 2013 were signed as a true and accurate record.
5. ADJOURNMENT – 3 taken and as a result the clerk to write to Yorkshire.com and Bradford Council to seek ways in which to help get the town ready for the Tour de France, which will come through Silsden on the 6th July 2014. Also to write to YLCA and see what is considered 'best practice' for putting financial information in the public realm this also answers item 11.3
6. Noted Cllr Thornton's response to our additional questions regarding make up of the steering group. "For clarification, a User Group means those groups who currently use the facility; a Community Group means non-profit making groups based within the wider community. The Disabled Forum is an existing forum who regularly meet with Council services, such as planning, to assist and inform on proposed changes/works. The Steering Group would have one person to represent all groups currently using the Town Hall (Users Groups) and one person to represent the Community Groups active in the wider community. All Users Groups will receive regular communication and updates on the project. Regarding ramp access to the main entrance. The Council's Highways Dept. has confirmed that the proposed ramp access is in accordance with current legislation and regulations. The ramp would transfer to the ownership of the building. The Council would provide a 'way leave' for the utilities companies to access as and when required.

The improved accessibility of the building will provide enhanced usability, particularly of the upper floor. The integration of the library into this premise will also increase the footfall and usage the building. Council officers will contact you shortly regarding setting up and participation in the Steering Group”.

7. Noreen Akhtar KAO –See item 3 above.
8. Michael Elsmore to present a report to council from the Parish plan group see attached. Full report will be sent electronically once received by the clerk. This item as withdrawn.
9. Reviewed the Standing orders and accepted the new standing orders. Clerk to send up to date copies electronically to all councillors.
10. Agreed to send a letter of support to Bradford highways for residents request for a grit bin on Kilnsey Fold.

11. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

1. Agreed payments below:

SLCC	subs	1167	127.00
N Varnam	garden services	1168	528.00
Mrs L Corcoran	Salary	1169	657.25
Mrs G Bazylewicz	Salary	1170	72.11
IR	Tax	1171	39.72
L Corcoran	repay stamps	1172	60.00
J Jump	repay tree shells	1173	185.22

2. Ratified the precept for 2013/14 as £50700 (£46050 to be raised by local precept and £4650 from a one off grant from the government). Tax band D precept will be £17.663p. Clerk to inform Bradford.

3. Considered a request from a resident regarding the way financial information is placed in the public domain. As taken with public adjournment [item 3] clerk to write to YLCA to ascertain what is deemed as best practice.

12. PLANNING:

[12/05105/HOU](#)

Address West Bungalow Silsden Reservoir Bolton Road Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0NH

Proposal Construction of extensions and alterations **No objections**

[13/00009/FUL](#)

Address Land And Garages Opposite 9 Townhead Silsden West Yorkshire

Proposal Demolition of one garage and one nissen hut and change of use of land into domestic garden for 5 Townhead. **No objections**

[13/00095/FUL](#)

Address Bank End Farm Bank Lane Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 9JB

Proposal Two 20kW wind turbines to produce electricity to power the applicant's farm and dwelling, with any surplus to be redirected back to the national grid. **Objections** are will have a detrimental impact on visual amenity and this would total 3 turbines in the one area and would question how many turbines constitute a wind farm for commercial reasons rather than private.

13. Noted BMDC Invite to the Lords Mayor's Valentine Charity concert sat 16th feb 7pm.
Tickets £8 bookable from 01274 434965
14. Gala committee granted permission to use of the park for this year's events.
15. Consultations on going with garden designers council and neighbours to come up with a final plan for the land off Bridge Street and the Beck clean up in partnership with the youth council is being arranged . Youth council update to be received at the next meeting.
16. REPORTS None.
17. Agreed the date for next meeting as the 7th of March 2013

Being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 9.24pm

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Chair 7/3/13