

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
Thursday 6th June 2013**

Commenced 7.30pm

Concluded 9.20pm

Present: Cllrs Jump, O'Dwyer, K Conway, A Conway, Walton, Savage and Naylor. Police [2]
public [3]

Cllr Savage in the chair

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bell-Jump, Atkinson, Croft and Huggins.
2. No declaration of interest on items on the agenda
3. POLICE update report was given to the council and PCSO Joanne Barrett was introduced who will be covering Silsden on a short term basis. All the crime statistics can be found on the neighbourhood policing website.
4. The minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 2nd May 2013 were signed as a true and accurate record.
5. Adjournment – None request.
6. Mrs Joanne Conway from Swimstart presented further information regarding Swimstart's recent application for funding. The Council will consider the request for £1100 at its next meeting.
7. Land at Bridge Street further discussion took place as most plans are different from what was originally suggested. Council were reminded that no seating area is to be incorporated into the design, and suggestion to bring garden forward to the edge of councils land was rejected as a culvert runs under this land and the paved area would be kept in need of access. The clerk to seek legal advice on whether we can remove the middle path and an expert option to be taken on the trees before any decision to remove them is made. Council were reminded that consultation resulted in the wish for a floral display.
8. Silsden Town Hall Refurb –Noted: BMDC have confirmed they will store the Town council furniture in the museum store at Cartwright Hall. A full photographic inventory of all the civic items throughout the whole of the Town Hall has been taken. The working group for Wesley Place is still awaiting response from asset management regarding commencement of talks and access to the buildings. The Christmas lights will remain in the cellar storage and access to them during the period has been guaranteed the clerk has also requested access throughout the Xmas period to the electrical socket situated in the council chambers which has always been utilised for the lights display. The clerk to chase Cllr Thornton with regards to a meeting about the Wesley place land.
9. Noted request for Cllrs to attend a Drumhead service for armed forces' week – Sat 29th June Centenary Sq, Bradford.
10. Insurance – Resolved to accept the Zurich quote for 1 year including furniture fixtures and fittings for £932.26 the clerk to advise companies.

11. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

1. Agreed payments below:

Mrs L Corcoran	salary	1189	698.81
Proms on the farm	Donation	1190	400.00
K Boocock	salary	1191	169.12
IR	Tax	1192	68.20
Zurich	Insurance	1193	932.26
MUGA	Annual maintainance bill	1194	1000.00
C Read	Audit	1195	90.00
D Isherwood	Beck project	1196	200.00

2. Resolved to sign off accounts for[a] final audit and [b]sign off annual governance statement paperwork already been approved by internal auditor.

12. PLANNING:

13/02000/HOU | Construction of conservatory to the side/rear | 2 Crossmoor Close Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0BZ – No objection

13/01809/HOU | Front & rear conservatories with detached garage. | 12 Hillcrest Avenue Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 9NH – No objection.

13/00459/FUL | Alterations to front entrance and re-installation of escape stairs to rear (additional information received) | Town Hall Kirkgate Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0PB- further objections:

Despite repeatedly requesting a cross sectional diagram with relative dimensions; this has not been forthcoming. This will obviously have a material impact on the determination of whether this ramp can be used by all disabled people as the application states that it is to provide disabled access.

The dimensional information will be pertinent to the new restrictions that this obstacle will place on the evacuation of all people from the building as we do not believe that the ramp steps and landing are sufficiently wide to enable all users to the building to exit in terms of the statutory evacuation procedures for public buildings.

As there is no cross sectional information on the steps we believe that their location with reference to the pedestrian crossing will create a bottle neck as this cannot be proven not to be the case on the plans submitted

There is no provision for passing places for anybody walking down the pavement and with the removal of the existing railing and the raising of the crossing will provide the possibility of people inadvertently walking on to the road when the crossing is raised to the level of the curb.

Without the provision of passing places it will make it dangerous for any 2 abreast walkers e.g. mother, pram and toddler to pass safely. There is also the danger of pedestrians walking onto the level road when meeting people travelling from the opposite direction. Currently the pavement is up to 2.7m wide, whilst the pavement on the opposite of the road is 1.5 m wide so be artificially reducing the width of this pavement you are removing any possibility of safely allowing people to walk side by side or to cross each other.

The proposed ramp is NOT disabled compliant and as such the proposed structure in a conservation area does not have any merit, even if the view is ‘this is the best of a bad job’ because the creation of the ramp will restrict movement on the pavement and alter the nature of the conservation area in front of the town hall for little or no gain.

The purpose of the application is to increase disabled access to public buildings in Silsden, this proposal positively discriminates against users of Silsden high street and if the library is

relocated into the Town Hall would positively discriminate against current users of the library who are reliant on motorised wheelchairs.

13. REPORTS – The clerk gave an update from the last parish liaison meeting where it was agreed the STC will take parking in discussions regarding the planning protocol, and discussions with regards to the Tour de France. It was noted by this council though actual confirmation still required, that there will be major disruption and road closures on the Sunday for up to 8 hours. The entire route will have to be clear of cars and access in and out of Silsden will be very difficult. Preparations for refurb and new features to the Christmas lights display are underway.
14. Confirmed the date of the next main meeting as 4th July 2013.

Being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 9.20pm

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Chair 4/07/13