

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
IN THE LIBRARY BUILDING  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Commenced 7.30pm

Concluded 9.30pm

Present Cllrs Atkinson, Savage, Higgins, A Conway, K Conway, Walton, Robinson O'Dwyer and Whitaker  
Public [5] Police [1]

**Cllr Atkinson in the Chair.**

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Jump, Naylor and Croft. The Chair welcomed new Councillor Rebecca Whitaker to the meeting.
2. No declaration of interest on items on the agenda was made
3. POLICE update was given by PC Southgate and information was given to the police about people regularly coming down the one way streets of New Road and Briggate in the wrong direction.
4. MINUTES – The minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 5<sup>TH</sup> September 2013 were signed as a true and accurate record.
5. ADJOURNMENT – 2 taken. Regarding the TDF the TC and St James church to join together with regards to the public information meeting to be arranged soon. Council also to look into 'small business Saturday' and raise awareness in the town if applicable
6. Resolved that this council joins with Steeton and Eastburn Parish Council for the development of a neighbourhood plan.
7. The 'stopping the highway order' which means the area where the ramp will go outside the town hall will no longer be highway. STC to reiterate that highways must ensure that they have at least 1.5m of pavement all along the length of the ramp.
8. Agreed write a letter of support for Silsden AFC request to highways towards possible lining changes which should help to alleviate some of the parking problems incurred by the club during match days.
9. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

1. Agreed following payments

Mrs L Corcoran	salary	1226	698.81
K Boocock	salary	1227	84.46
IR	Tax	1228	47.20
Laycocks	Goods for flood defence	1229	675.14
Littlejohn	External auditors	1230	240.00
SELRAP	membership	1231	15.00

2. Agreed to continue with SELRAP membership at £15 for a further year.

3. Noted that the accounts have been returned and once again council has passed with no comments for improvement from the auditors. A photocopy of the return will be displayed in the notice board soon in order to fully comply with publication requirements.

10. PLANNING:

13/03811/FUL | Retrospective application for widening existing field access to improve highway safety | Middle Marchup Farm Bolton Road Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 9JA – No Objections

13/03922/HOU | Construction of side extension | 72 Cornwall Avenue Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0DB- No Objections

13/04038/FUL | Construction of 2no detached dormer bungalows with garages in rear garden | 87 Skipton Road Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 9DA – No objections so long as PPS3 is not applicable.

13/04042/FUL | Construction of rural workers dwelling | Delph Farm Coates Lane Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 9HH- If conditions were applied that dwelling solely for the use of rural agricultural workers then no objection, however if merely being classified as a rural property then this council will object to this as unsuitable development in greenbelt.

11. REPORTS – Town Hall steering group have invited members of the council, along with other users to attend a meeting on wed 16<sup>th</sup> Oct at 5pm in the library. Cllrs Walton, O'Dwyer and Robinson to attend.

Letter received from a Cowling resident regarding Silsden's public footpaths. It will be forwarded to BMDC

Works done on the public toilets have resulted in the drains by the seats on Bridge Road being filled in with concrete – this will be reported.

Cllr Walton raised concerns over the condition of the Xmas lights due to them having been moved a number of times by those doing the TH refurb. All the lights were in working order at the beginning of the summer. It was suggested that Cllr Walton contact Nigel Gillat in order to arrange they both check the lights before the weekend set aside for trimming up.

Council were saddened to hear of the passing of Winnie Barker a much loved and very well known Silsden lady. It was resolved that if the family have no objections then a remembrance plaque will be made and placed in the bandstand in celebration of all she did for Silsden.

13. Confirmed the date of the next main meeting as 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

Being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm

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Signed as true  
Chair 07/11/13