

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
IN THE LIBRARY BUILDING
Thursday 5th September 2013**

Commenced 7.35pm

Concluded 9pm

Present: Cllrs Croft, Walton, Robinson, O'Dwyer, Jump. A Conway & Naylor. Police [1] Public [9]

Cllr Walton in the Chair

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Atkinson and K Conway.
2. No declaration of interest on items on the agenda was made
3. POLICE update was given and information passed on the police about possible drug dealing during the day at the bottom on Skipton Rd. Request was made to police to have speed watch on Howden Rd as well as actively move cars that are causing obstructions in particular for wheelchair users by parking over the dropped kerbs.
4. The minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 1st August 2013 were signed as a true and accurate record.
5. ADJOURNMENT – Taken regarding the Tour De France.
6. Matters Arising from last minutes were noted Nigel Gillat to be asked for the updated schemes and new responsibilities for hirers in line with the refurbishment. A meeting with Jonathan Hayes has been arranged. Bradford and STC to work together to identify anonymous emails.
7. Discussed Bell Sq junction and resolved to ask highways that they urgently sort out the white lining and change the junction from a give way to a stop as an interim measure to help deal with the safety concerns. STC will also suggest that consideration is give to painting on a yellow box here to again help control the traffic and slow it down and encourage drivers to think.
8. The following comments on the proposed changes to the TH zebra crossing to be sent to Bradford. We question the scale used on the drawing as if drawn to scale then the measurements do not added up, the 10 meter width in real terms if a scaled document would in fact be 12 meters and therefore we question the accuracy of the design. STC is opposed to the introduction of a raised hump crossing as this is a main route and a hospital route and could cause issues for emergency vehicles; they also believe that this breaches the government directive on street furnishing where speed hump or raised road areas are no longer permissible. There are concerns that with the new crossing the beacon on the side with the church will have to move inwards causing that pavement area to fall well below the minimum of 1.5 meters for a pedestrian way and will become an obstacle for wheelchair users which is ironic due to the reason behind the new design is to facilitate the town hall to become fully DDA compliant.
9. Resolved to work with BMDC to identify anonymous, abusive emails which fraudulently use councillors and clerks details.
10. Conferences noted – no councillors free to attend.
Neighbourhood Planning – Ulverston 2/10 £90
YLCA annual conference – York 16/11 day cost £80
11. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

1. Agreed the following payments.

Mrs L Corcoran	salary	1221	698.81
K Boocock	salary	1222	84.46
IR	Tax	1223	47.20
Chris Atkinson	Mayoral Allowance	1224	750.00

2. Noted thank you from Silsden Gala Committee.

12. PLANNING:

13/03198/HOU | Demolition of garage and store replace with garage and garden room | 83 Skipton Road Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 9DA – No objection

13/03292/FUL | Change of use from B1 business use to B1/ B2 general industry use | Units 1 To 3 Martree Business Park Ryefield Way Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0EF [please note B1 is light industry and B2 General Industry]- Strong Objections, when the business park as a whole was agreed it was stated that B2 is not suitable for this area –see letter ref NJWC/MMG/K574 from Caret Finn Downes to Colin Wagget, then senior planner, in September 1989. This is a retrospective type application as B2 use was already stopped by enforcement measure at the site due to it being inappropriate for the site as within a residential area. With no right turn lane from the main highway, previously highways have stated that the highway access would not be suitable for the vehicular use that could result from B2 activities. If Bradford are of a mind to approve this application then STC call for it to go to panel and that we are advised in good time of that panel meeting.

13/03378/HOU | Formation of three stables | Raikes House Farm Brown Bank Lane Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0LL-no objection

13/03495/HOU | Two storey extension to provide additional living/bedroom accommodation. And alterations to external landscaping to provide improved off-road parking and secure boundary to the property. | 18 Haythorns Avenue Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0BE- no objection

Noted notice of appeal 13/00095/ful Band end farm – two 20k wind turbines.

13. REPORTS to note public meeting for the Tour de France being held on the 28th September 2013 for 10am -6pm in the Victoria Hall Keighley

Youth Council update – YC have worked with SEAT on a recent beck clean up and are planning a second one. They held a successful coffee morning to raise awareness of the youth council. 3 youth councillors represented Silsden at the recent national conference in London. A number of youth councillors help out at Silsdenbury Fest and remarked that it was an excellent event. They intent to help with the annual bonfire and also have a stall at the Christmas market to again raise their profile. Future funding raising events include bag packing, tombola and coffee mornings.

SEAT and the TC now have all the necessary permissions to start the flood defence project at the beck.

Ward – the idea of a joint neighbourhood plan with Steeton pc has been agreed in principal by both councils and both will move towards passing resolution in order for the process to begin.

Christmas lights will be erected on the weekend of the 16th/17th November.

14. Noted there was no poll called and council are now free to co-opt

15. To confirm the date of the next main meeting will now be 10th October 2013.

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

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Chair 10/10/13