

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON Thursday 3rd April 2014**

Commenced: 7.33pm

Concluded: 8.45pm

Present: Cllrs O'Dwyer, Croft, Naylor, Walton, Robinson, Whitaker, A Conway, Savage & Huggins.
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Cllr Savage in the Chair

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Atkinson, K Conway and Jump.
2. No declaration of interest on items on the agenda
3. No police present therefore no report.
4. The minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 6th March 2014 were signed as a true and accurate record after confirmation that the donation to Proms on the Farm was £500 and not £599 which was a typing error in the electronic version of the minutes circulated.
5. ADJOURNMENT – Taken council agreed to notify public rights of way about a complaint regarding a public footpath which runs from Bradley Green up through the waste transfer site.
6. TDF – Noted Bradford have refused permission for flower tubs to be attached to the bridge, however they are willing to permit a small tub between the legs of the welcome to Silsden sign Cllr Whitaker to liaise with the TDF group regarding the tub. The council also requested that we ascertain what the weight limit is on that bridge.
7. SILSDEN FOOTPATHS – Noted the following report Of the 27 path issues not related to way marking, 3 when investigated warranted no further action, 10 have now been resolved, 4 have been referred to our Legal Team for enforcement action to be initiated, 1 the landowner has been written to for improvements - path needs to be rechecked but it was not obstructed and 1 we met with the landowner and have agreed an improvement but it has not yet been carried out. The remainder of the issues still need to be progressed. Of the 50 issues relating to way marking/signage - 5 had been previously been resolved. A further 23 of the issues have been resolved up to last week. The remainder still need to be progressed. A further update in the summer has been requested.
8. Silsden AFC – request another generic letter of support for the clubs fund raising in line with ones sent before. Council requested sight of the letter at the next meeting for their approval first.

9. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

Agreed the payments as listed below:

Mrs L Corcoran	Salary	1268	698.81
K Boocock	Salary	1269	84.40
IR	Tax	1270	47.20
Steeton with Eastburn	Salary	1271	105.42
YLCA	Subs	1272	830.00
Proms on the Farm	Donation	1273	500.00
Silsden Riding Club	Donation	1274	50.00
Worth Valley Publishing	Ward monies - community info	1275	432.00

10. PLANNING:

14/01167/HOU | Construction of single storey rear extension | 3 Laithe Close Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 9NQ – No objections

14/01115/HOU | Construction of extension to existing accommodation to provide bedroom | Lower Heights Farm Horne Lane Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 9HW- No objections so long as in line with GB policies.

A 2nd email to be sent to Bradford Panning regarding their mis-posting of our comments on 14/0590/ful.

11. Defibrillators – The first defibrillator is now up and working situated on the wall of St James parish rooms.
12. Silsden Town Hall – Noted the comments by Nigel Gillat. Councillors felt that they were unable to comply with the requirements of the new policies, given the changes to the TH layout unless Bradford are willing to come back to the table and talk to the TC about this. Resolved that a letter from a resident regarding their experience in the TH be sent to Nigel Gillatt for his comments and update. The council also seek an answer to a question raised at the official opening regarding what happens if the quota of 2 disabled people is filled upstairs and another one wishes to access the disabled toilet – does one of the 2 have to come down first.
13. Churches Together wish to address the council this item was deferred to the May meeting
14. REPORTS

- The floodgates project is nearing completion.
- Councillors confirmed the band stand is in need of repainting. The quotes for the work to be placed on the May agenda.
- The council were informed that North Yorkshire are withdrawing the bus service that takes Silsden students to skip ton schools and colleges. This matter is being pursued.
- Youth Council are doing other litter pick round the town. This council requested that their sincere thank you was passed on to the youth councillors.
- A proposition was made that this council consider the idea of employing a lengthsman, in partnership with Addingham PC and Bradford MDC. A meeting to be arranged to discuss this concept between all three parties.

15. Confirmed the date of the next main meeting as the 8th May 2014.

An additional urgent agenda item was discussed with permission of the chair and councillors, members of the public were excluded as it was a staffing issue.

16. Councillors were appraised of the latest position from a staffing issue raised previously.

Being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

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Chair 8/5/14