

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
4th December 2014**

Commenced 7.30pm

Concluded 9.12pm

Present: Cllrs Huggins, A Conway, Walton, O'Dwyer, Savage, Whitaker, Atkinson, K Conway, Robinson, Jump, Croft and Naylor [arrived 7.50pm]. Public [4]

Cllr Atkinson in the Chair

1. Apologies for absence were received from West Yorkshire Police.
2. Declaration of interest on items on the agenda - None
3. POLICE update report not received.
4. The minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 6th November 2014 were signed as a true and accurate record.
5. ADJOURNMENT – meeting closed two adjournments taken.
6. ONLINE consultations noted and councillors encouraged to participate. Paper copies given to Cllr Savage.
7. Highways – council noted that BMDC highways were not in favour of making the 7.5 tonne weight restriction permanent due to the increase in mileage for lorries making local trips. The council requested that the ward councillors present pursued this matter on their behalf.
8. Cllrs Naylor, Whitaker and O'Dwyer will attend a meeting with Ilkley Parish Council regarding neighbourhood planning.
9. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

1. Agree payments as below:

Mrs L Corcoran	Salary	1339	698.65
K Boocock	Salary	1340	84.66
IR	Tax	1341	44.13
Steeton with Eastburn	NHP wages	1342	278.10
Hothfield	MUGA	1343	1000.00

10. PLANNING:

14/01059/MAF | Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a foodstore and petrol filling station with associated car parking, servicing, highway works including formation of vehicular access and cycle/foot way, and hard and soft landscaping. Formation of all-weather sports pitches and associated car parking (submission of revised plans and additional/updated supporting information) | Becks Mill Keighley Road Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0EH – By majority vote councillors are putting forward an objection on the following grounds:

It will have an adverse impact on the shops in the town and the local coop, as highlighted by BMDC's own investigations and retail study.

The land is designated employment land and well over 50% of the plot will be used for car park, landscaping and sporting facilities and not employment and therefore falls outside this classification. STC question whether sports facilities can be allowed on land designated as employment.

Even without seeing the highways reviewed statement the councils has grave concerns over the safety of the junction onto an already busy road in terms of entries and exits, they have also seen the effects of traffic lights in this area on the town and the AVTR.

Silsden town Council would like to reserves the right to comment further when this application is complete – the inclusion of the highways reviewed survey is still not available and forms in integral part of this application.

14/04716/FUL | Construction of agricultural worker's dwelling | Cowburn Beck Farm Walker Lane Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 9JF – objection on the grounds of overdevelopment in Green Belt.

11. REPORTS – Council noted minutes of the Christmas lights working group. The youth council will now be holding their meetings in the Methodist Church They also held a Christmas raffle during the Christmas market to raise funds.

Ward Councillor Atkinson to call a surgery to allow the people of Silsden an opportunity to view the amended Tesco plans and make comment.

12. Council accepted the recommendation to award the contract of Lengthsman the N Varnam details and starting date to be arranged through the clerk.

13. Confirmed date of next meeting as the 8th Jan 2015.

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Chair 8/1/15