

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
8th January 2015

Commenced 7.30pm

Concluded 8.50pm

Present; Cllrs Huggins, Whitaker, Croft, Robinson, Walton, O'Dwyer, Savage and Atkinson. Police [1]
Public [15]

Cllr Atkinson in the Chair

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Jump and Naylor.
2. No declaration of interest on items on the agenda was made.
3. POLICE update was given to council with a reminder that people should ensure their property has suitable locks that cannot be snapped off. Police were asked by a member of the public to investigate parking issues on Dale View.
4. MINUTES – The minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 4th December 2014 were signed as a true and accurate record after the additional of Cllr Croft on the attendance record.
5. ADJOURNMENT – 3 were taken 2 were concerning objections to a planning application on land off Bolton Rd and was regarding the status of the new crossing.
6. TOILETS – Resolved that STC are to start to negotiate for the takeover of the servicing of the public toilets in the Punch Bowl carpark which are earmarked for closure and demolition by Bradford Council.
7. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

1. To agree payments as listed below:

Mrs L Corcoran	Salary	1344	698.65
K Boocock	Salary	1345	84.66
IR	Tax	1346	44.13
SLCC	Subs	1347	131.00
N Varnam & Son	Annual gardening contract	1348	656.00
N Varnam	Lengthsman's materials	1349	26.96

2. Resolved to set the precept for 2015/16 – see at £51100.00 which includes a grant of £3926.00 so precept to the people of Silsden £47174.00 resulting in a decrease in the band D property rate from £17.17 to £17.14.
8. PLANNING:
14/05170/MAO | Residential development | Land At Bolton Road Silsden West Yorkshire- strongly object to this application, they fully endorse the objection submitted by Mr Heath and copy of this will be sent to the planning officer. Council object on the following concerns safety of the exit onto Bolton Rd, and additional traffic being directed on to North Street – they also question the validity of the traffic survey due the day and times it took place as this does not truly reflect the traffic use in that area. They question whether the sewers will be able to cope given YW comments on the current situation and point out that this is in direct line of concern should the reservoir fail as pointed out by BMDC last year in communication to all the residents in that area and this has not been addressed at all. As stated both by the inspector of the Review on the RUDP and by the leader of the council, no larger developments should take place until the infrastructure is in place, schools, doctors, roads are running a capacity now. This council also feel that brown field sites should be first in line for development before consideration is even given to established green belt which reflects the nature of this semi rural location.
14/05160/FUL | Change of use from function and changing rooms to detached dwelling and alterations to club facilities | Silsden Golf Club Brunthwaite Lane Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0NH – Objection on the grounds of loss of infrastructure, this is a public amenity, one which can be used without disturbing residents due to its location in the Greenbelt. It was built with lottery funding

and therefore should not be turned into a private dwelling. If this was a stand alone application it would be deemed totally unsuitable in greenbelt. The council question whether the facilities which are to remain comply with DDA and the conditions of the lottery funding. It is felt that this should be viewed as an application for development in Greenbelt as is viewed by councillors as a back yard development in Greenbelt. The council are also aware of a public footpath that goes right through the ‘garden area’ and there seems to be no provision for that.

14/05197/HOU | Single storey rear extension and conversion of existing extension back to garage with roof extension over | 5 Banklands Lane Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0JH- No Objection

14/05232/CLE | Use of Spring Crag Cottage as a dwelling without restriction relating to holiday accommodation | Spring Crag Cottage Holden Lane Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0LS- No Objection

14/05303/HOU | Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension | 2 West Bank Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 9LP- No Objection.

9. REPORTS

- Council were informed that Ward Councillors received notification that the recycling bins are to be moved to Wesley Place Car Park, adjacent to the memorial gardens. Ward Cllr Atkinson to query this decision.
- Christmas lights to be taken down the weekend of 10th and 11th Jan weather permitting
- Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners have requested a meeting with STC it was agreed to offer them 7pm on the 22nd Jan 2015 prior to the planning meeting.
- Beck Project – an update was received and it was noted that the outstanding work is in excess of the grant monies left. It was requested that it comes back to next full council meeting with estimates for the outstanding work and costs.
- Youth Council has co-opted two new members.

10. Confirmed the date of the next main meeting to be Thursday 5th February 2015 .

Being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm

.....
Chair 05/02/15