

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON  
4<sup>th</sup> FEB 2016**

Present: Cllrs Whitaker, Huggins, O'Dwyer, Robinson, Walton, Croft and Naylor. Public [10]

**Cllr Huggins in the chair.**

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Atkinson, K Conway and A Conway
2. Declaration of interest on items on the agenda RW declared an interest on planning item 1.
3. POLICE were not in attendance
4. The minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 Council for finance on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 16 were signed as a true and accurate record.
5. ADJOURNMENT – meeting closed and 4 adjournments were taken
6. Youth Services – Abina Dorgan-Smith touched base with the council and was able to confirm that unless someone comes forward by the 1/4/16 the youth club will go on to the disposals list, she also confirmed that as yet she was not aware of any plan as to how to deliver youth services in Silsden should the building be closed. Some interest has been apparent and she is meeting with the Youth Council this month as well.
7. Request for members views on adopting the red telephone kiosk – it was resolved that this council support the idea of retaining the red telephone box, subject to a positive feasibility report and the formation of a group to take on this project.
8. The council resolved that this council invite a representative of Yorkshire Water to get a definitive answer on the drainage capacity in particular the Aire Valley Trunk Sewer.
9. Silsden Town Council resolved to approve it for formal public consultation; subject to the completion of section 6.47; the inclusion of the STC's comments on 6.48 and 6.50 and subject to adding the reasons for the joint application with Steeton
10. Flooding – 'walkabout'- to happen in the near future personnel at Bradford were not available due to the recent large Mill fire however the council were advise of a temporary fix of the wall by Aldi, and that Bradley road is ongoing but both need EA approval for any further works and this can take up to 10 weeks in normal circumstances, the land by the duck pond is private land and is subject to on going discussions with Bradford Council. The group looking at the community flooding strategy do not believe as volunteers they can take on this without resources and manpower from Bradford, who as with the idea of the emergency plan have the responsibility to provide this. It was noted that the clerk has received acknowledgement from the EA regarding foi request for the policy for the reservoir but was advised due to recent floods extremely busy and information will be sent as soon as they can, at the time of the agenda no information received.
11. Bradford are seeking nominations for their standards committee by the 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the clerk for further details if you are interested in this role it was requested that this item be deferred to the next agenda
12. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.
  1. The Council resolved that it remain automatically opted in to the new Sector Led Body (SLB) audit regime
  2. Agreed to pay the following as per budget sheet:

Mrs L Corcoran	Salary	1439	709.53
K Boocock	Salary	1440	84.46
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI	1441	31.65
N Varnam	lengthsman feb	1442	866.66
Silsden Sports Club	security project	1443	2000.00*
  3. Proposal by Cllr Robinson seconded by Cllr Naylor all in agreement that this council grant \*£2000 to Silsden sports club to aid the purchase of the new security system
13. PLANNING:

16/00143/HOU | Construction of porch to front elevation, replace existing conservatory roof with a permanent roof with velux roof lights and installation of a multi-fuel wood burning stove with external flue. | 6 Buckden Court Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 9LY- item deferred as no drawings on the portal even though planning were advised of this fact last week.

16/00286/HOU | Convert garage to living space with pitched roof and construction of porch and internal alterations | Mayfield Bolton Road Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0NR-No objection so long as in keeping with green belt policy.

15/07439/ADV | Retrospective application for company branded signs and a pole mounted advert within the forecourt | Old Corn Mill Keighley Road Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0DY-objection as the sign on the side of the road is incongruous with the surroundings, it is out of keeping with the area which houses listed buildings. Question whether a sign on the road side is required given the number of others signs but determined if it is the size a present is unacceptably large.

14. REPORTS: A number of councillors have been made aware from members of the public of comments made about the council on a social network site. Having reviewed the comments council request that it become an agenda item for the next main meeting for action to be taken.

Cllr Walton advised the council that the Christmas lights have been removed to a safe storage area after another attempt was made to break in Wesley Place.

15. Confirmed the date of the next main meeting as 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

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Chair 03/03/16