

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

Commenced 7.30pm

Concluded 9.27pm

Present: Cllrs Whitaker, A Conway, Naylor, Croft, Walton, O'Dwyer, and Atkinson. Public [17]

**Cllr Atkinson in the Chair.**

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Huggins, Robinson, K Conway and Savage.
2. No declaration of interest on items on the agenda
3. POLICE were not in attendance
4. The minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2015 were signed as a true and accurate record.
5. ADJOURNMENT – meeting closed at 7.32pm 4 were taken meeting reopened 7.50pm
6. Flooding – A discussion took place which included input from the members of the public and a presentation from Peter Ford. Mr Ford also submitted a report which was noted by the council. Resolved for councillors to meet with and walk around the various hot spots with Bradford highways and the emergency planning officers in order to start the process of finding and auctioning remedies. The council also resolved to write to the EA and Yorkshire water to ascertain their policies on opening the sluice gates. It was confirmed that Bradford are to fix the collapsed drain in Mitchel lane, this work has already been authorised.
7. Noted fireworks sign investigated found unauthorised and removed.
8. Proposal from Johnathan Hayes re police Monies was considered council restated the fact that the monies were capital monies for the people of Silsden and were not given to Bradford. The queried the suggested on the proposal the crime was increasing in the craven ward in comparison to the previous year as this is in direct contrast to reports given to the local council by the police. West Yorkshire police are to be asked to confirm which report is correct. STC were also concerned as to why the proposal included spending on detached youth workers, which should be paid for by youth services and this council are still holding monies for youth services from 2011 which could more than cover the cost. It was resolved to reject the proposal.
9. Core Strategy Development Plan Document - Proposed Main Modifications Consultation opens 25/11-20/1. All or previous comments stand but in additional the following points will be raised. The impact of the increased 200 houses has not been taken into account in the data, no justification as been given as to why certain areas have had their housing allocations increased. All the reports used are considerably out of date as done in 2009 and before. STC question the concept that there is not a short fall in flooding prevent funding, this is because there has been no costings or strategies approved therefore appears as zero cost. The electricity substation capacity is of even more concern as we have had confirmation that it does not just cover Silsden, but Steeton Eastburn some of Crosshills and beyond this means the new builds in these area also have to be taken into account in capacity figures and not just those application in the Silsden area.
10. Planning for an emergency this proposal has been removed for the time being in favour of completing a community flooding strategy. As this document only arrive on the day of the meeting the working group are to look at it and assess way in which Silsden and the community can be involved and will update this council and Bradford.
11. Housing for the Xmas Lights the lights are to remain in current housing for the time being but a new location in being sought and council will be kept updated on the situation.
12. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.
  1. Resolved to call a full council meeting in order to set the precept for ratification on the 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2016 at 7pm. It was noted that Cllr O'Dwyer to attend the meeting called by BMDC regarding the future of the libraries in the craven area.
  2. Noted the council has received confirmation from Hothfield School that the MUGA will be used by Hothfield and youth services for the full financial year and resolved that the funding should now be released to them.

## 3. Agreed to pay the following:

Mrs L Corcoran	Salary	1432	709.53
K Boocock	Salary	1433	84.43
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI	1434	31.65
N Varnam	lenghtsman Jan	1435	866.66
SLCC	membership	1436	131.00
N Varnam	Annual Garden maintenance	1437	528.00
BLM	Legal vat only	1438	711.90

## 13. PLANNING:

15/03871/MAF | Construction of 51 dwellings and internal access roads, landscaping, associated infrastructure and works including demolition of High Bank House (submission of amended plans) | Land At Sykes Lane Silsden West Yorkshire – The original objection remain noting that High |bank house no longer to be demolished, in addition we should like to reiterate the concerns over the electricity supply which will now include car charging points throughout the development as from your own documents on the Infrastructure implementation plan an upgrade is required if more than 100 house, current new development in Silsden alone exceeds this number already and there appear to be no provision under S106 to rectify this problem. We also request that the flood assessment is re looked at as the conclusion that this area is of no risk in quite clearly inaccurate. Photographic evidence shows that Sykes lane in also susceptible to flooding from the canal overflowing during heavy rains. The ancient hedgerow is protected and cannot be altered in any way; we are unable to trace a report from the canal conservation side regarding the wall that is proposed in replacement for part of the hedgerow.

15/07338/FUL | Formation of secure ATM room including external alterations to the elevation fronting Kirkgate | NatWest 59 - 61 Kirkgate Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0PD No objections

## 14. REPORTS: No reports received. Councillors will be asked to comment and complete section of the NHP at the next planning meeting

15. Confirmed the date of the next main meeting as 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016.

*Lesley Corcoran*  
Town Clerk 01/01/16