

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
held on Thursday 3rd March 2016**

Commenced: 7.30pm

Concluded 8.32pm

Present: Cllrs A Conway, K Conway, Robinson, Huggins, O'Dwyer, Cook, Walton, Atkinson, Croft, Naylor and Whitaker. Public [8]

**Cllr Atkinson in the chair**

1. Apologies for absence – none received
2. Declaration of interest on items on the agenda – Cllrs Croft and Cook – finance as members of the gala committee
3. POLICE once again no police in attendance at the request of the council the clerk to write to the police informing them we have had no one in attendance since Oct 15 and request that an officer attends future meetings as we always have a number of questions for them.
4. The minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016 were signed.
5. ADJOURNMENT – One taken
6. Training – Bradford Council have arranged planning training sessions for Councillors the next one is to be held at the Civic centre, Keighley on the 16<sup>th</sup> of march a 6pm. Information forwarded to Cllrs O'Dwyer and Whitaker.
7. Cllr O'Dwyer proposed and it was 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, Yorkshire water happy to send someone – dates have been sent to Yorkshire Water for confirmation.
8. Pension Regulator – the clerk to enquire about joining the West Yorkshire Pension fund in order to compile a full report for council about duties regarding pensions.
9. Resolved by this council to support the in principal twinning with La Salle, Italy. There will be no financial implications on the town council, the council heard that links had already been made between the schools, some businesses and sports organisations.
10. Resolved that this council take legal action against untrue comments made about the town council in a local councillor's social media pages.
11. YLCA Pennine branch meeting to be held on 9/3 in Skelmanthorpe – the clerk to send Silsden's apologies from the Silsden reps to this particular meeting.
12. Bradford are seeking nominations for their standards committee by the 13<sup>th</sup> March two councillors were interested until they were advised that town and parish councillors are not allowed to vote on this committee.

**13. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.**

**2. Agreed the following payments**

Mrs L Corcoran	Salary	1444	709.53
K Boocock	Salary	1445	84.66
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI	1446	31.45
N Varnan	lengthsman march	1447	866.66
Silsden Gala	Donation	1448	1500.00

3. Resolved to grant the Gala Committee £1500 towards the cost of hosting the Gala and Christmas Market.

**14. PLANNING:**

16/00800/HOU | & 16/00801/LBC Alterations to existing cottage and barn and construction of new porch and single story extension | Kiln Hill Cottage Brunthwaite Lane Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0NH- Objection on the grounds of increased footprint on a listed building and it necessitates the taking down in part of a dry stone wall for access which this council believes is against LB policy.

**15. REPORTS:** Council noted the thank you letter from the sports club and the fact that new security measures were now in place.

An investigation has been requested into how a planning application came to be granted even though there are no drawings on the portal and Bradford planning officers were made aware of this fact on three separate occasions and failed to responded.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> March there is to be a public meeting held by Ward Cllr Naylor for volunteers for the library. 6.30pm in the Methodist Church.

Cllrs will be meeting with Bradford to discuss the gritting route and the cutbacks to services.

16. Confirmed the date of the next main meeting as the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Meeting closed 8.32pm

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*Chair 7/4/16*