

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
Held on
Thursday 8th SEPTEMBER 2016

Commenced: 7.36pm

Concluded:8.44pm

Present: Cllrs Walton, Croft, Cook, O'Dwyer, Huggins, Whitaker, Robinson and Naylor. Public [4]

Cllr Robinson in the Chair

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Atkinson, K Conway and A Conway
2. A declaration of interest was made by Cllr Huggins for the 'old library' planning application. Cllr Huggins remained to hear the discussion but took no part in this item.
3. Police did not attend so no report received
4. The minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 7th July 2016 were signed as true after a correction to the date in item 9 was changed from the 1st to the 8th.
5. ADJOURNMENT – two taken resulting in the plaque recently found from Odd Fellows Hall to be added as an agenda item for the next meeting and a letter to enforcement asking them to remove the middle white line at the junction improvement with Woodside Rd and Skipton Rd as there is not enough room for two cars to pass
6. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

1. Agree to the following payments from August and September:

Mrs L Corcoran	Salary	1477	706.33
K Boocock	Salary	1478	84.66
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI	1479	34.65
N Varnam	lengthsman August	1480	866.66
Littlejohn	External Audit	1481	360.00
Staples	inks	1482	30.76
Mrs L Corcoran	Salary	1483	706.53
K Boocock	Salary	1484	84.46
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI	1485	34.65
N Varnam	lengthsman Sept	1486	866.66
Repay L Corcoran	stamps and padlock	1487	75.08
Canx		1488	0.00
Friends of Silsden Green spaces	Donation	1489	100.00

2. Approved an application for grant funding from Friends of Silsden's green spaces for £100 towards equipment and tabards.
7. PLANNING:
16/06487/HOU | Outbuilding | 2 West Bank Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 9LP- No objection
16/03804/MAO | Demolition of existing buildings and outline permission (access only) for residential development (Use Class C3) - (submission of amended plans and addendum flood risk assessment) | Former Riverside Works Keighley Road Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0EH –
Objections on the following grounds – the land is protected employment land not housing land, this application should be consider and implement if passed at the house building stage otherwise it will cause duplication of road closures and inconvenience. This appears to be a 'safeguarding exercise' for land for future development beyond the current application. BMDC refused traffic lights when an application for a supermarket was submitted at the site, and it would seem to highlight a conflict of interest and be disingenuous if passed now when BMDC have a financial gain to be had from the development of this land and beyond as this would include the council having a third of the increase an value of any land and subsequent housing being paid to them. The lay out will have an adverse

affect on the existing bus routes and there is no consideration given for cyclists even though this is said to be encouraged on the application for housing. The number of exits and entries already existing on this road already causes problems and is a safety issue this would just exacerbate the unacceptable situation

16/06391/HOU | Retrospective application for construction of summer house to rear | 39 Millfields Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0DT. Objection this is out of keeping with the conservation area policy and precedence has already been set for removal [See past application on Taylor Ave].

16/06108/HOU | Block of three garages for row of three terrace cottages | 6 Riverside Cottages Keighley Road Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0EH – No objection so long as a condition of approval is that these cannot be considered for conversion to a dwelling or dwellings at a later stage.

16/05719/FUL | Installation of metal handrail along the church side of the main pathway up to the church main entrance | Churchyard St James Church Kirkgate Silsden West Yorkshire – No objection.

16/06864/FUL | Change of use from first floor offices to one 3 bed apartment | Barclays Bank Chambers 23 Kirkgate Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0AJ No objection however STC request assurances that fire regulations are strictly complied with as there is no external fire escape and that all work and materials are acceptable within the conservation area policies.

16/06876/FUL | Conversion and extension of former library building to form 2 no, three bedroom dwellings with associated garden, parking area and vehicular access | 6 Bolton Road Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0JY- No objection

16/06246/FUL | Change of use of former public convenience to Use Class A1 (Retail) and alterations to form shop front | Former Public Convenience Bridge Road Silsden West Yorkshire No objection in principal but objection at the moment as there is no indication of catering for bins/trade waste and question the access to the premises as this site is land locked and STC are aware there is no legal right of access in place.

- 8. REPORTS: Cllr O’Dwyer asked the question where was the start of ‘Silsden River’ as referred to on documents obtained from Bradford Council and is to investigate what goes through the River Aire bridge in terms of services and weight restrictions.

Youth Council only one member left after the rest of them have left for university – Silsden Town Council thank the past members and wish them luck in this new stage in their lives. A promotion drive for new members via the local schools is being planned.

Silsden gala are well on with planning the Christmas market and light switch on.

Cllr Huggins noted that the telephone box on Kirkgate will be removed soon.

Cllr Naylor updated the council on the current situation regarding the volunteers for the library and is at present awaiting some information from Bradford.

- 9. Confirmed the date of the next main meeting as the 6th of Oct and noted that the September planning meeting has been cancelled unless plans received within the following 7 days.

Being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 8.44pm

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Chair 6/10/16