

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SILSDEN TOWN HALL ON
THURSDAY 5TH JAN 2006 at 7.30pm**

Commenced:7.30pm

Concluded :9.25pm

Present: Cllrs Walton, Bottomley, Edwards, Savage, Philips, Naylor, Elsmore, Trainor & Atkinson

In Attendance: The Clerk, Press(2), Public (1), Police (1).

Cllr Elsmore In the Chair

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- Received and accepted from Cllrs Coward.& Garrett
2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA-Cllrs Walton item 3.
3. POLICING & CRAVEN TASKING GROUP UPDATE - PC Merryfield introduced himself to the council. He updated council of crime stats for Nov 05 stating they were favourable in comparison to that time last year. He reminded council that the public had direct access to this information on www.beatcrime.info and could also obtain the same information from the recently opened police contact point in the Town Hall. PC Merryfield made a note of various concerns raised by the councillors on behalf of the people of Silsden
4. MINUTES - That the minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 2nd December 2005 were proposed by Cllr Walton seconded by Cllr Atkinson and were signed as true and accurate.
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING-BMDC informed the council no Poll had been called for the vacant seat. Council to go ahead and advertise seat for co option
6. KEIGHLEY AREA PANEL - dates to be forwarded to Jeff Bennett for possible neighbour hood forum in March
7. MUGA- proposal by Cllr Walton
That this council contributes the sum of one thousand pounds per year to the MUGA. This funding however will be on condition that the council receive written confirmation that the facility will be open at some regular time during the week for the general public to use free of charge was defeated by majority vote - for (3) Against (5) abstain (1). Council did resolved to pay the MUGA the sum of one thousand pounds per year commencing in April 06 from the project budget in order to help finance free access for the general public.
8. BENCHES - Council resolved to place an order to replace two benches one at corner of Elliot Street and the other at the corner by the entrance to the reservoir.
9. ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS - Cllr Edwards ask if this council would look into the possibility of holding a farmers market in the town. The Council's promotions committee to research this matter
- 10 CORRESPONDENCE - White Rose Update filed for reference
11. CHARTER - Council were given copies of the amended working for section 7 of the charter. Noting that the planning protocol was not part of the charter at present

council resolved by majority vote to agree to this charter- For (8) Against (0) Abstain

12. ADJOURMENT None requested

13. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - The following payments were proposed by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Savage with all in favour. _____

Mrs Corcoran	Salary	535	554.76
Mrs K Wood	Salary	536	53.79
IR	Tax	537	88.02
Campion Grap	Newsletter	538	227 50
Post Office	stamps	539	30 00
Mrs L Corcoran	repay stamps	540	3 60

The mayor is to obtain further quotes for the council to consider with regards to the civic regalia before council can come to a decision.

14. PLANNING-

05/09069/ful Pennine Works conversion to 2 dwellings

Objections raised on the grounds of; The sewer and drains unable to cope with present demand as stated by Steven Core of Highways and being looked at by Yorkshire water The Road is totally unsuitable for such a development. Previous applications for residential development in that area have been turned down on the grounds of the noise and smell from the works directly behind the proposed development. There is no space to accommodate parking for the possible 4 cars that this development could bring.

05/08502/rem former Gas Works 9 detached dwellings

objections raised on the ground STC do not believe that the existing sewerage infra structures can cope with more development. They also have grave concerns over the safety of the main junction with Belton Road and Keighley road and believe this has been flagged up by Highways. They also have concerns over the visibility splays into the site

05/08563/ful former Police Station change of use to offices

STC object on the grounds that this is part and parcel of their infra structure being removed. Vehicle access and egress will put added pressure on to an already dangerous junction, in essences creating a cross roads. Movement in and out of the site appears to be a peak times to add to the danger.

05709059/ful Plot 3 St John St

05/09204/ful 7 Middleway

05/09190/ful 1 Spencer Ave

No objections on the above 3 applications

15. REPORTS - No reports received.

16. Mayor's report - The Mayor had been able to visit all four residential homes on Silsden before Christmas.

17. Items for next agenda:

Unadopted roads[KS] in Silsden to invite ward councillor Kelly via Cllr Hawksworth.

Drains in North Street [KS]

Councillors were reminded that the council are looking for projects for financial year 2006/7

18. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 2nd February 2006 @ 7 30PM

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Chair 5/1/06