MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
THURSDAY 5th April 2012

Commenced 7.38pm          Concluded 9.30pm


Cllr Atkinson in the chair.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Asquith and Ward Cllr Mallinson.
2. No declaration of interest on items on the agenda
3. POLICE update was received and a reminder that the police newsletter is now in electronic form. Priorities are targeting the Belton Road area for speeding cars. Cllr Savaged asked about drivers using mobile phones and PC Jacks that this was a force wide priority.
4. The minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 1st March 2012 were signed as a true and accurate record.
5. No adjournment requested.
6. Item to hear suggestions from Mr N Cullen re land at Bridge St was deferred as Mr Cullen was unable to attend the meeting due to a personal emergency.
7. Ward councillor Kelly stated that no funding had been given to Silsden in the last financial year, though we did benefit from Ward wide funding for the Police’s cold calling project and Youth Services. Cllr Kelly said that they had tried to arrange a meeting with STC on the 15th December 2011 and that he was not aware that STC could not attend due to an already published planning meeting. He also confirmed there was still £8000 still to be distributed. Council resolved to place on the agenda that this money be requested for Silsden along with the wish list sent to the ward councillors in Jan 2012.
8. Beckside Mill – Cllr Atkinson stated he would move the large stone lying on the pavement, left by recent travellers on Friday. Council also resolved to write to the owners strongly requesting that they make their site safe.
9. Following a request for the purchase of land at Airedale Mews; Councillors to meet at 7.15 on Thursday 19th April to view the land in question.
10. Resolved after considering a request from residents for the restoration of the memorial on Ings way to gain some estimates for the restoration work required.
11. Cllr Savage proposed that this council consider planting an Oak tree in celebration of the Queens Jubilee, it was agreed that the clerk speaks with Parks and Landscape regarding permission, advice and quotes.
12. It was resolved that the council invite an officer from Sports and Leisure to see what they could offer Silsden.
13. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.
   1. Agreed payments as below:
      Bluesky 1103 2327.12
      Allotments 1104 250.00
      Quest 1105 1500.00
      La playa 1106 1388.60
      Mrs L Corcoran 1107 653.61
      Mrs G Bazylewicz 1108 72.51
      IR 1109 47.79

   2. Resolved to grant donation of £400 to Proms on the Farm towards their administration costs.
14. PLANNING: The following comments and questions were raised

**12/01052/HOU** Address: Swartha House Farm Swartha Lane Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0LP. Proposal: Construction of detached double garage. Query whether there is to be some demolition as in the previous application approval was it not stated there was to be no more new building on this green belt site.

**12/01118/HOU** Address: 23A Bolton Road Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0JY. Proposal: Kitchen extension. Council question whether this is consistent with planning policy, if outside policy contrainst then council support neighbour objection on grounds of overshadowing and loss of light.

**12/01158/HOU** Address: Bramble Croft Howden Road Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0JB. Proposal: Demolition of existing single garage and temporary removal of car port. Construction of double garage with first floor over and relocation of existing car port. Objection 2 storey garage in not keeping with the area and also question the first floor velux windows for a garage.

**12/01197/FUL** Address: Heights Farm Heights Lane Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 9HW. Proposal: Conversion of barn to form dwelling for an agricultural worker. No objection so long as there is a convenant stating that can only be used for agricultural workers.

**12/01209/HOU** Address: 2 Canal Side Silsden West Yorkshire BD20 0LJ. Proposal: Single storey rear sun room. No Objections.

15. REPORTS - To note any verbal reports of the following:

- **Youth Council** Youth Council completed a bag packing fundraising event in to coop on Saturday.

- **Parish Plan** An updated was given on the work done so far, and the group were congratulated on what they had achieved. A discussion took place regarding the future responsibility of the project and councillors were invited to attend the next group meeting on the 26/4/12. Cllrs Conway and Naylor said they would attend and Cllrs Huggins, Croft and Atkinson said they would if they were available.

16. Confirmed the date of the next meeting to be Thursday 10th May 2012.

Being no further business the chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm

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Town Clerk 10/5/12