



# **SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL**



**NEWSLETTER NO.23**  
**March 2011**

## Council Notes

December 2010:

POLICE update was received, priorities remain the same and the council was introduced to PC Ian Shree who is a new PC for the craven ward tasking group. The police were thanked on behalf of the town council and the Gala committee for their work with us over the Christmas market, road closure and lights switch on.

Council noted the pending closure of the Silsden Branch of Barclays Bank. Resolved to send a letter of complaint to Barclays Manager and Head Office on behalf of the residents for the loss of this service.

Council noted the rumours regarding the possible plans for closure of the Fire station but will await the outcome of the fire authority meeting on the 17/12 before discussing further.

January 2011

**YLCA** Will keep TC updated on developments with the localism bill.

**Gala Committee** Band stand has been approved, looking at a March build. Events planned for 2011 are Gala, Bonfire and Christmas Market.

**Christmas lights** Cllr Savage thanked the team for an excellent display this year.

**Youth Council** Campaigning for new members, researching new idea of a trim track around the park.

February 2011

Council noted the death of ex councillor Eric Robinson who had retired from Silsden Council in 1991, had been its Chairman in 1984-5 and previously a member of the Silsden Urban District Council before 1974.

Members of Silsden Community Productions were at the meeting to seek support for a community building which could be used by other organisations as well. It was noted that the Town Hall has problems with access and is unlikely to be upgraded. Cllr Naylor (also Ward Cllr) advised them to seek sources of funding which would help in acquiring a possible site for development.

Dog fouling in the playing fields and other areas in the Town was discussed. It was suggested that a meeting should be arranged with Mel Smith (BDMC) to discuss sites of bins in the park.

## Council Notes cont'd

Cllr Elsmore reported on a meeting with Managers of Barclay's Bank regarding the closure of the Silsden Branch. It appears that the bank is not used enough to warrant its retention.

Council approved the precept for the year 2011-12 to be kept the same as the current year.

### Town Council Elections 2011

On **Friday 25 March 2011** copies of the Notice will be displayed in the area, City Hall, Area Offices and all Council Libraries as well as a press release to all local papers. The Notice of Election will give the address of the Town Clerk as a source for nomination papers.

Guidance for candidates together with nomination papers will be available in **February** and will be available on request from the Electoral Services Unit. Details of anyone interested in standing for the election can be passed on to the Elections Unit and they will send out the nomination papers when they are ready.

Nominations may be submitted from **MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** and the final date and time for their receipt in the Electoral Services Unit will be **NOON** on **MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011**. **The deadline is absolute and no nomination may be accepted after that time.**

In the event of an election being contested the poll will take place on **THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011** **between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.**

**Surgeries** These surgeries will continue so look out for notices around the town and on the Silsden.net website. They are held at the Methodist Church on a Friday morning during their coffee mornings.



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## **Update for Silsden Youth Council**

The Youth Council is working on several key areas at the moment.

Members are currently designing a fitness agility track, (Trim Track) although this project is still in its infancy at the moment, but ideas are currently being put together to enable a costing for the project and eventually raise money and possibly gain funding.

Youth Council members are also looking at replanting the Town Hall Flower boxes in the early Spring.

Members are working on initiatives to raise the profile of the Youth Council, which involves trying to recruit new members, and trying to assist more in the local community. Anyone interested in joining us are welcome to attend the monthly meeting held in the Town Hall Council Chambers the first Tuesday of each Month, starting at 18.30 PM. This is an exciting time for the Youth Council, so please let your ideas be known, come and join us!

*Karen Conway, Coordinator of Silsden Youth Council*

*Gina Bazylewicz, Deputy Clerk Silsden Town Council.*

## **Dog Fouling Campaign**

Silsden Town Council have been actively involved in the wider "Craven Ward" Dog Fowling Campaign. As representative for Silsden council I have joined Ward councillors, Dogs Trust, Neighbourhood wardens, Dog Wardens and Keighley Area Committee in going round all the schools in our area. A few days were spent at each school, educating the future generations on the importance of being a responsible dog owner. The Health Risks and The Law. A number of more problem areas have been highlighted and we are at present trying to get more bins installed in these areas. However: It is against the law not to pick up after your dog. This applies to Roads, Streets and any public land such as Parks, footpaths, plays areas, grass verges, canal towpaths and any other place where the public have access. From January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. **ZERO Tolerance** has been applied. If you are seen not cleaning up after your dog. You will be fined £ 80. Or a court summons and fine of up to £1000. It's easy, Bag it, Tie it and Bin it. Please report anyone you see not doing this to 01274 431000

*Cllr Liz Trainor, Dept Mayor.*

## **Silsden Neighbourhood Policing Team Report**

Wharfedale and Craven Neighbourhood Policing Team has seen a number of changes in the past few months including the retirement of PC Pete Merfield after 34 years police service. We have two new members of staff who have taken over responsibility for Craven ward – they are PC Ian Shreeve and PC Samantha Buckley. Police Community Support Officer Jon Turnbull and Andy Turner-Blood are also the dedicated officers for the area.

Reported crime figures continue to be low in Silsden but you can assist in reducing this further. Firstly: Ensure that your houses and cars are always locked, we have recently arrested offenders who commit theft from vehicles by trying car doors in a particular area – surprisingly they find a significant number open and can then steal the contents. Secondly: Report any suspicious incidents, vehicles or people – you are the 'eyes and ears' of the community and many crimes each year are either prevented or detected due to the information of local residents.

Our current policing priority for Silsden is aimed at under-age drinking. New legislation makes it an offence for young people below 18 years of age to be caught with alcohol on three separate occasions. The NPT are working with the Young Peoples Drug and Alcohol Service to offer support to young people and their families who regularly consume alcohol which may affect their health and well-being. We are regularly patrolling the areas where young people are known to be drinking and parents are contacted by the NPT should their children be found in possession of alcohol.

The NPT attend all Parish Council meetings, Neighbourhood Forums and hold Police surgeries at a number of locations. Despite this we often only hear the views and concerns of a small number of residents. Please take the time to tell us what is important to you and what you think the NPT should concentrate their efforts on over the coming months. You can do this by attending a Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting or the Neighbourhood Forum (details on West Yorkshire Police website) or via email or telephone as shown below.

Wharfedale and Craven Neighbourhood Policing Team can be contacted on (01274) 475301 or by e-mail: [hanpt1@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hanpt1@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)  
(We will get back to you within 24 hours.)

Inspector Sue Sanderson

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### **Next Council Meetings**

7.30pm start unless stated otherwise on the  
Town Hall notice board.

**Full Council: 7th April.** (*Meetings in May & June to be fixed due to elections, look out for notices in the Town Hall and on the website [silsden.net](http://silsden.net)*)

**Planning: 17/3/11, 21/4/11**



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