

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
Held on Thursday 8th January 2026

Commenced 7.30pm

Concluded 8.30pm

Present: Cllrs Walton, Jessup, R Whitaker, O'Dwyer, Russell, Wogden, Ford, C Whitaker, and Naylor
Public [2] Police [1]

Cllr Walton in the Chair

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Davis and Smith
2. Accepted the reasons for apologies
3. No declaration of interest was made
4. The minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 4th December 2025 were signed as a true and accurate record.
5. POLICE
 1. Verbal report was given to councillors
6. ADJOURNMENT – Taken by Cllr Naylor who updated the council on the unauthorised development at Jacobs Wood Farm and the review of the planning protocol
7. Ratified the precept request of £88420 with band D payment being £25.41.
8. Noted the TRO's for Silsden this coming year as outlined by Bradford Council
9. To forward the following comment on the stopping up order request TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - SECTION 257 PUBLIC FOOTPATHS NO. 44 (PART) AND 45 (PART) SILSDEN AND UNRECORDED CLAIMED PATH EAST OF HAWBER COTE DRIVE, SILSDEN (STOPPING UP) ORDER 2025 -The Town Council objects to the Order as it cannot take into account the outcome of the application to stop up the highway along the adjacent Holloway as that application is still not resolved. The Order being objected to , if it is confirmed before the outcome of the application to stop up the highway along the Holloway, will therefore be confirmed without knowing if there a significant disadvantage or loss flowing from the Order – namely the missed opportunity for the diverted footpath to run along the Holloway should the existing right of way over the Holloway be extinguished. Silsden Town Council says that the Order being objected to should not proceed as there is no coherent overall plan to take into account the Holloway, meaning the Order in question could directly contribute to the loss of public access to a valuable historic feature i.e the Holloway. A more sustainable solution to the diversion of the footpaths is needed bearing in mind the uncertainty regarding the Holloway. Therefore the application is inadequate as it is flawed as it does not take into account the impact on the landscape accessibility or public enjoyment of the ancient Holloway .
10. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.
 1. Agreed following payments

L Corcoran	salary	2087	882.61
Inland Revenue	tax and NI	2088	69.84
SLCC	membership	2089	215.00
L Walton	Xmas take down petty cash	2090	200.00
P Rance	lengthsman	s/o	1300.00
11. PLANNING No planning applications.
12. Set the date of the next meeting at 5th Feb 2026

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Chair 5/2/2026