

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
held on
Thursday 7th December 2023

Commenced 7.30pm

Concluded 9.10pm

Present Cllrs Walton, Davis, Jessup, C Whitaker, Russell, Wogden, Smith, Ford, R Whitaker
O'Dwyer. Public [3]

Cllr R Whitaker in the chair

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Naylor and Croft
2. Accepted reasons for apologies
3. Declaration of interest on items on the agenda were made by Cllrs Russell and Wogden for item 9.3, and from Cllrs Smith, R Whitaker, Ford, Davis and Wogden for item 12
4. Agreed by unanimous vote to set the precept figure for the council year 2024-2025 as £123500.00 making a band D additional levy of £38.19p for the local precept.
5. Police – not in attendance
6. That the minutes of the meeting of Silsden Town Council held on 2nd November 2023 were signed as a true and accurate record.
7. ADJOURNMENT – None requested
8. Town Councillors thanked Cllr Walton and his team for putting up the Christmas lights in time for the market against all the odds with issues raised by new lamp posts going in. Agreed to send a letter of thanks is sent to John Mann, Assistant Manager for street lights in BMDC for helping to sort everything out.
9. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

1. Agreed payments below:

YLCA	training	1939	33.40
L Corcoran	salary	1940	878.61
Inland Revenue	tax and ni	1941	21.40
SLCC	subs	1942	183.00
SHC	Xmas lights	1943	312.00
A Frisswell	SS domain name	1944	52.80
canx	canx	1945	0.00
The Hive	donation	1946	5000.00
P Rance	lengthsman	s/o	950.00

2. Agreed repayment of the 2-year fee of £52.80 for the domain name for Silsden strolls.
3. Resolved to pay a grant for £5,000 to The Hive
10. PLANNING: To make comment on the following planning applications received by BMDC.

Noted that the applicants for Cragg Horn Quarry have submitted an appeal to the Secretary of State.

23/04175/FUL | Equestrian storage building | Manor House Farm Bolton Road Silsden Keighley West Yorkshire BD20 0FW- No objection in principle, providing that the method of foul Sewage disposal is dealt with to the satisfaction of the council drainage consultant. Also, if this is granted there must be a stipulation that at some time in the future it will not be converted into a dwelling.

23/04243/HOU | Single storey rear infill extension | 8 Burnsall Mews Silsden Keighley West Yorkshire BD20 9NY - There isn't an application form with this application. Provided there isn't anything material to the application, hidden in the missing application form this council has no objection.

23/04014/FUL | Construction of 5 dwellings | Site Of Former Davric Construction Projects Hainsworth Road Silsden Keighley West Yorkshire BD20 0LY - We object to this development on the following grounds.

It will increase the already existing problem of vehicles getting out and back in to the Belton/Keighley Road junction.

The infrastructure of Silsden is incapable of coping with the existing developments, this extra on top of other substantial developments already in the pipeline.

Agree with drainage consultant.

There isn't any input by Highways or the Police.

Construction Environment management plan shows the location of the site and the most suitable traffic route. But it doesn't restrict construction traffic to this route, therefore traffic could travel through Silsden town centre.

In essence this is an extension to the 44 houses at The Willows already passed on appeal, therefore this should warrant an additional house being place into the affordable housing portion. Reminder of the councils' objections to The Willows also sent.

11. HIGHWAYS – Resolved that this council pay £7500 to investigate the possibility of a TRO for banning HGV's.

12. Pavilion Work group;

1. Resolved that a small notification of the group be placed in the noticeboard and on the website.

2. Silsden Park Pavilion Working Group updated Silsden Town Council on the pavilion project.

3. Resolved to register Silsden Park and buildings with the Land Registry and employ a solicitor to ensure Silsden Town Council is registered as the Trustees of Silsden Park on behalf of the residents of Silsden. Clerks delegated powers of spend raised to £2500 for this item.

13. Consideration given to the TC drawing up and adopting a biodiversity policy at such time it is able to action anything within the remit, further that the draft template be given to the policy working group to bring forward once relevant.

14. Agreed the date of the first Jan meeting as the 11th of Jan 2024.

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Chair
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