

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL

held at the Padiham Town Hall on
12th April 2010 at 7.00pm

1. **PRESENT:** The Mayor, Councillor V.A. Pridden (in the Chair)
Town Councillors, J.W. Billinger, R.M. Clark, J. Cunningham, P. Hall,
K. Hudson, A.M. Jkinson, J. Kenyon, D. Rushton, K. Schofield,
A.J. Tatchell, C. Smith and M. Whittaker.

ALSO PRESENT : 2 members of the public and the Press

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Town Councillors J. Harbour and A. Ravenscroft.
3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – the Town Clerk reported that there had been no request to speak
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Town Councillor A.J. Tatchell in relation to the Planning matters otherwise none apparent but to be made during the course of the Meeting as necessary
5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on 1st March 2010 were PROPOSED by Cllr.R.M. Clark and SECONDED by Cllr. J. Cunningham AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATED INFORMATION**

- a) **Mayoral Events** – Cllr. Tatchell complimented the Mayor on the excellent event held on 3rd April 2010.
- b) **Council Chamber – Baldachino** - this has now been lowered.

7. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE** held on 15th March 2010 were PROPOSED by Cllr. J. Kenyon SECONDED by Cllr. K. Hudson and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.
8. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP** held on 15th March 2010 were PROPOSED by Cllr. K. Hudson SECONDED by Cllr. J.W. Billinger and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk reported the following items of correspondence

- a) **Parliamentary Outreach** – 28th June in the Concert Hall, Registration from 10.00 am concluding at 12.30 with a Buffet Lunch. Registration details from the Town Clerk
- b) **Fairtrade Steering Group Meeting – 20th April 2010** – Rhode Island Café, St. James Street Burnley. All Town Councillors are welcome but the meeting is scheduled for the same date and time as the Annual Town Meeting.

- c) **Bridesmaid Revisited Bit of a Do** – this event on behalf of Cllr. John Harbour and Mrs. Gillian Harbour will now be hosted at 29 Whalley Road, Padiham on 24th April 2010.
- d) **Land between Wyre Street and Lune Street, Padham - Maple Grove Developments Tesco Stores Ltd.** – the Town Clerk reported that an appeal had now been lodged and any further observations need to be forwarded by 6th May 2010 It was AGREED that no further representations would be made.
- e) **Former Riley’s Factory Site, Station Road, Padiham** – the Town Clerk reported that an appeal had now been lodged by Muller Renaissance (Padiham) Limited and it was AGREED THAT in view of the number of derelict sites in Padiham the Town Council raise no objections to the development and support the regeneration of derelict sites within the Town Council area.
- f) **Snooker Club, Livesey Street, Padiham** – the Town Clerk reported on correspondence from T.W. Jones in relation to the establishment of ‘Roosters Thunder House’ on this site. Correspondence had been acknowledged and further details were awaited.
- g) **Arts in the Park – Memorial Park** – the Borough Council is organising two evening events in Memorial Park on 30th/31st July 2010. This may be an appropriate weekend to organise the Town Council ‘Party in the Park’ and the matter was deferred to the Events Committee, Meeting date to be arranged.

10. REPORTS

- a) **POLICE** - Sgt. Tim Cussans was unavailable and the Town Clerk circulated the Report. Town Councillors with any specific problems were requested to refer them direct to Sgt Cussans.
It was AGREED THAT the Town Council send a letter of thanks to PC Mick Holden but that details relating to a replacement Officer be sought.
- b) **PADIHAM COMMUNITY FUND 2010** – Applications will be processed on 13th April and cheque presentations will be made at the Annual Town Meeting on 20th April at 7.00pm The Town Mayor thanked those who supported the ‘End of Year Event’ and confirmed that the Fund had raised in excess of £5000.00
- c) **EDITORIAL GROUP** – the Town Clerk reported that the Wedding Publicity Brochure was now available and the Editorial Group needs to meet to progress matters.
- d) **PADIHAM/BURNLEY GREENWAYS LAUNCH** – the Town Clerk reported on further incentives in particular in relation to the Portrait Bench and the Logo. A number of Town Councillors had attended meetings in relation to progression and launching of the Greenway but felt that their attendance had been somewhat superfluous with decisions having been made in advance without full consultation leaving them with decisions as a forgone conclusion. The Town Clerk will make this observation.
- e) **BALLROOM MANAGEMENT GROUP** – following the Meeting at 6.30pm on 12th April it was reported that Councillors Jinkinson, Ravenscroft and Whittaker will meet with Colin Croft to ascertain the best way forward.

- f) **CONNECTING COMMUNITIES** – the Town Clerk reported that Tracey Noone, a Borough Council Officer currently working with Mike Waite had been appointed to the post. Further information was awaited.
- g) **ELECTIONS 2010** – the Town Clerk reported on the current position. Councillors J.W. Billinger, D. Rushton and K. Schofield have decided not to stand for re-election. The Town Mayor thanked them all for their contributions to the work of the Town Council. Two new Councillors will be elected and a third Councillor will be Co-opted at the meeting on 10th May when all Town Councillors will be required to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Town Council considered the following applications in respect of which it was AGREED that no objections or representations be raised

Fennyfold Allotments, Land off Elizabeth Street, Padiham	Community Allotment to include siting of a container as an allotment hut, toilet and polytunnel, planting beds and 1.8m high timber feather board perimeter 1.8m high fencing.
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Victoria Apartments, Guy Street, Padiham	Replacement windows in light oak pvc
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12. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA

70 West Street, Padiham	Proposed two storey extension to rear of the dwelling
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It was AGREED THAT a site inspection be carried out and that the Town Clerk seek an extension of the period for any submissions.

Former Engine House, Jubilee Mill, Shakespeare Street, Padiham	Creation of 7 residential units with service/storage area. 1 unit to be on ground floor, 6 units on upper floor. Listed Building
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It was AGREED THAT the Town Clerk seek an extension of the period for objections to enable Town Councillors to consider the plans.

13. PLANNING MATTERS ARISING

Land at Back Pendle Street, Padiham	Gypsy site for 3 Caravans with on site parking, toilet and shower facilities
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The Town Clerk reported on numerous conversations with the Planning Officer at Burnley Borough Council. Currently no Enforcement action was taking place since the site was not being used by residential occupiers. The Planning Application was due for a decision on 29th April but a decision under delegated powers may be issued earlier. The Town Clerk will enquire further. Town Councillors expressed their dissatisfaction at the way the Borough Council was dealing with the situation.

14. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk reported that the NNDR Accounts had been received for 2010/11 and also the Office rental Invoices and sought approval to delay payment until receipt of the Grant and Precept. This was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

V.A. Pridden - Mayoralty	30.85
Nu-age Productions – Wedding Brochure	78.50

15. NOMINATIONS 2010/11

Town Mayor – Cllr. C. Smith indicated that due to work commitments and personal circumstances he was to decline Nomination for the position of Town Mayor. The Town Clerk reported that in accordance with Standing Orders Cllr. J. Cunningham was next in order of seniority.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr. C. Smith, SECONDED by Cllr. A.J. Tatchell and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that Cllr. Jean Cunningham be the Town Mayor Elect for the year 2010/2011

Deputy Town Mayor – the Town Clerk reported that in accordance with Standing Orders Cllr. John Harbour should be nominated and if he was unavailable then entitlement would devolve to Cllr. R.M. Clark. It was AGREED THAT discussions take place with Cllr. Harbour and that the final decision and nomination take place on 26th April 2010.

Sub-Groups and Committees – The Town Mayor invited Town Councillors to consider which Groups etc. they wishes to volunteer for membership of and report back on 26th April 2010.

16. MATTERS REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

- a) **Lighting – Riverside Nature Trail** – Cllr. Kenyon requested that consideration be given to the installation of additional lighting of the Town Hall Car Park for the benefit of persons accessing from the One Way system adjacent to Bertwistles. The Town Clerk will contact Lancashire County Council.
- b) **Alley Gating** – Cllr. Tatchell requested that this be deferred to the Working Group on 26th April 2010-04-17
- c) **Condition of the Engine House, Shakespeare Street, Padiham** – in light of the Planning Application this was deferred.

17. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Padiham Weir – Fish Ladder
List of Achievement of the Town Council
Certificates of Merit – Nominations required by Friday 16th April 2010

18. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Town Mayor reminded Town Councillors of the date and time of the Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday 20th April 2010 commencing at 7.00pm. Cheques awarded from the Community Fund will be presented as will Certificates of Merit as nominated. It was AGREED THAT the event be held in the Council Chamber.

19. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 10th May 2010 7.00pm

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed



Dated

10/05/2010