

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL

**held at the Padiham Town Hall on
7th December 2009 at 7.00pm**

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

ALSO PRESENT : Sgt. Tim Cussans, Borough Councillor Frank Cant,
1 member of the public and the Press
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** County Councillor S. Wilkinson, Town Councillors
Peter Hall and Kathleen Hudson
3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – the Town Clerk reported that there had been no requests
to speak
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – none apparent but to be made during the course
of the Meeting as necessary
5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on 2nd November 2009 were PROPOSED by Cllr.
J.W. Billinger and SECONDED by Cllr. R.M. Clark AGREED UNANIMOUSLY
6. **MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATED INFORMATION**
 - a) **Notification of Contact information Lancashire County Council** – Cllr. Cunningham
supplied details of changes
7. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE** held on 16th
November 2009 were PROPOSED by Cllr. M. Whittaker SECONDED by Cllr. J. Kenyon
AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.
8. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP** held on 16th November
2009 were PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Rushton SECONDED by Cllr. J. Cunningham AGREED
UNANIMOUSLY
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk reported the following items of correspondence

 - a) **Riverside Play Area** – Request from Simon Goff of Green Spaces and Amenities for the
Town Council to front the bid to LCC Play Builder Scheme – AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

- b) **BAP – SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY - AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that a representative be invited to the Working Group Meeting scheduled for 18th January 2010 at 7.30pm
- c) **PADIHAM FOOTBALL CLUB** – letter of thanks to the Town Council and Mayors Fund
- d) **Friends of Padiham Cemetery** – the next meeting will be held on 9th December 2009 at 7.00pm in St. John’s Church Hall, Padiham
- e) **Lancashire Constabulary** – request for funding for the installation of lamp post signs on the Linear Park to advise that off road vehicle are not permitted. Sgt. Tim Cussans expanded on the proposal and it was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that the Town Council make £100.00 available

9. REPORTS

- a) **POLICE** - Sgt. Tim Cussans circulated the December Report which he discussed in detail. (Copy attached) Cllr. Whittaker thanked the Police for their work in relation to 116 Burnley Road, Padiham.
Town Councillors raised questions relating to the ‘Cold-calling scheme, breakage of windows, theft of Poppy appeal boxes and an incident adjacent to Carrwood Green. Sgt Cussans indicated that all investigations were on going.
A full Police presence is assured for 18th December.
Cllr. Harbour pointed out that in relation to Burnley, Padiham was a place of low level crime.
- b) **CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON** – the Mayor thanked everyone involved for all their efforts which had produced an excellent event.
- c) **MAYORAL EVENTS** – the Mayoral Fund had raised £470.00 after expenses at the Lights Switch-on and a couple of Quizes are planned for the New Year. The next main event will be on 3rd April 2010 and will focus on ‘Pride in Padiham’

10. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Opus Pro Audio Ltd.	£ 517.50
MDL Fire works	2000.00
Burnley Alliance Silver Band	50.00
British Red Cross	57.50
D. Derbyshire – Piper	50.00
Burnley Borough Council – Lottery fee	20.00
General expenses	141.83
R.M. Clark – Baldachino	60.00
V.A. Pridden – Taxis	32.00
Mayoral gifts	100.00

11. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Condition of external toilets
 Community Bonfire
 Community Childrens’ Event
 Weddings Brochure

12. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Town Clerk reminded Town Councillors of forthcoming meetings

14th December 2009 – 6.15pm Attendance by the Dog Warden
7.00pm Planning Meeting – Tesco
8.00pm Working Group

18th December 2009 6.30pm Finance and Administration with Cllr. G. Birtwistle and Nick Aves

21st December 2009 6.30pm Meeting of Trustees of Padiham Charitable Trust

Cllr. Jinkinson indicated that he would be unavailable for the meeting on 21st December

Cllrs. Clark, Smith and Tatchell indicated they would be unavailable for the meeting on 18th December and it was AGREED that the Town Clerk seek an alternative meeting date early in the New Year. The Town Clerk emphasised the necessity for an early meeting since the outcome will have implications with regard to the 2010/11 Budget.

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 4th January 2010 7.00pm

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed



Dated

4th Jan 2010.