

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL

held at the Padiham Town Hall on  
4<sup>th</sup> January 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,  
K. Hudson, A.M. Jkinson, D. Rushton, C. Smith, A.J. Tatchell  
and M. Whittaker.  
  
**ALSO PRESENT :** Sgt. Tim Cussans, County Councillor S. Wilkinson,  
2 members of the public and the Press
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Town Councillor John Kenyon
3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – the Town Clerk reported that there had been no requests to speak
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Town Councillor A.J. Tatchell in relation to Planning matters otherwise none apparent but to be made during the course of the Meeting as necessary
5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009 were PROPOSED by Cllr. R.M. Clark and SECONDED by Cllr. K. Hudson AGREED UNANIMOUSLY
6. **MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATED INFORMATION**
  - a) **Linear Park – Off Road Vehicle Signage** – the Town Clerk provided a template of the intended signage – it was suggested that a more definitive restrictive sign be produced and Sgt Cussans agreed to look into the possibility.
  - b) **Linear Park – Dog Fouling** - Cllr. Clark again identified this problem. The area has not yet been designated but Cllr. Clark has received a number of Warning Notices which he will post appropriately as a deterrent. It is obvious that the fouling is localised and being caused by dogs owned by local residents. It was AGREED THAT policing and identifying was extremely important and Sgt Cussans indicated that two of his officers Thompson and Standing are putting together a programme of designation and enforcement including on the spot fines.
7. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMBINED PLANNING COMMITTEE and WORKING GROUP** held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 were PROPOSED by Cllr. J. Cunningham SECONDED by Cllr. J.W. Billinger and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

*The Town Clerk reported the following items of correspondence*

- a) **Pendle Community Network** – Invitation to a Rural Action Workshop – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – 9.30am – 1.00pm at Sion Baptist Church. Information available from the Town Clerk

- b) **Burnley Borough Council – Connecting Communities** – visit by Mike Waite to Working Group on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Request for an earlier meeting between one or two representatives of the Town Council – Cllr. Tatchell will make enquiries.

## 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Town Councillors considered the following applications in respect of which it was AGREED not to raise any objections:

7 Herbert Street, Padiham	Proposed Ground floor kitchen extension
Epworth House, Whalley Road, Padiham	Works to a tree in the Conservation area – crown thinning and pruning
240 Burnley Road, Padiham	Proposed Orangery

In relation to **16 Pennine Grove, Padiham** the Town Clerk reported that various conditions applied to a previously granted permission had now been discharged.

## 10. REPORTS

- a) **POLICE** - Sgt. Tim Cussans circulated the January Report which he discussed in detail. (Copy attached). A question and answer session followed.  
In relation to broken windows at the Bradford and Bingley - the juvenile offender has been brought to justice.  
There is no further progress in relation to damage at the Balti Palace  
The Mayor thanked Sgt Cussans for his Report
- b) **PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL CHARITABLE TRUST** – the Town Clerk had circulated details of the Trustees Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009. Cllr. Jkinson requested the total of accumulated interest – estimated at £250.00. The Trustees are investigating alternative forms of investment to maximise income.
- c) **MAYORAL EVENTS 2010** – the Mayoral Fund currently stands at approximately £5000.00.  
Two Quiz Nights are planned for February and March with the end of year event being scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2010 focusing on ‘Pride in Padiham and it’s talent’

## 11. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Events Hire Plus	416.87
General expenses	73.99
Mayoral gifts	57.00
Postages	15.00
Kreative Juice	225.40
Staples	127.60

## 12. MATTERS REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**Gritting of Roads and Side roads** – Cllrs. expressed concerns with regard to lack of gritting of side road and pavements and availability of grit in grit bins. County Councillor Sharon Wilkinson indicated that the policy of Lancashire County Council was to grit all Bus routes including major A and B roads but that grit supplies were running low and grit bins will not be refilled. In addition pavements will not be gritted to obviate liability for slips and falls. Town Councillors indicated UNANIMOUSLY that the position was a total disgrace. Cllr. Cunningham highlighted problems in relation to Coronation Avenue and West View Terrace where elderly people had effectively been prisoners for the best part of 2 weeks.

**Condition of Town Hall external Public Toilets** – the maintenance and servicing of the toilets is the responsibility of Burnley Borough Council through a Contractor. It was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that the condition of the toilets was deplorable and that the Town Clerk should write to the Borough Council for an explanation and improvement.

**Wedding Brochure/Wedding Fayre** – referred to the Editorial Group to look at an event in March/April – Meeting set for 6.00pm on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010

## 13. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Re-furbishment of the woodwork in the Council Chamber

## 14. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Town Clerk reminded Town Councillors of forthcoming meetings

11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – Finance and Administration

18<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – Planning Committee and Working Group

20<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 6.00pm – Ballroom Management Group  
7.00pm – Budget Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 at 6.00pm – Editorial Group  
7.00pm – Town Council Meeting

Cllr. Billinger indicated that he would be unavailable for the meetings between 20<sup>th</sup> January and 30<sup>th</sup> January

## 15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 7.00pm

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed  \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 01/02/10