

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL

held at the Padiham Town Hall on
1st June 2009 at 7.00 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT : Sgt Tim Cussans and the Press

- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Town Councillors A. Ravenscroft and D. Rushton and Borough Councillor F. Cant.
- 3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – the Town Clerk reported that Caroline Holden had requested to speak in relation to the Linear Park and the Mayor invited her to address the Town Council. Caroline explained the continuing process in relation to the Linear Park and the anticipated establishment of a Friends Group and a Steering Group and invited the involvement of the Town Council. The Town Council **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to support the project. Further information will be available in due course.
- 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 18th May 2009 were **PROPOSED** by Cllr. P. Hall and **SECONDED** by Cllr. R.M. Clark **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 6. MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATED INFORMATION**
 - a) Padiham Cricket Club – Certificate of Merit** - the Town Clerk had provided a Certificate in respect of Brian Shirtcliffe to be presented by the Deputy Mayor on 6th June. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that a Certificate also be presented to the Cricket Club. The Town Clerk will make the appropriate arrangements.
 - b) Padiham Football Club – Certificate of Merit** - the Town Clerk reported that congratulations had been sent to the Club following its promotion. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that a Certificate of Merit be presented. It was further reported that congratulations had been sent to Alan Smith in respect of the Best of Burnley Awards.
 - c) St. Leonard’s Playing Fields – Goal Posts** – the Town Clerk is in contact with Padiham Saints in an attempt to find a solution.
 - d) Prohibition of Waiting Order – Burnley Road** - the Town Clerk confirmed that a letter of objection had been forwarded to Lancashire County Council

- e) **Litter Pick – 6th June 2009** – the Town Clerk confirmed that arrangements were in hand and that litter pickers, gloves, bags and a skip will be provided by Streetscene. Town Councillors and volunteers should meet on the Town Hall Car Park at 10.00am on 6th June 2009.
- f) **Hepworths Site** – Cllr. Clark reported that trenches and bollards are now in place
- g) **Walking Day – 7th June 2009** – concerns were expressed with regard to the condition of the floral displays in the Town Centre. It was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that contact be made with Parks Services in this respect.
- h) **Access Riverside Nature Trail** – the Town Clerk is attempting to progress the matter but one parking space has already been removed and the current problem is being created by drivers parking beyond the allocated spaces. This requires policing by Park Wise and requires to be monitored.

7. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP** held on 18th May 2009 were PROPOSED by Cllr. K. Hudson SECONDED by Cllr. R.M. Clark and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported the following items of correspondence:

- a) **Lancashire County Council – AIP Study – A6068 Barrowford Road from A671 to Higham** - the draft Report including proposals is now available in the Town Clerk's Office

9. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Ricoh UK Ltd.	138.31
Zurich Municipal Insurance	1451.25
General expenses	144.75
Post Office Tax and N. Ins	822.65

10. REPORTS

- a) **POLICE** – Sgt. Tim Cussans apologised for his lack of attendance on 18th May 2009. He circulated his June Report and discussed each section in detail. A question and answer session followed and Sgt Cussans AGREED to provide updated cards with Police contact details in readiness for the Meeting on 15th June or 6th July at the latest. The issue with regard to parking on the pavement outside St. Leonard's Church was raised and Sgt Cussans will investigate. Cllr. Harbour highlighted that in Padiham crime and incidents are low by comparison to many other parts of the Borough. Youth interaction is improving. Town Councillors requested that at the July Meeting a snapshot be provided comparing July 2008 with July 2009. Sgt Cussans confirmed that arrangements are in hand for Walking Day including a Default and Response Team.

- b) **BALLROOM MANAGEMENT GROUP** – the Report of the Meeting held on 20th May had been circulated and was accepted. The Wedding Licence Application was progressing and the recommendations of the Ballroom Management Group were AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.
It was suggested that since this was a new Project, the Town Council allocate part of its Budget for set-up costs and advertising this was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY in the sum of £1000.00
- c) **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** - the Report of the Meeting held on 20th May had been circulated and was accepted. The scale of charges for the Community Room as recommended was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.
The Town Clerk had submitted a formal request for furniture to equip the Community Room and will report the outcome in due course
With regard to the Crest in the Council Chamber Cllr. Ravenscroft has arranged for an appropriate supplier to attend during the week commencing 29th June to provide an estimate
In the meantime Cllr. Clark will investigate other sources and also the cost of repair of the existing Baldachino.
- d) **MAYOR'S CHARITY FUND/EVENTS** - Cllr. Pridden reported on forthcoming events:
Veterans/40's Day on 4th July – Tickets are now available
Duck Race – 16th August
Party in Memorial Park – 30th August
Joint Mayoral 'At Home' – 22nd September
Halloween Event

11. MATTERS REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

- a) **Perseverance Mill** – Cllr. Clark reported that residents in the immediate area but particularly on Albion Street, Shakespeare Street and Wytham Street were suffering problems with the dumping of household refuse on the site and also the general condition of the site. The Town Clerk had contacted the appropriate officers at Burnley Borough Council but the action now required is Service of an Untidy Land Act Notice on the owners of the site. The Borough Council is reticent to pursue this course of action and it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that a letter be sent to Steve Rumblelow in an attempt to resolve the issue.
- b) **Memorial Park – Lottery Bid** – Cllr. Harbour noted that a great deal of good work had been carried out by Parks Services and the Friends Group to secure funding and despite the lack of ultimate success some parts of the Project may be able to go ahead. Use can be made of the Feasibility Study and there may be parts of the Project which the Town Council can support. It was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that letters of recognition of work on the Project be sent to Simon Goff at Parks Services and to the Friends Group and that Simon Goff be invited to a Working Group Meeting to help ascertain the way forward. Funding via the Co-operative Society for Community Projects is an option.
- c) **Archives Group** – Cllr. Clark reminded Town Councillors of the Fund Raising Event to be held in the Ballroom on 13th June 2009 commencing at 8.00pm. All proceeds are for the Archives Project and tickets are available at £3.00 each

12. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Padiham Fish Ladder
Thompson Street Nursery
Certificate of Merit Scheme
Land at Stockbridge Road – location of 3 benches
Dog bin – Grove Lane Wood
Youth projects
Installation of benches by Parks Services
Padiham Football Club – Civic Event

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 6th July at 7.00pm

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed  _____ Dated 06/07/09 _____