

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL

held at the Padiham Town Hall on  
1<sup>st</sup> March 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,  
A.M. Jinkinson, J. Kenyon, A. Ravenscroft, D. Rushton,  
K. Schofield, A.J. Tatchell, C. Smith and M. Whittaker.

**ALSO PRESENT :** Sgt. Tim Cussans, County Councillor S. Wilkinson, Borough  
Councillor Frank Cant, 23 members of the public and the Press

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Town Councillors P. Hall, J. Harbour and K. Hudson

The Town Mayor extended the best wishes of the Town Council to Councillor John Harbour and his wife Gillian. A card was made available for signature at the close of the meeting.

3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – the Town Clerk reported that a request had been made by residents of the Pendle Street area to speak in relation to the Planning Application for a Gypsy Caravan site on land to the rear of Pendle Street.

The spokesperson for all interested parties – Mrs. K. Marshall of 30 Pendle Street was invited to address the meeting and raised the following points:

This is the creation of a new site but only for the occupation of a family currently residing at Whinney Hill and will not therefore provide a designated site.

There are no issues with regard to occupation or usage of the current site at Whinney Hill but the Back Pendle Street site is unsuitable.

The consultation procedure has not been carried out in accordance with the legislation in that not all affected parties have received notifications and there has not been an on-site Notice.

The application is for 3 caravans, 2 parking spaces and a toilet/shower block – the site is considered to be too small and overspill and associated parking by visitors will be problematic in an area reliant on on-street parking.

The anticipated site entrance is a blind spot and outward opening gates will prevent access for emergency vehicles and create a regular obstacle for vehicles using the back streets. Legislation requires the Borough Council to provide designated sites within the next 2 years but such sites must be identified with regard to need. Travellers are unlikely to have usage of this site since it will be in regular use by 3 caravans. This is already a densely populated area and there is no indication as to the number of persons

In addition the Town Plan indicates that Back land should only be used in exceptional circumstances.

The Town Mayor thanked Mrs. Marshall for her comments and the residents for their attendance.

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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 were PROPOSED by Cllr. R.M. Clark and SECONDED by Cllr. J. Kenyon AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATED INFORMATION**

a) **Linear Park – Dog Fouling** – the Town Clerk referred to the Minutes of the Planning Committee of 15<sup>th</sup> February which indicated the up to date position. The Borough is considering making a new Order for the whole Borough

b) **Lancashire County Council – Re-cycling Centre, Park Road, Padiham** – County Cllr. Sharon Wilkinson addressed the meeting.

The Padiham site is used by residents of Padiham, the Ribble Valley and West Burnley It is a well used site particularly at weekends but is one of 5 centres under review.

The last review was in 2007 when it was indicated that the next review would be in 2010 and that is now taking place.

There are concerns that if the Padiham site remains the new Widow Hill site will be under-used. Many areas of Lancashire are only serviced by one site.

No decision will be taken until March 2011

Town Councillors AGREED UNANIMOUSLY THAT everything possible should be done to retain the site and it was suggested that the value of recyclable waste was sufficient to cover the cost of the site provision. It was requested that County Cllr. Wilkinson ascertain the value of waste being taken to the site.

7. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE** held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Ravenscroft SECONDED by Cllr. D. Rushton and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP** held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010 were PROPOSED by Cllr. A. Ravenscroft SECONDED by Cllr. M. Whittaker and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk reported the following items of correspondence

a) **Connecting Communities** - a Training Day will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010 from 10.00am to 3.00pm. All Town Councillors wishing to attend must notify the Town Clerk by 12 noon on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010

b) **Padiham/Burnley Greenway – Launch and Portrait Bench** – all Town Councillors interested in being involved with the Launch are invited to the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March as per details supplied previously. It is anticipated that in view of the impending Elections the Launch will be re-scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June.

In relation to the Portrait Bench further suggestions were required and the Group will meet on 4<sup>th</sup> March details as supplied previously. Any further suggestions to be taken to the meeting or to be notified to the Town Clerk.

c) **Diversion of Part of Public Footpath No.3 Padiham and Nos. 60 and 62 Hapton**

The Order has now been made and any objections must be lodged by 29<sup>th</sup> March otherwise the Order will become effective.

- d) **Electoral Administration Alert 137** – the Town Council is due for re-election in 2010. If the UK Parliamentary General Election has a Polling Day of 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010 then any contested Town Council Elections will be postponed for 3 weeks. If there are no contested seats then the Annual Town Council Meeting will be unaffected. Once a Polling date has been fixed the Town Clerk will provide all the necessary information.

## 10. REPORTS

- a) **POLICE** - Sgt. Tim Cussans circulated the March Report which he discussed in detail. (Copy attached). A question and answer session followed. The Dog fouling operation had been successful as had the initiative run by the Prison Service Trust at Shuttleworth College. It was AGREED that a number of individual concerns be expressed direct to Sgt Cussans. The Mayor thanked Sgt Cussans for his Report
- b) **MAYORAL EVENTS 2010** – the Town Mayor thanked everyone for supporting the Quiz Night on 27<sup>th</sup> February when a total of £120.00 was raised. The next event will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2010 entitled ‘Padiham Presents’ and all Town Councillors are encouraged to attend
- c) **PADIHAM COMMUNITY FUND 2010** – Application Forms are now available from the Town Clerk with a closing date of 5<sup>th</sup> April 2010 so that distribution of the funds can take place at the Annual Town Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010.
- d) **EDITORIAL GROUP** – Cllr. Jinkinson circulated a copy of the suggested Wedding Brochure and invited comments by not later than the Working Group on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010.
- e) **FIRE AND EVACUATION PROCEDURE – COUNCIL CHAMBER** – the Town Clerk circulated the recommended Procedure and invited comments for the Working Group on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

## 11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

**Warehouse, Wyre Street, Padiham**

Change of use from Warehouse to retail  
Class A1

The Town Council considered the following further application in respect of which it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town Clerk send a letter of objection on the grounds laid out by the residents and on the additional grounds cited by Borough Councillor F. Cant and Town Councillor Cunningham in relation to the ability to manoeuvre touring caravans and population density.

**Land off Back Lane and Rear of Pendle Street/Peel Street, Padiham**

Proposed Change of use to a gypsy caravan site (including provision for 3 touring caravans, a toilet/shower block and car parking)

**12. MATTERS REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION**

**M and M. Bus Service Green Lane and Stonemoor Bottom** – Cllr. Cunningham reported that the service was running as normal and there were no current proposals for change

**Council Chamber – Baldachino** – Cllrs. Clark and Kenyon were thanked for their work in this respect. It was AGREED that the Baldachino be lowered by at least 6 inches and that consideration be given to the use of non-reflective glass.

**13. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

S.A. Kennedy – Replanting and tidying Padiham Green	£300.00
Staples Office supplies	69.96
Limelight Signs	100.00

**14. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

Lighting on the Riverside Nature Trail  
Alleygating

**15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 7.00pm**

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



Dated \_\_\_\_\_

12/4/2010