



## **MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 at 7pm**

**at Padiham Football Club**

### **Present:**

Cllr J. Kirk (Chair).

Town Cllrs: K Buckley (Vice-chair), R Clark, J Cunningham, J Harbour, V Pridden, C Smith, A Tatchell.

Acting Town Clerk: Tracey Noon

In attendance: County Councillor M Johnstone, Borough Councillor A Hosker, Borough Councillor Ida Carmichael, PCSO (Lancashire Constabulary)

The Mayor, Cllr Kirk, opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

### **TC/15/16/087 Apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received from Cllr H Hudson.

**RESOLVED: That Councillor's apologies are accepted.**

### **TC/15/16/088 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

Cllr J Harbour – Planning.

### **TC/15/16/089 Formally Adjourn the meeting to allow for Public Participation**

**RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally adjourned to allow for participation from the Public.**

### **Public Questions**

The Town Clerk had not received any questions from the public.

### **Police Report**

PCSO handed out copies of the Police Report. The following were noted:

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- Non-Dwelling Burglary has increased – it is thought that empty buildings are being targeted for the copper wiring i.e. 7 reports from the empty Baxi site
- All other crime at normal, expected levels.

Concerns were expressed by The Mayor that levels are sharply escalating though levels of Policing are not. People are not feeling safe and there are rumours about who the perpetrators are.

PCSO found it difficult to respond as he is not part of the team responsible for the area. The PCSO offered to feedback on the following questions at the next meeting:

- Are the perpetrators known to Police?
- What are the Police doing about people's homes being targeted e.g. doors being tried, etc?
- Borough Cllr A Hosker takes exception to being named in the Police report in connection with the queries about the burglaries on Kings Drive and the nuisance on the Greenway.
- Cllrs are concerned that the report is not up to date. The last Police report was not up to date either. The level of detail of the reports is also not to the standard expected.
- Is there a policy to re-house drug addicts in the area?
- What does 'insecure premises' mean?

**RESOLVED: Town Clerk to call an extra-ordinary meeting with the Town Council and Police as soon as possible.**

### **County Councillor Report**

Cllr Johnstone reported that the Property Review is ongoing and the outcome will be made public in September. Only the Youth Club is being relocated in Padiham.

The Museums review is being carried out at present. As Gawthorpe Hall is on a long term lease from the National Trust it could be transferred back to the National Trust.

Shuttleworth College had a disappointing Ofsted report – Requires Improvement. Shuttleworth is applying to become an Academy. Absenteeism is not good. Teaching is not good. Though, Ofsted has said that it is a very different school to the one in the 2014 report. Head is working hard to improve the school.

Cllr Johnstone has spent lots of time working with the Environment Agency on flood defences for Padiham and Clowbridge. The Baxi site is being looked at in particular. Any developer for the site would have to agree to put in river mitigation upstream before any building could take place. Cllr Johnstone will continue to pursue the issues associated with the Boxing Day floods.

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Concerns were raised about flood damage on Melbourne Street. It has been agreed that the riverbank will be repaired though some of the bank is privately owned. Lancashire County Council land will be improved though unsure about the privately owned land.

The Government has picked up that there is a problem with uninsured land and properties. There is a pot of money available for those who cannot get insurance to apply to.

The Primary School site on Burnley Road is up for sale and is being marketed nationwide.

Borough Councillor Hosker requested that something be done about the dull lighting on Victoria Road.

Question from Councillors about the work going on on the Lancashire County Council land opposite Bargain Booze on Burnley Road.

**RESOLVED:**

**Cllr Johnstone to look into the lighting issue on Victoria Road.**

**Cllr Johnstone to report back to Town Council about the work on Burnley Road.**

**Borough Councillor Report**

Cllr Harbour reported that there is a Selective Licensing consultation in process for the Ingham Street/Cobden Street area. Selective Licensing will be introduced in April 2017.

**Padiham Organisations Reports**

**Padiham on Parade**

Cllr Carmichael thanks the Town Council for all the support given. 5000 people attended over the weekend. Plans are already being worked on for next year's events.

The Mayor commented that the weekend had been amazing. The amount of time a planning that went into the weekend was rewarded by the good things visitors had to say.

**RESOLVED: Cllr Clark to request Fire Service to remove bunting on Mill Street.**

**Greenway**

Pump Track funding is now in place to double the size and install bee hives and bat houses. It is to be made more challenging for older children.

Party in the Park

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4<sup>th</sup> September – Greenspaces and Amenities will help to set up and dismantle, though there will be a cost.

Need a face painter.

5000 leaflets will be printed and delivered for £200. New boards have also been purchased. Publicity will begin this week.

**RESOLVED:**

**All agreed to fund Greenspaces and Amenities to help with set up and dismantling.**

**Cllr Cunningham to source a face painter.**

**TC/15/16/090          Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting**

**RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened.**

**TC/15/16/091          Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were considered.

There were no matters arising.

**RESOLVED: The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.**

**Proposed: Cllr Cunningham. Seconded: Cllr Clark**

**TC/15/16/092          Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June and 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

The minutes were considered.

There were no matters arising.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Cllr Cunningham.**

**Seconded: Cllr Buckley.**

**That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Cllr Pridden. Seconded: Cllr Cunningham.**

**TC/15/16/093          Minutes of the Working Group meetings held on 20<sup>th</sup> June and 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

The minutes were considered.

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2.1 Progress report to be requested on Ballroom works. The Mayor is to meet with Liberata and raise questions.

3.2 Deadline for applications to the Flood Fund is 9 a.m. on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016. All monies to be paid out by 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016 are approved as a true and accurate. Proposed by Cllr Pridden, seconded by Cllr Cunningham.**

**That the Minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 are approved as a true and accurate. Proposed by Cllr Buckley, seconded by Cllr Cunningham.**

**TC/15/16/094 Clerk's Report**

Due to absence of Clerk there was no report given at this meeting.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 are approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Buckley.**

**TC/15/16/095 Planning Matters**

One Planning Application had been received for 72 West Street, Padiham for a garden room and parking space.

**RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will write to Planning with objections from the Town Council on the grounds that altering the front of the row would be out of context and not in keeping with the rest of the row.**

**TC/15/16/096 To adopt new Financial Regulations.**

**RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to adopt.**

**TC/15/16/097 Other Business**

Concerns were raised by Councillors about the lack of reports from the Town Centre Manager.

**RESOLVED: Town Clerk to invite Town Centre Manager to the extra-ordinary meeting with the Police.**

**Town Clerk to request a progress report on the Public Right of Way at the side of Victoria Apartments**

**TC/15/16/098 Date of next meeting**

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Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 at 7 p.m.

**TC/15/16/099      Pink Item for Decision**

Ballroom Manager's Pay Review has now been carried out by Cllr Tatchell. Recommendation that a review should be carried out each year, 1.1% pay rise backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 and 1.3% in 2017 and 2018 (as agreed by Unison Union nationally) and an annual performance discussion to take place each year.

Mayor thanks Cllr Tatchell for the work carried out.

**RESOLVED: All recommendations unanimously agreed. Town Clerk to send a letter to the Ballroom Manager setting out the terms agreed above.**

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:45pm.

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