



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

**Held on Monday 3<sup>RD</sup> April 2017 at 7:00pm**

**at Padiham Football Club**

### **Present:**

Cllr J Kirk (Chair).

Town Cllrs: R Clark, J Cunningham, P Haigh, H Hudson, V Pridden, C Smith, A Tatchell, M Whittaker

Town Clerk: Stephen Hughes

Also in attendance: PCSO Jordan Haywood (Lancashire Constabulary), plus three members of the public.

Cllr Buckley opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

### **TC/15/16/148 Apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received from Councillor K Buckley and County Councillor Marcus Johnstone.

### **TC/15/16/149 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

None.

### **TC/15/16/150 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 Haywood provided a verbal report for Gawthorpe Ward only.

Both the Picture House and the card shop had been subject to break-ins, which are still being investigated. CCTV images are available and are being examined.

There have been few reports of shoplifting, anti-social behaviour, domestic burglary or vehicle crime.

The problems at Boyes store seem to have been caused by a small group of individuals. The Police have spoken to the ringleader and the situation seems much improved. In reply to a

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question from Cllr Kirk, PCSO Haywood reported that the store is employing a security guard for one more week.

The Police are now using social media to post regular updates of their activities.

Cllr Kirk stressed that it is important to have the shop break-ins properly dealt with, as the town is trying to attract new businesses.

Cllr Hudson thanked PCSO Haywood and said that any report from the Police is valuable, but that the Town Council would appreciate a report for the whole town and not just a single ward. Cllr Kirk agreed and asked that a detailed report is provided monthly. PCSO Haywood agreed to take this away and to provide a written update of the information he had summarised this evening, which he will send to the Town Clerk.

### **County Councillor Report**

No report had been received.

### **Borough Councillors Report**

Cllr Cunningham reported that the Borough Council met on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and approved the Proposed Burnley Local Plan, which included provision of flood resilience works in Padiham plus residential development on the Perseverance Mill and Baxi sites. The plan will now be open to public consultation before submission to the Secretary of State early next year.

Cllr Tatchell pointed out that the Plan will cover the next 15 years and will enable the development of several important pieces of land in Padiham, for example the Perseverance Mill site has until now been earmarked for industrial use but will now be used for residential purposes. Cllr Tatchell also pointed out that the funding for flood defence work would only be released once the Plan was approved.

Cllr Smith said that these developments will improve Padiham greatly, and this is the credit of the Town Council and Borough Councillors for Padiham, who have pushed these issues for many years.

### **Padiham Organisations Reports**

Cllr Clark reported that Padiham Greenway has recently received an award from Sustrans as the best maintained in the UK. In response to a question from Cllr Kirk, Cllr Clark reported that there has been no progress with extending the Greenway at Dunkirk Farm,

He also reported that Padiham Archives Group is holding a photographic exhibition at the Weavers' Triangle Visitor Centre for the next six months.

### **TC/15/16/151 Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting**

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

### **TC/15/16/152 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were considered.

There were no matters arising.

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**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 are approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Hudson.

**TC/15/16/153 Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

The minutes were considered.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 are approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Cunningham, seconded by Cllr Haigh.

**TC/15/16/154 Minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

The minutes were considered

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Working Group meetings held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 are approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Cunningham, seconded by Cllr Haigh.

**TC/15/16/155 Minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

The minutes were considered.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 are approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Haigh, seconded by Cllr Cunningham.

**TC/15/16/156 Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence**

The Town Clerk reported that he copies by email all relevant correspondence to Town Council members on receipt.

The Town Clerk has written a letter on behalf of the Town Council supporting the bid of funding to take the Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) forward.

The Town Clerk has reported the dangerous trees, vegetation, and paving area next to the Picture House to Lancashire County Council. Cllr Kirk said that this is a safety issue and should be dealt with separately from the THI project.

**TC/15/16/157 Planning Matters**

**APP/2017/0142 – 46 Church Street, Padiham BB12 8JQ - Proposed change of use to mixed use of A1 shop and hot food take-away (A5)**

The Council considered the application and had no comments.

**TC/15/16/158 Items for decision**

**To appoint Stephen Watson as Internal Auditor for 2017**

Proposed by Cllr Hudson. Seconded by Cllr Tatchell

**RESOLVED.** This item was agreed.

**To approve contribution of £300 for the bandstand information board**

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Proposed by Cllr Hudson. Seconded by Cllr Tatchell

**RESOLVED.** This item was agreed.

**To approve contribution of £250 for the Painting Padiham 'People's Prize'**

Proposed by Cllr Hudson. Seconded by Cllr Tatchell

**RESOLVED. This item was agreed.**

**TC/15/16/159 Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Town Council meeting is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7:00pm.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance, especially the members of the public.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:50pm.

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