



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

**Held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7pm**

**at Padiham Football Club**

### **Present:**

Cllr J. Cunningham (Chair).

Town Cllrs: J Kirk (Vice-chair), K Buckley, R Clark, K Datkiewicz, J Harbour,  
H Hudson, J Kenyon, V Pridden, C Smith, A Tatchell, M Whittaker.

Town Clerk: Stephen Hughes

In attendance: Sgt M Burnett and Sgt T Riley (Lancashire Constabulary)

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

### **TC/15/16/060 Apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Ravenscroft and County Cllr Marcus Johnstone.

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

### **TC/15/16/061 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

None.

### **TC/15/16/062 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**

Sgt Burnett reported that he was moving on to a new post within the force and that Sgt Riley was replacing him as the Sergeant responsible for Padiham. Councillors thanked Sgt Burnett for all of his hard work.

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Sgt Riley introduced himself, saying he knows the area and is looking forward to the challenges and opportunities he faces. He said that his biggest challenge would be keeping on top of crime with fewer officers and more responsibilities.

Sgt Burnett talked through the crime figures for Padiham for February and March:

Anti-social behaviour: 91 incidents (68 in 2015). There had been issues around licensed premises, groups of youths outside Tesco, and youths on motorbikes at the back of Lancaster Drive. There had also been incidents involving youths outside the store on Cambridge Drive and nuisance on the Greenway. The Police have taken action on all reported incidents.

Burglary (Domestic): 14 incidents (31 in 2015).

Burglary (Other): 17 incidents in 2016 (16 in 2015).

Vehicle Crime: 51 incidents (10 in 2015).

Violent Crime: 59 incidents in 2016 (34 in 2015). 21 of the reports were for low-level assault, where there was no injury. There were 7 public order offences, 8 cases of harassment and 2 of assault on a Police Officer.

Criminal Damage: 17 incidents (17 in 2015).

Damage to a Dwelling: 8 in 2016 (5 in 2015).

Theft: 15 in 2016 (24 in 2015).

Cllr Kirk asked if these figures are released to the public. Sgt Burnett said that they are not but they are not restricted and crime statistics are available on the Safer Lancashire website.

In response to a question Sgt Burnett said that HGVs are causing nuisance on Grove Lane despite numerous approaches from himself and others. Cllr Tatchell said that Cllr Johnstone is aware of the issue and he will contact him for an update. Cllr Harbour said he would make enquiries with the Borough Council.

## **Padiham Organisations Reports**

### **Greenway**

Cllr Clark reported that as part of an event to celebrate the Queen's birthday the children from all primary schools would be walking along the Greenway to Memorial Park. Councillors agree to make a donation of £100 towards this event.

### **Padiham on Parade**

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The Town Clerk has circulated email copies of minutes received from the committee. Cllr Pridden reported that the next committee meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

### **Padiham Community Action**

Cllr Hudson reported that PAC had written to the Town Clerk asking if the Town Council could consider the Emerging Local Plan, specifically the inclusion of sites at Craggs Farm, Blackburn Road (land to north of Shuttleworth Mead Business Park), and Eaves Barn Farm. Cllr Hudson said the Town Council had considered the draft Local Plan in 2014 and suggested that the matter should not be considered again until the next draft is published. Cllr Tatchell said that there is no reason why the Town Council cannot re-state the position it took in 2014, which was to oppose the inclusion of these sites in the Local Plan. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should write to the Borough Council to re-state the Town Council's view.

### **TC/15/16/063      Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting**

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

### **TC/15/16/064      Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 were considered.

Page 3 – County Councillor reports – Cllr Buckley asked for an update on the highway resurfacing work around Manchester Road in Hapton. Cllr Cunningham reported that the work has now started.

Page 5 – Flood Update – Cllr Pridden asked for an update on the Town Council's insurance claim. Cllr Cunningham reported that quotes for items which needed replacing were still being collated.

There were no further matters arising.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 are approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Kirk.**

### **TC/15/16/065      Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

The minutes were considered.

There were no matters arising.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 are approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Datkiewicz.**

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**TC/15/16/066 Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

The minutes were considered.

There were no matters arising.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 are approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Kirk, seconded by Cllr Buckley.**

**TC/15/16/067 Notes of the Working Group meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**

The notes were considered.

There were no matters arising.

**RESOLVED: That the Notes of the Working Group meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 are approved as a correct record.**

**Proposed by Cllr Datkiewicz, seconded by Cllr Buckley.**

**TC/15/16/068 Notes of the Working Group meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016.**

The notes were considered.

There were no matters arising.

**RESOLVED: That the Notes of the Working Group meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 are approved as a correct record.**

**Proposed by Cllr Datkiewicz, seconded by Cllr Buckley.**

**TC/15/16/069 Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence**

The Town Clerk still has only limited access to his office following the flood. He is able to work from home and has access to emails via webmail.

The Town Clerk has asked the external auditors (BDO) for a breakdown of the invoice they have issued for their report into the actions of a former Town Clerk. Once the breakdown is received Cllr Cunningham is to arrange a meeting with officers from the Borough Council to seek their advice.

The Town Clerk has the forms to apply for a new Right of Way past Victoria Apartments and will be submitting the application shortly.

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**TC/15/16/070      Planning Matters**

No planning applications have been received since the last meeting of the Planning Committee.

**TC/15/16/071      Items for decision**

**RESOLVED: To elect Cllr James Kirk as Town Mayor for 2016/17.**

**RESOLVED: To elect Cllr Ken Buckley as Deputy Town Mayor for 2016/17.**

**Public Interest Report regarding events occurring at Padiham Town Council in the period from January 2007 to 29 December 2011**

Councillors discussed the report and recommendations. Cllr Tatchell pointed out that most members of the Town Council at the time were inexperienced, and that they were misled by an officer who was producing audited accounts.

**RESOLVED: To accept the recommendations set out in the Public Interest Report regarding events occurring at Padiham Town Council in the period from January 2007 to 29 December 2011. (Proposed: Cllr Harbour, Seconded: Cllr Clark).**

**TC/15/16/072      Date of next Meeting**

The date of the next Town Council meeting is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7:00pm.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00pm.

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