



MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 6th June 2016 at 7pm

at Padiham Football Club

Present:

Cllr J. Kirk (Chair).

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

Town Clerk: Stephen Hughes

In attendance: County Councillor M Johnstone, Borough Councillor A Hosker, Sgt T Riley (Lancashire Constabulary)

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

TC/15/16/073 Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr M Whittaker.

RESOLVED: That Councillor's apologies are accepted.

TC/15/16/074 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

None.

TC/15/16/075 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 Riley introduced himself and two PCSOs who were accompanying him. He said that either he or one of his team would attend each meeting of the Town Council. The

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team information on the website was being updated and posters with contact details would be going up around Padiham shortly.

Sgt Riley issued a written summary for crime data for Padiham in April and May, and said he could look into adapting the report if the Town Council wanted him to. Cllr Tatchell asked if the report could highlight 'hot spots'. Sgt Riley said it could, but it would then take more staff time to produce.

Sgt Riley then talked through the crime figures:

Anti-social behaviour: 109 incidents (143 in 2015).

Burglary (Domestic): 15 incidents (14 in 2015). There was no obvious pattern.

Burglary (Other): 11 incidents in 2016 (20 in 2015). There had been several incidents of boilers being stolen.

Vehicle Crime: 13 incidents (25 in 2015). Two offenders who had carried out many crimes have recently been imprisoned.

Violent Crime: 41 incidents in 2016 (30 in 2015). There had been several incidents at licensed premises during the warm weather.

Damage to a Vehicle: 13 incidents (22 in 2015). Several incidents were reported around River Drive. The Police will carry out a leaflet drop if this continues.

Damage to a Dwelling: 21 in 2016 (10 in 2015). Several of the incidents were around Cambridge Drive.

Theft: 24 in 2016 (22 in 2015). Many incidents occur in Tesco but the Police suspect there are incidents which are not reported. They are encouraging Tesco to report all incidents.

Several Criminal Behaviour Orders were due to be issued, and that several drug warrants would be executed shortly.

Sgt Riley said that if Councillors had any particular questions they could let him know in advance of Town Council meetings and he would ensure that a detailed reply is provided for the next meeting.

The Police have met with the Town Centre Manager and discussed complaints of lack of visibility. They also discussed the possibility of reintroducing Shop Watch and/or a radio scheme.

Cllr Kirk observed that officers on horseback and on bicycles had been seen around town, including on the Greenway.

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Cllr Pridden invited the Police to attend Party in the Park on Sunday 4th September. The Town Clerk will send details in an email.

County Councillor Report

Cllr Johnstone reported that the County Council's property review was ongoing, considering the future of every building from County Hall to the smallest library. The number of buildings would reduce from around 200 to around 100. Under current proposals Padiham Library will stay open and will become a Neighbourhood Centre, incorporating the Youth Service. Services for young people in Padiham will not change. Whitegate Children's Centre will remain in its current location.

Cllr Kirk and others thanked Cllr Johnstone for the work he had put in to support services in Padiham.

Cllr Hudson asked if a sign could be put up in Padiham Library saying it would be staying open. Cllr Johnstone said this was possible because all proposals are currently out for consultation.

Cllr Pridden asked what will be happening to the buildings which close. Cllr Johnstone reported that there were various options, including selling them, mothballing them etc.

Cllr Cunningham asked where Padiham Youth Club would operate from. Cllr Johnstone said it would be in the Town Hall, the building would need to be altered internally but no building plans have been drawn up yet. Cllr Cunningham said that the Town Hall lobby area and stairs was used for weddings and this needs to be born in mind when plans are drawn up.

Borough Councillor Report

Cllr Cunningham reported that an automated external defibrillator has been fitted to the Medical Centre, and not the Town Hall as originally planned. She is pressing for additional units to be installed in the town.

Cllr Tatchell reported that Preferred Options for the 10 year Local Development Plan are being drawn up and will be published in the next few weeks, for public consultation during July/August.

Padiham Organisations Reports

Padiham on Parade

Cllr Pridden reported that banners were already up and that bunting would be going up the weekend before the event. A programme (cost £1) would be produced and sold throughout the town. The parade would take place on Sunday at 10am, with a full road closure. Cllr Pridden appealed for volunteers to help with tasks such as marshalling.

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Archive Group

Cllr Clark reported that although the Archive rooms are closed the Archive Group is putting on displays in the Library and schools to coincide with Padiham on Parade.

TC/15/16/076 Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting

RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened.

TC/15/16/077 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 4th April 2016

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4th April 2016 were considered.

Matters arising:

Page 2: HGV causing nuisance on Grove Lane – the Borough Council has spoken to the Football Club about this and it now appears to be resolved.

Page 3: Highway resurfacing work around Manchester Road in Hapton has now been completed.

Page 4: Victoria Apartments - The Town Clerk has now submitted an application for a new Right of Way past Victoria Apartments and the matter is now with the County Council.

There were no further matters arising.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4th April 2016 are approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Cunningham, seconded by Cllr Datkiewicz.

TC/15/16/078 Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18th April 2016

The minutes were considered.

There were no matters arising.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18th April 2016 are approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Kenyon.

TC/15/16/079 Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 25th April 2016

The minutes were considered.

There were no matters arising.

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RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 25th April 2016 are approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Tatchell, seconded by Cllr Buckley.

TC/15/16/080 Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16th May 2016

The minutes were considered.

There were no matters arising.

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

TC/15/16/081 Notes of the Working Group meeting held on 18th April 2016.

The notes were considered.

There were no matters arising.

RESOLVED: That the Notes of the Working Group meetings held on 18th April 2016 are approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Datkiewicz, seconded by Cllr Cunningham.

TC/15/16/082 Notes of the Working Group meeting held on 16th May 2016.

The notes were considered.

There were no matters arising.

RESOLVED: That the Notes of the Working Group meetings held on 16th May 2016 are approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Harbour, seconded by Cllr Smith.

TC/15/16/083 Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council's insurers had offered a settlement for contents lost of £8,824, which represents 85% of the claim for £10,480. Advice from the Town Council's insurance adviser is that this is a good figure.

RESOLVED: That the settlement offered by Zurich insurance be accepted.

Proposed by Cllr Cunningham, seconded by Cllr Clark.

The Town Clerk reported that the insurance policy for contents only covered specified high value items – there is no blanket coverage for smaller items. He will investigate

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options when the policy is due to be renewed, as the Town Council may want to include general contents in addition to specified items.

Furniture and equipment which can be cleaned is being taken away and professionally cleaned.

Cllr Cunningham is in discussion with the Borough Council about whether their insurance covers the Town Council for loss of income from the Ballroom and liability for the Ballroom Manager/Caretaker's wages. She is also investigating the possibility of the Ballroom Manager/Caretaker working for the Leisure Trust on secondment.

TC/15/16/084 Planning Matters

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

TC/15/16/085 Items for decision

None. The request for £100 donation from Padiham schools to pay for dog fouling signs has been withdrawn, as funding has been secured from another source.

TC/15/16/086 Date of next Meeting

The date of the next Town Council meeting is Monday 1st August 2016 at 7:00pm.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30pm.

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