MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 5th October 2026 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers

Present:

Town Councillors: Councillor P. Turner (in the Chair), D. Alexander, P. Haigh, M. Harrison, A. Holdstock, A. Lewis, P. McCann, D. O'Neill, C. Smith, C. Turner and M. Whittaker.

Others: Steve Watson (Town Clerk), Andy Perry (Ballroom Manager), PCSO Abigail Ferguson, Borough Councillors Barbara Dole, John Harbour and Steve Keogh.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

TC/26/27/061 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Maurice Duckworth and Vince Pridden who were both away, Keith Barsby who was unwell and Claire Pilkington who had an emergency.

RESOLVED: That the apologies and reasons given are accepted.

TC/26/27/062 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

TC/26/27/063 Formally Adjourn the meeting to allow for Public Participation.

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

Police Report

A written Police report had been provided which is attached. An explanation was provided for the new category of Personal Crimes and a report had been received with regards to an incident at the King's Arms Friday evening and it was confirmed that police were dedicated to the incident.

Town Centre Manager Report

There was no written report, however the Planning Working Group had met with the Town Centre Manager, which they found very useful and were advised that Burnley Borough Council were attempting to compulsory purchase one of the worst empty properties.

Public Questions

There were no public questions.

County and Borough Reports

The County Councillor was not present. The two-town centre zebra crossing need to be repainted, Councillor Hosker has reported these to County. Moor Lane is still on-going but is a challenge. It was suggested that the Town Council write to the County Councillor raising concerns and that social media is used to highlight the Counties response.

Borough Councillor Barbara Dole had provided a comprehensive written report that is attached.

Padiham Organisations Reports

The Archive Exhibition weekend was excellent however, number were low and the material on display needs to be discussed. It was suggested that this needs to attract a younger audience.

Junior Park Run has started the October School Leagues and these are being promoted through the schools.

The Friends of Memorial Park had a joint meeting with the Friends of the Greenway to discuss amalgamating the two groups.

Padiham on Parade are facing a huge challenge in 2027 due to the flood defense works. They are hoping to have a meeting with the Environment Agency and will report back to the Council after this meeting.

TC/26/27/064 Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting.

TC/26/27/065 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 7th September 2026.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7th September 2026 were considered. It was noted that the craft market is closing.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 3rd August 2026 are approved.

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TC/26/27/066 Officer's Report including Administration, for information unless stated.

The new website has now gone live and is being maintained by the new company.

The Ballroom Manager provided a report that is attached.

It was suggested that the Bar Improvement Report was not a specific agenda item so could not be discussed. A summary report is to be considered at the next meeting.

TC/26/27/067 Finances

	Starting Balance	Payments	Receipts	Transfers Out	Transfers In	Balances
Current	£ 3,427.13	£ 16,344.29	£ 810.00	£ -	£ 15,000.00	£ 2,892.84
Ballroom Management	£ 3,836.40	£ 967.83	£ 2,318.07	£ -	£ -	£ 5,186.64
Business Reserve	£ 44,442.22	£ -	£ -	£ 15,000.00	£ -	£ 29,442.22
Petty Cash	£ 139.08	£ 150.89	£ -	£ -	£ -	-£ 11.81
Quilter	£ 50,000.00	£ -	£ 9,135.28	£ -	£ -	£ 59,135.28

RESOLVED: That the above accounts are approved

TC/26/27/068 Events Working Group

The Beer Festival was even better than last year. It went £95.24 over budget due to the costs of the security. The business and Council sponsors were all thanked. Councillors Haigh and Pridden were thanked for the laying of the rubber matting and everyone who took a turn on the doors were also thanked. Councillors Haigh and Pilkington have agreed to take over the Beer Festival leads next year. Councillor Smith was thanked for all the years he has led on the Beer Festival and Debbie Smith was thanked for obtaining sponsorship for the sandwiches from Tesco and for providing the sandwiches, the event raised £1,234.67 for the Mayor's Community Fund.

The Mayor's Quiz Night is being held on the 10th October and Councillors were encouraged to attend.

Everything is in place for Remembrance Sunday and just the road closure needs to be finalized for the Christmas Ligh Switch On event.

Everything is on track for both The Battle of the Bands and the Padiham Music Festival. Burnley Borough Council have applied for a grant for the Year of Culture 2027 and have included £8,200 for the two events.

The flood defenses update was provided earlier.

TC/26/27/069 Planning Working Group

Tesco's are to be written to and asked to honour the two-and-a-half-hour condition set by the Section 106 agreement. They are also to be asked if they would provide all day parking spaces for volunteers on event days.

TC/26/27/070 Strategic Planning & Finance Working Group

The Strategic Planning & Finance Working Group had not met.

TC/26/27/071 Items for discussion

There were no items to discuss.

TC/26/27/072 Mayors Business

The Mayor attended the 200-year anniversary celebration of Blackburn Diocese at St Peter's Church. He also opened the Beer Festival and the Archive Exhibition and the Bridge Inn darts marathon for Pendleside Hospice, which raised over £1,000. This included a £100 pledge from the Community Fund. He attended the Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale Sea Cadets Annual General Meeting along with the 3 Borough Councillors. He advised that the other Cadet groups are funded from the armed forces but the sea cadets are self-funded. The Mayor is attending the Burnley, Pendle, Rossendale and Craven Annual General Meeting of the Samaritans Organisation next Thursday.

TC/26/27/071 Date of Next Meeting

1. Date of next Town Council meeting: Monday 2nd November at 7:00pm

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

Padiham Town Council Meeting
Padiham 2026

CRIME	September 2025	September 2026
Assault	21	27
Burglary	5	2
Criminal Damage	9	8
Drug Offences	0	2
Nuisance	12	11
Public Order	2	8
Theft	20	11
Personal	15	7
Harassment	10	9

Above are the crime statistics for Hapton and Gawthorpe wards combined.
Burglaries –
2 – Residential Breaks: Offender potentially going to the next-door neighbour, offender named and known to victim, property returned to victim.
3– Business breaks: (1) offenders left glove however was disposed of by victim so no forensic opportunities. (2) no other lines of enquiries, no CCTV to identify offenders. (3) CSI attended forensics taken waiting for results.
Drugs: Intel gathering for local hot spot drug dealing locations, male arrested in possession of Class A drugs.

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Community Beat Manager for Padiham

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PCSO 7434 Morris – Hapton
PCSO 7430 Ferguson - Gawthorpe

PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL 05/10/26
Report from Councillor Barbara Dole – Gawthorpe Ward
Last Burnley Borough Council full council meeting was held **23/09/26** re-convened on **30/09/26** and still not completed- outstanding will be added to the agenda for next full council scheduled for **02/12/26**

Local Government Re-organisation (LGR)
LGR was paused by the government subject to judicial review. On 01/10/26 BBC CEO circulated an e mail for Cllr S. Atkinson – leader of LCC. Due to current lack of response to requests for information and lack of clarity regarding the decision LCC have taken protective legal steps to avoid becoming time barred on any future actions. The email confirmed commitment to work with all on the current agreed work programme on LGR .

Padiham Community Grocery
I asked a question at 30/09 full council regarding the possibility of 33 Padiham Rd., council owned re-decorated pop up shop, as a temporary venue for the Grocery- whilst I appreciate it is not suitable for replication of the full wraparound service offered at Downtown in Burnley centre, I suggested a short-term non-perishable food goods and advisory service.
Councillor Hurt (Executive member) responded that the shop had already been considered by council officers who work closely with the Message Trust and it does not meet the minimum size requirements and as yet nothing has come up that is both suitable and within budget. Monitoring at the Valley St Grocery shows that it is used by some Padiham residents and they are encouraged to do so- not ideal. I will continue my discussions when Cllr Hurt is back from leave.

Fennyfold
I have also liaised with Cllr Hurt regarding the delays at Fennyfold. Full council was told in July that the works were nearing completion but at September's meeting we were told that some of the work was unsatisfactory(roof and car park surface and had to be re- done. The present facilities - portaloo , are poor. The car park is unusable leading to street parking and complaints from residents. Cllr Hurt assures me that the contractors are re-doing the works at their own cost and the facilities should be completed in 4 weeks – hopefully sooner.

Cowley Crescent
As previously reported,I engaged with a resident on Cowley Crescent who like me, is concerned about double yellow line parking in Padiham Town Centre and also double parking on Cowley Crescent(Whitegate) – there are no yellow lines but there are problems at school pick up times with traffic queuing on Padiham Road but also later in the evening with overnight parking on both sides of the road. I am still waiting for his comments for fellow residents – have spoken to police -advised to speak to LCC. Will follow up.
I continue to walk the ward as often as possible speaking to residents and report any issues e.g. overflowing bins, fly tipping.
I am an active member of Burnley Borough Council Licensing Committee and continue to be involved in both taxi and licensed premises review hearings.
I have recently highlighted the need for extra wood chippings around the play apparatus on Park Road playground and hopefully this will be actioned soon.
Thank you
Barbara

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Bar Report 5th October 2026
1st April 2026 to 4th October 2026

Event	Income	Amount	Expenditure	Amount	Profit/Loss	Till Balance	Cash Costs	Till Exp	Variance
Totals	Cash	£ 6,878.90	Cash Stock	£ 6,356.74	£ -				
	Card	£ 14,415.15	Staff	£ 2,961.00	£ -				
			SumUp Fees	£ 243.71	£ -				
	Total	£ 21,294.05	Total	£ 9,561.45	£ 11,732.60	-£ 2,438.84	£ 9,317.74	-£ 2,438.84	£ -

September was a quiet month with only two weekend events using the Bar. October to December has 7 bar events booked in and some provisional bookings to be chased. The Thursday Line Dancing Bar has improved significantly and now makes a profit in part due to the creation of the 'Jackie Special Cocktail' which sells well and has a profit mark up of 71%. The Local Vocal Bar did not take off so I have taken the decision to not open the bar on these nights as it averaged less than £5 gross takings per event.