MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

Present:

Town Councillors: Councillor P. Turner (in the Chair), D. Alexander, K. Barsby, M. Duckworth, M. Harrison, A. Holdstock, A. Lewis, P. McCann, C. Pilkington, V. Pridden, C. Smith, C. Turner and M. Whittaker.

Others: Steve Watson (Town Clerk), Andy Perry (Ballroom Manager) and Borough Councillor Steve Keogh.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

TC/26/27/048 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Peter Haigh and Dianne O'Neill who were both away. Borough Councillor Barbara Dole and the Police also sent apologies.

RESOLVED: That the apologies and reasons given are accepted.

TC/26/27/049 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

TC/26/27/050 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. The individual responsible for the broken window at J-Lo's has been apprehended. It was thought that the previous heading of Anti-Social Behaviour has not been separated out into Personal Crimes and Harassment.

Town Centre Manager Report

The Town Centre Manager provided a written report that is attached. The Planning

Committee met with the Town Centre Manager and a further meeting is planned for the end of the month. All Councillors were invited to attend. Burnley Council have been trying to run the monthly markets themselves, but this has not been successful. The private company that runs the Burnley Artisan Markets are to take these over.

Public Questions

There were no public questions.

County and Borough Reports

The County Councillor was not present.

Borough Councillor Steve Keogh reported that there had been a meeting of the Borough's Scrutiny Committee and that Local Government Reorganisation has been opposed, therefore there be local elections in 2027. Borough Councillor Barbara Dole sent a written report that is attached. Moor Lane has been patched but there are still a number of potholes and a full resurface is needed. Highways are doing repairs but the road is not the schedule for a resurface. A further recommendation is to be submitted. It was recognized that this is an entry point to the Town the same as Park Road, which has been fully resurfaced and that as there is a school there is a danger when cars attempt the dodge potholes.

Padiham Organisations Reports

There were no reports.

TC/26/27/051 Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting.

TC/26/27/052 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 3rd August 2026.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 3rd August 2026 were considered. It was noted that the Minute in the Mayor's business section was confusing and should read "The Mayor attended the reopening of the Great Barn at Gawthorpe Hall on the 15th of July and has been asked to publicise the fact it is now open to Councillors.

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

TC/26/27/053 Officer's Report including Administration, for information unless stated.

Borough Councillor Barbara Dole is dealing with the resident who feels under siege. The MP has not been contacted as the problem with the government registrar was resolved the next day.

Memorial Park bandstand refurbishment has been out too tender and a contract awarded.

The Ballroom Manager reported on the Bar Takings for the year to date. A copy of the report is attached.

The website is progressing well and should be going live shortly.

A request has been received for financial support from Fennyfold Allotments to help with possible water costs with the heat wave. As there has been a lot of rain recently they have stating that they are coping at the moment, but will keep the Council advised.

It was noted that the red telephone box planting can be funded through the Town Centre Improvement budget.

The Ballroom Manager provided a report that is attached.

TC/26/27/054 Finances

	Starting Balance	Payments	Receipts	Transfers Out	Transfers In	Balances
Current	£2,818.58	£14,727.65	£5,336.20	£0	£10,000	£3,427.13
Ballroom Management	£6,349.43	£420.34	£2,907.31	£5,000	£0	£3,836.4
Business Reserve	£59,310.19	£0	£132.03	£15,000	£0	£44,442.22
Petty Cash	£180.99	£41.91	£0	£0	£0	£139.08
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RESOLVED: That the above accounts are approved

TC/26/27/055 Events Working Group

There had been a concern about litter, but the Park Ranger kept on top of things. The Mayor's tombola stall is to be moved to a more central spot next year. The set up and close down worked well. The Mayor will send a letter of thanks to the volunteers. The fairground rides struggled this year and a meeting to discuss this is needed before next year. There is one badly damaged gazebo canopy which is to be replaced. There were between 200 and 250 children through Teddy Bear's Picnic. Thanks were given to the Mayor, Councillor Pridden, the Events Committee and everyone who helped out for a very successful event. The Mayor's fund raised £133.17. The Clerk and Ballroom Manager were also thanked for their help with the event.

The Beer Festival is all arranged, just volunteers needed to staff the door and volunteers for Thursday morning of the 17th September to put down the black mats. £300 has been raised through barrel sponsorship so far. Community Fund buckets will be placed either end of the bar.

The new vicar at St. Leonard's wishes to be involved in the Remembrance Day event and a meeting is to be held with him. He wishes to get all faiths involved. Councillor Duckworth will take on Lead Councillor for Remembrance Sunday as Councillor Pridden is away, then will be involved with the poppy appeal.

Christmas is booked and a bigger stage is to be provided. The start and end times are to be moved later for the entertainment, with a start at 5:00pm and fireworks at 7:45pm. It was agreed to light up the Town Hall for the whole Christmas period at a cost of £1,000 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: That the quote to light up the Town Hall of £1,000 plus VAT is approved.

The Music Festival and Battle of the Bands is to be added to the agenda as listed events. Most of the pubs are happy to get involved and artists will be paid through grants and sponsorship.

The Environment Agency have advised that the flood defense works will recommence in February 2027 and will likely last 12 months, so Riley Street may be closed for 12 months and impact on events.

RESOLVED: That a new gazebo canopy is purchased.

TC/26/27/056 Planning Working Group

The room above the Irish League is to be converted to flats and there is an appeal for a battery storage unit on Shuttleworth Mead. There is also an application for a small Industrial Unit extension on Green Lane.

TC/26/27/057 Strategic Planning & Finance Working Group

The Strategic Planning & Finance Working Group discussed the finances and it was generally agreed these were on track.

TC/26/27/058 Items for discussion

The volunteers needed to paint the Piano Bar will be discussed at the next meeting. If volunteers are not readily available then the Ballroom Manager will be asked to paint the bar. Volunteers are to be sought first and a date circulated.

The storage container is to be put on hold until the flood defense work is known.

A visit to the Balckburn CCTV hub is to be arranged and GDPR requirements are to be checked.

TC/26/27/059 Mayors Business

The Mayor visited a lady for her 100th birthday and gave her a card and flowers. He opened the flower show, which was much better attended than the last time he went and attended the Last Night at the Proms at the Unitarian Chapel.

He is to attend the Burnley Mayor's function at Towneley Hall to commemorate the centenary of Blackburn Diocese and the AGM of the Sea Cadets on the 25th September. The next Mayor's event is the Quiz Night on the 10th October with tickets available from the Town Hall and via Event Bright. Debbie Barsby has agreed to prepare the food and Debbie Smith has agreed to co-ordinate the kitchen. The Archive Exhibition weekend is on the 26th and 27th September.

It was generally thought that publicity for events needs to be more regular. An advert was placed in the Litter Picker magazine, however this is not being produced anymore.

TC/26/27/060 Date of Next Meeting

1. Date of next Town Council meeting: Monday 5th October at 7:00pm

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

Padiham Town Council Meeting
Padiham 2026

CRIME	August 2025	August 2026
Assault	18	25
Burglary	7	4
Criminal Damage	13	10
Drug Offences	2	0
Nuisance	37	19
Public Order	7	11
Theft	14	8
Personal	23	10
Harassment	13	19

Above are the crime statistics for Hapton and Gawthorpe wards combined.
Burglaries –
There are no residential Burglaries this month and no Business Burglaries.
We have a high number of Harassments recorded due to neighbour disputes.
Drugs: A drugs warrant was also executed at an address off Victoria Road where two persons were arrested, and the investigation is continuing awaiting forensics. We also have another CBM joining us called Lily! Her details are on the bottom of this document.

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Community Beat Manager for Padiham
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PC 2302 Lily Price
CBM Padiham
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PCSO 7434 Morris – Hapton
PCSO 7430 Ferguson - Gawthorpe

Padiham Town Centre Officer's Report – September 2026

Padiham Food & Craft Market
Burnley Markets have commissioned the Artisan Market Group to operate a regular monthly market in Padiham.
The first market will take place on Saturday, 26 September 2026, from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Town Hall Plaza. The market will feature a range of street food, arts and crafts, and fresh produce.
Following the launch, the market is planned to continue on the second Saturday of each month, providing a regular attraction for residents and visitors and supporting the vitality of Padiham town centre.

Business Support
The Town Centre Officer continues to support local businesses through the Business Support Grant Scheme.
Two new businesses in Padiham have recently applied for grant assistance towards shopfront and signage improvements. The scheme continues to provide an important opportunity to improve the appearance of the town centre while supporting new and existing businesses.

33 Burnley Road
The Council-owned property at 33 Burnley Road, which was previously used as a pop-up shop, has now undergone the necessary repair works.
The property is due to be re-advertised during September 2026 with the aim of attracting a new long-term tenant. Bringing the premises back into productive use will help reduce vacancy within the town centre and contribute to the ongoing regeneration of Burnley Road.

Padiham Top Club
A repair and restoration scheme at Padiham Top Club is continuing on site, supported through UK Shared Prosperity Funding.
The current works are focused on improving the building's front elevation. The replacement of the existing uPVC windows with traditional sliding sash windows, together with associated stone repairs, has now been completed.
The next stage of the scheme will be the installation of new shopfronts, which will further enhance the appearance of the building and contribute to the wider improvement of this section of the town centre.

PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL 07/09/26
Report from Councillor Barbara Dole – Gawthorpe Ward
Last Burnley Borough Council full council meeting was held **15/05/26**
Next full council meeting is scheduled for **23/09/26** – I will report on that at the next P.T.C. meeting.
Local Government Re-organisation (LGR) – this afternoon, I received an e mail from Lukman Patel CEO of Burnley Borough Council informing Councillors that he had heard from reliable media sources that LGR will be paused and be subject to judicial review. Burnley Borough Council elections would then take place as normal for the existing 15 wards in May 2027
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.
I complained on behalf of a resident in National Buildings in relation to uncollected household and recycling waste- this was actioned within three days by Streetscene-waste removed and steps identified to prevent reoccurrence.
I have 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. The resident is speaking with his neighbours and I will proceed further when I hear from him.
I have been in contact with Councillor Hurt (Executive member for Health, Leisure and culture) and also asked a question at last full council re. Padiham Community Grocery plans. I am informed that suitable premises are still being identified. I requested to be kept in the loop and also indicated that I am keen to be directly involved in the project at all levels.
Apologies for not being able to attend 07/09/26
Barbara
Councillor Barbara Dole, Gawthorpe Ward
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Bar Manager Report

7th September 2026

From 1st April to Present

Date	Event	Income	Amount	Expenditure	Amount	Profit/Loss
	Totals	Cash	£5,605.40	Stock	£5,974.73	
		Card	£11,963.10	Staff	£2,225.00	
				SumUp Fees	£199.83	
		Total	£17,568.50	Total	£8,399.56	£9,168.94

August was a quiet Month with the only booking being a Josh Hindle Concert.

Signed..... Date 5th October 2026