



MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 1st August 2022 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers

Present:

Town Councillors: Councillor M. Whittaker (in the Chair), Councillors J Harbour, M. Harrison, A. Lewis, P. McCann, V. Pridden, C. Smith and A. Tatchell.

First Officer: Steve Watson (Town Clerk), County Councillor Alan Hosker

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

TC/22/23/029 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Maurice Duckworth who was away, Councillors Dave Alexander and Peter Haigh who were unwell and Councillors Chris and Phil Turner who had got back late from holidays. Katie Nolan, Town Centre Manager also sent her apologies.

RESOLVED: That the apologies and reasons given are accepted.

TC/22/23/030 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

TC/22/23/031 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

The Police had provided a report which is attached. It was asked where the Youth engagement work had taken place in Padiham and the Clerk should meet with PCSO Charlotte Ingham to introduce the Council. Whilst the report was much appreciated it was noted that occasionally attending meetings would be helpful.

Town Centre Manager Report

An email regarding the new planters in front of the Town Hall was read out. Concerns were raised about the tall trees in the planters and whether they would survive the winter without being uprooted by strong winds. Greenspaces have staked the trees and the County Councillor will take up the issue with the County Council. Greenspaces are to be asked about who will be responsible for the planters going forward and if sand is a suitable material for planting.

There were no Public Questions

There were no public questions.

County Councillors Report

County Councillor Alan Hosker reported that the road outside the Town Hall has now been repainted and the bollard the Council asked to be repainted will be replaced.

The County Councillor was thanked for his report.

Borough Councillor Report

A face-lift scheme has been approved for Albion Street and Wytham Street and the Jubilee Mill engine house is being refurbished privately.

Padiham Organisations Reports

There were no Organisation reports. An update from Councillor Duckworth was read out. The incident on Blackburn Road has now been resolved as a resident knew someone from Clitheroe Police who investigated and made an arrest. The Town Centre events football figures were circulated and are attached. It was noted that the Democracy Team at Burnley Borough would be willing to offer some training for new Councillors.

TC/22/23/032 Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting

RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened.

TC/22/23/033 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 4th July 2022.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4th July 2022 were considered.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4th July 2022 are approved as a correct record.

Stakeholders for the Greenway Bridge are to be asked to provide a temporary solution whilst a permanent solution is not available.

TC/22/23/034 First Officer's Report including Administration and Correspondence.

The First Officer reported that all actions had been taken and correspondence had been dealt with.

TC/22/23/035 Report back from Committees and Working Group

Events Working Group – The Summer Fair is all ready to go and volunteers were sought to sell wristbands on the Saturday.

Party in the Park – All attractions have been booked and a number of stalls have confirmed. The charges for gazebos and tables are to be checked. The event dates are to be included on the agenda in future. The Rotary have agreed to Steward and a Police presence is to be requested.

Padiham on Parade 2023 – There is a meeting tomorrow to start planning next years event.

Beer Festival – It is proving difficult to find a band, wristbands have been delivered and sponsorship forms of £10 a barrel are available.

Painting Padiham – There is a meeting next week to start planning for 2023 and the Council agreed to support the event again.

Planning Working Group – There were no plans of interest this month. Strategic Planning Documents needs to be considered especially the one for Houses in Multiple Occupation. A Portfolio of HMOs of concern is to be created.

Newsletter Working Group – It was suggested that the newsletter budget could be used to provide the promotional videos for events. Burnley are to be asked why Padiham is expected to pay when other groups don't. The Events Working Group were asked to discuss the videos and bring back a recommendation.

TC/22/23/036 **Items for discussion as listed.**

It was suggested the missing 2 gazebos are replaced.

RESOLVED: That 2 matching gazebos are purchased.

The red telephone box needs a location and what it will be used for. There will be a reference to Bobby Clark and ideas from other boxes are to be checked.

Land ownership of the Technical College Gates needs to be checked and some photos are to be taken that outline the project.

TC/22/23/376 **Finances**

The Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliation was circulated. The Ballroom Bar Taking need moving to the Ballroom heading.

RESOLVED: That the Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliation are approved.

A Payment list, a Receipts List and a Petty Cash Report of were circulated.

RESOLVED: That the Payments, Receipts and Petty Cash are approved.

An online room booking system proposal was circulated from Scribe.

RESOLVED: That the Scribe Online Booking System is bought at £485 for the first year and £288 each year thereafter.

TC/22/23/027 **Potential Projects**

The Ballroom ramp is to wait for the outcome of an application to the Windfarm Grants.

TC/22/23/028 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Town Council meeting is Monday 5th September 2022 in the Council Chambers, Padiham Town Hall at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers.

**Padiham Town Council Meeting
August 1st 2022**

CRIME	June 2022	July 2022
Assault	27	20
Burglary	5	1
Criminal Damage	11	8
Drug Offences	1	0
Nuisance	32	19
Public Order	9	6
Theft	18	9

Over the last month we have seen a decrease in every crime class stated above. Significant efforts have been made to engage with youths now that the holidays have started, and I am pleased to say that these have been positive which is evidenced in the reduction of nuisance issues reported.

Parking

PCSO Charlotte Ingham is meeting up with Katie Nolan who is the new Padiham Project Development Officer. Their intention is to walk through Padiham engaging with businesses and road users. Charlotte has already completed a leaflet drop to businesses. Primacy over this however still remains with LCC and local council.

Motorcycle Nuisance

Again, this continues to be an issue, particularly with unregistered and stolen bikes. PC Chris MCKEE has recently had funding approved from LANPAC and has taken order of several defence sprays. Essentially, these will be used to spray at riders and their bikes with a view to leaving an invisible DNA on them which is identifiable with UV light. This will be quite an “in your face” strategy which may raise a few eyebrows however with the correct use I feel as though these will be a great deterrent and will serve to improve public confidence in how we deal with nuisance motorcycles. We will run this alongside a social media advertising strategy so that members of the public can follow our progress.

Bicycle Thefts

Bicycle thefts have been on the rise throughout Burnley. PC Chris MCKEE has raised nearly £800 from LANPAC and is obtaining free bike coding throughout the summer. The locations where officers will undertake this will be published on social media. The bike coding is a sticker which is non-removable

and will have a unique QR code. Once scanned, the person scanning will have instant access to find out whether the bike is stolen or not. Hopefully this will increase the rate at which we return stolen bikes to owners but importantly may act as a deterrent to would be thieves.

Event Footfall Figures

EVENT	Painting Padiham	Jubilee/Duck Race	POP	POP
DATE	14/05/2022	04/06/2022	25/06/2022	26/06/2022
TOTAL	5953	4897	5213	5261