



MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 3rd October 2022 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers

Present:

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

First Officer: Steve Watson (Town Clerk).

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

TC/22/23/048 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Mac Harrison. Katie Nolan (Town Centre Manager), County Councillor Alan Hosker and Borough Councillor Karen Ingham also sent apologies.

TC/22/23/049 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

TC/22/23/050 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

The Police had provided a report which is attached. Council was pleased that 2 mopeds had been seized and noted that begging was a growing problem, the individual outside One Stop appears to be vulnerable and should be provided with support.

There had been a lot of assaults in Gawthorpe and it was questioned if this was in one area or were there 'hot-spots', it was suggested the information needed to be narrowed down and figures could be more comprehensive with a bit more details. It was agreed that an occasional Police presence at meetings could help to clarify these further details by asking questions at a meeting.

The Council is grateful for the reports but some further details would be helpful and it was suggested that an attendance at 3 to 4 meetings a year would be helpful. It was noted that the report referred to drug use awareness but there were no actual drug crimes recorded.

Town Centre Manager Report

The Town Centre Manager provided a written report which is attached. Footfall figures for non-events days would be helpful, as the Town appears 'dead' during the week. It was asked when the top of the hill will be finished as the new seating area is being used as a bin store. Councillor Harbour agreed to contact Streetscene about the bins. It was agreed that more work is needed on advertising Padiham businesses outside of Padiham.

There were no Public Questions

There were no public questions.

County Councillors Report

There was no County Council report.

Borough Councillor Report

There was no Borough Council report

Padiham Organisations Reports

A round of applause was given to the Archive Group for the excellent exhibition weekend. There were 252 people over the 2 days with a busy Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon. The Council expressed a big thank you to everyone that helped out to create the event and on the weekend. A letter of congratulations is to be sent to the Group.

TC/22/23/051 Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting

RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened.

TC/22/23/052 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 5th September 2022.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 5th September 2022 were considered.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 5th September 2022 are approved as a correct record.

It was noted that there had been no progress on reinstating the PACT Meetings.

TC/22/23/053 Town Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence.

The Town Clerk reported that all actions had been taken and correspondence had been dealt with.

TC/22/23/054 Report back from Committees and Working Group

Events Working Group.

Beer Festival – The Beer Festival figures are to be circulated. The event was very successful with 105 people on the Friday and 220 on the Saturday, with a steady flow through the 2 days. It was agreed to move the £728 underspend to the Christmas Budget and the money raised is to go to the Mayor's Community Fund.

Remembrance Sunday – The service is at St Leonards and a meeting is needed to discuss details. The road closure company is to be advised of the football match, to move the closure back to 10:00am and not to include the advance warning parts. It was noted that the football match was disrespectful and the Burnley Football Club and Sky are to be sent letters to this affect.

Christmas Light Switch On – All has been ordered, the event is on Saturday 26th November.

It was agreed to approve the Opus Quotes for the Stage Sound System and hands free microphones to be funded by the Business Support Grants.

Councillor John Harbour declared an interest in Planning issues and left the meeting.

Planning Working Group – Two applications had been considered:

- i. **FUL/2022/0541** - Erection of 1 no. 3 bed dormer bungalow with associated parking & garden space. Pierce Close Padiham Burnley
There were no comments on the above application.
- ii. **HOU/2022/0547** - Proposed rear extension. 6 Ash Close Padiham Lancashire
The Council is to object to the above application based on the same objections made against the original development application.

It was noted that 5 telegraph poles have been erected in the conservation area without planning permission or consultation. Planning Enforcement have been notified. It was agreed that Councillor Duckworth would be the Council's representative in challenging these developments and it was suggested that the Conservation Officer and the Civic Trust are to be approached for advice.

Councillor John Harbour returned to the meeting.

Strategic Planning Working Group – A meeting is to be held on Thursday 13th October at 7:00pm in the Community Room.

TC/22/23/055 **Items for discussion as listed.**

It as agreed to put the red telephone box outside the old Santander building and turn it into a flower display. Either Greenspaces or Fennyfold could be asked to plant it up and businesses could be asked to sponsor a season's worth of plants.

The Technical College Gates are on-going.

A grant is to be applied for from the Borough Council to facilitate the widening of the Ballroom Ramp.

TC/22/23/056 **Finances**

The Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliation was circulated.

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.

On-Line Banking is to be checked and new paying in cards have been received.

The past mayors board is to be considered again at the next meeting.

TC/22/23/057 Community Fund Update

This was covered at the September meeting.

TC/22/23/058 Date of Next Meeting

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

SEPTEMBER 2022

GAWTHORPE	2022	2021
Burglary	5	1
Criminal Damage	18	10
Assaults	32	20
Vehicle Crime	1	6
Drug crimes	0	1
ASB	28	37

HAPTON	2022	2021
Burglary	5	4
Criminal Damage	9	11
Assaults	9	12
Vehicle Crime	2	0
Drug crimes	0	1
ASB	21	33

Burglary incorporates in dwellings and non-dwellings, i.e. sheds etc.

Criminal Damage incorporates arson

Motorcycle nuisance – 2 mopeds have been seized in the last 72hrs. We believe that these have been particularly problematic around the Wyre Street area.

Criminal Damage – of the 18 reported damages in Gawthorpe approximately 6 of those relate to youths using a stone to scratch the paintwork of parked vehicles. PC MCKEE has identified good CCTV and is looking at interviewing one suspect in relation to this over the coming week.

Bonfire night – In the run up to bonfire night, local policing teams will be visiting schools to educate on the dangers of possessing and using fireworks.

Begging – we are aware of a persistent begger outside of One Stop. We will be looking to take action in partnership with that person’s housing association. We will utilise criminal legislation should we need to if the problem persists.

**Padiham Town Council Update
October 2022**

Town Centre Business Support

- The Town Centre Officer continues to work with businesses offering business support.
- Burnley Business Week was held from 26th-30th September for Padiham and Burnley businesses, offering free advice, workshops, seminars and 121 drop-in sessions with business experts. Options for businesses in challenging times – workshop was delivered in Padiham Town Hall.
- The padiham.org website continues to be updated.

Events

- Work continues with the Shop Local campaign. The Town Centre Officer is looking to support Pendle Hill Properties on the Halloween Trick or Treat Trail during the October half term break. Children will explore the town centre looking for dressed windows, go in for treats and get their leaflets stamped with the Padiham crest.
Once 10 stamps are collected the children will be entered into a prize draw. In previous years the feedback from businesses on this was very positive and did encourage spending and footfall as it was getting visitors inside their shops to have a look around and to see what is on offer.

Footfall Monitoring

- Padiham town centre continues to be monitored for footfall data. No counters are in place, the data is all collected through live signalling on a mobile device. This data will allow us to see how things change in the town centre with events, new businesses and to record quieter times to shop.

Public Realm

- Trees have been removed by Greenspaces from planters in front of the town hall. The sand/soil mixture will be replaced along with appropriate tree specimens.