



## MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 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, M. Harrison, A. Lewis, P. McCann, V. Pridden, C. Smith, C. Turner and P. Turner.

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

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

### **TC/22/23/018 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor A. Tatchell who was away.

**RESOLVED:** That the apologies and reasons given are accepted.

### **TC/22/23/019 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **TC/22/23/020 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**

There was no Police Report this month, although an email reply has been sent with regards to the problems at Tesco which declined a meeting as the police were not aware of the problems and would speak with the Manager. There was a spate of 7 crimes by the same person, there is CCTV evidence and a registration number, Councillor Duckworth agreed to pursue this and request an update of the monthly figures. The Police email was read out.

Lancashire County Council are providing a Friday activity for youths at the Leisure Centre.

## **Town Centre Manager Report**

There was no report.

## **There were no Public Questions**

There were no public questions.

## **County Councillors Report**

County Councillor Alan Hosker reported positive feedback from Padiham on Parade and congratulated the Council for its involvement. The Cambridge Drive incident reported in the Police report has evidence and a registration number and he felt the lack of Police response was not good enough. Today was the first day back at County Hall following a period of absence for health reasons. Parking bays are to be remarked and Shuttleworth Street residents are being consulted on a one-way system. A new section of railings is to be installed where the cones currently are at the Bridge and Wyre Street single yellow line keeps having the sign removed, so double yellow lines are to be put in to enable enforcement of parking. 3 bollards are being installed near Birtwistle's and there is a problem of parking on the pavement at the zebra crossing on the hill. A start has been made on the pavement up the hill and the tarmac is being replaced. Corner marking are being put on Bridge Street near Mama Mia's and only one side of Bridge Street has been done and there is a meeting this week about the other side. The parking review request has been responded to and all were declined and Alan will ask for another meeting, as Councillor Duckworth couldn't attend the last one. There are bollards that need repainting and these will be included at the meeting. Traffic calming has been requested for West Street near the football club and parking restrictions have been requested for Well Street. Mill Street has had double yellow lines installed but the painting is below standard.

The County Councillor was thanked for his report.

## **Borough Councillor Report**

There was no report.

## **Padiham Organisations Reports**

There were no Organisation reports

**TC/22/23/021      Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting**

**RESOLVED:      That the meeting is formally reconvened.**

**TC/22/23/022      Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were considered.

**RESOLVED:      That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 are approved as a correct record.**

It was noted that the Police were not taking responsibility, they just pointed to the access points on the Greenway and an attendance at meetings would help resolve issues.

Some Councillors did not agree with some of the Parking restriction suggestions.

The Mayor's Community Fund applications have now closed.

There was no update on the plans for summer youth activities, though some activities are being held at Burnley High.

The Mill Street sign has been replaced and the grit bin has been moved from the top of the hill.

The Millennium/Jubilee Garden plaque has been refurbished and the Borough Council have agreed to level and reseed the area if the Town Council pays for the topsoil. It was asked if the bench could be repositioned so it looked out rather than in.

A programme of youth activities over the summer would be useful.

**TC/22/23/023 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/22/23/024 Report back from Committees and Working Group**

Padiham on Parade was the busiest yet and there had been a number of improvements. A lot of positive comments have been received and the Town Council was thanked for its support of the event. The 152 bus bypassed Padiham over the weekend and it was suggested that the Padiham on Parade Committee should get a group photograph and a newsletter article should state that it is a wonderful event organised by wonderful people.

The Summer Fair is booked and wristbands are to be used for the funfair at £3 each and ride all day.

Outdoor chairs with trolleys were suggested.

**RESOLVED: That 80 chairs and 2 trolley are to be purchased,**

A Planning Application was discussed. Councillor Harbour declared an interest and left the meeting. It was agreed to keep the group as a Working Group, with recommendations to Full Council. If an application needs comments prior to the next Council meeting, a deferment will be requested. The Planning Working Group recommendation was:

A) Padiham Town Council have concerns about the lack of trees and landscaping on the overall area covered by the plans. In particular the Burnley Road visual aspect of this gateway site lacks appropriate planting and coverage.

B) Padiham Town Council have concerns regarding the retention or otherwise (no clarity given) of existing traditional walls surrounding the site.

C) Padiham Town Council have concerns as to the use of the staff office and facilities within the 'block house'. While realising that this may not be a legitimate planning consideration nevertheless we would hope the usage will be compatible to the Town centre location of the site.

**RESOLVED: That the Planning Working Group Recommendation is approved.**

Councillor Harbour re-joined the meeting.

The Working Group were thanked for their work on this application.

It was agreed that the Newsletter Working Group would consist of Councillor Duckworth, Harrison, Tatchell, C. Turner and Whittaker.

**TC/22/23/025      Items for discussion as listed.**

The Parking Review was covered earlier. The Greenway bridge is thought to have been secured but the costs of repairs are between the Coal Board and Sustrans. There is no timeframe for repairs though Sustrans are pursuing the issue. A short term alternative was suggested as the park needs to get people in. The stakeholders are to be contacted for a discussion around a temporary solution.

A land registry search is needed for the Technical College Gates.

The suggestions for the Business Support Grant are to be costed and brought back to Council, these include refurbishing the toilets, redecorating the Annex, stage microphones and hands free microphones a replacement hob and storeroom racking.

**TC/22/23/026      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.**

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

The Ballroom ramp is to be chased and the Council Chamber roof needs cleaning.

**TC/22/23/028      Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Town Council meeting is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 in the Council Chambers, Padiham Town Hall at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers.