



MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 5th September 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, A. Tatchell, C. Turner and P. Turner.

First Officer: Steve Watson (Town Clerk), Borough Councillor Karen Ingham and Katie Nolan (Town Centre Manager).

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She thanked everyone who helped organise and volunteered on the day for Party in the Park.

TC/22/23/037 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Chris Smith who was away, Councillor Alun Lewis was at another meeting and attended later. County Councillor Alan Hosker also sent his apologies.

RESOLVED: That the apologies and reasons given are accepted.

TC/22/23/038 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

TC/22/23/039 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 noted that the vehicle marking exercise had been published on Facebook and that the report no longer gave a breakdown by wards. The reinstatement of Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings was being considered through the Town Centre Manager.

Town Centre Manager Report

The new Town Centre Manager introduced herself. She is continuing to promote businesses, is carrying out a survey of trip hazards and the spray paint on the new paving has been reported. A lot of promotion is being done on Facebook and work is starting on the renovation of the old National School building and funding is available for shop front improvements. There is a business networking lunch in December and Suzanne continues to work on the Heritage scheme. The new seating area is nearly finished and the gable arts project has had a meeting with the artists. Problems with the new planters have been reported and there are Business Support grants to encourage new businesses. Pavement parking still remains a problem and parts of Burnley Road and Padiham Road need enhancing. It was noted that the improvements were supposed to de-clutter the pavements but there were numerous additional parking signs erected. It was acknowledged that there had been considerable economic development in Padiham but the Town Council and residents needed to support local businesses.

Councillor Lewis attended the meeting.

Businesses will be reminded about the parking issues and funding is needed for additional bollards. The Traffic Warden was seen in Padiham for just 1 day and automated enforcement systems were suggested. Local Businesses need to be promoted outside of Burnley.

There were no Public Questions

There were no public questions.

County Councillors Report

County Councillor Alan Hosker sent his apologies as had other meetings and family commitments. He had sent a report with Borough Councillor Karen Ingham. The County has been contacted about potential parking bays and Streetscene and Parks are tackling the fly-tipping problems. Alley Gating may be extended to areas with high anti-social behaviour problems and residents are unhappy about houses in multiple occupation which is being discussed at Burnley Council. The old gas lamp at the top of Holland Street has been replaced with a modern lamp and it was asked why and where had the old lamp gone as it could be used as a heritage feature in the conservation area.

Borough Councillor Report

There was no further report

Padiham Organisations Reports

The Archive Group are on with the exhibition weekend at the end of September.

TC/22/23/040 Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting

RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened.

TC/22/23/041 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 1st August 2022.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 1st August 2022 were considered.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 1st August 2022 are approved as a correct record.

TC/22/23/042 First Officer's Report including Administration and Correspondence.

The First Officer reported that all actions had been taken and correspondence had been dealt with. The temporary Clerk cover had worked well.

TC/22/23/043 Report back from Committees and Working Group

Events Working Group.

Party in the Park – everyone involved from organising and on the day were thanked for making such a wonderful event, The Mayor was thanked for the help and support from her family. The event has received positive feedback. The Dog Agility have asked if next years date can be moved and this is being considered and a new date of 26th August was suggested.

Remembrance Sunday – The service is at St Leonards and a meeting is needed to discuss details.

Beer Festival – Everything is in hand but volunteers are needed to sell wristbands.

Christmas Light Switch On – The times have been changed to 4:00pm to 8:00pm with Fireworks at 7:00pm. It was noted that the event will not be as big as last year.

Burnley are to be asked to split the events video 50/50.

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

Planning Working Group – There was a site visit for the proposed mast on Burnley Road and a response has been sent on the lines of the objections for the Brunshaw Mast which was successfully turned down due to pedestrian traffic and not checking alternatives.

There were no comments on the care home application near the Shakespeare Hotel and the Slade Lane trees application has been responded to in that the Council objects to the removal of healthy trees.

Strategic Planning Working Group – It was suggested that the strategic planning working group should look into a review of room hire charges, the 2023 budget, ballroom cleaning and the reinstatement site and use of the red telephone box.

The Tech College Gates needs to identify the landowner and letter are to be put through doors.

TC/22/23/044 Items for discussion as listed.

It as agreed to introduce a card payment system for room hire at a cost of 1.69 pence per transaction.

RESOLVED: That a card payment system is approved.

TC/22/23/045 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.

TC/22/23/046 Community Fund Update

The previous Mayor announced that the 2019-2022 Community Funds had been distributed and a list of recipients is available from the office.

Certificates of Merit were suggested.

TC/22/23/047 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Town Council meeting is Monday 3rd October 2022 in the Council Chambers, Padiham Town Hall at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers.

**Padiham Town Council Meeting
September 2022**

CRIME	July 2022	August 2022
Assault	20	18
Burglary	1	5
Criminal Damage	8	8
Drug Offences	0	1
Nuisance	19	36
Public Order	6	8
Theft	9	10

Over the last month we have seen an increase in anti-social behaviour which was to be expected given it was the school holidays. The anticipation was that the figures would be much higher, so we are pleased with having only 36 instances of ASB.

Motorcycle nuisance is still a priority with a large number of the ASB calls relating to this. We still need the local community to provide us with information and Intel so that we can combat this.

Speeding has been reported at various locations across Padiham. We are working towards holding some “days of action” in relation to this. We will update you with the results once we have carried out the events.

Bicycle marking. We recently held an event on Boyes car park and marked bicycles with tamper proof stickers. These stickers allow us to re-unite stolen bikes with their owners. This was well received and we will be looking at similar events in the near future.

One incident of note which created some community interest was that of a male masturbating at Tesco. I am pleased to say that this person has now been charged and summonsed to court.

I have been made aware of drug use and possible dealing around the Beech Street area of Padiham. I am working with the housing authority to combat this and should there be concerns then please can any query be directed towards myself.

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