



## MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers

### Present:

**Town Councillors:** Councillor M. Whittaker (in the Chair), Councillors D. Alexander, J. Harbour, M. Harrison, A. Lewis, V. Pridden, and A. Tatchell.

**First Officer:** Steve Watson (Town Clerk), PC Chris McKee and County Councillor Alan Hosker.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She thanked everyone involved with and who helped at the Christmas Light Switch On event which was appreciated.

### **TC/22/23/069 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Maurice Duckworth, Peter Haigh, Peter McCann, Chris Smith, Chris Turner and Phil Turner. Borough Councillor Karen Ingham also submitted apologies as she had Covid.

### **TC/22/23/070 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **TC/22/23/071 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**

Pc McKee reported the following crime statistics.

12 assaults down from 29

5 burglaries down from 16, helped by a prolific offender being caught and sent to prison.

11 criminal damage up from 8

18 nuisance down from 37

6 thefts down from 8

Parking issues are still being raised and an enforcement day has been planned where tickets and fines will be issued as there have been enough warnings and education. There will be a couple of Police officers with enforcement officers.

Key messages have been given to residents following burglaries in Ightenhill.

There has been a reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour despite the lack of youth provisions and a local business has offered a premises for activities.

Speeding on Manchester Road in Hapton is to be monitored and the above figures were for West Burnley, future figures will exclude Ightenhill.

Chris was thanked for his report.

### **Town Centre Manager Report**

The Town Centre Manager has asked for a debriefing meeting following the Christmas event, this will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday. It was acknowledged the excellent job done by the Events Committee.

The website circulated on Facebook describing Padiham as the worst Lancashire Town has been reported to both the Police and the Borough Council to investigate further.

### **There were no Public Questions**

There were no public questions.

### **County Councillors Report**

County Councillor Alan Hosker attended for questions. It was asked if the removed old lamp from the top of Hollins Street could be found as it had been replaced by a modern lamp in the conservation area.

The railings at the Bridge Inn will be replaced next month, there has been a delay due to the wrong bend of railings being ordered.

There is to be a parking enforcement exercise at school times and the school are being encouraged to support this. No loading marks are being considered for Burnley Road if inconsiderate parking continues.

Bollards outside St. Leonard's Church are being reconsidered, though it is not yet known if these will be removable. 3 more bollards are to be placed down the other side of the Dutchman pub.

County Councillor Hosker was thanked for his attendance and report.

### **Borough Councillor Report**

Borough Councillor Karen Ingham had sent apologies.

### **Padiham Organisations Reports**

There were no reports.

**TC/22/23/072            Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting**

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

**TC/22/23/073 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were considered..

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 are approved as a correct record.**

**TC/22/23/074 Town Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence.**

The Town Clerk reported that all actions had been taken and correspondence had been dealt with. A Budget Setting meeting is to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. The Knight's Hill Car Park is to be chased and the Tech College addresses will be resent. Parks sorted out the Memorial Park swing within 24 hours and Councillor Harbour was thanked, he thanked the Officers for a swift response.

**TC/22/23/075 Report back from Committees and Working Group**

**Events Working Group.**

**Christmas Light Switch On** – the debrief meeting is on Wednesday.

**Planning Working Group** – There were no applications to be considered. Councillor Dave Alexander and Chris Turner are to attend Zoom training.

**TC/22/23/076 Items for discussion as listed.**

The telephone box is to only be installed once everything is ready to go with an aim for installation in Spring. Fennyfold allotments are to be asked about planting and Shuttleworth College about boxes.

The town centre benches dedications are to be discussed at the next meeting. 2 memorial benches have been funded and are to be installed at the Cenotaph.

The Local 'Neighbourhood' Plan is to be discussed at the next meeting.

**TC/22/23/077 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. A figure of the remainder of the Business Support Grant is to be provided.

Grant funding previously secured for the riverside steps was discussed and additional funding is to be sought. The Knit and Knot Group are to be sent q letter of thanks for the 'Private Tommy Hall' statue.

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

**TC/22/23/078 Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Town Council meeting is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in the Council Chambers, Padiham Town Hall at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers, with a Special Budget Meeting being held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers.