



## MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 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, A. Tatchell, C. Turner and P. Turner.

**First Officer:** Steve Watson (Town Clerk), PCSO Rosie, Insp Rob Grey and Borough Councillor Karen Ingham.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

### **TC/22/23/059 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted by County Councillor Alan Hosker who had another engagement.

### **TC/22/23/060 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **TC/22/23/061 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**

Insp Rob Grey reported the following crime statistics for October compared to last year:

For the Gawthorpe Ward there had been 7 burglaries from dwellings and non-dwellings compared to 3 last year. There were no specific patterns and had also increased in Burnley in general. One persistent offender has not been long out of prison.

10 Criminal Assaults compared to 7 last year and 27 Violence against a person compared to 13 last year. 11 of these were domestic violence related compared to 9 last year and luckily there were no serious wounds.

7 Vehicle Crimes compared to 4 last year, again with no specific trends and a number were from leaving their cars unlocked.

There were no drug offences compared to 5 last year.

40 Anti-Social Behaviour logs compared to 32 last year.

For the Hapton Ward there were 3 burglaries compared to 2 last year.

3 Criminal Damage compared to 9 last year.

10 Assaults compared to 7 last year with 7 being domestic violence related compared to 12 last year.

3 vehicle crimes with 3 last year

1 drugs offence compared to 5 last year, however this was a previous crime from 2021 that has returned from the CPS.

15 Anti-Social behaviour offences with Padiham Leisure Centre being a repeat location, however there are no trends or rising problems.

At the last meeting it was noted that a lady had been seen begging outside One Stop. It was believed she had moved on but she has been seen outside Tesco.

There is an issue with a House in Multiple Occupation on Park View. Youths are targeting refugees who have been placed there. 1 resident has been moved by Serco and they are trying to get the property closed as an HMO and returned to a standard dwelling house.

It was suggested that there is a difference between the reports being recorded and the perceptions of crime on Facebook. Society pages are not monitored by the Police.

Roughly a quarter of the cars broken into were unlocked.

Cars are parking on the double yellow lines between One Stop and the Bridge. The Police have spoken to the business and a joint operation is to be conducted going forward.

Parking on the Town Centre zebra crossings is an issue. The Police were thanked for attending and giving a report.

### **Town Centre Manager Report**

The Town Centre Manager gave an update on the siting of the red telephone box, the County Council did not have any issues.

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

There were no public questions.

### **County Councillors Report**

Borough Councillor Ingham read a report from County Councillor Hosker. The bushes and greenery at Shuttleworth Mead have been trimmed back, the bollards outside the Top Club, which were due to be repainted, have been replaced instead. Aboury Street has been resurfaced and the Vicar has advised parishioners not to park on the pavements. Windermere Avenue road markings have been repainted. Businesses have been advised against pavement

parking and an enforcement initiative is to be carried out at school times and Friday and Saturday evenings.

### **Borough Councillor Report**

Borough Councillor Karen Ingham reported that delivery drivers have also been advised about pavement parking. The Park View HMO has suffered from targeted attacks with smashed windows and fireworks through the letterbox. The Bowling Green has been broken into and youths have been setting benches on fire on the Greenway, they also broke the friendship bench. The Council is working towards getting more enforcement in Padiham.

Karen was thanked for her report.

### **Padiham Organisations Reports**

There were no reports.

**TC/22/23/062            Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting**

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

**TC/22/23/063            Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 were considered. An amendment was proposed that Minute TC/22/23/054 state, under Christmas Light Switch On, 'the Stage Sound System and hands free microphones to be funded by the Business Support Grant on condition that they are installed in time for the event on the 11<sup>th</sup> November'.

**RESOLVED:            That, as amended above, the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 are approved as a correct record.**

Katie is to be asked to check if the Council can use A1 Car Park for gazebos on the 26<sup>th</sup> November and if there are any lights that can be used. It was suggested that the red telephone box is painted prior to installation and Fennyfold are to be asked if they could plant it up.

**TC/22/23/064            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/22/23/065            Report back from Committees and Working Group**

### **Events Working Group.**

**Remembrance Sunday** – The Mayor thanked everyone involved in setting up the Town Hall for Remembrance Day. The service is at St. Leonards at 9:30am followed by the parade to the Cenotaph and Service.

**Christmas Light Switch On** – All has been ordered, the event is on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

It was agreed to move the event to an earlier start time of 2:00pm until 6:00pm to allow for stage acts and volunteers were asked for to help set up and put away. Lights are needed for the gazebos and battery powered lights were suggested. The use of fireworks needs to be reviewed for next year.

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

**Planning Working Group** – Two applications had been considered:

- i. **FUL/2022/061** - Erection of three double stacked temporary site office cabins and toilet cabin (to be removed before the end of the temporary period), with parking area and laydown area. Toilet cess / septic tank, and diesel storage tank to be installed. Hoarding fencing to encompass the site. (Continuation of existing temporary consent FUL/2020/0027 until 31/12/2026). Land Adjacent To The Graham & Brown Factory Shop Shuttleworth Mead Business Park Padiham

There were no comments.

Councillor John Harbour returned to the meeting.

**Strategic Planning Working Group** – The Town Clerk left the meeting.

**RESOLVED:**           **That the Nationally Agreed Pay Rise of a flat rate increase of £1,925 would be adopted for the Town Clerk. A Commitment and Achieve Award of £750 will be granted to the Clerk and £250 to the Building Supervisor.**

A proposed budget of 3.9% increase was circulated. It was agreed that a Special Budget Meeting would be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December to fully discuss the proposal.

As the other items were linked to the budget these were also deferred to the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> December.

It was suggested that a meeting was needed to discuss people bringing their own drinks to parties which affected the bar. The bar staff should bring any issues to the notice of the Building Supervisor or Clerk to attend to.

**TC/22/23/066**           **Items for discussion as listed.**

The telephone box was discussed earlier.

The names of the households for the Technical College gates have been sourced and letters are to be sent.

The Ballroom ramp grant has been confirmed and a contractor selected, it is hoped that work will start shortly.

The Council Chamber ceiling has been cleaned.

It as agreed that no further action would be taken with the Lancashire Partnership Against Crime.

It was agreed in principle to dedicate the town centre benches to various events and groups and a proposal is to be brought back to Council. Suggestion included World War 1, World War 2, the NHS and Covid Key Workers.

Cameras to identify parking on zebra crossing was suggested. It was agreed to write to LCC with the suggestion and to Burnley Borough for additional parking enforcement.

As the building is now empty it was suggested that Knight Hill House car park could be made public for people using Memorial Park, even on a temporary basis. It was suggested that the building being empty was a bigger problem as this could attract anti-social behaviour. Burnley

Council are to be asked if this would be possible and what are their intention for the future of the building.

The Memorial Park upper children's play area needs a revamp. There have been no inspections as dangerous equipment has not been repaired. Burnley Council are to be contacted to ask how frequent safety inspections are carried out.

The Padiham Business Voucher Scheme was explained. It is there to support Padiham Businesses by attracting in trade. It was agreed that Vouchers should be offered for sale for people to buy as gifts. The Vouchers are funded from the Business Support Grant.

**TC/22/23/067      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/22/23/068      Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Town Council meeting is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 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.