



MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 5th February 2024 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers

Present:

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

Others: Steve Watson (Town Clerk), County Councillors Scott Cunliffe and Alan Hosker and Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all Councillors.

TC/23/24/079 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was submitted by Councillors D. O'Neill who was away and A. Lewis who had another meeting, however attended later.

TC/23/24/080 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

TC/23/24/081 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 sent a written report which is attached. The report was received late and did not contain previous years information.

The Police were thanked for their report.

Town Centre Manager Report

The Town Centre Manager sent a written report that is attached. It was noted it was good to see more shops on the hill. The Chinese takeaway is outside the scheme and the Top Club have been spoken to though as an existing business there is little help. A meeting with them is to be arranged.

Public Questions received in advance

There were no public questions.

Borough Councillors Report

Borough Councillor Jamie McGowan reported that Operation Centurian had been a success with 2,500 extra Police hours and that the additional officers were visible, though they did concentrate around Tesco and the Greenway. The results have been requested and will be shared. There are traffic issues with difficulties exiting side roads. The Greenway Bridge has been raised by the MP. The coal boards have indicated that the movement has not been caused by mineshafts, but Sustran want a second opinion. It was noted there would be no quick fix. A suspension bridge has been suggested until a decision can be reached on responsibility. A temporary bridge may be cost prohibitive. Sustrans have agreed to provide 3 information boards to explain where things are up to. In 2006 a collaboration between the Borough Council and the army provided a wooden bridge at Rowley as an army exercise and is an avenue that could be considered.

A bollard has been knocked over at the top of the hill. Burnley has approved the plan to devolve powers to Lancashire County Council.

County Councillor Report

County Councillor Alan Hosker reported that there were ongoing parking issues at the Jaipur restaurant. A number of warnings have been issued but have been ignored. The County are to be asked to provide no loading markings at this area.

A meeting has been held with the Police and the Crime Commissioner to provide the bigger stores with a radio scheme and the Town Centre Manager is preparing a bid.

A walk around with officers has been arranged to look at unnecessary parking restrictions and parking meters have been challenged in Padiham. Parking on the new pavements is still a problem and shop owners need to take some responsibility. The 2 extra officers have reduced anti-social behaviour. It was suggested that the lines outside schools should be replaced with red paint as they have in Blackburn.

There have been 3 prosecutions for parking on the zigzags of zebra crossings and it was suggested Operation Centurion should be run over the summer months when schools are closed.

The white lines need replacing on the Gannow top roundabout as they are no longer visible. County Councillor Scott Cunliffe agreed to take this up as it was within his ward. He also advised that he is now the Executive Member for Economy and Growth on the Borough Council and has spoken to the Chief Executive of Lancashire. Councils have commented on the plans for devolution and it is hoped to get this through Parliament in September. It was noted that no loading/unloading marks need signs as people don't know what they mean and the double yellow lines on Ightenhill Street are due to be repainted. Potholes are still a problem because as soon as one is fixed a new one develops, though areas have been marked up for repairs.

All the Councillors were thanked for their attendance and reports.

Padiham Organisations Reports

The first Painting Padiham meeting has been held, the event is on the 11th May and judging will be held on the 17th with prizes being given on the 18th. 3 paintings have been donated for the Community Room.

TC/23/24/0872 Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened.

TC/23/24/083 Minutes of Town Council Meeting held on the 11th December 2023.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th December 2023 were considered.

It was noted that the discussions on the bookings report and the voucher scheme going through Full Council were not included in the Minutes. It was agreed that separate Booking Forms are to be developed for the Ballroom, Community Room and Weddings and the correct hire charges are being levied. The Mayor's chains have come in under budget by £150 after VAT and the Cenotaph headstone is waiting for the builder to remove it.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 11th December 2023, as amended by the Bookings and Voucher scheme agreements, are approved.

TC/23/24/084 Town Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence.

The correspondence from the Lawrence Hotel was considered and Council's views remained that they could run a bar at a cost of £200 if the current bar manager was not available. It was suggested that they could provide cocktails.

TC/23/24/085 Report back from Working Groups

Events Working Group.

The group has not yet met but work has starting on planning for Party in the Park and a report will be brought to the next meeting. There is to be a new event of a Christmas Dinner for those struggling at Christmas for various reasons.

Councillor Alun Lewis attended the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Ballroom would be provided free of charge for the event.

Planning Working Group

There had been 3 planning applications and a Planning Policies :

1. **FUL/2023/0743** - Proposed jet wash bay and air, vac and water bay. Unit 10 Riverside Mill Lune Street
2. **FUL/2023/0542** - Proposal to turn the derelict land behind Padiham Unitarian church into a community garden. Erecting a Polytunnel and retaining walls. Nazareth Unitarian Chapel Church Street Padiham
3. **FUL/2024/0010** - Change of use of dwelling to 5no. 1-bedroom flats. 27 Station Road Padiham Lancashire
4. **Hyndburn Planning Policies**

Councillor John Harbour declared an interest and left the room.

There had been a meeting last week where the internal workings of the group were considered. It has been agreed that Councillor Mac Harrison will take on a lead role until his Mayoral year.

FUL/2023/0743 There were no comments other than a question of where the salvation army box will go.

FUL/2023/0542 There are still days to comments, in general agree with the application though there were concerns about trees being removed. Information and a tree survey are to be requested.

FUL/2024/0010 Permission has already been granted and the application is for minor changes, no comments.

Hyndburn Planning Policies Document is to be recirculated for comments.

The Planning Working Group needs more members. It was suggested that the group becomes a Committee with delegated powers, however it was agreed to delegate planning responses to the Clerk in Consultation with the Planning Working Group.

RESOLVED: That responses to Planning matters are delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Planning Working Group.

Membership of all the Working Groups is to be reviewed with a report to the March meeting. The Borough Council are to be approached about Planning Training.

Councillor John Harbour rejoined the meeting.

Strategic Working Group

The group had developed a 10 year Business Plan as requested by Burnley in order to reduce the Service Charge by £4,000. The plan was circulated and a couple of minor typos corrected. The Clerk was congratulated on the document. The 2022 NNDR figure is to be checked. The Borough Council have also agreed to look into utility zoning and it was suggested that the Borough Council is reminded of how much the building cost them prior to the Town Council taking occupation.

RESOLVED: That The 10 Year Business Plan as amended is adopted.

TC/23/24/086 Items for discussion as listed.

Ballroom Toilets – the disabled toilet have been refurbished, a grant application has been submitted for the Ladies and further grant opportunities are being sought for the gents.

The Service Charge was covered earlier, Burnley have agreed to £11,400 this year at to negotiate future years.

The old Burnley loop system is not suitable for the Council Chambers and further options are to be investigated. The previous concept is to be recirculated.

The Wi-Fi upgrade has been completed and all Council areas now have Wi-Fi, this also includes a secure line for the NHS.

A budget of £250 was approved to provide a cupboard space in the Annex.

RESOLVED: That a Budget of £250.00 is approved for an Annex cupboard.

A request was made for volunteers to paint the Annex.

The Assistant Town Clerk has produced a wedding brochure which was circulated outlining 3 different wedding packages. It was asked that the website address is included and references to 2024 are removed.

RESOLVED: That the Wedding brochure as amended is approved and the wedding packages are agreed with prices.

The Assistant Town Clerk was thanked for the work done.

It was agreed to look at redevelopment of the website at a cost of up to £2,500.

RESOLVED: That £2,500 budget is created for a website upgrade.

TC/23/24/087 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, a Petty Cash Report and a Credit Card Report were circulated. A duplicate payment to BT is to be checked and the current bank balance should state £78,002.50.

RESOLVED: That the Payments, Receipts, Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports are approved.

It was agreed that the next meeting will review the requirements for the appointments to the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor. It was proposed that the service as a Councillor is reduced to 2 years for the Deputy Mayor and 3 Years for the Mayor.

It was also agreed that the Memorial bench outside the old Youth centre will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

TC/23/24/088 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Town Council meeting is at 7pm on Monday 4th March 2024 in the Council Chambers, Padiham Town Hall.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

Report for Padiham Town Centre

Please can it be noted that the current Neighbourhood Policing Team for West Burnley/Padiham is as follows:

NPT Sergeant	-	New PS arriving
Community Beat Manager	-	PC 654 Anne Ingham
Community Beat Manager	-	PC 5765 Lee Butterworth
Hapton with Park	-	Vacant
Gawthorpe	-	PCSO 7355 Charlotte Ingham
Gannow / Ightenhill	-	PCSO 7519 Ashley Holding

The following statistics are general statistics for the whole ward area and are **not** tailored to the immediate town centre area.

Hapton Crime Statistics – January 2024

- 6 x Assaults
 - 2 x Burglary
 - 1 x Criminal Damage
 - 7 x Nuisance
 - 4 x Road Related Offence
 - 3 x Theft
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Gawthorpe Crime Statistics – January 2024

- 11 x Assaults
- 3 x Burglary
- 3 x Criminal Damage
- 6 x Highway Disruption
- 9 x Nuisance
- 3 x Road Related Offence
- 6 x Theft
- 2 x Theft of Motor Vehicle

Issues raised by partner agencies:

Youth Nuisance

ASB Bikes

Parking

Youth Nuisance

The nuisance in Padiham Town Centre tends to be focused in 2 main areas, Padiham Leisure Centre and the Wyre Street / Lune Street supermarkets. There is a lack of youth provision in the area, however Neighbourhood Policing are liaising with Vivien Storey from The Hub to try to provide life skills to youths.

Youth ASB around the Padiham Leisure Centre. Youths have been engaging in ASB around this area, including been climbing on the roof of the leisure centre.

- DOCO (Designing Out Crime Officers) attended the Leisure Centre in July to report vulnerabilities and recommendations on the premises to reduce this behaviour
 - **OP Centurion** has been put in place which sees more police patrols in the area
 - We are engaging with partner agencies to bring diversionary activities for youths at risk of becoming involved in ASB
 - We have also in the past few months liaised with schools to deliver talks around Antisocial Behaviour and other subjects
- I have liaised with supervisors at Padiham Leisure Centre and as of yet there have been no improvements as a result of the DOCO report submitted.

- The shelter on Park Road, locally known as 'bomby', has had the panels removed and made transparent which has seen a decrease in youth activity in the shelter.

Wyre Street / Lune Street Supermarkets

- o There have been continued issues of youth nuisance around the Tesco / Lidl / Boyes area. These youths are known to NPT and are being spoken to and dispersed and unknown youths are being identified by liaising with schools where possible.
- o This is also a target area for OP Centurion.

Nuisance bikes

There are still nuisance bikes making use of the road and Padiham Greenway. NPT can identify these where possible and retroactively seize the bikes, as police do not pursue.

- We are actively liaising with the public in order to gather information and intelligence as to the vehicles transporting these bikes; the locations the bikes are stored; the identities of the riders; the routes taken, etc.
- Recently, a number of bikes and quads have been seized in Hapton by members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team.
 - o **The 2 methods** used to seize vehicles are:
 - o s165A Road Traffic Act 1988. This is a PC only power which seizes a vehicle for driving on the roads without valid insurance
 - o s59 Police Reform Act 2002. This can be utilised by both PC's and PCSO's and is a seizure power for driving in an antisocial manner on either public roads or common land.
- When the bikes and quads are being transported in vehicles and we have evidence that they are being driven without insurance or antisocially, it is much easier to seize them. However, when they are using back routes to drive around it is exceedingly difficult to seize them or catch them on CCTV. With that in mind, **I believe that the following routes could benefit from A-frames or other measures which prevent bikes but allow horse and rider.**
 - o The 'black path' between Abingdon Road – Manchester Road which runs at the back of Coronation Avenue.
 - o The access road at the corner of Grimshaw Road and Wilkinson Road, on Canal Walk.
 - o The Leeds / Liverpool Canal
 - o The Greenway access points on Harrow Close and Eton Close

Issues of speeding and driving offences in Hapton and Padiham.

There are also streets of concern in Hapton where motorists have been exceeding the speed limit.

- Members of the public can contact the Safer Roads Unit directly via email to raise concerns of streets which people are speeding down.
- OP Snap is also in place which allows members of the public to upload dashcam footage of driving offences they witness
- Below are 2 links which are useful.
- www.lancashire.police.uk/contact-us/minor-motoring-offences
- [Speed Concern Submission – Lancashire Road Safety Partnership \(lancsroadsafety.co.uk\)](http://Speed Concern Submission – Lancashire Road Safety Partnership (lancsroadsafety.co.uk))

Police Community Support Officer's have also shown a presence at different schools on their respective wards at school pickup times to ensure safe parking / no parking on yellow zigzag lines, as well as engaging with the community.

Padiham Town Centre Officer Report – February 2024

Padiham Late Night Opening

As of Thursday 1st February, a collective of local business owners have come together to create a Late-Night Opening scheme to encourage more footfall throughout the town centre and boost sales. Participating businesses will stay open late every Thursday until 7pm to coincide with the existing late openings from Salons, Barbers, Pubs and Eateries.

Customers will also have the opportunity to collect a Loyalty Card where they will collect stamps from various businesses. Once complete they can enter a monthly prize draw to win vouchers and other prizes donated by the businesses.

Painting Padiham 2024

After the success of Painting Padiham 2023, event organisers including The Picture House Gallery, Gawthorpe Hall, Padiham Town Council and Burnley Borough Council have planned the next event to take place on Saturday 11th May in Padiham town centre. The event will feature a number of artists creating artwork throughout the town and a variety of activities.

Town Centre Business Support

The Town Centre Officer continues to support local businesses and provide Shop Front Improvement grants to those eligible, to improve the external appearance and security of their premises.

In 2023, there was a significant increase in the number of new businesses that have opened or are under new management compared to the previous year. Specifically, there have been 15 new businesses in total, which represents a substantial growth of 73.33% from 2022. Two more businesses including a gym/ café and beauty training facility are due to open soon.

The Padiham Town Centre social media platforms and web page continue to share positive news which have experienced significant growth in the past 90 days, reaching an impressive 53.7k people on Facebook alone.