



MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

Present:

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

Others: Steve Watson (Town Clerk) and County Councillor Alan Hosker.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

TC/24/25/031 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor D. Alexander, Alun Lewis, Diane O'Neill, Vince Pridden, Chris Turner and Maureen Whittaker.

TC/24/25/032 **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

TC/24/25/033 **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 Ann Ingham provided a report which is attached for reference. It was noted that further insight into the areas of increase would be helpful. The Council acknowledged its gratitude for the intervention on Hargrove Avenue and that the 101 system was not fit for purpose and discourages people from reporting crimes. A way forward is to be discussed when the Police are in attendance.

Young males have been gate-crashing Gawthorpe Hall.

Town Centre Manager Report

The Town Centre Manager provided a report that is attached. Examples were requested for the assistance provided by BOOST. Ward Councillors highlighted the seating area above the Picture

House to Burnley's Chief Executive who has agreed to complete the works required and take on the maintenance of the area.

Public Questions received in advance

There were no public questions in advance.

Borough Councillors Report

There was no Borough Councillor report.

County Councillor Report

County Councillor Alan Hosker reported that he felt the Police report was disappointing and there should be police in attendance. The road outside St Leonard's has been repaired and funding has been secured for Hargreaves Drive. The edgings along Padiham by-pass will be cut back and dropped kerbs have been installed. The County has funding available for footpath repairs but there is a staff shortage to provide the work. A requested has been submitted for Russell Terrace and Dryden Street footpaths to be included and Balckburn Road has been repaired. Trees have been cut back on the by-pass at the top end of Hapton and a meeting is to be arranged with regards to waiting restrictions. Cars are still parking on pavements and zebra crossings and the path down to Altham is overgrown and weeds at Gawthorpe are to be sprayed.

Padiham Organisations Reports

There were no Organisations Reports.

TC/24/25/034 Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened.

TC/24/25/035 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 1st July 2024.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 1st July 2024 were considered. Both the Police and the Crimes Commissioner have been invited to attend Town Council meetings, though with the current state of unrest, none attendance by the Police at this meeting was understandable.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 1st July 2024 are approved.

TC/24/25/036 Town Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence.

There was no correspondence of note. A quote has been received for an Internal Audit Report of £941.58

RESOLVED: That the Internal Audit Quote is approved and 3 further quotes are to be sought next year.

TC/24/25/037 Report back from Working Groups

Planning Working Group

Councillor Harbour declared an interest and left the room.

- i. **FUL/2024/0003** - Erection of detached two storey dwelling and construct access Marton House 31 West Street Padiham
- ii. **FUL/2024/0308** - Conversion of existing dwelling to 4 flats and first floor extension.1A Rycliffe Street Padiham Lancashire

- iii. **FUL/2024/0275** - Alterations to existing garage/store block. Starkie Arms 1 Church Street Padiham
- iv. **HOU/2024/0305** - Proposed first floor extension over existing ground floor and widening of existing driveway. 84 Cambridge Drive Padiham Lancashire

The only comments made were on Application FUL/2024/0003 where concerns were raised on the removal of the stone wall in the conservation area. The tree felling work at the Unitarian Chapel has been put on hold as the wrong trees have been felled.

Councillor Harbour rejoined the meeting.

Events Working Group

The Duck Race was a success and everyone involved was thanked for their efforts. The event raised £1,100 for the Mayor's Community Fund and £714 for the Town Council's Events Budget. An events meeting is needed within the next 2 weeks and it was noted that the circus entertainers refreshed the event.

Paid staff were suggested for Party in the Park, however it was felt that, with family and friends involvement, the event could be covered by volunteers this year.

A request was made for Council to consider increasing the sponsorship of Padiham on Parade to £3,000 in 2025. This will be included as part of the Budget setting process in November.

TC/24/25/038 Items for discussion as listed.

3 reports have now been provided for the Bar Project and a meeting has been held with the accountant. The item will be chased and other options considered at a Strategic Planning Meeting.

The new Website has gone live and training is now needed on updating it.

The telephone box site has been cleared and is ready for installation. Fennyfold will plant up when installed.

Town Centre regeneration was covered earlier.

A price is to be obtained to replace the stage curtains with fire resistant material.

The stage monitoring system quote is to be considered as part of the budget setting process.

The new computer was approved subject to quotes and an amount is to be built into the budget setting process for a regular replacement program.

Some research has been done into the possibility of a Banking Hub and further information is to be obtained.

The Town Council vinyl is to be installed over the side door.

The Market Licenses has been resolved as the 1294 Market Charter no longer exists, the Borough Council cannot use it to prevent markets in Padiham.

The Deputy Mayor badges will be discussed as part of the Budget setting process in November.

The Assistant Clerk is undertaking the Certificate in Local Council Administration training. She is doing this in her own time and at her own expense. It was agreed that the Council would cover the costs of the training.

RESOLVED: That the Council will fund the training costs for the CiLCA Course.

The Padiham Business Award Sponsorship will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councillor Duckworth will pursue a bus link to Rosegrove Station on the Council’s behalf.

A poster has been designed for the year’s event and will be put on the website.

The Fire Safety Strategy has been completed and the report is due.

TC/24/25/039 Finances

a) The following financial information was circulated for the period 1st June 2024 – 30th June 2024

Account	Starting Balance	Payments	Receipts	Closing Balance
Current	141,967.64	139,976.47	8,686.04	10,677.21
Ballroom Management	10,688.91	9,467.68	1,313.75	2,534.98
Business Reserve	0.00	0.00	140,000	140,000
Petty Cash	48.26	108.94	0.00	-60.68
Totals	152,704.81	150,853.09	149,999.79	151,851.51

RESOLVED: That the above accounts are approved.

TC/24/25/040 Mayor’s Business

Due to the time, the Mayor’s Business will be moved to the next meeting.

TC/24/25/041 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Town Council meeting is at 7pm on Monday 2nd September 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	-	PS 282 Foster
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 - July 2024

- 14 x Assaults
- 1 x Burglary
- 3 x Criminal Damage
- 10 x Nuisance
- 16 x Road Related Offence
- 4 x Theft
- 1 x Theft of motor vehicle

Gawthorpe Crime Statistics – July 2024

- 17 x Assaults
- 3 x Burglary
- 4 x Criminal Damage
- 1 x Highway Disruption
- 33 x Nuisance
- 8 x Road Related Offence
- 3 x Theft
- 2 x Theft of Motor Vehicle

Issues raised by partner agencies:

ASB Bikes around Hargrove Ave and Hambledon Hill

Parking/speeding

Youth Nuisance

We have seen a decrease in youth related ASB over the last month but public perception still remains high.

Burnley FC in the community have put on activities for youths however due to the lack of suitable locations in the area, this is being held at The Common Ground, The Zone, Burnley.

Nuisance bikes

Nuisance bikes are still a problem with new locations coming to light such as Garden Street/Hargrove Ave areas.

Members of the Public are sending footage and information through to us and requests are being made to identify those responsible.

Issues of speeding and driving offences in Hapton and Padiham.

This was raised by residents and local councillors. Several operations have taken place which have been successful and we will continue to enforce the importance of this with regular operations.

We have been out with LCC to tackle parking issues and they advise that they are in Padiham at least twice a week.

- 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))

Padiham Town Centre Officer Update - August 2024

Business Support

Grants for Business Support are accessible to new businesses for the purposes of rental and the enhancement of signage and shopfront facades. Additionally, businesses are encouraged to seek mentorship opportunities through BOOST (Lancashire's Business Growth Hub), which offers a range of specialised services and programs designed to facilitate the expansion of their business.

Padiham Townscape Heritage Initiative

The TH scheme is due to reach practical and financial completion by end of Sept-2024. One building project continues onsite – 12-14 Burnley Rd with works nearing completion. Over its lifetime, grants have been awarded towards the repair and restoration of 12 building schemes, (which includes a total of 20 retail units). Five of these buildings were dilapidated and subsequently were having a detrimental impact to the amenity of the area. The positive impacts of the Townscape Heritage scheme along with public realm improvements are being realised. Before the intervention, there were 13 vacant commercial units within the TH area, this has reduced to 3 vacant units to date. Project evaluation has been undertaken by the TH Officer, working with Creative Talent Management to gather independent feedback – an evaluation video has been produced and report drafted, these are being finalised and are expected to be available within the public domain by the end of September.

Padiham Seating Area (Above the Picture House Gallery)

The Council has secured quotations for the repair of the coping stones on the dwarf wall and is currently in the process of appointing a contractor to carry out the necessary work. This repair work will involve the installation of steel dowels through the stones to ensure they remain securely in place in the future. It is anticipated that the commencement of the work will be in the August/September timeframe.

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