



MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 1st July 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, A. Lewis, P. McCann, D. O'Neill, V. Pridden, A. Tatchell, C. Turner, P. Turner and M. Whittaker.

Others: Steve Watson (Town Clerk).

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

TC/24/25/019 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor D. Alexander who was away.

TC/24/25/020 **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

TC/24/25/021 **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. A note of concern was raised that it was difficult to interpret the report without a comparison. It was noted that Operation Centurion was being moved from Padiham to Burnley, from the figures it is not clear if it worked and a concern was raised that once Operation Centurion ceases in Padiham Youth Nuisance will return. The Police were thanked for their report but a further request for comparison figures was made. Councillors expressed disappointment that Operation Centurion was leaving Padiham.

An update was requested for what Burnley F.C. and Zone were providing in Padiham. It was also noted that youths had caused nuisance over the Padiham on Parade weekend and the Police are to be invite to the next meeting. It was also suggested that the Police Crimes Commissioner is invited to a meeting.

Town Centre Manager Report

There was nothing further to report this month.

Public Questions received in advance

There were no public questions in advance.

Borough Councillors Report

There was no Borough Councillor report.

County Councillor Report

There was no County Councillor report. County concerns are to be conveyed in writing to the County Councillor. It was noted that the County Councillor had not attended since the February meeting and he is to be invited to attend the next meeting.

Padiham Organisations Reports

There were no Organisations Reports. Praise and thanks were given to the Padiham on Parade Committee for another successful event.

TC/24/25/022 Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened.

TC/24/25/023 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 3rd June 2024.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 3rd June 2024 were considered. It was noted that a second meeting regarding safe usage of the stage had been called by the Borough Council Health and Safety Advisor and involved a Specialist Fire Safety Advisor from Liberata. Questions were raised about the previous advice given. The Fire Safety Advisor agreed that the issues were valid and of concern and advised that a full fire safety strategy for the entire building should be conducted. This is to be followed up.

The Town Centre Manager was on leave so couldn't attend. She had been advised about the concerns over low footfall in Padiham. She advised that the previous approach to collecting data had proven to be inaccurate and is in the process of commissioning a new method.

The Mayor advised that himself and the Town Centre Manager had met with the Top Club about the front of the building.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 3rd June April 2024 are approved.

TC/24/25/024 Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on the 18th June 2024.

The minutes of the Extra Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 18th June 2024 were considered. It was noted that Councillor Maurice Duckworth was present at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Town Council meeting held on the 18th June 2024, as amended, are approved.

TC/24/25/025 Town Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence.

There was no correspondence of note.

TC/24/25/026 Report back from Working Groups

It was noted that there was now a Finance Group. Additional quotes are needed for the Internal Audit

Planning Working Group

Councillor Harbour declared an interest and left the room.

FUL/2024/0257 – there were no comments.

FUL/2024/0258 – the following concerns were raised. There is a need for a fire risk assessment, impact on local wildlife, the application is in the greenbelt so needs special circumstances. Has the old Huncoat Power Station site been considered. Whilst the Council accept the need for the facility it does not feel that the location is suitable and needs further reassurances before anything commences. There should be an extensive Environment Agency report. It was agreed to submit the above concerns. 3 members of the Working Group attended the training at Burnley.

Councillor Harbour rejoined the meeting.

Events Working Group

The feedback on Padiham on Parade was all positive and it was agreed that the event brought much to the town including a lot of out-of-town visitors. The costs of running the event are increasing each year and next year there is likely to be a significant increase in the traffic management costs if anti-terror road barriers are required by law. It was suggested that the Council Sponsorship is increased to £3,000, this will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

The Summer Fair/Duck Race is on the 3rd August 11:30 to 4:00. 6 fairground rides have been booked at a cost of £450 a ride. 2 stages have been ordered. Sales bundle will be 2 ducks and 6 ride tickets for £5 and individual ride tickets will be 50p. Duck go in the water at 1:00pm. Punch & Judy and circus acts have been booked. The Burnley trailer will be used for first aid and lost children, first aiders and the Sea Cadets are booked, the new radios will be used and 2 floatation devices are to be bought. Stalls are £10 a stall and it was agreed that the Summer Fair element would be dropped and the event just called the Duck Race.

The Events Committee has looked at the current banners following successful sponsorship. Each event (Duck Race, Party in the Park and Christmas Light Switch on) would have four 3m by 1m banners and 25 cortex posters for lampposts designed and printed. The sponsored will be printed separately and stuck on. There is £5,500 of sponsorship money which could provide banners and cortex posters. A new 3m by 1m Community Fund banner and a wedding fair banner will also be sourced. It was proposed that fourth place winners receive Business Vouchers.

RESOLVED: That £25 in Padiham Business Vouchers are awarded to each fourth-place winner.

Volunteers to set up are needed from 9:00am. A risk assessment is to be put together.

TC/24/25/027 Items for discussion as listed.

The sound system has been successful. Further information on costs for comparison have been provided.

RESOLVED: That the Opus Quote is approved.

The new Website is almost completed.

The telephone box is ready to go, the site has been prepared but 4 times the company has not turned up. Parks will instal the box for free.

Town Centre regeneration was covered earlier.

The Market licenses are to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

An advert in Burnley Lifestyle Magazine will cost £200.

RESOLVED: That an advert for weddings will be placed in Burnley Lifestyle Magazine.

TC/24/25/028 Finances

The following financial information was circulated for the period 14th May to 10th June.

Account	Starting Balance	Payments	Receipts	Closing Balance
Current	143,124.40	7,101.06	1,380.00	137,403.34
Ballroom Management	9,239.70	1,116.00	2,131.71	10,255.41
Business Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Petty Cash	145.91	92.65	0.00	53.26
Totals	152,510.01	8,309.71	3,511.71	147,712.01

RESOLVED: That the above accounts are approved.

Barclays are to be asked to change the statement dates to the 1st of each month. There will be no transactions from the Business reserve account except transfers into either the Town Council account or Ballroom Management account.

RESOLVED: That £132,000 is transferred from the Town Council account and £8,000 is transferred from the Ballroom Management account into the Business Reserves account.

RESOLVED: That authority to transfer money between the Town Council Account, Ballroom Management account and Business Reserves account only is delegated to the Clerk.

TC/24/25/029 Mayor's Business

The proposal for the abandoned bowling green has been circulated and initial comments are to be sent to the Clerk. Consultation dates are to be checked. The Heritage Trail is on-going and dates have been finalised for additional events for the mayor and posters will be provided for shop windows.

TC/24/25/018 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Town Council meeting is at 7pm on Monday 5th August 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 - June 2024

- 5 x Assaults
- 2 x Burglary
- 2 x Criminal Damage
- 10 x Nuisance
- 19 x Road Related Offence
- 2 x Theft
- 1 x Theft of motor vehicle

Gawthorpe Crime Statistics – June 2024

- 16 x Assaults
- 3 x Burglary
- 5 x Criminal Damage
- 4 x Highway Disruption
- 20 x Nuisance
- 3 x Road Related Offence
- 14 x Theft
- 2 x Theft of Motor Vehicle

Issues raised by partner agencies:

Youth Nuisance

ASB Bikes

Parking/Road Safety

Youth Nuisance

The nuisance in Padiham Town Centre tends to be around the Wyre Street / Lune Street supermarkets. There is a lack of youth provision in the area, however Neighbourhood Policing will be liaising with Burnley FC in the Community and The Zone who are keen to get some provisions back in Padiham.

School talks are also underway in the run up to the summer holidays to educate what is classed as ASB and the impact it has on the community.

Youth ASB around Lidl

There has been a significant decrease in reports of Youth ASB in general this month, with No reports coming in from Padiham Leisure Centre and fewer from Tesco/Lidl. This has been a priority for Op Centurion which does appear to have had a positive impact. Any youths involved in ASB will be identified and issued Youth referrals. These will then be allocated to our Safer Neighbourhood team for appropriate intervention or signposting or to be escalated to a multi agency meeting.

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. In regards to Hambledon Hill, we are having more frequent reports including images of vehicles that bikes are being offloaded.

After the meeting with our Problem Solving Department and Rural Task Force, it has been agreed that Burnley Borough Council will issue Community Protection Warning's to those vehicles caught off loading off road bikes. Further signage will be resourced which will spell out in more laymen's, the consequences/offences being committed.

Issues of speeding and driving offences in Hapton and Padiham.

- 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://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.

Op Centurion

As of 1st July Op Centurion will no longer cover Padiham Town Centre. The figures do show that it has been successful in reducing Anti-Social Behaviour so unfortunately there is no longer a requirement for it to remain in Padiham. It has now been moved to Burnley Town Centre.