



## MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers

**Present:**

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

**Others:** Steve Watson (Town Clerk) and Simon Goff (Parks & Open Spaces)

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**TC/24/25/090** Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Maureen Whittaker who was recovering from procedures and Cllrs Peter McCann and Phil Turner who were at other meetings.

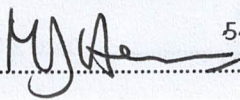
**TC/24/25/091** **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**TC/24/25/092** **Formally Adjourn the meeting to allow for Public Participation.**

**RESOLVED:** **That the meeting is formally adjourned to allow for participation from the Public.**

Simon Goff from the Borough Council's Parks and Open Spaces provided an update on the Shared Prosperity Fund and presented some plans of projects. The former Station Road bowling green pavilion has been converted to a Community Hub. The children's cycle track on the bowling green has been completed. The Greenway will re-open at some point and an off-road cycle route will be available. Refencing of the tennis courts has been done and the fencing on the river side of the bowling green is being installed with help from the bowlers. There are 3 projects outstanding, the seating area to the left of the previous Pet Shop on Station Road is to be refurbished and plans were provided. The seating area by the bridge is to be upgraded and there are plans for CCTV on the cycle track. The hard-works will be done by the end of March, which will be followed by the soft-works which will be completed by the end of April. It was asked if the Station Road bin-cage could have a rat box installed and any unspent funds could be put into the bridge repairs. Simon was thanked for his attendance and report.

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## **Police Report:**

PC Anne Ingham provided a report which is attached. It was noted that the nuisance figures were higher than Burnley Centre and were higher than expected with an increase from 18-52. It was suggested that this may be down to a different way of recording the data. Details of Outcomes were welcomed.

## **Town Centre Manager Report**

The Town Centre Manager provided a report that is attached. It was welcomed seeing something different in the little shop.

## **Public Questions received in advance**

There were no public questions in advance.

## **Borough Councillors Report**

A feasibility study on the Leisure Centre is being carried out as it is getting 'to the end of its life'. A new build is being considered.

## **County Councillor Report**

There was no report. It was noted that the County Councillor has not attended a number of meetings and this results in no County information being given to the Town Council. The County Councillor is to be contacted and asked to at least provide a written report for the meetings. The letter is to be copied to the Conservative Leader of the County Council.

## **Padiham Organisations Reports**

The Friends of Memorial Park meeting minutes have been circulated.

**TC/24/25/093      Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting.**

**TC/24/25/094      Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024.**

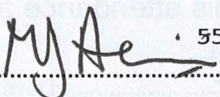
The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 were considered.

**RESOLVED:      That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 are approved.**

**TC/24/25/095      Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

The minutes of the Extra Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were considered.

**RESOLVED:      That the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 are approved.**

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**TC/24/25/096 Town Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence.**

The bodycam footage has been deleted from the Christmas Light Switch On event. The Leisure Centre CCTV request is to be considered by the Strategic Planning & Finance Working Group for a recommendation back to Full Council.

Quotes for the Ladies toilets have not been provided, but a figure of around £24,000 to £25,000 has been mentioned. The Town Council will only have to pay £10,000 towards this and the Borough Council will cover the remainder.

There was no correspondence of note.

**TC/24/25/097 Finances**

a) The following financial information was circulated for the period 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

	Starting Balance	Payments	Receipts	Transfers Out	Transfers In	
Current	£421.56	£23,577.25	£414.99	£908.74	£25,000.00	£1,350.56
Ballroom Management	£7,844.72	£2,256.70	£5,539.87	£0.00	£0.00	£11,127.89
Business Reserve	£100,411.37	£0.00	£398.52	£25,000.00	£0.00	£75,809.89
Petty Cash	£214.33	£64.82	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£149.51
	£108,891.98	£25,898.77	£6,353.38	£25,908.74	£25,000.00	£88,437.85

**RESOLVED: That the above accounts are approved**

It was raised that VAT reclaims for Padiham Town Council have been paid to Briercliffe Parish Council. The Clerk outlined that all VAT reclaims have been submitted and all historic VAT has now been repaid. It was questioned why only one Councillor was privy to this information and why had the Lead Councillor for Finance not been notified of the situation.

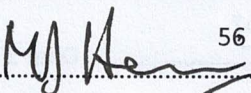
The Borough Council has now secured funding to relay the Piano Bar flooring which will be carried out at the same time as the Ladies toilets refurbishment. The piano needs to be repaired.

The investment proposal was reconsidered. The Lead Councillor for Finance reported that he and the Clerk had met with the Borough Council's Finance Director who advised that there were no issues with the Town Council making an investment. He also advised that the Borough Council's managed charities also use Quilter.

**RESOLVED: That the Council invests £50,000 in the WealthSelect Managed Blend 5 portfolio advised by Haworths Financial Services.**

It was noted that the Council currently claims VAT once a year. This results in a loss of income from the interest available in the Business Reserves account.

**RESOLVED: That going forward the Council will reclaim VAT on a quarterly basis.**

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The Year End reserves are predicted to be between £70,000 and £75,000.

**TC/24/25/098 Report back from Working Groups**

**Events Working Group**

The Event Working Group meeting notes are to be circulated to all Councillors.

**TC/24/25/099 Items for discussion as listed.**

The red telephone box installation is due.

There was still no update on the Market License, however an update is due.

The initial application for a Banking Hub is to be chased.

The electronic display boards in Burnley Bus Station are to be chased.

There was no report on the Government's White Paper on Devolution and Councillor Tatchell agreed to be the Lead Councillor on Devolution.

The Lead Councillor for Staffing had asked for the Lead Councillor for Bookings to be deferred to another meeting.

The King's Award for Voluntary Services to Padiham on Parade will be discussed at the next meeting.

The free bus service issue has been resolved.

The January 2026 Council meeting will be an Extra Ordinary Council meeting to discuss the Budget, Precept and Financial matters only.

The lines on Moor Lane/Slade Lane are to be deferred for further information.

The Strategic Planning & Finance Working Group is to be tasked with putting a recommendation to Council for a Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Policy.

It was suggested that the Community Certificate or a similar scheme is reintroduced and that the Padiham Litter Pickers are considered for the award. It was noted that the Litter Pickers should not be out of pocket and the Council should help with funding if needed.

The Planning Working Group is to explore a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Strategic Planning & Finance Working Group are to do a general Policy Review.

**TC/2024/100 Mayor's Business**

The Mayor thanked everyone that was involved with the highly successful Padiham's Got Talent Event. It was suggested that Press Releases should be issued after events.

**RESOLVED: That the Council will fund the £50 shortfall for the Padiham's Got Talent event.**

**TC/24/25/101      Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Town Council meeting is at 7pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 in the Council Chambers, Padiham Town Hall.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

Padiham Town Council Meeting

January 2025

<b>CRIME</b>	<b>December 23</b>	<b>December 24</b>
Assault	24	28
Burglary	5	6
Criminal Damage	7	8
Drug Offences	0	1
Nuisance/Personal	18	52
Public Order	6	3
Theft	12	14

Above are the crime statistics for Hapton and Gawthorpe wards combined.

Burglaries – 1 currently under investigation, 2 from an industrial estate closed with no lines of enquiry, 2 suspects arrested but closed No further action due to evidential difficulties.

Drugs – 1 arrested for Possession with intent to supply Cannabis, Cocaine and Ketamine , this will be a prolonged investigation and has materialised from an ongoing investigation. 1 given a Community Resolution for being in possession of a cannabis joint.

Criminal Damage – 3 x at Lidl (youth related), however due to lack of CCTV covering areas of offence and numbers of youths involved unable to identify suspect. Damage at Cartmells, suspect identified and not known to police so Community Resolution to be issued.

Nuisance/Personal – Nuisance logs are majority relating to youths in the Town Centre, children are to be identified and referred into “My Promises” programme which is a support contract aimed at helping improve a child’s behaviour and preventing them entering the criminal justice system. Officers intend to go into schools to deal with those involved. They will also be referred into MASP (Multi Agency Support Panel)

\*\*Comparing Hapton and Gawthorpe statistics with other wards is difficult as it has different demographic dynamics to any other area. I have therefore provided stats for Burnley Town centre and then Rosegrove/Lowerhouse due to its demographics being most similar.

**Burnley Town centre statistics for Dec 24 -**

Criminal Damage - 10

Nuisance/personal – 49

Theft – 35

Assault – 33

Public Order – 7

**Rosegrove and Lowerhouse Dec 24 –**

Criminal Damage - 7

Nuisance/personal – 14

Theft – 6

Assault – 13

Public Order – 0

PC 654 Anne Ingham

Community Beat Manager for Padiham

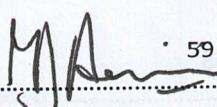
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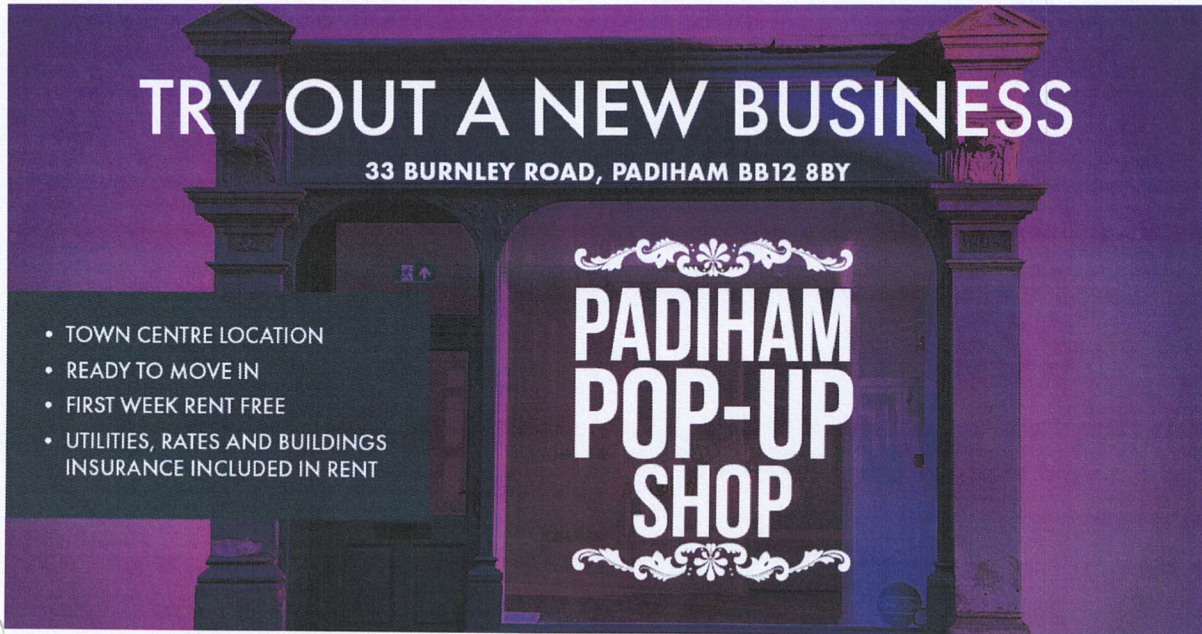
**Padiham Town Centre Officer Report – 3rd February 2025**

**1. Pop-Up Shop - Expressions of Interest Now Open**

We are pleased to announce that the Padiham Pop-Up Shop at 33 Burnley Rd, Padiham is now accepting expressions of interest from new businesses looking to trial their ventures in the retail or service sectors. This initiative provides a fantastic opportunity for entrepreneurs to test their business ideas in a high-visibility, low-risk environment. The Pop-Up Shop aims to foster local economic growth, increase footfall, and offer a platform for emerging businesses to engage with the community.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit their expressions of interest by mid-March, outlining their business concept, products or services, and how they plan to engage with the local community. We anticipate a strong interest in this opportunity, and we look forward to welcoming a diverse range of businesses to the space.

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## 2. New Business at 2 Station Rd, Padiham

Number 2 Station Rd has secured a new business tenant: the Apothecary Candle Company. This new venture will bring a range of high-quality, handcrafted candles to Padiham, offering unique products that are expected to attract both locals and visitors. The addition of this business further enhances the town's retail offering.

## 3. Plans for Painting Padiham Event – Saturday, 17th May

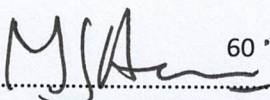
Preparations are well underway for the next Painting Padiham event, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 17th May. This popular annual event celebrates local talent and an opportunity for the community to come together in a creative and engaging environment. Plans are being developed to ensure the event's success, with a focus on promoting Padiham's cultural offerings and encouraging footfall into the town centre. More details regarding participation and event activities will be shared closer to the date.

## 4. Padiham Green and Well

Work is progressing well on the Padiham Green and Well Project. The transformation of the former bowling green into a junior cycle track is on schedule, with construction well underway.

Similarly, the refurbishment of the former bowling pavilion is advancing. Once finished, the pavilion will serve as a versatile community space for various activities, including meetings, events, and recreational programs. Both projects are expected to be completed by April/May 2025.

These developments are key to enhancing Padiham's recreational facilities and community engagement, and we will continue to provide updates as work progresses.

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