

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee

held on 20th September 2010 at 7.00pm

- 1. PRESENT** - Councillor J. Cunningham (in the Chair), Town Councillors J.A. Cave, R..M. Clark, A. Fletcher, A.M. Jkinson, J. Kenyon, P. Hall, V.A. Pridden, A. Ravenscroft, C. Smith and M. Whittaker.

ALSO PRESENT – Laura Travers – Environment Agency

- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs. J. Harbour, K. Hudson and A.J.Tatchell.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – the Town Mayor to leave the meeting during discussion of Planning Applications and related matters otherwise no specific declarations except as notified during the Meeting.
- 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on 16th August as circulated and approved were signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Shuttleworth College Safer Routes to Schools Cycleway** – a consultation will be taking place on 22nd September.2010
- b) Padiham Greenways Steering Group** – the next Meeting will be on 28th September at 6.30pm venue to be arranged.
- c) Inside Justice Week** – Open Evening at Burnley Magistrates Court 18th October 6.30pm
- d) Fairtrade Steering Group Meeting** – 22nd September 2010 at 7.00pm
- e) Friends of Memorial Park – ‘Dog Day’** – there are no further requests for funding
- f) Burnley Borough Council – visit to Town Council** – this has now been deferred awaiting the Government’s Spending Review

6. PRESENTATION - FLOOD RISKS IN PADIHAM – LAURA TRAVERS

The Mayor welcomed Laura Travers and invited her to address the Meeting.

Laura indicated that the purpose of her visit was to raise an awareness of Flood Risks and the measures being put in place by the Environment Agency and also to establish if Communities would be interested in forming Groups in connection with Flood risks in Hot Spot areas. The Police, Fire and Highways Authorities are already interested in working with Communities to establish Community Groups to prepare them for how to deal with Flood Warnings etc. Town Councillors expressed concerns with regard to the various risks within Padiham and debris in the river. It was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that it would be in the best interests of the Padiham Town Council Area for a Community Group to be established.

The Environment Agency can provide various information for distribution within the Community. It was suggested that this initiative would be appropriate for the Annual Town Meeting in April 2011. The matter will be considered further at the next Town Council Meeting. The Mayor thanked Laura for her attendance and she provided Town Councillors with Emergency Contact details for the Environment Agency – 0800 807060.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported the following items of correspondence:

- a) **DAMage-BUSTERS**– the Town Clerk had circulated a letter of invitation to all Town Councillors in respect of an event at Padiham Leisure Centre on 1st October at 7.30pm. Concern was expressed that a detailed timetable had still not been received. The Town Clerk will contact Paul Foster for a Timetable.
- b) **Town Council Office Broadband** – Cllr. Whittaker had received an email with a negative response in relation to the situation. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that the Town Clerk provide a copy of the response to Town Councillors and that Cllr. Whittaker respond to the email. In the meantime the rent should be withheld.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Town Councillors considered the following Application in respect of which it was **AGREED** not to make any representations:

24 Slade Lane, Old Moss, Padiham

Proposed works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order. Crown reduction to T3 covered by The Burnley (Slade Lane, Padiham) TPO 1984

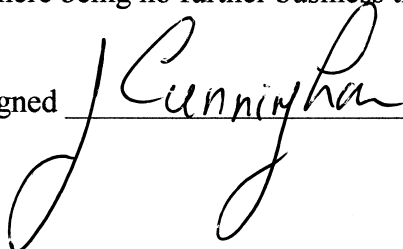
9. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

General expenses 84.16

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 20th September 2010 at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.45pm

Signed



Date 18 October 2010