

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL

**held at the Padiham Town Hall on
2nd August 2010 at 7.00pm**

1. **PRESENT:** The Mayor, Councillor J. Cunningham (in the Chair)
Town Councillors, J.A. Cave, R.M. Clark, A. Fletcher, P. Hall,
J. Harbour, K. Hudson, A.M. Jkinson, J. Kenyon, S.G. Morley,
V.A. Pridden, A..J. Tatchell and M. Whittaker.

ALSO PRESENT : County Councillor S. Wilkinson, Sgt. M. Storey, Tracey Noon – Burnley
Borough Council and 2 members of the Press.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Town Councillors A. Ravenscroft and C. Smith
3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – the Town Clerk reported that no requests to speak had been received but that Tracey Noon – Burnley Borough Council Connecting Communities Officer was in attendance to enable the Town Mayor to conduct the draw in relation to the Multi Agency Day held on 27th July. The Mayor conducted the draw and Tracey Noon will arrange for the appropriate presentations.
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None apparent but to be made during the course of the Meeting as necessary.
5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on 5th July 2010 were **PROPOSED** by Cllr. V.A. Pridden **SECONDED** by Cllr. R.M. Clark and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**
6. **MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATED INFORMATION**
 - a) **Town Council Office** – Cllr. Whittaker reported on the up to date position. A further response is awaited from Margaret Rutherford following the Town Council quantifying its losses estimated at £716.00.
7. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE** held on 19th July 2010 were **PROPOSED** by Cllr.A.J. Tatchell and **SECONDED** by Cllr. K. Hudson **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**
8. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP** held on 19th July 2010 were **PROPOSED** by Cllr. V.A. Pridden, **SECONDED** by Cllr. S.G. Morley and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported on the following correspondence:

- a) **Mid Pennine Arts:** Request for funding of £1600 for Children's Literature Festival 'Kicking Leaves' in Autumn 2010. This project will be carried out via the 5 Padiham and Hapton Primary Schools, Whitegate Children's Centre and Shuttleworth College. It was AGREED that in view of the current constraints on Town Council funds no award be made but that the project be referred to Connecting Communities.
- b) **Lancashire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Lancashire County Council (Prohibition of Stopping on School Entrance Markings) Order** - the proposals have been advertised and the consultation period is until 13th August 2010. The Town Clerk supplied details of how to make observations
- c) **Playbuilder Petition** – Following the withdrawal of funding for various schemes including the Memorial Park Scheme a group of successful playbuilder applicants are launching a petition. Details available from the Town Clerk

10. REPORTS

- a) **POLICE** – Sgt. M. Storey presented the Police Report copy attached and made the following further comments:
Introduction of bravo Car for quick response 2pm – 10pm
Co-ordinated response in Ingham Street area in relation to travelling fraternity etc scheduled for 12th August 2010
Stay Safe Project is again operational
Dambuster Project operational on Friday evenings
Bike marking – 16th August
Dedicated Traffic Officers in Padiham area 16th/17th August 2010
Cllr. Kenyon raised the issue of gangs of youths on the streets during late evening – Sgt Storey encouraged Town Councillors to report these occurrences and patrol cars would be despatched as soon as possible.
- b) **BALLROOM MANAGEMENT GROUP** – Cllr. Jinkinson reported that negotiations were coming to a conclusion in relation to the Contracts of Colin Croft and Tom Large. It was AGREED that final Contract details would be provided to the Town Council Working Group on 16th August 2010 for ratification
Cllr. Whittaker is to re-draft the Time Sheets to accommodate actual hirings and maintenance
- c) **MAYOR/MAYORESS' FUNDRAISING** – Cllr. Cunningham reported in relation to the current fundraising and in particular the Duck Race. An amount of £760.78 had been raised following expenses. It was requested that since the ducks were the property of the Town Council any replacements be funded by the Town Council and not the Mayor's Charity Fund. Following discussion it was PROPOSED by Cllr J.Harbour and SECONDED by Cllr. R.M. Clark that the cost of replacement ducks be borne by the Town Council. The motion was NOT CARRIED – 6 votes in favour and 7 votes against.
The next event will be 'Party in the Park'.

- d) **EVENTS COMMITTEE** – Cllr. Tatchell reported briefly following the successful Duck Race on 1st August 2010 and thanked Town Councillors for their involvement. A meeting date will be arranged to discuss the ‘Party in the Park’ to be held on 5th September 2010.

11. RECYCLING CENTRE, PARK ROAD PADIHAM

The Town Clerk reported in relation to all responses from Lancashire County Council, the Audit Commission and Burnley Borough Council. The only remaining administrative option relates to a submission to the Ombudsman. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that the Town Clerk alert the Ombudsman.

Following considerable discussion it was **AGREED THAT** :

- a) a strategy be prepared for implementation if the site closed
- b) a further invitation be made to Cllr. Bill Brindle to attend a Working Group Meeting
- c) consideration be given to involving the media coupled with a protest

Councillors considered that every possible action was required to demonstrate the Town Council’s resolve to keep the site open.

It was **FURTHER AGREED THAT** the Town Clerk ascertain details of progress in relation to the site at Heasandford and the financial implications for Burnley Borough Council Streetscene for the clearing of potential fly tipping.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported details of the following application which had been deferred from the Planning Committee Meeting on 19th July 2010

2 College Close, Padiham

Proposed erection of two storey side extension with dormers to front and rear elevations

Following discussion it was **AGREED** that no observations be made or objections lodged

13. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

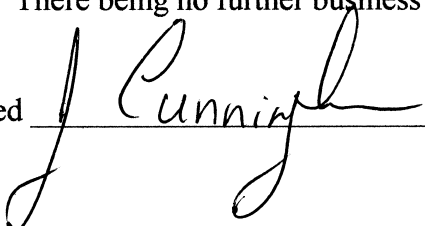
A. Clark – Bench signs 24.00

14. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Condition of Green Lane Sub Station site – Working Group
Clearing of River Calder debris – Working Group
Allocation of Safer Communities Funding – Working Group
Standing Orders - amendments

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 6th September 2010 at 7.00pm

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed  Dated _____