

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL

held at the Padiham Town Hall on  
5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 7.00 pm

1. **PRESENT:** The Deputy Mayor, Councillor C. Smith (in the Chair)  
Town Councillors, J.W. Billinger, R.M. Clark, J. Harbour,  
K. Hudson, A.M. Jinkinson, John Kenyon, A. Ravenscroft,  
D. Rushton, K. Schofield, A.J. Tatchell and M. Whittaker.  
  
**ALSO PRESENT :** County Councillor S. Wilkinson, 1 member of the public and  
the Press
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Town Councillors J. Cunningham, P. Hall and  
V.A. Pridden, and Sgt. T. Cussans.
3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – the Town Clerk reported that there had been no requests  
to speak
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 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009 were **PROPOSED** by Cllr.  
R.M. Clark and **SECONDED** by Cllr. J. Kenyon **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**
6. **MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATED INFORMATION**
  - a) **Perseverance Mill** – Cllr. Tatchell has no further information at the present time and the  
Town Clerk was requested to make further contact with the Chief Executive.
  - b) **TESCO – Wyre Street development** – the planning application has not been submitted
7. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE** held on 21<sup>st</sup>  
September 2009 were **PROPOSED** by Cllr. D. Rushton **SECONDED** by Cllr. A.  
Ravenscroft **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.
8. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP** held on 21<sup>st</sup> September  
2009 were **PROPOSED** by Cllr. A. Ravenscroft **SECONDED** by Cllr. M. Whittaker and  
**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk reported the following items of correspondence

  - a) **Lancashire County Council Diversion of Footpath No. 3 Padiham and Footpaths  
Nos. 60 and 62 Hapton** – Consultation period extended to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009
  - b) **LCF Training Workshop – 20<sup>th</sup> October in London £100.00 per delegate**

- c) **Connect 2 and Greenways – Steering Group Meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm –**  
at Shuttleworth College
- d) **Steve Richards – Park Ranger – Award – Telephone voting – details supplied**  
but also available from the Town Clerk

## 10. REPORTS

- a) **POLICE** – The October Report (Copy attached) was circulated. Councillors expressed their disappointment at Sgt. Cussans unavailability due to operational issues. The Town Clerk was requested to raise concerns relating to the recent increase in burglaries.
- b) **MAYOR’S CHARITY FUND/EVENTS** – the Mayoral ‘At Home’ was a great success and thanks were expressed to everyone concerned. The raffle raised £162.00

The next event will be a Halloween Event on 31<sup>st</sup> October. This event will provide a walk for young people followed by a Disco and an Adults evening event when the Autumn Raffle will be drawn. Posters and tickets are available from the Town Clerk and Autumn Raffle tickets have been distributed to all Town Councillors.

- c) **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** – the Town Clerk had circulated a Report of the Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009 for information. Cllr. Hudson questioned the move of the Poppy Shop from the Bradford and Bingley and suggested there had been a mis-understanding on the part of the British Legion. It was AGREED that the Town Clerk clarify the position with the British Legion but that the Poppy Shop be held in the Town Hall Foyer for which permission had been granted by the Borough Council but to be facilitated by the Town Council.  
The situation with regard to the Union flag was raised – its condition is considered an embarrassment. The Town Clerk will ascertain progress with regard to the previous Union Flag.

## 11. ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk reported that the external audit of the Accounts for 2008/9 had now been completed and no matters had been referred. Notice of completion of the Audit will be posted and the Accounts made available for public inspection. The Auditors fee in the sum of £460.00 was approved.

Additional accounts for payment	
General expenses	75.73

## 12. MATTERS REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

- a) **Provision of a Dog Warden for Padiham** – it was AGREED that the Town Clerk write to Street Scene requesting a Dog Warden dedicated to the Town Council area or visiting on a regular basis


- b) **Re-cycling bags** – in the absence of Cllr. Cunningham this item was deferred to the Working Group Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**13. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

Youth Club  
Politics of the Town Council – Working Group  
Office hours – Working Group  
Constitution of the Padiham Archive Group – Working Group  
NNDR and Service charges – Working Group  
Christmas Lights Switch-On – Events Committee – meeting date to be arranged

**14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7.00pm**

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.33pm

Signed  \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 2/11/09 \_\_\_\_\_