

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL
ON 5TH JANUARY, 2016**

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor Councillor N. Ahmed

Councillor N. Ashraf – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

*R. B. Allen
M. Arshad
M. Hanif
Y. Iqbal*

Co-optees

P. V. Bates

Officers in attendance

*David Walker
Kathryn Hughes
Lynne Rowland*

*Environmental Services Manager (Area Co-ordinator)
Principal Development Management Officer
Committee Administrator*



The following person attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated –

*Mr M. Aslam (People's
Enterprise and
Empowerment Forum)*

Brierfield Health Centre

Minute No.109(a)

96. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

97. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

98. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 1st December, 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

99. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report following action arising from the minutes of the last meeting was submitted for

information. It was reported that, since the last meeting, further enquiries had been made into the ownership of land off Richard Street, Brierfield and a response was awaited. An update would be provided to a future meeting.

100. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

Members of the public were given the opportunity to raise local community safety issues with the Committee. Unfortunately, the police had been unable to send a representative to the meeting, as with several other meetings of this Committee and Members asked that a letter be sent, expressing their concern.

No issues were raised by the public. In view of this, and the limited availability of a Lancashire Constabulary representative, it was agreed that, in future, this item be placed on the agenda every other month.

101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report of planning applications to be determined as follows –

13/15/0514P Full: Partial demolition; external alterations and change of use of existing workshop to car sales with associated repair workshop, office and parking/display area (part retrospective) at 8A Church Street, Brierfield for Mr M. Hussain

(A site visit was carried out prior to the meeting.)

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager, in consultation with the Chairman of this Committee, be delegated authority to **grant consent** subject to the receipt of satisfactory amended plans and appropriate conditions to limit the impact of the development.

(b) Planning appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that, as at today's date, there were no new appeals and no appeals outstanding.

102. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Democratic and Legal Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases in the Brierfield and Reedley area.

103. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committee's capital programme for 2015/16 was £21,591. A full report would be submitted to the next meeting.

104. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2016/17

The Financial Services Manager submitted a report which asked the Committee to consider its base budget for 2016/17, identify any options for budget reductions and pass on any comments to the Executive. The report was noted.

105. PROBLEM BUILDINGS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that there were no recorded problem sites in Brierfield and Reedley.

Members were advised that, if they were aware of any site that should be considered for possible inclusion on the problem sites report, a short report on the nature and extent of the problem would be prepared for a future meeting of this Committee. It would then be for the Committee to determine whether or not to include it within the problem sites report.

106. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight sites in Brierfield and Reedley.

107. VACANT HOUSES

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report which informed the Committee on the position regarding the management of vacant houses in Brierfield and Reedley.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager be requested to submit a further report to the next meeting of this Committee, providing an update on all vacant properties in the Railway Street area of Brierfield.

REASON

For information.

108. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

The Committee was invited to submit suggestions for topics which it would like to see the Scrutiny Team have an impact on in the next municipal year.

109. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Brierfield Health Centre

The Chairman made reference to a meeting he had attended several weeks ago with County Councillor A. Ali and the Chief Executive of East Lancashire Medical Services (ELMS) to discuss the high number of complaints received with regard to the ELMS Federated Practice at Brierfield Health Centre. The main areas of concern related to the appointment system; the insufficient number of permanent doctors in post; the absence of a female doctor; and the over reliance on nurse practitioners. He reported that, despite the meeting, the problems remained.

RESOLVED

That the Chief Executive of East Lancashire Medical Services be asked to attend the February meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To discuss the ongoing problems being encountered by patients of the ELMS Federated Practice at Brierfield Health Centre.

110.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following item had been requested by this Committee and a report/update would be submitted to a future meeting -

- (a) Proposed introduction of a speed indicator device (03.11.15)

CHAIRMAN _____