

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE  
HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL  
ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2016**

*PRESENT*

*Councillor N. Ashraf – Chairman (In the Chair)*

**Councillors**

*N. Ahmed  
Y. Iqbal*

**Co-optees**

*P. V. Bates  
M. Hanif*

**Officers in attendance**

*David Walker  
Lynne Rowland*

*Environmental Services Manager (Area Co-ordinator)  
Committee Administrator*

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Allen, M. Arshad and M. R. Arshad and Inspector P. Goodall.)*



**30.**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**31.**

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

- (1) Mrs P. McCormick referred to the poor state of the former Marsden Cross Inn building on Higher Reedley Road, Reedley, following a fire in November of last year. In addition, to the rear of the property there were two large holes and there was concern that they could soon undermine the foundations of the neighbouring property. She asked that a letter be sent to the owner of the premises asking them to address the issues.

Mr Hanif explained that he had already spoken with the owner regarding these issues. The owner had agreed to attend a meeting with residents when he returned from holiday to which the Chairman of this Committee would be invited. An update would be provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

- (2) Mr Geoff Hook referred to a long running issue between himself, residents of May Tree Close, Reedley and Pendle Council with regard to the adoption of May Tree Close, which had resulted in a complaint to the Ombudsman. He reminded Members that he had raised the same issue at the last meeting of the Committee when considering a planning application at land behind 7-10 May Tree Close and felt that the Committee's response had been unsatisfactory. He asked why the Council would not pay to make the Close up to an adoptable standard. He acknowledged that the Council had offered to pay £15,000 of an estimated £30,000 required to carry out the work, but felt that this was unacceptable. In response, he had suggested a payment of £25,000 from the Council, with a £5,000 total contribution from himself and the residents concerned. He asked that the Committee support this proposal.

The Chairman advised Mr Hook that he had sought advice from the Council's Democratic and Legal Manager, who confirmed that the Council was not legally responsible for paying the cost of making May Tree Close up to adoptable standard. He reminded Mr Hook of the decision of the Ombudsman and her statement which said that if the Council failed to reach an agreement with Mr Hook and the residents about sharing the cost of adoption, the Council would not be found guilty of maladministration. As mentioned by Mr Hook, the Council had attempted to reach an agreement and offered to pay some of the costs of adoption.

The Chairman indicated that he would be happy to meet with Mr Hook and appropriate officers of the Council if required. In the meantime it was agreed that further discussions would take place with the Council's Democratic and Legal Manager and Corporate Director, and a response would be sent to Mr Hook.

**32. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**33. PROGRESS REPORT**

A progress report following action arising from the minutes of the last meeting was submitted for information. Members were advised that the Executive had not supported the request to make a Compulsory Purchase Order for numbers 6, 8, 10 and 12 Cambridge Street, Brierfield due to financial constraints and the lack of available capital resources.

**34. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS**

Members of the public were given the opportunity to raise local community safety issues with the Committee. No issues were raised.

**35. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**(a) 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.

**36. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES**

**Enforcement Action**

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

**37. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committee's Capital Programme for 2016/17 was £16,028. The Chairman also reported that, following the

decision of the Executive at its meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> June a further £4,697 that had been held back from 2015/16 would be returned to the Committee's capital budget.

The following bids were submitted for consideration—

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| • Pendle's Cycling Legacy Event -                          | £1,000 |
| • Rothesay Road pothole repair -                           | £ 500  |
| • Mansfield Crescent to Marsden Heights footpath overlay - | £ 350  |
| • Repair to shed roof at children's allotment -            | £ 40   |
| • Improvements to steps at Higher Reedley Road (Top-up) -  | £ 520  |
| • Repairs to wall at Higher Reedley Road (Top-up) -        | £ 750  |

## **RESOLVED**

(1) That the following bids be approved –

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| (i) Rothesay Road pothole repair -                            | £ 500 |
| (ii) Mansfield Crescent to Marsden Heights footpath overlay - | £ 350 |
| (iii) Repair to shed roof at children's allotment -           | £ 40  |
| (iv) Improvements to steps at Higher Reedley Road (Top-up) -  | £ 520 |

(2) That the bid for Pendle's Cycling Legacy Event be refused.

(3) That the bid for repairs to the wall at Higher Reedley Road be refused and the matter be referred to Lancashire County Council.

## **REASON**

***To ensure the most effective allocation of the Committee's capital budget.***

### **38. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING APPLICATION: DEVELOPMENT OFF CLITHEROE ROAD AND VEEVERS STREET, BRIERFIELD**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report for Members to consider and agree on suitable street names for the housing development off Clitheroe Road and Veevers Street, Brierfield.

## **RESOLVED**

That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

## **REASON**

***To allow for further consideration.***

### **39. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE**

Further to a discussion at the last meeting, a meeting had been held with Lancashire County Council to consider the locations of two speed indicator devices in the Brierfield and Reedley area.

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that it had been agreed that a permanent Speed Indicator Device (SPID) be installed on Colne Road, Reedley near the Reedley Road junction. An additional mobile device would be used at locations across Brierfield.

**40. PROBLEM SITES**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on progress with problem sites in the Brierfield and Reedley area.

**41. LAND AT QUAKER RISE, BRIERFIELD**

The Strategic Director submitted a report for Members to consider asking the Executive to declare land at Quaker Rise, Brierfield surplus to requirements.

**RESOLVED**

That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of this Committee.

**REASON**

*To allow for further consideration.*

**42. MULTI-USE GAMES AREA, WOODVILLE ROAD/TAYLOR STREET, BRIERFIELD**

Following receipt of a petition at the last meeting of the Committee regarding anti-social behaviour (ASB) at the multi-use games area (MUGA) at Woodville Road/Taylor Street, Brierfield, the Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the Community Protection and Localities Team was in the process of visiting residents in the area and had already done some work with one of the groups that used the MUGA regularly. There were some quite significant issues to consider and these would be reported to the August meeting. In the meantime, the Police had been asked to step up patrols in the area including the nightly ASB patrol.

**43. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight sites in Brierfield and Reedley. It was noted that, although there had been improvements to the rear of the police station on Colne Road, Brierfield, one particular business was not using the bin store and was reported to be presenting additional bagged waste at the rear of the property in between scheduled collection days. As a result, the area was beginning to look neglected again.

**RESOLVED**

That appropriate officers of the Council be asked to monitor the area and discuss the issues with the business owner concerned.

**REASON**

*In an attempt to find a solution to the problem.*

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**OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

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

- (a) Public Space Protection Order – Limefield Avenue ginnel

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