



REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL MANAGER
TO: BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
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**PROGRESS REPORT ON ACTION ARISING FROM
BRIERFIELD & REEDLEY COMMITTEE ON 5TH JULY, 2016**

1. 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

Meeting with the owner to be held on 26th July, 2016. Update will be provided at the meeting.

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Since the last meeting the Council has made a generous ex gratia offer to the residents and the developer towards the cost and is awaiting a response as to whether this offer is acceptable.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Capital Programme 2016/17</u></p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(1) That the following bids be approved –</p> <p>(i) Rothesay Road pothole repair - £500</p> <p>(ii) Mansfield Crescent to Marsden Heights footpath overlay - £350</p> <p>(iii) Repair to shed roof at children's allotment - £40</p> <p>(iv) Improvements to steps at Higher Reedley Road (Top-up) - £520</p> <p>(2) That the bid for Pendle's Cycling Legacy Event be refused.</p> <p>(3) That the bid for repairs to the wall at Higher Reedley Road be refused and the matter be referred to Lancashire County Council.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Referred to Lancashire County Council.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Street Naming and Numbering Application: Development off Clitheroe Road and Veevers Street, Brierfield</u></p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That consideration of this item be deferred to the next</p>	<p>Elsewhere on the agenda.</p>

	meeting of the Committee.	
4.	<p><u>Land at Quaker Rise, Brierfield</u></p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of this Committee.</p>	Elsewhere on the agenda.
5.	<p><u>Environmental Blight</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That appropriate officers of the Council be asked to monitor the area and discuss the issues with the business owner concerned.</p>	<p>The premises were last inspected by Environmental Health in August 2015. It was rated as 5 under the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (“very good”). The next inspection is due in August 2017.</p> <p>The area has also been monitored by Environmental Services and a new service agreement is to be initiated with the takeaway owner.</p>
6.	<p><u>Outstanding Items</u></p> <p>(a) Public Space Protection Order – Limefield Avenue ginnel</p>	Elsewhere on the agenda.