MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL ON 6^{TH} DECEMBER, 2016

PRESENT

Councillor N. Ashraf – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors	Co-optees	Constabulary Representative
M. Arshad M. R. Arshad P. McCormick Y. Iqbal	P. V. Bates	Inspector P. Goodall
Officers in attendance		
David Walker Lynne Rowland	Environmental Services Manager (Area Co-ordinator) Committee Administrator	
(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N. Ahmed and M. Hanif (Brierfield Town Council).)		

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

Peter Jackson Capital Programme 2016/17 Minute No.112

106. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests. The following person declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the item indicated –

Councillor P. McCormick Capital Programme 2016/17 Minute No.112

107. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Anderson of Rothesay Road, Brierfield reported a number of problems in his local area as follows –

- A smell of sewage along Elland Road, Brierfield between numbers 35 and 43. It was agreed that this would be reported to United Utilities.
- Constant littering, particularly on Rothesay Road and Taylor Street. This was an ongoing problem following night time gatherings of people smoking and drinking.
- Broken glass in the Multi Use Games Area following late night anti-social behaviour.
- Overgrown grass verges at Mansfield Grove and Elland Road.
- Broken downstairs windows to Brierfield Town Hall.

• Coping stones missing from the tops of walls outside Brierfield Town Hall.

It was noted that Mr Anderson regularly litter picked the area and it was suggested that other local residents be encouraged to meet on a regular basis to do the same, with the help of ward councillors.

The Environmental Services Manager advised that the Council could support such an initiative by arranging for collected waste to be removed. Support was already provided to other volunteer groups such as 'Pick up for Pendle' who may also be interested in helping.

The Committee agreed that the possibility of creating and delivering a leaflet to local residents be explored. It was noted that the Environmental Crime Team had been involved in a Keep Britain Tidy campaign. This had been a high profile poster campaign to deter littering from parked vehicles. They had also targeted town centres vulnerable to littering. Further advice would be sought from this Team.

It was agreed that all other issues would be reported to the appropriate body/department for action and that Mr Anderson be kept updated on progress with all issues raised.

108.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 8th November, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

109.

PROGRESS REPORT

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

110.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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.

111. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal Services reported that there were no outstanding enforcement cases in the Brierfield and Reedley area.

112.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17

(Councillor Pauline McCormick declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in part of this item and withdrew from the meeting when the capital programme bid from St Luke's Parochial Church Council was considered.)

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report which advised Members on the Committee's 2016/17 capital budget.

The report included three bids for consideration.

It was reported that, further to a request at the last meeting, a meeting had been held with members of this Committee and members of St Luke's Parochial Church Council.

RESOLVED

- (1) That –
- (i) £1,500 be allocated towards the provision of CCTV cameras around St Luke's Brierfield church buildings.
- (ii) £860 be allocated for strimming, rubbish removal, weedkilling and general clearance of Back Lord Street and Back Every Street, Brierfield.
- (iii) £160 be allocated for the provision of a grit bin, including first fill, on Clements Drive, Reedley.
- (2) That the underspend as detailed in paragraphs 13-17 of the report be de-allocated and returned to the capital programme.

REASON

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

113.

PROBLEM SITES

27 Railway Street, Brierfield

Further to a request at the last meeting, the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report which provided information on past action taken at 27 Railway Street, Brierfield.

114. BRIERFIELD HEALTH CENTRE

It was reported that a planned meeting with East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning had been postponed until early in the New Year.