

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE  
HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL  
ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

*PRESENT*

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

**Councillors**

*N. Ahmed  
M. Arshad  
M. R. Arshad  
P. McCormick  
Y. Iqbal*

**Co-optees**

*M. Hanif  
P. V. Bates*

**Constabulary Representative**

**Officers in attendance**

*David Walker  
Lynne Rowland*

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

*(Apologies for absence were received from Inspector Goodall.)*



**115. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**116. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**117. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**118. PROGRESS REPORT**

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

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

Inspector Goodall submitted an update on police matters in the Brierfield and Reedley area. This included information on community road watch initiatives and other community initiatives that were taking place. He also reported on the arrival of Sergeant Pemberton, at the beginning of December 2016.

Crime figures were provided for December, 2016 compared to the same period the previous year which showed that, overall there had been a slight increase in recorded crime.

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

**120. 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.

**121. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES**

**Enforcement Action**

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

**122. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17**

The Chairman advised that the current uncommitted balance for the Committee's capital programme for 2016/17 was now £14,250.

This had taken into account £160 allocated at the last meeting for the provision of a grit bin on Clements Drive, Reedley which had been deducted from the existing allocation for the provision and maintenance of red grit bins (scheme 4) of the capital programme.

**123. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18**

The Financial Services Manager submitted a report which asked the Committee to consider its base budget for 2017/18, identify any options for budget reductions and pass on any comments to the Executive. The report was noted.

**124. PROBLEM SITES**

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

Concern was expressed over the dangerous condition of land to the rear of 6-12 Cambridge Street, Brierfield, which was full of rubble and rubbish.

**RESOLVED**

That appropriate officers of the Council be asked to submit a report to the next meeting of this Committee with regard to the condition of land to the rear of 6-12 Cambridge Street, Brierfield.

**REASON**

***In the interests of public safety.***

**125. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER: ALLEY GATES**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report which provided an update on the statutory consultation on proposals to maintain the closure of footways by alley gate schemes.

Consultation had been carried out with regard to the following alley gate schemes –

- Limefield Avenue and Montrose Street, Brierfield
- Wood Street and Walter Street, Brierfield

It was also noted that there was an existing alley gate scheme on Reedley Road, Reedley.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That alley gate schemes at Limefield Avenue/Montrose Street and Wood Street/Walter Street, Brierfield be included in a Public Spaces Protection Order that will allow them to continue for a further three years.
- (2) That, if applicable, and subject to compliance with appropriate legislation, the alley gate scheme at Reedley Road, Reedley be included in the same Public Spaces Protection Order.

**REASON**

***To reduce anti-social behaviour and address the concerns of local residents.***

**126. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

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

**127. PARKS, RECREATION AND GREEN SPACES UPDATE**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of current Parks, Recreation and Green Spaces work and upcoming plans/developments for Brierfield and Reedley.

**128. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18**

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.

**129. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**(a) Land at Riley Street, Brierfield**

It was reported that land at Riley Street, Brierfield was unregistered and in a poor state of repair. It had been monitored for some time due to reports of vehicles awaiting repair and/or sale being

stored on the land, affecting access to the back street of Burnley Road.

Recent site visits and drive by observations showed the number of vehicles on the land was quite low. However, it was noted that the Community Protection and Localities Team would continue to monitor the site for use that may be detrimental to the quality of life of residents.

**(b) Residents Parking – Hope Street, Brierfield**

It was reported that a request had been received for residents parking on Hope Street, Brierfield.

**RESOLVED**

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be requested to submit a report to the next meeting of this Committee on the possibility of introducing residents only parking on Hope Street, Brierfield.

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_