

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL
ON 9TH MAY, 2017**

PRESENT

Councillors

<i>N. Ahmed</i>	<i>N. Ashraf</i>
<i>M. Arshad</i>	<i>Y. Iqbal</i>
<i>M. R. Arshad</i>	<i>P. McCormick</i>

Also present

Councillor M. Iqbal

Officers in attendance

<i>David Walker</i>	<i>Environmental Services Manager (Area Co-ordinator)</i>
<i>Lee Greenwood</i>	<i>Planning and Enforcement Officer</i>
<i>Tim Horsley</i>	<i>Community Protection Co-ordinator</i>
<i>Lynne Rowland</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>



1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Members were asked to consider the appointment of a Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2017/18.

After failing to reach an agreement, at the request of Members, the meeting adjourned at 7.10 p.m. and re-convened at 7.15 p.m.

RESOLVED

- (1) That a decision on the appointment of a Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2017/18 be deferred.
- (2) That, in the meantime, David Walker, the Environmental Services Manager and Area Co-ordinator be asked to Chair the meeting.

(David Walker, Environmental Services Manager (Area Coordinator) - In the Chair)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That consideration of the appointment of a Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2017/18 be deferred to a future meeting.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTEEES

RESOLVED

That consideration of the appointment of co-optees to the Committee for the municipal year 2017/18 be deferred to a future meeting.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr C. Whitaker of Borrowdale Drive, Reedley asked the Committee to arrange a meeting with various individuals/organisations to discuss two issues of concern.

The first related to careless/dangerous driving and speeding vehicles. The second referred to unresolved issues regarding current traffic calming measures on Borrowdale Drive in and around its junction with Eskdale Close. A petition was presented asking that a more permanent obstacle be considered to control irresponsible motorists.

Ms C. Greenwood of Eskdale Close supported this request and submitted a letter on the same topic. In addition she raised concerns over vehicles being parked on the pavement, causing an obstruction and preventing access for wheelchair users.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the petition stands referred to the next meeting of the Committee pursuant to 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure at Committee meetings in the Council's constitution.
- (2) In the meantime, the matters be referred to the appropriate bodies for consideration.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 28th March, 2017 be approved as a correct record.

7. PROGRESS REPORT

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

8. 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.

RESOLVED

That Inspector Goodall be asked to arrange for a Lancashire Constabulary representative to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications for comment

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report which invited comments on the following planning application –

17/0008/OUT Outline: Major: Erection of 70 dwelling houses with access off Moorside Avenue with ancillary works (Access and Layout only) at land to the East of Moorside Avenue, Brierfield for Admergill Avalon

It was noted that this application had been considered at a previous meeting of this Committee, when public speakers expressed concerns over privacy; traffic; wildlife; lack of affordable housing; access and layout; noise pollution; effect on the skyline/view; and the impact on people's wellbeing.

The application would be determined by the Development Management Committee later this month.

(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.

10. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

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

11. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that £22,204 of the Committee's capital budget remained unallocated. This included the balance carried over from 2016/17. A full report would be submitted to the next meeting.

The following new bids were submitted for consideration.

- Brierfield Town Centre Premises Improvement Grants £6,000
- Blocked and missed gully grates £1,500
- Litter and dog waste bins £ 600

RESOLVED

That consideration of the capital programme bids be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

REASON

To allow for further consideration.

12. WESLEY STREET, BRIERFIELD – REQUEST FOR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

In response to a request from this Committee, Lancashire County Council (LCC) advised that it was unable to support the introduction of kerbside waiting restrictions on Wesley Street, Brierfield at its junction with Colne Road at the current time.

In addition to carrying out schemes that contributed to the improvement of the wider highway network, LCC's current priority was to target resources at locations with a proven road safety issue. As there were currently no collisions recorded in this location in the previous five year period, this request was not considered a priority.

13. PROBLEM SITES

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

It was reported that enforcement action was due to commence with regard to Marsden Cross, 30 Higher Reedley Road, Brierfield.

14. BRIERFIELD PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS: 2016/17 SUMMARY

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report which updated the Committee on the progress made on the Brierfield Premises Improvement Grants Scheme in the 2016/17 financial year. The report included a request for additional funding.

The Committee was also asked to nominate two Members to be on a Premises Improvement Grants Panel, which would provide comment and make approval decisions prior to a grant being formally offered to a business.

RESOLVED

- (1) That consideration of the request for additional funding be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.
- (2) That Councillors Naeem Ashraf and Nawaz Ahmed be nominated for membership of the Premises Improvement Grants Panel.

REASON

- (1) ***To allow for further consideration.***
- (2) ***To allow Members to have a greater involvement in the allocation of Premises Improvement Grants.***

15. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER – SPORTS GROUNDS

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on proposals and options for Public

Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) in relation to sports grounds. The intention of the proposals was to strike a balance between the needs of groups; families and individuals using the sports grounds for recreation and leisure; and those using them as public open space, in particular dog walkers. A public consultation on the proposals had been carried out.

RESOLVED

That it be agreed that a Public Spaces Protection Order for sports grounds in Brierfield and Reedley be introduced in relation to the control of dogs and to incorporate the relevant parts of the existing by-laws.

REASON

To enable the Council and its partners to respond to concerns regarding behaviour that is detrimental to the quality of life in public spaces in Brierfield and Reedley, including enforcement action.

16. BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY ENVIRONMENTAL VISUAL AUDITS

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report which provided an update on the outcome of the most recent Environmental Visual Audits in Brierfield and Reedley.

17. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME UPDATE

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of the environmental crime action for 1st January to 31st March 2017 in the Brierfield and Reedley area, along with annual totals for 2016/17.

18. 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.

19. INSPIRE CLINICAL VAN

It was reported that Inspire Integrated Substance Misuse Service now had a clinical van for use across all of its service areas, including Pendle. It was currently in the process of finding suitable venues to make it accessible and easier to attend. A briefing note which provided further details on the services available was submitted for information.

Members were also advised of an Inspire Community Delivery update event which was taking place in Nelson on Friday 12th May.

RESOLVED

That further information on the clinical van be sought and reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

20.

BRIERFIELD HEALTH CENTRE

Councillors Ashraf and McCormick reported on their attendance at a recent meeting with East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (ELCCG), at which County Councillors A. Ali and M. Iqbal were present.

The purpose of the meeting had been to discuss ongoing concerns with the East Lancashire Medical Services (ELMS) Federated Practice at Brierfield Health Centre. It was noted that the contract for the GP service delivered by ELMS was due to end in December this year and that a consultation was currently taking place which sought views on the future of the service.

RESOLVED

That, in response to the consultation, ELCCG be advised that feedback from local residents indicated that problems at the ELMS Federated Practice at Brierfield Health Centre were worse than ever, in particular with regard to queueing outside the Practice from 7.30 a.m. and access to appointments.

REASON

In response to the consultation.

CHAIRMAN _____