

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL
ON 4TH JULY, 2017**

PRESENT

Councillor P. McCormick – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

*M. Arshad
M. R. Arshad
N. Ashraf
Y. Iqbal*

Co-optees

P. V. Bates

Officers in attendance

*David Walker
Lynne Rowland*

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

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N. Ahmed)



The following persons attended the meeting and spoke on the items indicated –

<i>Lynne Blackburn Naheed Ashraf</i>	<i>Capital Programme 2017/18</i>	<i>Minute No.39</i>
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<i>Mr. C. Whitaker</i>	<i>Traffic Liaison Minutes</i>	<i>Minute No.40</i>
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33. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

34. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- (1) Mr S. Anderson of Rothesay Road, Brierfield asked that action be taken to address the following issues –
 - (a) Granville Road Garage Site – it was reported that the site was severely overgrown and neglected. There was also an issue with fly tipping and dog fouling.
 - (b) Speeding traffic – reference was made to several incidents of dangerous driving on Colne Road/Burnley Road, Brierfield. There was serious concern that this would soon lead to a fatality.
 - (c) Drug issues – it was reported that this was a particular issue in the Timber Street area of Brierfield. It was believed that the activity attracted thieves from neighbouring towns, who were thought to be responsible for stealing heritage stone.

The Committee agreed to follow these issues up with the appropriate bodies and officers of the Council.

- (2) Mr N. Ashraf of Livingstone Walk, Brierfield –
- (a) reported that the old Mansfield School Site in the William Street/Taylor Street area of Brierfield had become overgrown. He also had concerns about children climbing over the railings to gain access to the site.
 - (b) asked for an update on a request for a street name plate to be located at the end of Livingstone Walk, following inspection by a Council officer.
 - (c) reported that the Council's refuse collectors sometimes left waste behind and also caused an obstruction by leaving empty wheeled bins outside his house.

It was agreed that the issues relating to the old Mansfield School Site would be reported to Lancashire County Council, as owners of the site; and an update would be sought on the request for a street name plate on Livingstone Walk. The Environmental Services Manager agreed to look into the complaint around refuse collection.

35. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 13th June, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

36. PROGRESS REPORT

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

37. 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.

38. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

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

39. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that £20,174 of the Committee's capital budget

remained unallocated. Only £9,072 of this could be allocated before the meeting on 7th November without the unanimous approval of the Committee.

One new bid and one deferred bid from Brierfield Action in the Community (BAIC) were submitted for consideration. Lynne Blackburn and Naheed Ashraf of BAIC attended to provide further details.

RESOLVED

That Brierfield Action in the Community be awarded –

- £750 in support of the Brierfield Youth Panel Canal Project
- £620 in support of Project Pride, a community multicultural event

REASON

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

40. TRAFFIC LIAISON MINUTES

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison meeting held on 22nd June, 2017 were submitted for information.

Reference was made to the decision of Lancashire County Council to take no additional action with regard to excessive traffic speeds on Borrowdale Drive, Reedley.

It was reported that, since the last meeting of the Committee, local residents Mr Whitaker and Ms Greenwood had discussed ideas and proposals to reduce the speed of traffic with their local town councillor. In response, a number of possible solutions had been drawn up, which were circulated at the meeting. It was established that not all residents had been consulted on these proposals and was therefore not necessarily the majority view.

RESOLVED

That the proposals as submitted by Mr Whitaker and Ms Greenwood be forwarded to Lancashire County Council for consideration.

REASON

For further consideration.

41. PROBLEM SITES

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

It was reported that works had been carried out in default at 27 Railway Street, Brierfield and the property was now boarded up. However, it was understood that squatters had been living in the property, creating a nuisance for the neighbours.

The Committee was also advised that a Section 215 Notice was due to be served on the owner of the Marsden Cross, 30 Higher Reedley Road, Brierfield.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager be requested to explore further options for addressing the problems associated with 27 Railway Street, Brierfield.

REASON

In the interests of residential amenity.

42. BRIERFIELD TOWN CENTRE PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted details of two applications for grant funding under the Brierfield Town Centre Premises Improvement Grants Scheme. The Committee was asked to determine the applications.

RESOLVED

- (1) That a grant of £2397.50 be awarded to Farhat Khaliq Beauty Salon for improvements to 7 Burnley Road, Brierfield.
- (2) That a grant of £3,000 be awarded to Jamil Ahmed T/A Hillstop Mini-market for improvements to 120 Halifax Road, Brierfield, subject to appropriate planning permission being in place.

REASON

The criteria has been met.

43. REVIEW OF COUNCIL OWNED CAR PARKS WITHIN BRIERFIELD

It was reported that, at its meeting on 25th May, 2017, the Executive had considered a report on the current usage, cost, condition and management arrangements for all 47 Council-owned car parks in the borough.

Members of this Committee were now asked to consider matters regarding various Brierfield car parks, as detailed in a report from the Neighbourhood Services Manager.

RESOLVED

- (1) That it be noted that Liberata Property Services have been instructed to investigate the car parks which have been recommended for disposal, transfer or lease as set out in the report.
- (2) That a detailed usage study for Tunstill Square Car Park be undertaken, with a view to amending some of the parking bays from short-stay disc parking to long stay, and the results reported back to a future meeting of this Committee.

REASON

- (1) ***To provide a framework on which to decrease costs and increase income on public car parks in Brierfield.***
- (2) ***To increase the usage of the under-utilised short stay parking bays on Tunstill Square Car Park, Brierfield.***

44. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

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

45. BRIERFIELD HEALTH CENTRE

An update was provided on the response received to the East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (ELCCG) consultation about the future of the contract at the ELMS Federated Practice at Brierfield Health Centre.

Members were advised that a number of factors would be taken into account when looking at how the contract would go forward. Patients and stakeholders would be contacted once a decision had been made.

It was noted that feedback from patients had been limited.

RESOLVED

That the East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group be asked to consider holding a public consultation event.

REASON

To allow patients registered at the Practice a further opportunity to provide feedback.

46. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972

In accordance with the provisions of Section 100 (B)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the Chairman agreed that the following item should be considered as a matter of urgency, on the grounds that the deadline for any representations on the proposed closure of some Lancashire Constabulary front counters was 21st July, 2017 and the next meeting was not until 8th August.

47. REVIEW OF LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY'S FRONT COUNTER PROVISION

It was reported that, following a recent review, Lancashire Constabulary proposed to reduce the number of their front counters that were open to the public from 23 to 13. A letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire was submitted which detailed the rationale behind the decision and outlined the future plans. In Pendle, the proposals would affect counters in Barnoldswick and Colne.

The Committee was invited to comment on the proposed changes.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the deadline date of 21st July, 2017 for any representations on the proposals be noted.
- (2) That, in view of the fact that the proposed front counter closures do not directly affect Brierfield and Reedley, no formal comment be made from this Committee.

CHAIRMAN _____