

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL
ON 7TH NOVEMBER, 2017**

PRESENT

Councillor N. Ashraf – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

*N. Ahmed
P. McCormick
Y. Iqbal*

Co-optees

*P. V. Bates
M. Hanif*

Constabulary Representative

Sergeant Damian Pemberton

Officers in attendance

*David Walker
Kathryn Hughes
Tim Horsley
Lynne Rowland*

*Environmental Services Manager (Area Co-ordinator)
Principal Development Management Officer
Community Protection Co-ordinator
Committee Administrator*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Arshad and M. R. Arshad.)

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

<i>Fiona Patterson</i>	<i>17/0464/FUL Full: Erection of agricultural building (8.89m x 18.31m) at barn in Field 2075, Cuckstool Lane, Fence</i>	<i>Minute No.88(a)</i>
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82. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

83. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor P. McCormick be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2017/18.

84. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

85. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 3rd October, 2017 be approved as a

correct record and signed by the Chairman.

86. PROGRESS REPORT

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

87. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

Members of the public were given the opportunity to raise local community safety issues with the Committee and Sergeant Pemberton.

- A number of residents expressed concern over serious anti-social behaviour incidents that had occurred in Brierfield over recent weeks and months. It was reported that gangs of youths had been throwing fireworks and other missiles at people and vehicles; had set fire to wheelie bins and vehicles; and vandalised property. Their threatening behaviour had resulted in people living in fear.

The members of the Committee confirmed that they too had witnessed this behaviour.

There was also an issue with late night fireworks.

A request was made for details on what plans/strategies were in place to prevent this behaviour.

It was noted that the police were aware of the problems and were dealing with the issue as best they could, with the resources available. However, it was accepted that this was a matter that required a multi-agency approach.

It was explained that a meeting had been held earlier that day with various organisations, including the police and the local council. Further meetings would be held over the next few weeks to discuss what action could be taken to address this issue.

An update would be provided to the next meeting of this Committee.

- One resident reported an ongoing problem with vehicles passing through red traffic lights at the junctions to the top and bottom of Halifax Road, Brierfield.

She asked if cameras could be installed on the lights to record this dangerous activity and help identify the culprits.

The Committee agreed to refer the request to Lancashire County Council for consideration.

- Instances of drug dealing on Pennine Way, Brierfield were reported.

88. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications to be determined

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report of planning

applications to be determined as follows –

17/0464/FUL Full: Erection of agricultural building (8.89m x 18.31m) at barn in Field 2075, Cuckstool Lane, Fence for Mr Idrees Mohammed

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted** subject to the following conditions –

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Quadri/785/2226/02.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. All materials to be used in the elevations and roof of the proposed development shall be as stated on the application form and approved drawings and shall not be varied without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: These materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

4. The development hereby approved shall not be commenced unless and until either the use of the existing agricultural building (subject to prior approval notification ref: 13/15/0437N) as a dwelling has commenced or that building has been demolished.

Reason: To acceptably preserve the openness of the Green Belt, the need for two agricultural buildings has not been demonstrated.

5. The use of the building hereby approved shall not commence unless and until the existing access gate to Cuckstool Lane has been removed and relocated in accordance with the details shown on the Proposed Site Plan. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority the gate shall thereafter be maintained in that position.

Reason: To allow vehicles to pull clear of the highway in the interest of highway safety.

REASON

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed development is acceptable in terms of policy, visual and residential amenity and highway safety. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

(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.

89. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

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

90. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that £11,102 of the Committee's capital budget remained unallocated.

A full report would be submitted to the next meeting.

91. PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in Brierfield and Reedley. The following updates were provided -

27 Railway Street, Brierfield - It was noted that, at present, no further action was proposed with regard to this property. The neighbour had been advised to carry out repairs to his own property and to contact the Council again if he continued to have problems which he felt were being caused by number 27. However, at the request of the Committee, the property would remain on the list of problem sites for a further month.

Marsden Cross, Higher Reedley Road, Brierfield - the property had been boarded up and was secure. Reference was made to the removal of a wall to the side of the property. It was requested that this work be inspected to ensure that the foundations of the nearby houses had not been affected.

92. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of the environmental crime action for 1st July to 30th September, 2017 in the Brierfield and Reedley area.

93. BRIERFIELD TOWN CENTRE PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager reported that there were no Brierfield Town Centre Premises Improvement Grant applications for consideration at this meeting.

94. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

It was noted that the following item had been requested by this Committee and a report would be submitted to a future meeting –

Brierfield and Reedley Committee (07.11.2017)

- (a) 6-12 Cambridge Street, Brierfield (05.09.17)

CHAIRMAN _____