

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL
ON 9TH JANUARY, 2018**

PRESENT

Councillor N. Ashraf – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*P. V. Bates
M. Hanif*

Constabulary Representative

*Inspector Andy Winter
Sergeant Damian Pemberton*

Officers in attendance

*David Walker
Lynne Rowland*

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



107. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

108. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

109. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 5th December, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

110. PROGRESS REPORT

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

111. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

Sergeant Pemberton provided an update on police matters in the Brierfield and Reedley area.

Further to the report at the last meeting on the slight increase in vehicle crime, it was noted that three offenders had been identified and were now serving a prison term. They were not from the local area.

The Committee was also advised of a new system divisionally on how the Road Policing Unit was deployed. Resources had been secured on three occasions in Brierfield and had led to vehicles being stopped and seized.

There had been an increase in staffing numbers. Five officers had joined the neighbourhood policing team in Nelson, who would be cast out to different ward areas. In addition, two new officers, PC Stephen Murphy and PCSO Danny Richards, had been allocated to Brierfield.

There was also a recruitment campaign taking place, with a view to recruiting 400 police officers. Events were being held at Nelson and Colne College.

With regard to crime statistics it was noted that there had been no big increase in any particular crime compared with the same time last year. A quarterly breakdown of statistics would be provided to future meetings where possible.

112. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that there was one outstanding appeal as follows –

17/0008/OUT 17/0016/AP/REFUSE	Appeal against refusal of outline major planning permission for 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 by Admergill SASS Avalon SASS
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113. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

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

114. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that £10,602 of the Committee's capital budget remained unallocated.

The following bids were submitted for consideration –

- Heyhead Park bowling green surround and former bothy area improvements £2,000
- John Bradley Playing Fields – Roofing improvements £2,000
- Handrail outside 105 Sackville Gardens, Brierfield £ 200

The Committee was also asked to consider how to utilise a Speed Indicator Device (SID), funded by the Committee, which was currently in storage. It was noted that there was currently a sum of money remaining in the capital programme budget against this scheme which could fund the cost of charging and moving the device from location to location for approximately two years.

A list of sites to which Lancashire County Council (LCC) periodically deployed a SID was circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the following bids be refused –
 - Heyhead Park bowling green surround and former bothy area improvements
 - John Bradley Playing Fields – Roofing improvements
- (2) That £200 be allocated for the provision of a handrail outside 105 Sackville Gardens, Brierfield.
- (3) That Lancashire County Council be asked to manage the Speed Indicator Device using funding already allocated to this scheme, and they be asked to consider periodically deploying the device to the list of sites circulated at the meeting, in addition to the following sites –
 - In the vicinity of Connellys, Colne Road – Brierfield bound
 - Just past the former Waggon and Horses, Colne Road – Brierfield bound
 - Close to the petrol station, Colne Road – Brierfield bound
 - After the traffic lights by Reedley Magistrates Court – Brierfield bound
 - Close to the former Edge End School site, Walverden Road – Nelson bound
 - Broadhurst Way
 - Colne Road/Burnley Road entering Brierfield

REASON

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

115. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2018/19

The Financial Services Manager submitted a report which asked the Committee to consider its base budget for 2018/19, identify any options for budget reductions and pass on any comments to the Executive. The report was noted.

116. PROBLEM SITES

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

117. LAND AT CHURCHILL WAY, LOMESHAYE

The Strategic Director submitted a report which recommended that land adjacent to Perrys Peugeot, Churchill Way, Lomeshaye, shown on a plan attached to the report, be declared surplus to requirements in order to release the land for future use as part of the public highway.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive be recommended to declare the land adjacent to Perrys Peugeot, Churchill Way, Lomeshaye, identified on the plan attached to the report surplus to requirements.

REASON

In order to release the land for future use as part of the public highway.

118. 6-12 CAMBRIDGE STREET, BRIERFIELD

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report which informed the Committee on the position regarding the derelict properties on Cambridge Street, Brierfield.

119. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

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

Particular note was taken with regard to the area to the rear of the police station on Colne Road, Brierfield where it was stated that there were further drainage problems.

120. BRIERFIELD HEALTH CENTRE

East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) submitted a briefing note following a review of the current contract for GP services delivered by East Lancashire Medical Services (ELMS) Federated Practice. ELMS delivered services across four sites in East Lancashire, one of which was the Brierfield Surgery at Brierfield Health Centre. As previously reported, Councillors and patients at the Surgery had been extremely dissatisfied with the current GP provision. It was stated that, over the Christmas period there had been no doctors at the Surgery and only one practice nurse and that the following week there had been just one doctor.

It was noted that the current contract between the CCG and ELMS was due to come to an end on 30th June 2018.

RESOLVED

That an urgent meeting be sought with representatives of East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group and East Lancashire Medical Services.

REASON

To discuss ongoing concerns.

121. 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.

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