

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE  
HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL  
ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018**

*PRESENT*

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

**Councillors**

*N. Ahmed  
M. Arshad  
P. McCormick*

**Co-optees**

*M. Hanif*

**Constabulary Representative**

*Sergeant Damian Pemberton*

**Officers in attendance**

*David Walker  
Lynne Rowland*

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

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M.R. Arshad and Y. Iqbal and P.V.Bates (Reedley Hallows Parish Council).)*



**122. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**123. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**124. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**125. PROGRESS REPORT**

A progress report following action arising from the minutes of the last meeting was submitted for information and discussed as follows –

- Railway Terrace, Brierfield - Although it was noted that the right of way outside 10 Railway Terrace, Brierfield was not recorded on the Definitive Map and therefore no action would be taken with regard to the overhanging trees, the Committee asked that further enquiries be made to establish the owner of the trees.
- Land adjacent to 170 Colne Road, Brierfield - Members requested that the developer of the land be asked about his plans for the site.

- Humphrey Street, Brierfield – Members acknowledged that the conifers were not in need of any work at this time, but asked that this be reassessed in April 2018.
- Speed Indicator Device (SID) - it was noted that an order had been placed with Lancashire County Council to manage the SID.

## **126. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS**

Sergeant Pemberton provided an update on police matters in the Brierfield and Reedley area. This included information on joint working with the British Transport Police, the work of the Road Policing Unit and the volunteers of the Community Roadwatch Scheme.

With regard to crime statistics it was noted that there had been no increase compared with the same time last year. There had however been a decrease in vehicle crime.

Members of the public were also given the opportunity to raise local community safety issues.

Residents of Martinfields, Reedley reported problems with anti-social behaviour from youths congregating late at night/early morning, following which the streets were littered with alcohol bottles, takeaway cartons and sometimes drug packets.

Sergeant Pemberton agreed to look into the matter.

Vandalism and theft from the Taylor Street Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) was also reported. It was agreed that this would be investigated further.

## **127. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **Planning appeals**

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

17/0008/OUT	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
17/0016/AP/REFUSE	

## **128. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES**

### **Enforcement Action**

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

## **129. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report which advised Members on the Committee's 2017/18 capital budget. The report included three bids for consideration.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That a total of £1,000 be awarded for the provision and maintenance of red grit bins, a sum of which to be used to fund the current overspend of £239.
- (2) That funding to the maximum indicated be awarded in principle for the provision of a street light at the following locations, subject to the Neighbourhood Services Manager seeking further estimates –
  - Back 18/20 Bank Street, Brierfield (Max. £4,475)
  - Back Rothesay Road, Brierfield (Max. £3,300)
- (3) That the £20 underspend for the implementation of the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) (alleygates) at Limefield Avenue, Brierfield be deallocated and returned to the capital programme.

### **REASON**

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

#### **130. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES, BORROWDALE DRIVE, REEDLEY**

At the request of this Committee and local residents Lancashire County Council (LCC), along with Pendle Borough Council (PBC), had considered suggested highway improvements on Borrowdale Drive, Reedley.

It was reported that community concern and suggestions put forward had been taken into account. However, as the road/route had a very good road safety history, with no collisions currently recorded, LCC and partners had agreed that further investigations by LCC could not be justified and that no further action would be taken.

It had been agreed that PBC would raise the matter again at the next Pendle Traffic Liaison meeting.

#### **131. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of the environmental crime action for 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 in the Brierfield and Reedley area along with annual totals for 2017/18.

It was acknowledged that the area had improved as a result of the work by the Environmental Services Team. A recent litter pick by local volunteers was also noted.

#### **132. FORMER MANSFIELD SCHOOL SITE – DRAINAGE ISSUES**

It was reported that, further to a request from this Committee, Lancashire County Council had carried out two inspections of the former Mansfield School site to investigate reports of drainage issues.

The inspections had established that water was coming off the site but it was not thought to be of sufficient quantity to flow up over the kerb and into the nearby houses. It was therefore felt that, at

present, there was no justification for undertaking any drainage works. However, LCC had stated that it would continue to monitor the situation.

The Committee felt that further investigation was needed.

**RESOLVED**

That Pendle Council's Neighbourhood Services Manager be requested to meet Councillor M. Arshad at the site and, as far as is practicable, investigate the drainage issue.

**REASON**

*To help identify the cause of the problem.*

**133. BRIERFIELD HEALTH CENTRE**

As requested at the last meeting of the Committee, an urgent meeting had been sought with representatives of East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (ELCCG) and East Lancashire Medical Services (ELMS) to discuss ongoing concerns with regard to the GP Practice based at Brierfield Health Centre.

The meeting had been attended by representatives of ELCCG, Councillors Ashraf and McCormick and County Councillor Iqbal.

As a representative of ELMS had not been in attendance at the meeting, ELCCG had agreed to contact them directly to discuss the issues raised.

**RESOLVED**

That ELCCG be asked to provide an update on progress.

**REASON**

*To address ongoing concerns.*

**134. 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.

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_