

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE  
HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL  
ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2018**

*PRESENT*

**Councillors**

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

**Co-optees**

*P. V. Bates  
M. Hanif*

**Constabulary Representatives**

*Sergeant Damian Pemberton  
PCSO Daniel Richards*

**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*



**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor P. McCormick be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the first six months of the municipal year 2018/19.

*Councillor P. McCormick - Chairman (in the Chair)*

**2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor Naeem Ashraf be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the first six months of the municipal year 2018/19.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTEEES**

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That co-optees be appointed from Brierfield Town Council and Reedley Hallows Parish Council for the municipal year 2018/19.
- (2) That it be noted that the chosen representatives were as follows –
  - Brierfield Town Council – M Hanif
  - Reedley Hallows Parish Council – P. V. Bates

**4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**6. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**7. PROGRESS REPORT**

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

Sergeant Pemberton advised that he was awaiting a response from Lancashire County Council regarding a request for a two-way speed camera on Colne Road, Reedley. He also agreed to ask for the existing camera on Halifax Road, Brierfield to be replaced with a two-way camera.

**8. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS**

A large number of residents from the Massey Street area of Brierfield attended the meeting to express their concern over serious anti-social behaviour issues in the vicinity of the play area and nearby streets.

It was reported that, almost every night, young Asian males congregated from early evening, drinking alcohol and smoking drugs and then returned later at night, until the early hours. Residents were living in fear after being subjected to verbal/racial abuse, having their properties and vehicles attacked and bins being set alight.

Incidents had been reported to the police, but in many cases it had been difficult to get through on the 101 non-emergency number. The local PCSOs had been very helpful and provided their mobile numbers for contact. However, these calls had not been recorded as incidents and therefore did not clearly illustrate the problem.

When the police had responded to calls they had also been abused and had stones thrown at them.

A number of proposals were suggested, including the installation of CCTV and the erection of a 10ft fence around the play area. However, it was acknowledged that little could be done with CCTV images unless they were clear and showed evidence of an offence being committed. The erection of a fence would lead to displacement, with the offenders moving to another location. Residents explained that they had a number of photographs of the offenders and some members of the Committee felt that they may be able to identify them. It was suggested that one action could be to name and shame the offenders at the mosque's Friday prayer.

It was recognised that the police and council needed to work together to deal with the issues. It was therefore agreed that an urgent meeting be held with members of this Committee and the local police.

## 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### (a) Planning applications to be determined

**18/0044/HHO Full: Retain single storey extension to rear (Part-retrospective) at 42 Quakers View, Brierfield for Mr Heap**

#### RESOLVED

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

1. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in strict accordance with the following approved plan: Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations (Drawing Number 1 – Amendment A).

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

2. Notwithstanding any indication on the approved plans or application forms, prior to the application of render to the extension hereby authorised, samples of the colour and type of render to be used for the walls of the development shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in strict accordance with the approved details.

**Reason:** To ensure a satisfactory form of development in the interest of the visual amenity of the area.

#### 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 proposal is acceptable in terms of design and materials and would not unduly adversely impact on amenity. 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 submitted a report which advised that the following appeal had been dismissed -

17/0008/OUT	Appeal against refusal of outline major planning permission for
17/0016/AP/REFUSE	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

## **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 2018/19 – REVISED FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Financial Services Manager submitted a report which advised the Committee of a change to the funding of area committee capital programmes in 2018/19. There had been no reduction in the overall funding for the Committee; however the revenue contribution had been deleted. This meant that all future spending had to be of a capital nature only.

A proposed process for the submission and approval of bids was detailed in the report.

### **RESOLVED**

That this Committee –

- (1) acknowledges the changes made to the funding of area committee capital programmes in 2018/19;
- (2) notes the implications for this Committee's allocation of its capital programme during the year;
- (3) agrees to the process for the submission and approval of bids as set out in paragraph 14 of the report.

### **REASON**

***In recognition of the change in how area committee capital programmes are funded together with the implications arising from this in 2018/19.***

## **12. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that £20,804 of the Committee's capital budget remained unallocated. This included a balance of £844 carried forward from 2017/18.

The Committee was reminded that, in July 2017, £3,000 had been committed for a premises improvement grant, subject to planning permission being in place. Further information together with a request for this to be released is provided at item 19. The release of this money would leave a balance of £17,804.

One revenue bid to the remaining 2017/18 balance was submitted for consideration.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That £844 be allocated from the remaining 2017/18 allocation, for repair and cleaning works to the area adjacent to the Town Hall, Brierfield, as detailed in the submitted bid.

- (2) That £3,000 be released for the premises improvement grant detailed at minute 19.
- (3) That no more than 50% of the remaining balance of £16,960 may be allocated prior to the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 without the unanimous approval of the Committee.

**REASON**

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

**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 information had been sought on when work to the Former Marsden Cross Public House would commence. It was expected that a building regulations application would be submitted shortly.

**14. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of the environmental crime action for 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 in the Brierfield and Reedley area, along with annual totals for 2017/18.

**15. 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.

**16. 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.

**RESOLVED**

That the Empty Homes Officer be requested to attend the November meeting of this Committee to present a further update on the management of vacant houses in Brierfield and Reedley.

**REASON**

***To provide further information.***

**17. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**(a) Request for verge hardening outside 69–79 Chapel Street, Brierfield**

A request was made for the grass verge outside 69-79 Chapel Street, Brierfield to be hardened, as with other verges on the street.

**RESOLVED**

That Lancashire County Council be asked to carry out verge hardening outside 69-79 Chapel Street, Brierfield.

**REASON**

*To alleviate car parking issues in the area.*

**18. BRIERFIELD HEALTH CENTRE**

Councillors Ashraf and McCormick reported on their attendance at a meeting with representatives of East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group and East Lancashire Medical Services (ELMS) to discuss ongoing concerns with the ELMS Federated Practice at Brierfield Health Centre.

A number of key action points had been agreed, all of which were still ongoing.

**19. BRIERFIELD TOWN CENTRE PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report which provided information on the Premises Improvement Grant applications received and awarded in 2017/18.

It was noted that, in July 2017, £3,000 had been committed for premises improvement at 120 Halifax Road, Brierfield, subject to appropriate planning permission being in place. The grant offer had recently been made to the applicant and therefore a request for the funding to be released was made.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That, in accordance with resolution (2) of minute 12, £3,000 be released for the premises improvement grant at 120 Halifax Road, Brierfield.
- (2) That Town Centre Premises Improvement Grants continue to be a standing item on this Committee's agenda and applications be submitted for consideration on a case by case basis.

**REASON**

- (1) *To allow payment to be made to the applicant.*
- (2) *To allow Members to consider applications as and when they are made.*

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_