

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL
ON 5TH JUNE, 2018**

PRESENT

The Worship the Mayor (Councillor J. K. Starkie)

Councillor P. McCormick – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*P. V. Bates
M. Hanif*

Constabulary Representatives

PC Steve Murphy

Also present

Councillor P. White

Officers in attendance

*David Walker
Lynne Rowland*

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



20. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

21. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A local resident reported that a car washing business had been operating on Commercial Street, Brierfield. Power washing was carried out against the back gates of number 20 upwards which caused water and spray to enter the yards. There had been up to 12 vehicles at a time blocking the alleyway.

The resident stated that the situation had been assessed by the Council's Planning Enforcement Officer and it was understood that legal proceedings were pending. A progress update was requested.

It was agreed that the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager and/or the Head of Legal Services be requested to submit a report to the next meeting of this Committee providing an update on proceedings.

22. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 8th May, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23. PROGRESS REPORT

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

24. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

- (1) A resident of Heyhead Street, Brierfield reported problems with joyriders, gatherings of youths and suspected drug related activity in the local area. It was stated that, on a recent occasion the criminal activity and anti-social behaviour had stopped when the police arrived which meant that, due to limited powers, the youths could not be moved on. This was a cause for concern.
- (2) Residents from the Massey Street area of Brierfield also attended to repeat the concerns raised at the last meeting regarding serious anti-social behaviour issues in the vicinity of the play area and nearby streets.

As agreed at the last meeting, members of the Committee had met with the local police and a course of action had been agreed. Announcements had also been made at the mosque. However, it was reported that the problems had escalated since then.

Due to the age of the people involved safeguarding issues were also highlighted.

A discussion was held with regard to both these issues which included talks on dispersal orders; bodycams; the lack of police resources; and the prospect of setting up a taskforce.

As a result the Committee agreed to write to –

- Andrew Stephenson MP to request that he lobby Parliament for further police funding.
 - All appropriate senior police officers to request that a taskforce be set up to tackle the anti-social behaviour problems in Brierfield.
- (3) A report was made of theft; damage; dumped rubbish; and evidence of drug use in the rear yard of the Burconel Centre, back Richard Street, Brierfield. It was unclear how people had gained access to the site, which was surrounded by an 8ft fence.

25. 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.

26. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases in the Brierfield and Reedley area.

27. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report which advised Members on the Committee's 2018/19 capital budget.

28. 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 _____