

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL
ON 3RD JULY, 2018**

PRESENT

Councillor P. McCormick – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

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

Co-optees

M. Hanif

Constabulary Representative

Sergeant Damian Pemberton

Also present

Councillor M. Sakib

Officers in attendance

*David Walker
Kathryn Hughes
Lynne Rowland*

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

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Arshad and N. Ahmed and P. V. Bates (Reedley Hallows Parish Council).)



29. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

30. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

31. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 5th June, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

32. PROGRESS REPORT

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

33. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

Sergeant Pemberton provided an overview of police activity over the past month.

There had been a lot of police visibility and assurance provided to deal with anti-social behaviour in the Massey Street area of Brierfield. The Chairman also reported that work had been carried out to clear bushes etc. to open up the area and increase visibility. This joint approach appeared to have reduced the severity of the problem, but there were still issues.

Overall, in the previous three months there had been a significant reduction in the number of anti-social behaviour incidents reported compared with the same period last year.

Sergeant Pemberton also reported on upcoming cuts to neighbourhood policing officers. He advised that the number of Community Beat Managers in Pendle would be reduced from 14 to six with those remaining having a more dedicated community role. The other officers would be redeployed into other roles within the area.

There was some concern at this reduction in neighbourhood policing, therefore Members requested that Inspector Winter be asked to attend the next meeting of the Committee to provide further details.

34. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications to be determined

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report of the following planning application to be determined –

18/0343/HHO Full: Demolition of conservatory and erection of two-storey extension to side (South) at 30 Edge End Avenue, Brierfield for Mrs Fauharun Nisa

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update which reported receipt of amended plans. The recommendation to refuse the application remained the same.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reason –

1. The proposed extension, by virtue of its scale and massing would result in a disproportionate addition to a corner plot property and an incongruous feature in the local street scene. The development would thus fail to accord with Policy ENV2 of the Pendle Borough Council Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy (2011 – 2030), the adopted Design Principles Supplementary Planning Document and Paragraph 64 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

A Member requested a recorded vote on this issue.

Those Members voting in favour of the Motion to refuse the application were Councillors P. McCormick and M. R. Arshad.

Those Members voting against the Motion to refuse the application were Councillors N. Ashraf and Y. Iqbal.

The Chairman, Councillor P. McCormick used her casting vote in favour of the Motion.

(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.

35. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

(a) Complaints received

Unauthorised use of storage building to rear of Commercial Street, Brierfield

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of the enforcement investigation carried out, and action taken, at the storage building to the rear of Commercial Street, Brierfield.

It was noted that the planning breach found at the property had now ceased.

RESOLVED

- (1) That no further formal action be taken.
- (2) That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be asked to monitor the site.

REASON

- (1) ***The planning breach at the property has now ceased.***
- (2) ***To ensure that there is no further planning breach.***

(b) Enforcement Action

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

36. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that £16,960 of the Committee's capital budget remained unallocated. Only £8,480 of this could be allocated before the meeting on 6th November, without the unanimous approval of the Committee.

A full report would be submitted to the next meeting.

37. PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on problem

sites in Brierfield and Reedley.

38. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the following environmental blight sites in Brierfield and Reedley –

- Area to the rear of the police station on Colne Road, Brierfield
- Derelict land adjacent to 27 Railway Street, Brierfield

It was reported that both sites would require significant investment for improvement.

RESOLVED

That both sites be removed from the environmental blight list.

REASON

Due to insufficient resources to invest in improvements.

39. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Use of dispersal powers – Massey Street and Heyhead Street, Brierfield

The Committee discussed whether it felt that appropriate use of dispersal powers could help solve the anti-social behaviour problems on Massey Street and Heyhead Street, Brierfield.

Sergeant Pemberton advised Members of the potential consequences and difficulties that may be encountered.

RESOLVED

That the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer be asked to submit a report to a future meeting on the options available.

REASON

To consider options to deal with anti-social behaviour in the area.

(b) Funding for highway repairs

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Committee.

(c) Pothole damage claims

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Committee.

40. BRIERFIELD TOWN CENTRE PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

A new criteria document which provided clarification on what is and is not eligible for expenditure

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under the Premises Improvement Grants Scheme was submitted for information.

There were no applications for consideration.

CHAIRMAN _____