

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL
ON 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2018**

PRESENT

Councillor P. McCormick – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

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

Co-optees

P. V. Bates

Constabulary Representative

Sergeant Damian Pemberton

Officers in attendance

*David Walker
Kathryn Hughes
Lynne Rowland*

*Environmental Services Manager (Area Coordinator)
Principal Development Management Officer
Committee Administrator*

(Apologies for absence were received from M. Hanif (Brierfield Town Council).)



The following person attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated:

<i>Brian Sumner</i>	<i>18/0430/FUL Full: Erection of replacement dwelling and associated car parking at 9 Ainsdale Avenue, Reedley</i>	<i>Minute No.58(a)</i>
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53. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

54. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

55. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 7th August, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

56. PROGRESS REPORT

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

57. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

Members of the public were given the opportunity to raise local community safety issues with the Committee and the police representative.

A local resident reported serious problems with speeding vehicles on Walter Street, Brierfield; wheel spinning on the Wood Street/Hill Street car park and the blaring of car horns, all of which frequently happened throughout the day into the early hours.

A second resident advised that this also happened on Halifax Road, Brierfield and the effectiveness of the speed camera in that location was questioned.

The issues had been reported to the police, but it was stated that on many occasions, it had taken a long time for the initial call to be answered.

Both reports were verified by Members, who also reported drug activity and littering problems on both Wood Street/Hill Street and Tunstill Square car parks.

Sergeant Pemberton advised that the police were aware of the issues and regularly requested extra resources from the Road Policing Unit for Brierfield.

It was suggested that traffic calming measures in the form of chicanes could be a solution to the problems and that the police could work in partnership with Lancashire County Council (LCC) to help achieve this.

It was therefore agreed that an LCC representative be invited to attend the next meeting of this Committee.

Sergeant Pemberton also provided an overview of police activity over the past month. This included information on work around the illegal use of fireworks; anti-social behaviour; organised criminal gangs; and the seizure of vehicles.

58. 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 –

18/0430/FUL Full: Erection of replacement dwelling and associated car parking at 9 Ainsdale Avenue, Reedley for Mr A. Hussain

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update report which advised that amended plans showing a revised scheme to address design and residential amenity concerns had not yet been submitted. The report also advised that a unilateral undertaking would need to be agreed and signed prior to a decision being issued with regard to an extant permission that had not yet been implemented.

At the time of writing the report the recommendation to delegate grant consent subject to acceptable amendments to the design being received remained the same. However, following a

statement by the planning agent at the meeting that no amendments were being submitted it was likely that the recommendation would be changed to refusal. On this basis it was suggested that the application be deferred to allow for the report to be amended.

RESOLVED

That consideration of this planning application be **deferred** to the next meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To allow the report to be amended.

(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.

59. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

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

60. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that £14,554 of the Committee's capital programme remained unallocated. Only £7,074 of this could be allocated before the meeting on 6th November without the unanimous approval of the Committee.

The unallocated amount had taken into consideration £1,000 allocated on 7th August, 2018 for backstreet lighting that would be deducted in the second half of the municipal year.

It was noted that the additional funding agreed at the last meeting for resurfacing works on East Street, Brierfield, had been finalised at £1,106.

61. TRAFFIC LIAISON MINUTES

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison meeting held on 9th August, 2018 were submitted for information.

62. PROBLEM SITES

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

63. FUTURE PROVISION OF GRIT BINS

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report for Members to consider the future

provision of 30 red grit bins in Brierfield and Reedley.

Members were advised that it would cost approximately £2,756 to retain the grit bins as located and for them to be replenished throughout the upcoming winter. To remove and store the bins would cost £1,000. The Committee currently had a balance of £1,349 brought forward from 2017/18 for this purpose. This was sufficient to refill the bins once.

Members were reminded that, as the maintenance and re-filling of the grit bins was revenue expenditure, any additional funding could not be allocated from the Committee's capital programme.

The Committee was asked to consider either removing the bins from the public highway or identify different funding streams to allow them to be maintained and re-filled in the future.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the balance of £1,349 brought forward from 2017/18 be used to refill the 30 grit bins currently in place.
- (2) That Brierfield Town Council and Reedley Hallows Parish Council be asked to take over the responsibility of funding future refills of the grit bins in their respective areas.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

64. 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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