

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE  
HELD AT BRIERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

*PRESENT*

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

**Councillors**

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

**Co-optees**

*M. Hanif*

**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 P. V. Bates (Reedley Hallows Parish Council).)*



**91. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**92. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**93. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**94. PROGRESS REPORT**

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

Members were advised that the Policy and Resources Committee had resolved to declare land at Every Street, Brierfield surplus to requirements in order for a sale to be negotiated with the owner of the adjoining property, as recommended by this Committee.

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

Sergeant Pemberton provided an update on police matters in the Brierfield and Reedley area in

the past month. This included a brief overview of the number of recorded crime and anti-social behaviour incidents and the targeted work taking place with regard to road policing and drug activity. It was noted that things had improved in the Massey Street area of Brierfield since the introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order.

Although there had been no increase in the number of incidents over specific categories, it was acknowledged that there had been significant problems with serious anti-social behaviour in the lead up to bonfire night and on the night itself, particularly with the inappropriate and dangerous use of fireworks.

The Committee was reminded that, in response to the problems encountered last year, a working group of key agencies had worked together throughout the year in preparation for this year's event. However, on the night itself, there had been insufficient resources to deal with every incident.

Members discussed various ways in which the problems could be addressed.

Sergeant Pemberton concluded by reporting that he had recently been promoted and would be relocating to Blackburn. He advised that his replacement would continue to attend meetings of this Committee and thanked Members for their help and support during his time working in the area.

The Committee responded by thanking Sergeant Pemberton for all his work.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Member of Parliament for Pendle be asked to attend a meeting to discuss the need for additional police funding, with members of this Committee, and any other parties as felt appropriate.
- (2) That the Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to ask Council to pass a resolution to lobby Government to ban the sale of fireworks to the public other than for organised displays.

## **REASON**

- (1) ***In order to highlight the serious problems with firework related anti-social behaviour in Brierfield and nearby Nelson; and the urgent need for extra police resources.***
- (2) ***In the interest of public safety.***

## **96. 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 –

**18/0716/FUL Full: Erection of three storey detached dwellinghouse with single storey rear projection with first floor balcony above, two dormers to the front elevation to serve rooms in the roofscape and off-street parking provision at garage site north west of 24 Park Lane, Brierfield for Mrs S Malik**

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

**RESOLVED**

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

1. The proposed development would result in inappropriately positioned residential unit and first floor balcony in close proximity to the existing dwellinghouses in particular No.'s 19 and 21 Burton Gardens which would result in overlooking and loss of privacy for these residents and therefore the submitted scheme fails to accord with Policy ENV2 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy (2011-2030) and the Design Principles Supplementary Planning Document.
2. The proposed dwellinghouse would represent poor design in terms of its siting, scale and massing. The three storey dwellinghouse would be out of keeping with the area and would introduce an incongruous feature in this location and streetscene. The proposed scheme therefore fails to demonstrate good design contrary to Policy ENV2 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy (2011-2030), the Design Principles Supplementary Planning Document and Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

**(b) Planning appeals**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that, as at today's date there were no new or outstanding appeals.

**97. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES**

**Enforcement Action**

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

**98. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19**

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

**99. PREPARING FOR WINTER**

**(a) Advice Notes**

Advice notes from the County Council and the Government's Met. Office were submitted for information.

**(b) Future provision of grit bins**

It was reported that, further to a decision at the September meeting of this Committee, Brierfield Town Council and Reedley Hallows Parish Council had been asked if they would take over responsibility of funding future refills of the red grit bins in their respective areas.

Brierfield Town Council had felt that the refilling of the red grit bins should remain the responsibility of Pendle Council. It was understood that Reedley Hallows Parish Council was of the same view. The Town Council had suggested that the Policy and Resources Committee be asked to commit funding for this purpose.

Members were reminded that a similar request from Nelson Committee had recently been refused.

**RESOLVED**

That the Policy and Resources Committee be requested to approve a supplementary estimate to fund future refills of the 30 red grit bins located in Brierfield and Reedley.

**REASON**

*In the interests of pedestrian and highway safety.*

**100.**

**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.

A verbal update was provided with regard to 6,8,10 and 12 Cambridge Street and numbers 5 and 7 Sackville Street, Brierfield.

It was also reported that since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018, out of 126 empty properties in the Brierfield and Reedley area, 50 had been returned back into live use; 10 were either for sale, to let or sold; and 17 were undergoing renovation.

Members were pleased with the progress made and expressed their thanks to the Empty Homes Officer.

**101.**

**HEYHEAD PARK, BRIERFIELD**

Following the decision in August this year to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order in the Massey Street area of Brierfield, officers had been asked to monitor Heyhead Park for anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents.

The Committee was advised that, from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 there had been very low numbers of reported ASB/nuisance, with just two incidents reported to the police.

**RESOLVED**

That appropriate officers be asked to continue with the monitoring of Heyhead Park, Brierfield and

an update be provided to a future meeting of this Committee.

**REASON**

*In the interest of public amenity.*

**102. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**(a) Road markings – Arthur Street and Stanley Street junctions with Chapel Street, Brierfield**

It was reported that the Give Way road markings at the Arthur Street and Stanley Street junctions with Chapel Street, Brierfield were faded and unclear, which had led to a number of ‘near misses’.

**RESOLVED**

That Lancashire County Council be asked to refresh the Give Way road markings at the Arthur Street and Stanley Street junctions with Chapel Street, Brierfield and consider erecting warning signs prior to the junctions. Should the County Council be minded to decline this request, they be encouraged to visit the site to carry out an assessment.

**REASON**

*In the interests of highway safety.*

**103. 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 \_\_\_\_\_