

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL
ON 2ND JULY, 2019**

PRESENT

Councillor N. Ashraf – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

*M. Arshad
M. R. Arshad
M. Hanif
Y. Iqbal
Q. Shazad*

Co-optees

S. Ahmed

Constabulary Representative

*Inspector A. Winter
Inspector A. Cartwright*

Officers in attendance

*Wayne Forrest
Kathryn Hughes
Lynne Rowland*

*Housing Needs Manager (Area Coordinator)
Principal Development Management Officer
Committee Administrator*

(Apologies for absence were received from P. McCormick (Reedley Hallows Parish Council).)



29. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests. The following person declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the item indicated –

Councillor Q. Shazad	19/0322/HHO Full: Erection of two storey extension to side (South) and rear at 3 Stanley Street, Brierfield	Minute No. 34(a)
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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 4th June, 2019 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.

The Chairman provided an update on previously reported issues relating to the Massey Street play area. He advised that the play area had undergone a recent deep clean and signage relating to the Public Spaces Protection Order was due to be installed.

It was noted that the area was still a local priority for the police and was on their patrol plan. A conversation with a local resident had indicated that anti-social behaviour was not a problem at present.

33. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

Inspector Winter advised the Committee of Central Government funding of £1.5m that had been allocated to Lancashire, for use in 2019/20 only, to prevent and reduce the fear of knife crime. This had been subject to a further £325k based on data of recorded violence and hospital admissions relating to injuries caused by knives.

Work on the operational side had already begun, with a team of one sergeant and six constables being tasked to patrol a specific area every weekend (Friday/Saturday/Sunday night). Operations had taken place in Pendle on 24th May and 14th June.

Work was also due to take place in schools and with youth groups.

Inspector Winter finished by informing the Committee of his upcoming retirement and thanked Members for their help and support during his time in the area. He introduced his replacement, Inspector Andy Cartwright, who would attend future meetings of the Committee bi-monthly.

The Committee expressed their thanks to Inspector Winter and wished him well for the future.

34. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications to be determined

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report of the following planning application to be determined –

19/0322/HHO Full: Erection of two storey extension to side (South) and rear at 3 Stanley Street, Brierfield for Mr M Afzal

(Councillor Q. Shazad declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting for this item only.)

RESOLVED

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

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in strict accordance with the following approved plans: 8020/10.

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

3. All materials to be used for the proposed development hereby approved shall be as stated on the application form and approved drawings and they shall not be varied without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: Those materials are appropriate for the development and site.

4. Prior to first use of the development hereby approved, the first floor windows on the gable (south) elevation shall be fitted with obscured glazing with a level of obscurity of Level 3 or above, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority, which shall thereafter be retained in perpetuity. Any replacement glazing shall be of an equal degree of obscurity. The windows shall also be hung in such a way so as to prevent the effects of obscure glazing being negated by way of opening.

Reason: In order to protect the privacy of the occupiers of adjacent property and prevent overlooking.

Informative

If it is necessary to temporarily close the back and side streets to allow this development to be completed then the applicant must ensure that the appropriate permits are obtained from Lancashire County Councils Streetworks Team. Further information can be sought from our website www.lancashire.gov.uk.

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. Subject to appropriate conditions, the development would be acceptable in terms of the design and it would not adversely impact on residential amenity or the road network. 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, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that, as at today's date there were no new or outstanding appeals.

35. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report, for information, which gave the up to date position

on prosecutions.

36. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the balance of the Committee's 2019/20 capital programme was £21,062.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be requested to obtain costings for works to Back Humphrey Street, Brierfield and report back to a future meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To consider whether to allocate capital funds to the project.

37. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

Members noted the allocations made to date under the Community Investment Fund.

38 PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in Brierfield and Reedley.

A verbal update was given with regard to the former Marsden Cross Public House, which had recently had a change of ownership. Work to secure the building and make weathertight was due to start shortly.

39. PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PARTS OF PUBLIC FOOTPATHS 30 AND 32 AT HIGH WITHENS, LITTLE TOM'S FARM, BRIERFIELD

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which invited the Committee to decide on whether a diversion order which had been made by the Council should be sent to the Secretary of State to be confirmed.

Prior to considering the report, the Chairman read out a statement from Mr Hall, who was present at the meeting.

The proposal was that part of the existing line of footpaths 30 and 32 be diverted. Details of the existing line and the proposed diversion were detailed in an appendix to the report. It was reported that one objection had been received to the making of this diversion order and, as a result, a decision on whether or not to confirm the order would have to be referred to the Secretary of State. Alternatively, it could be decided to go no further with the process.

RESOLVED

That the Borough Council of Pendle Part of Public Footpaths 30 and 32 Brierfield Public Path Diversion Order 2019 be sent to the Planning Inspectorate with all accompanying documentation required including the objection which has been received.

REASON

To allow an independent inspector, on behalf of the Secretary of State, to make a decision on whether or not to confirm the order.

40. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that there were no existing environmental blight sites in Brierfield and Reedley and no new sites had been put forward.

41. BRIERFIELD TOWN CENTRE PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted details of a grant application under the Brierfield Premises Improvement Grant Scheme for improvements to 1-3 Colne Road, Brierfield, subject to planning permission (if required).

RESOLVED

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

REASON

To allow for further information.

CHAIRMAN _____