

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL
ON 6TH AUGUST, 2019**

PRESENT

Councillor Y. Iqbal – Vice-Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*S. Ahmed
P. McCormick*

Constabulary Representatives

*Sergeant Scott Boast
PCSO Dan Richards*

Officers in attendance

*Wayne Forrest
Lynne Rowland*

*Housing Needs Manager (Area Coordinator)
Committee Administrator*

(Apologies for absence were received from the Worship the Mayor of Pendle, Councillor Ken Hartley and Councillor N. Ashraf.)



42.

MINUTES SILENCE

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman expressed condolences at the recent death of former Borough Councillor Tony Beckett and paid tribute to his many years of service to the people of Pendle. Tribute was also paid to the former Mayoress of Pendle, Rose Adam who had died recently.

The meeting stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect.

43.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

44.

THE MAYOR OF PENDLE

As the Worship the Mayor of Pendle, Councillor Ken Hartley had given his apologies for the meeting, this item was deferred.

45.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- A volunteer from the Brierfield Children's Community Allotment, Rothesay Road, Brierfield reported problems with people accessing the site unlawfully and evidence of drug use being found. He asked if there was any funding available to help secure the site with fencing.

Sergeant Boast advised of Lancashire Partnership Against Crime (LANPAC) funding which the police could apply for on their behalf, but that match funding would be required.

Members agreed that this could be considered by the Committee on receipt of further details. Councillor M. R. Arshad also stated that his outstanding Community Investment Fund balance could be used for this purpose if required.

It was agreed that the volunteer would liaise with the police directly and the Committee would be advised of the details as appropriate.

- The same resident also asked if the large grassed area in front of 38 Rothesay Road, Brierfield could be considered for car parking.

It was understood that the land was owned by Together Housing. It was therefore agreed to forward this request to them.

- His third question related to a water pipe that had been cut off during the construction of Marsden Heights Community College. He asked if this could be reinstated.

The gentleman was advised to contact United Utilities.

46. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 2nd July, 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

47. PROGRESS REPORT

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

Sergeant Boast provided an update on a significant disorder incident involving residents of Brierfield that had taken place in Nelson in mid-July. The incident had led to the use of Section 60 powers which allowed police officers to stop and search anyone in a specific area of Nelson without needing to have reasonable grounds. He advised that this had been an isolated incident and was not linked to organised crime. Twelve arrests had been made and investigations were ongoing.

He also gave a brief update on the crime statistics for the previous month. Although there had been problems with disorder, there had been no dwelling burglaries in the last month and the other statistics remained steady.

Sergeant Boast also reported that from 1st September, 2019, his team would double in size with the appointment of four police constables.

48. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported the following new appeal –

19/0028/FUL
19/0008/AP/REFUSE

Appeal against refusal of planning permission for change of use of WC building to hot food takeaway (Use Class A5) including external alterations and installation of flue at Public Conveniences, Colne Road, Brierfield, Nelson by Mr Rahul Patel

49. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

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

50. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER – TPO/NO1/2019 REEDLEY GROVE

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which sought approval to confirm Tree Preservation Order (TPO) TPO/NO1/2019 – Reedley Grove.

The Committee was also asked to consider whether to place an Order on the remaining street trees on Reedley Grove.

RESOLVED

That consideration of this item be deferred for a site visit.

REASON

To allow Members to view the trees prior to making a decision.

51. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which advised Members on the Committee's 2019/20 capital budget.

52. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

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

53. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of the environmental crime action for 1st April to 30th June, 2019 in the Brierfield and Reedley area along with annual totals for 2019/20.

54. VACANT HOUSES

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which informed the Committee on the position regarding the management of vacant houses in Brierfield and Reedley.

55. BRIERFIELD TOWN CENTRE PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Further to this item being deferred at the last meeting, the Committee was asked to reconsider an application under the Brierfield Premises Improvement Grant Scheme for improvements to 1-3 Colne Road, Brierfield, subject to planning permission (if required).

Members were advised that the application met the Premises Improvement Grant criteria. The further information requested at the last meeting had not been pertinent to this application and therefore had not been sought from the applicant.

Members were also asked to consider establishing a Premises Improvement Grant Panel for Brierfield, to which three Members be appointed. This would be in line with other areas of the Borough and would help speed up applications and provide a consistent decision making process.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the applicant of 1-3 Colne Road, Brierfield be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee.
- (2) That the report be resubmitted to the next meeting for further consideration.

REASON

To allow the Committee to seek further information from the applicant prior to making a decision.

56. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following item had been requested by the Committee. A report would be submitted to a future meeting.

- (a) Back Humphrey Street, Brierfield – costings for works (02.07.19)

CHAIRMAN _____