

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD AT BRIERFIELD TOWN HALL
ON 4TH FEBRUARY, 2020**

PRESENT

Councillor N. Ashraf – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

*M. Hanif
Y. Iqbal*

Co-optees

P. McCormick

Officers in attendance

*Wayne Forrest
Lynne Rowland*

*Housing Needs Manager (Area Coordinator)
Committee Administrator*



The following persons attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated –

<i>Mr Green</i>	<i>Section 106 Agreement for the former Lucas</i>	<i>Minute No.125</i>
<i>L. Oddie</i>	<i>Sports Ground</i>	
<i>Dr Zawar Hussain</i>		

117. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

118. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

119. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 7th January, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

120. PROGRESS REPORT

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

A verbal update was provided with regard to the report of rats in the disused toilet block on Colne Road, Brierfield. It was reported that, following receipt of a letter from the Council, the owner had advised that he had visited the premises two weeks ago. He stated that there had been water in the toilet bowls and there had been no sign of rats.

However, Councillor Hanif reported that the problem appeared to be getting worse, with a number of dead rats being found in the area over the past week and a half. He asked that a Council pest control officer visit the site.

A request was also made for an update on Colne Road traffic lights, an issue that had been referred to Lancashire County Council (LCC) in November 2019. Due to the lack of progress it was suggested that an appropriate LCC officer and the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, County Councillor Keith Iddon, be invited to attend a site meeting and the matter also be included for discussion at a future Traffic Liaison meeting.

121. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

Members of the public were given the opportunity to raise local community safety issues with the Committee. No issues were raised.

122. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which advised of one new appeal. A further two appeals were outstanding.

123. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

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

124. 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. The report included one bid for consideration.

Further to the matter being deferred at the previous two meetings, the report also asked Members to consider what action to take with regard to the red grit bins in Brierfield.

RESOLVED

That £5,000 be allocated for the resurfacing of back streets in Brierfield as detailed in the report.

REASON

To ensure the most effective allocation of the Committee's capital budget.

125. SECTION 106 AGREEMENT FOR THE FORMER LUCAS SPORTS GROUND

Further to a public meeting to discuss proposals for the use of £200,000 funding for outdoor recreation/play infrastructure improvements in the Brierfield and Reedley area, the Planning,

Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which set out updated proposals.

A member of the public also presented alternative proposals, on behalf of the Parish Council, for the Committee to consider.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the proposals, as detailed in the report, for –
 - the Lucas Sports Ground, as shown in appendix 2 to the report, be agreed in principle subject to the removal of the provision of a figure of eight path network and upgrade to the Reedley Hallows Greenway path;
 - Heyhead Park be agreed, subject to the removal of the proposed replacement fencing to the existing tennis court and the planned Trim Trail;
 - John Bradley Playing Fields be agreed.
- (2) That the installation of floodlights at the existing Taylor Street MUGA in Brierfield and improvements to the play area at Chatburn Park Drive be included in the projects to be funded.
- (3) That the alternative proposals submitted on behalf of the Parish Council relating to the Lucas Sports Ground be discussed further with the Green Spaces Manager to establish if there is any flexibility to adjust the existing proposed scheme, agreed in principle at (1) above.

REASON

- (1) ***The proposals provide the necessary outdoor recreation and play facilities to serve the residents of the housing development and the local vicinity through a mixture of on-site provision at Lucas Sports Ground and the augmentation of existing green space facilities in the Brierfield & Reedley area that also serve the community.***
- (2) ***These are the most reasonable and practicable projects to implement and take in to consideration important factors such as cost, demand, potential usage, the ongoing management and maintenance of the facilities, sustainability and ensuring liability and ownership issues are kept to a minimum (in reference to the transfer of services to Town/Parish Councils).***
- (3) ***The proposals specifically put forward for the former Lucas Sports Ground site reflect the demand/needs of local residents (primarily from Clarkson Close, Reedley Drive and Reedley Road).***

126. AREA COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Governance Working Group asked Members to consider the future structure of area committees following the recently completed ward review. Reducing the number of Councillors

from 49 to 33 meant that it was no longer feasible to have 5 area committees and Members were asked to consider whether they preferred to have 4 or 3 area committees in their place.

RESOLVED

That Council be recommended to agree to have 3 Area Committees.

REASON

It is considered to be the most practical of the two options.

127. 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.

128. BRIERFIELD TOWN CENTRE PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that there were no Town Centre Premises Improvement Grant applications for consideration at this meeting.

129. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

That in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the next item of business when it is likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted, that there will be disclosure of exempt information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

130. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of the environmental crime action for 1st October to 31st December, 2019 in the Brierfield and Reedley area along with annual totals for 2019/20.

CHAIRMAN _____