

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS
ON 8TH JULY, 2020**

PRESENT

Councillor N. Ashraf – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

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

Co-optees

*P. McCormick (Reedley Hallows
Parish Council)*

Constabulary Representative

*PC Andy Sarchet
PCSO Amy Stevenson*

Officers in attendance

*Wayne Forrest
Kathryn Hughes
Hassan Ditta
Lynne Rowland*

*Localities and Policy Manager (temporary) (Area Coordinator)
Principal Development Management Officer
Employer Engagement Officer
Committee Administrator*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Arshad and Q. Shazad.)



1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 3rd March, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. PROGRESS REPORT

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

5. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

PC Andy Sarchet and PCSO Amy Stevenson provided an update on police activity over the past few months during the Covid-19 pandemic. It was reported that overall, crime had reduced. Anti-social behaviour was the only area in which there had been an increase and this was mainly with

regard to people breaching Covid-19 rules. However, most people had conformed to the restrictions.

Although a lot of engagement with the public had been lost, people could still comment on issues in their community and raise concerns via Lancashire Talking, an online initiative which gave people a voice in their local neighbourhood policing priorities. It also enabled the police to get messages out to a targeted group of people.

It was acknowledged that there was still a problem with speeding vehicles in Brierfield. This was something that was being tackled by the Neighbourhood Policing Team, linked in with Special Officers. A long term project was to educate those that were about to learn to drive. This education element would begin once schools and colleges re-opened.

There was also an issue with youths congregating on Chapel Street and Tunstill Square creating low level noise and anti-social behaviour. Small, empty canisters, an indication of drug misuse, had been found at these locations and other areas in the town and was reported to be a growing concern.

On conclusion of the update, the Chairman thanked the police for their hard work.

6. 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 –

20/0200/HHO Full: Erection of part two storey extension and part single storey extension to rear, front porch with balcony above and extension to driveway (Re-submission) at 11 Clements Drive, Reedley for Mr A. R. Azam

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: U54: P01 and P02E.
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. The additional bedrooms hereby approved shall not be brought into use unless and until, the parking area as shown on the approved plan 'U54 P02E' has first been constructed, laid out and surfaced in a bound porous material, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The parking spaces shall thereafter remain free from obstruction and be available for the parking of vehicles associated with the occupants of the dwelling.

Reason: To provide adequate parking to service the development and to prevent loose surface material from being carried on to the public highway thus causing a potential source of danger to other road users.

Informative

This consent requires the construction, improvement or alteration of an access to the public highway. Under the Highways Act 1980 Section 184 (Vehicle crossings over footways and verges) Lancashire County Council as Highway Authority must specify the works to be carried out. Only the Highway Authority or a contractor approved by the Highway Authority can carry out these works. Therefore, before any works can start, the applicant must complete the online quotation form found on Lancashire County Council's website using the A-Z search facility for vehicular crossings at <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/vehicle-crossings.aspx>.

7. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

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

8. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20 AND 2020/21

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which advised Members on the Committee's 2019/20 and 2020/21 capital budgets. The report included one bid for consideration.

RESOLVED

- (1) That £3,000 be allocated for Town Centre Premises Improvement Grants, subject to applications being submitted to this Committee for consideration on a case by case basis.
- (2) That the following underspends be deallocated and returned to the capital programme –
 - Premises Improvement Grant for 56 Colne Road, Brierfield - £7
 - Massey Street signage in line with Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) - £300

REASON

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

9. RE-OPENING OF PENDLE'S TOWN CENTRES

Members were reminded of a European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) grant of £50m that had been made available to support the reopening of high streets to put in place additional measures to establish a safe trading environment. Pendle's allocation was £81,195.

The four strands of activity were:

- To develop an action plan and in doing so to engage with businesses, parish and town councils etc.
- Communications and public information
- To raise awareness with businesses e.g. on social distancing and how to make temporary adjustments to their premises if necessary.
- To make town centre public spaces as safe as possible

It was proposed that £20,000 of the £81,195 be top sliced to cover work of a corporate nature (e.g. communications) and that the remainder be distributed to each area committee based on population. The allocation for Brierfield and Reedley was £7,310.

It was recommended that each area committee take on the task of developing tailored action plans for their town centres and that this be done through the agendas for their scheduled meetings and by making appropriate co-options for this item of business.

Work had already begun in Brierfield Town Centre, with Members visiting a number of businesses to offer advice on how to keep people safe when on their premises. Thoughts had also been sought on ideas on what could be done to encourage people to come back into the town. However, the Committee felt that further guidance was needed.

RESOLVED

That the Employer Engagement Officer be asked to accompany Members on a town centre walkabout in the next two weeks.

REASON

To gather information for the development of an action plan.

10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Clitheroe Road Motorway Bridge – illegal activity

Councillor Hanif reported that there had been complaints about suspected drug activity taking place from cars parked on Clitheroe Road motorway bridge late at night. There was also an issue with speeding vehicles.

He asked for consideration to be given to reducing the speed limit to 30 mph on the stretch of road from the bridge up to Fence.

P. McCormick agreed to ask the Parish Council for any other ideas on how to address the

problems.

RESOLVED

That Lancashire County Council be advised of this Committee's concerns with regard to speeding vehicles on Clitheroe Road, Brierfield and it be asked to consider reducing the speed limit to 30 mph on the stretch of road from the bridge up to Fence.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

11. BRIERFIELD TOWN CENTRE PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which updated the Committee on the progress made on the Brierfield Premises Improvement Grants Scheme in 2019/20.

The Committee had agreed an allocation of £3,000 for Town Centre Improvement Grants in 2020/21 earlier in the meeting.

12. 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.

CHAIRMAN _____