

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
ON 5TH AUGUST, 2020**

PRESENT

Councillor N. Ashraf – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

*M. Hanif
Y. Iqbal*

Officers in attendance

<i>Wayne Forrest</i>	<i>Localities and Policy Manager (temporary) (Area Coordinator)</i>
<i>Kathryn Hughes</i>	<i>Principal Development Management Officer</i>
<i>Lynne Rowland</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. R. Arshad, Pauline McCormick (Reedley Hallows Parish Council) and PC Andy Sarchet and PCSO Amy Stevenson.)



13. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

15. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 8th July, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16. PROGRESS REPORT

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

The Chairman advised that the issue regarding speeding vehicles on Clitheroe Road, Brierfield had been reported to Lancashire County Council Road Safety Partnership in February this year. An assessment had resulted in the decision to deploy temporary signage in the area.

Further information had been sought on how this decision had been reached. A response was awaited.

17. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

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

The Committee discussed the continuing problem with speeding vehicles and illegal activity in the Taylor Street area of Brierfield. Although these were issues that the police were already aware of, it was agreed that they be reminded of the ongoing problem.

18. 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 –

20/0301/HHO Full: Erection of a two storey side extension at 43 Edge End Avenue, Brierfield for Mr J Ahmed

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 accordance with the following approved plans: PL-002, PL-003.

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

3. All materials to be used in the elevations and roof of the proposed development shall be as stated on the application form and approved drawings and shall not be varied without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority. The external roof and wall materials shall match those of the existing building in colour, texture and form.

Reason: To allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

4. Prior to the occupation of the extension hereby approved details of parking arrangement for a minimum of three cars within the site shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the car parking area/s shall have been laid out, surfaced and drained in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure an acceptable level of car parking provision within the site in the interest of highway safety.

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. The development is acceptable in terms of design, amenity and highway safety. 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 submitted a report which advised that an appeal against refusal of planning permission to retain two single storey rear extensions (retrospective) at 21 Sefton Street, Brierfield had been refused.

19. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

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

20. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21

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

RESOLVED

That £4,000 be allocated for the resurfacing of the gable ends of Rothesay Road, Brierfield.

REASON

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

21. RE-OPENING OF PENDLE'S TOWN CENTRES

The Chairman provided an update on potential uses for Brierfield and Reedley Committee's funding allocation for the re-opening of the town centre, following a town centre walkabout.

It was reported that, since the last meeting, the Policy and Resources (P&R) Committee had allocated a further £4,180 to this Committee for this purpose. This brought the total allocation for the Committee to £11,490.

Due to the restrictive nature of the funding, no single pressing issue had been identified where the funding could make an immediate impact. It had therefore been agreed that, in the short term, the option of placing sanitising stations around the town be pursued.

In addition, a spending plan would be put together for the possibility of providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to visitors of the town centre, using the additional P&R Committee funding allocation.

A longer term strategy for the use of the money would be put together.

22. BRIERFIELD TOWN CENTRE PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted details of a grant application of £2,900 under the Brierfield Premises Improvement Grant Scheme for improvements to the premises of a Community Enterprise in Brierfield.

Any approval was subject to the applicant obtaining planning permission if required.

It was reported that the improvements would result in improved access issues for those with disabilities or mobility issues and was recommended for approval.

RESOLVED

That the grant application of £2,900 for improvements to the premises of a Community Enterprise in Brierfield be refused.

REASON

The premises have been closed for some time and appear to have been little used by the people of Brierfield in the past 18 months.

23. EXCLUSION OF 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.

24. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of the environmental crime action for Quarter 4 (1st January to 31st March, 2020) and Quarter 1 (1st April to 30th June, 2020) in the Brierfield and Reedley area along with annual totals for 2019/20 and 2020/21.

CHAIRMAN _____