

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2020**

PRESENT

Councillor N. Ashraf – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

Co-optees

*M. Hanif
Y. Iqbal*

P. McCormick

Officers in attendance

*Wayne Forrest
Kathryn Hughes
Lynne Rowland*

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



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

<i>Brian Sumner</i>	<i>20/0524/PIP Permission in Principle: Erection of up to 6 No. dwelling houses at land to the north of Rockwood, Halifax Road, Nelson (Reedley Ward)</i>	<i>Minute No.72(a)</i>
<i>Shazia Shaheen</i>	<i>Enforcement Action</i>	<i>Minute No.72(b)</i>

67. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

68. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

69. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 4th November, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

70. PROGRESS REPORT

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

71. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman expressed concern at the ongoing problem of speeding vehicles on Clitheroe Road, Brierfield and the negative impact this was having on this newly regenerated area. He advised that a number of residents of the new build properties had reported damage to their vehicles as a result.

The Committee felt that effective traffic calming measures were required and requested that the Lancashire County Council (LCC) Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and County Councillor M. Iqbal be invited to meet on site to discuss the issue.

72. 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 –

20/0524/PIP Permission in Principle: Erection of up to 6 No. dwelling houses at land to the north of Rockwood, Halifax Road, Nelson (Reedley Ward) for The Mill Company Limited

(At the last meeting of this Committee consideration of this planning application was deferred to allow for a site visit. The lockdown rules had not allowed for a group visit, therefore Members had visited the site on an individual basis.)

(Before the vote was taken, the Principal Development Management Officer advised that should the application be refused there would be a significant risk of costs in the event of an appeal. The matter would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Policy and Resources Committee.)

RECOMMENDATION

That Permission in Principle be refused.

(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.

73. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report, for information, which gave the up to date position on prosecutions. The Committee listened to a statement from the owner of 21 Sefton Street, Brierfield who had been served with an Enforcement Notice in relation to an unauthorised extension at the property. Members felt that consideration should be given to suspending the enforcement action.

(Before the vote was taken, the Principal Development Management Officer advised that a decision to suspend enforcement action was tantamount to approving the unauthorised extension and could lead to a potential compensation claim by the neighbour. In lawful terms, not to take action would be a perverse planning decision, would be maladministration and would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Policy and Resources Committee.)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Policy and Resources Committee be asked to consider suspending the enforcement action at 21 Sefton Street, Brierfield.

74. 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.

75. RE-OPENING OF PENDLE'S TOWN CENTRES

The Planning Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which provided an update on the use of funding for the re-opening of Brierfield Town Centre.

It was noted that a decision had not yet been made on the best location for the three hand sanitiser stations that had been agreed at the last meeting.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman be delegated authority to agree the best location(s) for the three hand sanitiser stations.

REASON

To allow for them to be installed as soon as possible.

76. BRIERFIELD TOWN CENTRE PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that there were no Town Centre Premises Improvement Grant applications for consideration at this meeting.

CHAIRMAN _____