

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
ON 3RD MARCH, 2021**

PRESENT

Councillor N. Ashraf – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

*Mohammed Arshad
M. Hanif
Y. Iqbal*

Co-optees

Officers in attendance

*Wayne Forrest
Kathryn Hughes
Lynne Rowland*

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

Constabulary Representative

PC Andrew Sarchet

(Apologies for absence were received from P. McCormick (Reedley Hallows Parish Council.)



106. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

107. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

108. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at a meeting held on 3rd February, 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

109. PROGRESS REPORT

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

Members were advised that arrangements were being made for the plot of land at the corner of Clitheroe Road and Glen Way, Brierfield to be cleared, substantially levelled and stoned up to use as temporary parking for the site. Work was due to start sometime this month.

110. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

PC Andrew Sarchet provided an update on recent local policing activity. He advised that there had

been repeat problems with speeding vehicles and erratic and occasional dangerous driving. Incidents had been referred to Tac Operations and a request had been made for them to come into the area. Officers in Nelson and Brierfield were working together to address the problems being experienced across both towns. This included the possibility of going into colleges to educate potential drivers. In the long term the police, LCC Highways and the Council would continue to work together.

Time had also been spent dealing with issues of people parking up on Kirby Road/Lomeshaye Industrial Estate and causing a nuisance.

PC Sarchet also reminded Members of Lancashire Talking, an online forum where people could raise any concerns. Public contribution to the forum had recently resulted in the arrest of two males following an incident at Pendle Primary School. Approximately 9% of the Brierfield population and 11% of Reedley were currently subscribed to Lancashire Talking.

111. 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 –

20/0641/FUL Full: Major: Retain gym to ground floor and change of use of first and second floor to 10 apartments at Powerhouse Gymnasium, Burnley Road, Brierfield for Mr Ahmed

(Before the vote was taken, the Principal Development Management Officer advised that should the application be refused on the grounds of inadequate parking provision 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 planning permission be **refused** due to inadequate parking provision.

(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.

112. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

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

113. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the unallocated sum of the Committee's 2020/21 Capital Programme was £5,328.

114. TOILETS IN THE TOWN CENTRE

At the last meeting of this Committee, Members supported the compulsory purchase of the former public conveniences in Brierfield and asked that this be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee. This decision had been taken without sight of a report on the matter providing details/options/financial implications etc.

It was noted at the last meeting that a planning application had been submitted for the site. The Committee was therefore recommended to wait until the planning application had been determined before any decision was made on the proposal to compulsory purchase the property.

In the meantime, the problems with rats, vandalism and anti-social behaviour were being investigated.

RESOLVED

That a request be made for a report providing the details/options/financial implications of the proposal to compulsory purchase the former public conveniences in Brierfield, to be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To allow for consideration alongside the planning application.

115. RE-OPENING OF BRIERFIELD TOWN CENTRE

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that the hand sanitiser stations were due to be rolled out mid-March and would be located outside the following premises –

- Townson and Son Butchers
- Morrisons Daily
- Brierfield Pharmacy
- Alamgir Halal Meat Shop

It was also reported that, at the meeting of Nelson Committee on 1st March 2021, Members had agreed to the development of a click and collect service for Nelson by setting up an online service, similar to the ones already set up in Colne and Barrowford. It was suggested that businesses in Brierfield also be added to this service.

RESOLVED

That the proposal to include Brierfield businesses in the online click and collect service agreed by Nelson Committee at its meeting on 1st March 2021 be supported.

REASON

To provide a route for local businesses to market their goods and services whilst lockdown restrictions were in place.

116. 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.

117. PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that there were no recorded problem sites in Brierfield and Reedley.

CHAIRMAN _____