MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL ON 28th FEBRUARY, 2022

PRESENT-

Councillor N. Ashraf (Chairman – in the Chair)

Councillors

Co-optees

N. Emery (Nelson Town Centre Partnership)

F. Ahmad R. Anwar M. Aslam M. Hanif K. Howarth M. Iqbal Y. Iqbal A. Mahmood N. McGowan M. Sakib

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Z. Ali, Pauline McCormick (Reedley Parish Council) and S. Ahmed (Brierfield Town Council).

Als

Officers in attendance:

Alex CameronPlanning OfficerJane WatsonHead of Democratic Services

131. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the Declaration of Interests.

132. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nick Emery asked what was happening with the ACE Centre. The building had been closed for some time now and he wanted to know if the building had been sold and what its future use was.

Nick Emery also asked why the bus station was now closed from 7pm each evening. He thought that this might be due to issues with anti-social behaviour but this now meant that passengers using this service had to wait outside which wasn't ideal, particularly when it was dark and during bad weather.

It was also mentioned that the X43 Manchester service deviates around Nelson and Brierfiled. So passengers using this service had to either travel to Colne or Burnley to catch this bus.

RESOLVED

- (1) That a report be submitted to the next meeting providing an update on the current position with the ACE Centre.
- (2) That a meeting be arranged with Transdev to discuss the reasons for the closure of the bus station from 7pm in an evening and why the X43 service doesn't stop in Nelson and Brierfield.

REASON

In response to concerns raised by the public and members of the Committee.

133.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of meetings of the Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee held on, 31st January, 2022 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

134.

PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on actions arising from the last meetings of Nelson Committee and Brierfield and Reedley Committee were submitted for information.

It was reported that residents were still not happy with the proposed planting scheme on the Hard Platts and the Committee requested that the report requested at the last meeting be submitted to the next meeting.

RESOLVED

That a report on the proposed tree planting scheme on the Hard Platts be submitted to the next meeting.

REASON

In response to concerns raised by local residents.

135.

POLICE ISSUES

In the absence of the Police no issues were raised.

136. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

20/0429/FUL Full: Erection of a religious building (Use Class D1) (Floor Area 900 sq.m.) formation of 12 parking spaces (7 accessed from Stanley Street and 5 in the underground car park with access from Arthur Street) and associated landscaping at Gospel Mission Pentecostal, Stanley Street, Brierfield for Masjid Usman Ghani

RESOLVED

- (1) That planning permission be **refused** due to lack of information.
- (2) That the Section 215 Notice served in October 2021 requiring the proper maintenance of the land be suspended.

21/0055/CEA Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed Use): Use of premises for retail (Class E) at Springbank Buildings 226-248 Every Street, Nelson for Mr. A. Khan

Concerns were raised that the area outside the premises was cluttered and unsightly with fridges and cardboard. Planning were aware of these concerns but it was explained that this was not relevant to the Lawful Development Certificate. However, Committee felt that this needed to be addressed before they could make a decision on the Certificate.

RESOVLED

That this application be **deferred** until issues relating to possible enforcement action outside the premises have been addressed.

21/0817/OUT Outline: Erection of one dwelling house (access only) on land to the South of Rockwood Lodge, Halifax Road, Nelson for Mr. M. Y Karim

The Planning Officer circulated an update prior to the meeting. This provided additional comments from the public along with additional consultee response from LCC Highways regarding additional details submitted in relation to access visibility. The officer recommendation was still to refuse the application.

RESOLVED

That this application be **deferred** to allow time for the submission of outstanding highway information and to establish how often the rear access to the golf course was used i.e., how busy it was.

21/0989/HHO Full: Insertion of dormer windows to front and rear at 39 Regent Street, Nelson Fr Mr. Nawaz

RESOLVED

That this application be **granted** subject to the following conditions and reasons:

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:
 - Location and Site Plan received on 22nd December, 2021
 - Existing and Proposed Floor Plans, Existing and Proposed Elevation Plans received on 22nd December, 2021.

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.
 - **Reason:** These materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

REASON FOR DECISION

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 proposed development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the Framework. 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.

22/0014/HHO Full: Erection of two storey rear extension (re-submission) at 24 Reedyford Road, Nelson for M. W. M. Begum

RESOLVED

That this application be **deferred** to allow further discussions regarding the size of the proposed extension.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted, for information, a report on appeals submitted and any decisions received.

137. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Update on Enforcement Matters

The Head of Legal Services submitted an update on enforcement matters.

138.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2021/22 Capital Programme.

The Committee were asked to consider three bids:

- To provide new tarmac footpath to the rear of 41-49 Hibson Road and resurfacing the back street of Back Lime/Swaine Street, Nelson £5,000
- To provide new tarmac surface to various back streets in Brierfield and Reedley (as detailed in the bid submission) - £8,871 (total cost of scheme approximately £90,000 – Brierfield Town Council to contribute approximately £70,000 towards the scheme)
- To provide new tarmac surface to various back streets in Brierfield and Reedley (as detailed in the bid submission) - £8,000 (total cost of scheme approximately £90,000 – Brierfield Town Council to contribute approximately £72,000 toward the scheme)

RESOLVED

- (1) That the budget already committed be noted.
- (2) That the schemes listed in Appendix 1 attached to the report be noted.
- (3) That £5,000 to provide a new tarmac footpath to the rear of 41-49 Hibson Road, Nelson and resurfacing the back street of Back Lime/Swaine Street, Nelson be noted.
- (4) That £8,871 be allocated from the Capital Projects Brierfield West and Reedley to provide new tarmac surface to various back streets in Brierfield and Reedley (as detailed in the report).
- (5) That £8,000 be allocated from the Capital Projects Briefield East and Cloverhill to provide new tarmac surface to various back streets in Briefield and Reedley (as detailed in the report).

REASON

To enable the capital programme to be allocated effectively.

139. NELSON AND BRIERFIELD TOWN CENTRE RE-OPENING

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager circulated an update report prior to the meeting.

The Committee were asked to endorse decisions made by the Chairman in relation to a number of projects. It was acknowledged that there was sufficient funding for the schemes listed in the report. The schemes would be added to the grant contract once confirmation had been received from the Grant Body.

RESOLVED

(1) That the report be noted.

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- (2) That the schemes listed in the report be endorsed and the following two schemes be carried out first:
 - Re-lining of town centre parking bays in Nelson town centre
 - Lighting column upgrade in Nelson town centre (Council owned columns)

REASON

To keep the Committee up to date with progress of the projects and spend.

140. DISPOSAL OF LAND ON BRADLEY ROAD EAST AND JUNCTION OF LEEDS ROAD, NELSON

The Chief Executive submitted a report following receipt of a request to make commercial use of the above Council owned amenity land, as shown edged black on the plan attached to the report.

The land was classed as amenity land but was predominantly being used by a nearby taxi business; untaxed vehicles had also been abandoned on the site and waste bags and household items regularly dumped. The paving was in a poor condition caused mainly by tree root damage. An estimate of £35,000 had been suggested to refurbish the site and deal with the tree issues.

The land had not been declared surplus or marketed for sale but interest had been received from four different parties proposing the following three commercial uses for the site:

- Car Sales (or vehicle storage site for vehicles for sale being advertised on the internet with sales carried out elsewhere);
- Use for the parking of taxis by a nearby taxi operator;
- Use for customer car parking for a nearby business.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to declare the land on Bradley Road East and the junction of Leeds Road, Nelson (shown edged black on the plan attached to the report) surplus to requirements and offers of a commercial lease for car sales be invited in writing for further consideration.

REASON

To consider the best long-term use of the site.

141. MANCHESTER ROAD/HARGREAVES STREET, NELSON

The Environmental Services Manager, submitted for information, a report which provided responses to the questions raised at the last meeting in relation to work being done to address reports of vermin within the Manchester Road and Hargreaves Street areas in Nelson.

142. ENFORCEMENT – LITTERING AND DOG FOULING

The Environmental Services Manager, submitted for information, a report which provided a response to the questions raised at the last meeting in relation to the issuing of fines for environmental crime offences.

143.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

- Junction of Scotland Road/Sagar Street/Broadway, Nelson (05.07.2021) Speed Calming Measures on Chapel House Road, Nelson (05.07.2021) (a)
- (b)
- Enforcement Item (29.11.2021) (C)

Chairman