

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 11TH MAY 2026**

PRESENT –

Councillors

**M. Adnan
F. Ahmad
S. Ahmed
Z. Ali
N. Ashraf
M. Aslam
R. Bashir
M. Iqbal
Y. Iqbal
M. Sakib
Y. Tennant**

Co-optees

N. Emery (Nelson Town Centre Partnership)

Police

**SGT M. Bottomley
PCSO A. Dickinson
PC M. Lunney**

Officers in Attendance:

**A. Cameron
R. Ferguson**

*Principal Planning Officer/Area Co-ordinator
Committee Administrator*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Ammer, M. Hanif & A. Mahmood.)

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The following persons attended and spoke on the item indicated –

David Fawcett	<i>26/0179/FUL Full: Change of use of land within the curtilage of the Church (Use Class F1) for the siting of 1 shipping container for use as a food bank (Sui Generis) and 2 accommodation pods for homeless people (Sui Generis) at St. Philips Church, Leeds Road, Nelson.</i>	Minute No. 10 (a)
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1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor S. Ahmed be appointed as Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

Sajjad Ahmed – Chair (In the Chair)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor M. Adnan be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTees

RESOLVED

That a representative from Nelson Town Council, Nelson Town Centre Partnership, Brierfield Town Council and Reedley Hallows Parish Council be co-opted onto the Committee for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

4. DISPENSATIONS

Due to the short period of time between the borough council election on 7th May and this meeting of the area committee, there had been difficulty in ensuring that the new members of the Council just elected, namely Councillors R. Bashir and M. Sakib had received the appropriate mandated planning law and procedure training to enable them to adjudicate planning applications.

In view of these particular circumstances, the Council's Monitoring Officer had granted a dispensation to these Councillors, for this meeting only, to allow them to adjudicate on planning applications even when they had not yet received the training, on the grounds that it was in the interests of persons living in the authority's area.

5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

Members' attention was also drawn to the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct relating to the disclosure of Other Registrable Interests and Non-Registrable Interests.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th March 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on actions arising from the last meeting of Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee was submitted for information.

It was noted that there had been a lack of a response from Lancashire County Council as to concerns raised regarding speeding vehicles around Kings Causeway, Brierfield. Councillor M. Iqbal advised that he would contact County Councillor Howard Hartley to assist with this issue.

9. POLICE MATTERS & COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime statistics for April 2026 compared to the same period in the previous year had been circulated prior to the meeting.

PC M. Lunney provided a verbal overview of the crime statistics and reported that the neighbourhood policing team had continued to work hard to tackle theft offences. However, it was noted that the release of repeat offenders at similar times made this difficult to sustain.

A member asked if the police had been made aware of the rise in anti-social behaviour in Brierfield, particularly of the recent event that occurred at Heyhead Park which saw bricks thrown and windows smashed. It was said that the police had met with the parks manager and that an investigation into the incident was ongoing. Members were advised that an increased police presence in the area would commence from 13th April in an effort to address anti-social behaviour.

The ongoing issue of the use of nitrous oxide gas canisters was noted by the police.

PC M. Lunney reported that the police intended to take a more proactive approach in issuing Fixed Penalty Notices to individuals setting off fireworks after 11.00 p.m. However, it was acknowledged that, due to competing demands on police resources at such times, this would not be treated as a high-level priority.

The committee thanked the police for their attendance.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report of the following planning applications for determination: -

26/0018/VAR Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 (Plans) of Planning Permission 25/0431/HHO at 33 Heyhead Street, Brierfield for Mr Mehdi Khan Dad Bibi.

(Before the vote was taken, the Senior Planning Officer advised that a decision to approve the application would represent a significant departure from policy, due to its highly inappropriate materials and prominent position the proposed extension would result in visual amenity impact at a level that would result in a significant departure from policies DM16 and DM24 of the Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition and the Design Principles SPD. The matter would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Development Management Committee.)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Development Management Committee be recommended to **grant** planning permission subject to appropriate conditions and reasons.

26/0056/ADV Advertisement Consent: Display of 2 no illuminated fascia signs with an illuminated structural frame at 98-100 Manchester Road, Nelson for Mr Sheraz Akhtar.

RESOLVED

That delegated authority be given to the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services to **approve** the Display of 2 no illuminated fascia signs with an illuminated structural frame at 98-100 Manchester Road.

26/0071/HHO Full: Demolition of the existing single storey rear extension and the erection of a single storey rear extension at 47 Stanley Street, Brierfield for Ms Nargis Iqbal.

(Before the vote was taken, the Senior Planning Officer advised that a decision to approve the application would represent a significant departure from policy, due to its projection, height and proximity to a habitable room window the proposed development would result in unacceptable overbearing impact upon the neighbouring dwelling, which would represent a significant departure from policy DM24 of the Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition and the Design Principles SPD. The matter would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Development Management Committee.)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Development Management Committee be recommended to **grant** planning permission subject to appropriate conditions and reasons.

26/0128/FUL Full: Change of use from a dwelling (Use Class C3) to an Online Pharmacy Dispensary (Sui Generis) at 12 Commercial Street, Brierfield, Nelson for Mrs Gulnaz Qazi.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** based on its visual and residential impact.

26/0174/HHO Full: Erection of dormer windows to front and rear roof slopes at Redholme, 75 Walton Lane, Nelson for Mr Isfahan Rashid.

RESOLVED

That delegated authority be given to the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services to **approve** the erection of dormer windows to front and rear roof slopes at Redholme, 75 Walton Lane, Nelson subject to the applicant submitting amended plans.

26/0177/HHO Full: Erection of dormers to front and rear roof slopes at 40 Belgrave Street, Nelson for Mr Khalid.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted**.

26/0179/FUL Full: Change of use of land within the curtilage of the Church (Use Class F1) for the siting of 1 shipping container for use as a food bank (Sui Generis) and 2 accommodation pods for homeless people (Sui Generis) at St. Philips Church, Leeds Road, Nelson for Diocese of Blackburn.

RESOLVED

That consideration of the application be **deferred** to allow neighbours of the property to be consulted.

26/0191/HHO Full: Demolition of existing pedestrian gate, widening of existing vehicular access with the addition of a privacy screen and the installation of electric sliding gate at 509 Colne Road, Reedley for Mr Imran.

RESOLVED

That consideration of the application be **deferred** to allow a site visit take place and for the applicant to submit amended plans.

26/0226/HHO Full: Erection of dormers to front and rear roof slopes and a single storey rear extension at 28 Hawarden Street, Nelson for Mr Nasir Iqbal.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted**.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report, for information, on planning appeals, which was noted.

11. CALDERDALE ENEGERY PARK CONSULTATION

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on proposals for Calderdale Energy Park for comment prior to formal submission via the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) process.

Members of the committee echoed the comments made in the report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive express concerns about the development at this stage due to lack of full detail and potential major impacts on, in particular but not exclusively, highway impacts; impacts on the landscape and the visual quality of the area; tourism; and biodiversity sand ecology including impacts on the peat environment.

Reason: *In the interests of noise, landscape, visual, highway, traffic, biodiversity and climate change impacts.*

12. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted an update on enforcement matters, which was noted.

13. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2026/27

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which advised Members on the Committee's 2026/27 Budget.

Members were asked to consider deallocating £5,500 from the Brunswick Street, Public Realm Improvements scheme.

Members were also asked to consider a bid from Pendle United Cricket Club for £1,500 to help pay for cricket equipment for disadvantaged team members to compete in league.

RESOLVED

- (1) That this Committee's 2026/27 Budget as committed and shown in Appendix 2 attached to the report be noted.
- (2) That the financial implications stipulated in paragraph 6:4 be noted.
- (3) That £5,500 be deallocated from the Brunswick Street, Public Realm Improvements scheme.
- (4) That the following amount from the 2026/27 Budget be allocated to: –
Pendle United Cricket Club - Supporting grassroots cricket - £1,500.
- (5) That the remainder of the 2026/27 Budget be allocated as follows: –

Bradley Ward projects	£14,415
Southfield and Marsden	£14,415
Whitefield and Walverden	£14,415
Brierfield East and Cloverhill	£14,415
Brierfield West and Reedley	£9,610
Total	£67,270

Reason: *To enable the Budget to be allocated effectively and in line with financial regulations*

14. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The minutes of the Pendle Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 25th February 2026 were submitted for information.

RESOLVED

The minutes were noted.

15. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCHEME 2026/27

Following consideration Members determined that Councillors M. Hanif and A. Mahmood be appointed to the Grant Panel for 2026/27.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Councillors M. Hanif and A. Mahmood be appointed to the Grants Panel for 2026/27.
- (2) That the Committee notes the summary of the premises improvement grant scheme.
- (3) That the Committee agree to a funding allocation of £15,000 for the 2026/27 year.

Reason: To allow Grant Panel members to be decided by the Members of the Committee.

16. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

The Assistant Director Operational Services reported an update of the provision of litter / dog waste bins in quarter four which was noted.

17. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Parking at Dale Street, Brierfield.

RESOLVED

That discussion of this item be deferred to the next meeting to allow further input from members not present.

(b) Parking at Carr Road, Nelson & Pendle Street, Nelson near the canal bridge on Pendle Street, Nelson.

RESOLVED

That discussion of this item be deferred to the next meeting to allow further input from members not present.

(c) Overgrown hedges and trees to the rear of Commercial Street, Brierfield.

N. Ashraf advised that this issue had been ongoing for over a year. It was reported that the lack of action and response from Together Housing had been noted. It was put forward that a S215 notice should be issued if the issue persists.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Together Housing be contacted by Pendle Borough Council to confirm that remedial works would take place to cut back the conifers and tidy up the area.
- (2) That the item be added to the agenda for the next meeting of this committee so that an update could be given.

(d) Anti-social behaviour and dog fouling at Walverden Park, Brunswick Street, Nelson

Members noted that the police had been made aware of anti-social behaviour concerns.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director Operational Services be asked to monitor the area for dog fouling offences.

(e) Bowling Community at Heyhead Park, Brierfield

N. Ashraf informed members that a meeting was due to be scheduled with the Operations manager to discuss preventive measures.

RESOLVED

That the item be added to the agenda for the next meeting of this committee so that an update could be given.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE 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 items of business when it was likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted that there would be disclosure of exempt information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

18. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Assistant Director Operational Services submitted a report on environmental crime in Nelson, Brierfield & Reedley for quarter four which was noted.

Chair _____