

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 6TH JULY 2026**

PRESENT –

S. Ahmed - Chair (In the Chair)

Councillors

Z. Ali
M. Ammer
R. Bashir
M. Hanif
Y. Iqbal
M. Sakib
Y. Tennant

Officers in Attendance:

A. Cameron *Principal Planning Officer/Area Co-ordinator*
J. Eccles *Committee Administrator*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F. Ahmad, M. Aslam, M. Iqbal and A. Mahmood.)

The following person attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated –

Homeowner Enforcement Action - 7 Causey Foot, Nelson Minute No. 36



30. 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.

31. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident from Nelson spoke on behalf of residents of Bradley Road East asking for the Committee's help in solving a parking issue caused mainly by 2 local garages parking their vehicles on the street. She had also been in touch with County Councillor M. Iqbal and J. Hinder MP.

It was noted that their recent application to LCC for residents only parking had been turned down as it was below the usual minimum number required. As there was no form of appeals process for residents permit parking schemes which had not met the minimum criteria residents were asking for the Committee's support.

Residents also requested assistance in them acquiring a small piece of land, shown on the map, which was circulated at the meeting, to create a community garden at the end of 1 Bradley Road East, so they could keep this land in good condition for the benefit of local residents. Also a small area for allotments. This would require the acquisition of land from the developers who had just bought the land off Bankhouse Road from Pendle Council.

RESOLVED

That a report come back to the next meeting on the legal and policy implications of the committee supporting the request for residents only parking on Bradley Road East and permission to acquire 2 small pieces of land off Bankhouse Road which had recently been sold to a developer.

32. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

33. PROGRESS REPORT

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

34. POLICE MATTERS & COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime statistics for June 2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were noted. There was no Police representative at the meeting.

35. 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 -

26/0250/HHO Full: Erection of a two-storey extension to the rear at 106 Regent Street, Nelson for Nasira Bibi

(Before the vote was taken, the Principal Planning Officer advised that a decision to approve the application would represent a significant departure from policy. The proposed extension would breach the 45 degree rule in relation to a habitable room window in the neighbouring property, resulting in an unacceptable overbearing impact, which would represent 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 planning permission be **granted** subject to appropriate conditions.

26/0274/HHO *Full: Erection of a first-floor rear extension at 42 Lowthwaite Drive, Nelson for Mr Zahid Aslam*

RESOLVED

That consideration of the planning permission be **deferred** to allow for the applicant to discuss with officers plans for a smaller, more acceptable extension.

26/0298/HHO *Full: Erection of dormers windows to front and rear roof slopes with a single storey rear extension at 33 Crawford Street, Nelson for Mr Qamar Iqbal*

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted** subject to appropriate conditions.

26/0347/HHO *Full: Erection of dormer windows to front and rear roof slopes at 45 Meredith Street, Nelson for Mr Ibrahim Iqbal*

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted** subject to appropriate conditions.

(b) Planning Appeals

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

36. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted an update on enforcement matters. There was a discussion about the enforcement notice for 7 Causey Foot, Nelson and whether the date for compliance, which was 27th July 2026, could be reviewed, but no change was proposed.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

37. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2026/27

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report that advised members that the proposed allocations made at the May meeting would mean that the 2026/27 Area Committee Budget would be over committed.

Members were asked to reconsider the allocation of the remaining Budget which was £60,400.

RESOLVED

- (1) That £1,500 from the 2026/27 Area Committee Budget be allocated for litter and dog waste bins.
- (2) That the £15,000 previously allocated from the 2026/27 Area Committee Budget for Premises Improvement Grants be reconfirmed.
- (3) That consideration of the remaining uncommitted funds be deferred to the next meeting.

REASON

To enable the Area Committee Budget to be allocated efficiently and effectively.

38. HIGHWAY MATTERS - PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH FP1316012 AT PRAIRIE PLAYING FIELDS

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report seeking approval for officers to make and confirm an order to divert public footpath FP1316012 at Prairie Playing Fields.

Burnley Borough Council owned the sports pitches at the Prairie and had applied for planning permission to construct an artificial grass 3G sports pitch directly over the line of public footpath FP1316012. The report considered whether it was necessary to divert the footpath for the development and set out the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed diversion.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make an order under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to divert public footpath FP1316012 as shown on the proposals map.
- (2) That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services confirm the order if no duly made objections are received and if planning application 26/0165/FUL has been granted full planning permission.
- (3) That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to send the order to the Secretary of State to be decided if objections are received and not subsequently withdrawn.

REASON

Diverting the footpath is considered necessary for the development to be carried out.

39. DALE STREET BRIERFIELD

This item had been requested by a Councillor who was absent. Discussion had been deferred several times due to their absence.

RESOLVED

That this item be removed from future agendas for the time being.

40. PARKING AT CARR ROAD, NELSON & PENDLE STREET, NELSON NEAR THE CANAL BRIDGE ON PENDLE STREET, NELSON.

This item had been requested by a Councillor who was absent. Discussion had been deferred several times due to their absence.

RESOLVED

That this item be removed from future agendas for the time being.

41. OVERGROWN HEDGES AND TREES TO THE REAR OF COMMERCIAL STREET, BRIERFIELD

It was noted that Together Housing had been asked to confirm their availability for a meeting with Ward Councillors about the overgrown hedges and trees to the rear of Commercial Street, Brierfield, but no response had been received.

RESOLVED

That Together Housing be asked again to meet with Ward Councillors to discuss the overgrown hedges and trees to the rear of Commercial Street, Brierfield.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

42. GINNEL AT HODGE HOUSE AREA AND ON REGENT STREET, NELSON

Members discussed the condition of ginnels in the area that were the responsibility of Together Housing. Some needed vegetation cutting back. Others needed litter and debris removing. Ginnels mentioned included the Hodge House area, Regent Street, Charles Street, and Reedyford Road.

RESOLVED

That Together Housing be asked to arrange for the ginnels they were responsible for in Nelson and Brierfield to be cleared of overgrown vegetation, cleaned and that any litter and debris be removed.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity and public safety.

43. HALIFAX ROAD & WALVERDEN ROAD, BRIERFIELD.

There was an issue with traffic backing up at the traffic lights at the junction of Halifax Road and Walverden Road in Brierfield. Also, at the junction of Halifax Road and Colne Road.

RESOLVED

That LCC Highways be asked if they would meet Ward Councillors to observe the traffic flow at the traffic lights at the junctions of Halifax Road/Walverden Road and Halifax Road/Colne Road to see if any adjustments were needed.

REASON

To improve traffic flow at these well-used junctions.

44. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972

In accordance with the provisions of Section 100 (B)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the Chairman agreed that the following item should be considered as a matter of urgency, the ground being that this Committee's comments are to be reported to the Executive on 23rd July so that the Pride in Place Impact Fund and UK Shared Prosperity Fund could be spent within the required timescale.

45. PRIDE IN PLACE IMPACT FUND & UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

The Committee was asked to consider changes to the Pride in Place Impact Fund Programme for Brierfield and unspent UK Shared Prosperity Funds (UKSPF) for a schedule of works set out in the report.

In Brierfield the projects included Sackville Street recreation facilities; Taylor Street recreation facilities, the wider Civic area and the Town Hall. A variation request had been made to reallocate the £12k for lighting within the Civic Square area and use it to expand the scope of public realm works in Sackville Street and for investments to the public realm at Railway Street.

All existing scheduled public realm works funded by UKSPF in Brierfield had now been completed and there remained £22,584 unspent. It was proposed the combine this funding with the PIPF to fund the additional public realm works in Brierfield.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive be requested to use the £12k currently allocated for lighting within the Civic Square area along with unspent UKSPF funds of £22,584 for the schedule of works for Sackville Street and Railway Street as set out in the report, with the exception of works on Guilford Street which were being funded by Brierfield Town Council.

Chair