MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE HELD AT
NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 5th OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT –

S. Ahmed - Chair (In the Chair)

Councillors	***Co-optees***	***Police***
M. Adnan *F. Ahmad* *Z. Ali* *M. Ammer* *N. Ashraf* *M. Aslam* *M. Hanif* *M. Iqbal* *A. Mahmood* *M. Sakib* *Y. Tennant*	*N. Emery* *(Nelson Town Centre Partnership)*	*PCSO A. Walker*

Officers in Attendance:

A. Cameron	*Principal Planning Officer/Area Co-ordinator*
R. Ferguson	*Committee Administrator*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R. Bashir and Y. Iqbal.)

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

Alan Nizinkiewicz *Hamish Wilkie* *County Councillor Azhar Ali* *Heather O'Brien* *Laura Maree*	*26/0105/CND Approval of Details Reserved by Condition: Condition 4 (Surface and Foul Water Drainage Scheme), Condition 5 (Construction Surface Water Management Plan), Condition 6 (Site- Specific Operation and Maintenance Manual), Condition 7 (Site-Specific Verification Report), Condition 10 (Existing and Proposed Levels and Retaining Structures) Condition 16 (Construction Management Plan), Condition 17 (Highway Works), Condition 18 (Site Access and Off-Site Highway Works) Condition 19 (Retaining Wall Alteration), Condition 20 (Phasing Plan and Timetable of Works) and Biodiversity Net Gain Condition (Biodiversity Gain Plan) of Planning Permission 25/0149/FUL at Land to the South of Halifax Road, Nelson.*	*Minute No. 81(a)*

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76. 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.

77. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

78. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

79. 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.

80. POLICE MATTERS & COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime statistics for September 2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members noted the continued high levels of crime, particularly incidents of theft and assault, and were advised that current demand exceeded available policing resources. In response, Councillor M. Iqbal, in his capacity as County Councillor, advised that he would write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to request additional resources for the area.

Members reported concerns regarding police vehicles leaving Pendle Police Station on Carr Road with sirens activated late at night and during the early hours of the morning. It was asked whether sirens could be switched off during these periods. In response, it was explained that sirens were used to alert members of the public, particularly during hours of darkness, and helped to reduce the risk of collisions by providing advance warning of approaching vehicles.

Ward Councillors raised concerns regarding an increase in anti-social behaviour in Brierfield and requested additional police patrols. It was reported that staffing and funding constraints limited the police's capacity to increase patrols. PCSO A. Walker agreed to convey these concerns and seek additional neighbourhood patrols for the area.

Members raised concerns regarding the continued issue of fireworks being discharged late at night and during the early hours of the morning. It was reported that a public consultation was currently underway and that ‘Operation Bright Sparks’ had been implemented to help address and reduce these incidents.

A Member reported that there had been incidents of suspected drug dealing near the Ace Centre, Nelson. It was advised that the matter would be relayed to Lancashire Constabulary and that an action plan would be developed. The police noted the ongoing issue relating to the use of nitrous oxide gas canisters.

The Committee thanked the police for their attendance.

81. 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 –

26/0105/CND Approval of Details Reserved by Condition: Discharge Condition 3 (Surface Water Drainage Strategy), Condition 4 (Surface and Foul Water Drainage Scheme), Condition 5 (Construction Surface Water Management Plan), Condition 6 (Site- Specific Operation and Maintenance Manual), Condition 7 (Site-Specific Verification Report), Condition 10 (Existing and Proposed Levels and Retaining Structures) Condition 16 (Construction Management Plan), Condition 17 (Highway Works), Condition 18 (Site Access and Off-Site Highway Works) Condition 19 (Retaining Wall Alteration), Condition 20 (Phasing Plan and Timetable of Works) and Biodiversity Net Gain Condition (Biodiversity Gain Plan) of Planning Permission 25/0149/FUL at Land to the South of Halifax Road, Nelson for Pendle Borough Council.

RESOLVED

That the discharge of Conditions 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and the Biodiversity Net Gain Condition be **approved**, and that the application for the discharge of Condition 7 be **refused**.

26/0472/HHO Full: Erection of a single storey side and rear extension at 8 Regent Place, Nelson for Mr Peter Nawab.

(Before the vote was taken, the Principal Planning Officer advised that a decision to approve the application would represent a significant departure from policy. By reason of its scale, siting, and proximity to the shared boundary with No.6 Regent Street, the proposed extension would result in an unacceptable overbearing impact to a ground floor window serving a habitable space. The development would therefore cause harm to the residential amenity of the adjoining occupiers at No.6, contrary to Policy DM16 and Policy DM24 of the adopted Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition (2021-2040) and the adopted 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.

26/0480/HHO Full: Erection of a single storey rear extension at 384 Leeds Road, Nelson for Mrs Anita Mahmood.

(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 development would result in an unacceptable overbearing impact on the occupants of no.382 and would have a harmful impact on their residential amenity and hence would be contrary to policies DM16 and DM24 of the Adopted Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition (2021-2040), the Adopted Pendle Design principles SPD and policy DP3 of the National Planning Policy Framework. 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.

26/0499/HHO Full: Erection of dormer windows to front and rear roof slopes at 28 Beaufort Street, Nelson for Mr Tahir Hussain.

RESOLVED

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

26/0520/HHO Full: Erection of dormer windows to front and rear roof slopes at 19 Beaufort Street, Nelson for Mr Mohammed Ismail.

RESOLVED

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

26/0522/HHO Full: Erection of a single storey rear extension and single storey outbuilding connected by a veranda at 11 Wharfedale Avenue, Reedley for Mr Umar Zaman.

(Before the vote was taken, the Principal Planning Officer advised that a decision to approve the application would represent a significant departure from policy. By reason of its projection, siting, and proximity to the shared boundary with No. 9 Wharfedale Avenue, the proposed veranda causes an unacceptable overbearing impact to a ground floor window serving a habitable room. The development therefore causes harm to the residential amenity of the adjoining occupiers at No. 9, contrary to Policy DM16 and Policy DM24 of the adopted Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition (2021-2040) and the adopted 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.

(b) Planning Appeals

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

82. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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

83. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2026/27

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report that advised members that the budget for 2026/27 had been committed.

Members were advised that a bid for £4,000 towards a forthcoming volleyball tournament had been received following publication of the agenda and, therefore, could not be

considered as a substantive item of business at the meeting.

As the tournament was scheduled to take place before the Committee's next meeting, Members considered whether authority should be delegated to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to determine the application.

During discussion, Members indicated their support for the application and suggested that, should funding be approved, a contribution of £1,000 from each of the Committee's five ward allocations be used to fund the bid.

RESOLVED

That authority be delegated to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to consider and determine the bid for funding towards the volleyball tournament, with the decision reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

REASON

To support the delivery of a local sporting event, encourage participation in physical activity, and ensure the Committee's budget is utilised effectively for the benefit of local residents.

84. LEGACY FUND

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which advised Members that £108,940 remained uncommitted within the Committee's Legacy Fund.

A bid for £9,000 from Bodies in Motion (Pendle) Ltd was submitted for consideration. The bid requested funding to equip a new community facility at The Garden Zone, Nelson, with a comprehensive range of gym and fitness equipment. The project would create an accessible and inclusive space where local residents could engage in regular physical activity, improve their health and wellbeing, and develop positive connections within the community.

RESOLVED

That £9,000 be allocated to Bodies in Motion (Pendle) Ltd.

REASON

To support the development of an accessible community facility that promotes physical activity, improves health and wellbeing, and provides opportunities for local residents to participate in inclusive fitness and community-based activities.

85. PENDLE TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

The minutes of the Pendle Traffic Liaison Meeting held on Monday 7 September 2026 were submitted for information.

86. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

(a) Anti-social behaviour around Wood Street, Humphrey Street & High Street, Brierfield.

Members had been invited to attend a meeting with the Council's Community Safety Officer

and representatives of Together Housing to discuss how to tackle anti-social behaviour in this area.

It was reported by members who attended the meeting that an action plan had been put in place and that no further discussions were necessary at this time.

(b) Traffic lights at the junction of Halifax Road & Colne Road, Brierfield.

At the 6th July meeting, Members discussed an issue with traffic backing up at the traffic lights at the junction of Halifax Road and Colne Road.

It was reported that the junction had been scheduled for refurbishment by the end of the calendar year as part of Lancashire's Bus Service Improvement measures. The works would include the introduction of MOVA, an adaptive traffic signal control system, and a full review of the junction's operation would be undertaken.

87. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A Councillor has requested that the following item be discussed: -

Overgrown hedges behind Burnley Road, Reedley.

Members discussed the condition of the overgrown vegetation and requested that the vegetation be cut back and that any associated litter and debris be removed.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director of Operational Services contact the Ward Councillors for the area to discuss how the issue could be addressed.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity and public safety.

88. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following items have been requested by the Committee. Updates would be submitted to a future meeting.

(a) Land to the rear of 9 Parsonage Drive, Brierfield (07.09.2026)

(b) Commercial vehicles parking illegally on various streets in Brierfield (07.09.2026)

89. 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.

90. ENFORCEMENT DELEGATED REPORT

(Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee 05.10.2026)

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report detailing an alleged breach of planning control.

RESOLVED

That no further action be taken at this time.

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