

**MINUTES OF BRIERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT BRIERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2022  
Chair: Councillor Saqib Hussain**

**1. COUNCILLORS PRESENT:**

Mohammed Hanif	Qamar Shazad	Mohammed Altaf
Naeem Ashraf	Colette Brown	Iram Ghous
Sajjad Ahmed	Yasser Iqbal	

**Apologies:** Zahir Imtiaz

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None**

**3. MINUTES - To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 26-10-21**  
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

**4. FINANCIAL ISSUES - To approve the Finance Statement as at 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2022**  
The finance statement was approved. Members were advised that the gas and electric prices had more than doubled for the community centre and the town hall.

**5. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

**a. Staffing**

CARETAKER Cllr Hanif advised Cllr's that Raja Saleem had left his position as caretaker. We now need to recruit several caretakers, part time, to look after the 2 buildings and manage the bookings. Cllr Shazad to take the lead on this supported by Cllr Hanif.

CLERK Cllr Iqbal advised he was dealing with an agency and there might be a possible candidate for a clerk. He advised that the rates the agency wants to charge per hour are very high. Members were concerned at the high rate but agreed to interview the candidate and then a decision will be made.

**b. Town Hall / Community Centre**

- There are several ongoing issues that are being looked into: boiler, water leakage, fly killers, rats around the buildings, etc. Cllr Shazad is working to resolve these issues.
- Cllr Hanif advised members that contractors have been asked to quote for the refurbishment of the community centre.

**c. Website - Cllr Shazad advised members that the website was ongoing.**

**6. NEW ISSUES**

**a. Highways**

- Gutter and Gullies** - Members were informed that a contract had been issued to clean gutters and gullies
- Resurfacing** - Members were advised that the back streets they had suggested have been tendered by Pendle Council.
- Speeding** - Cllr's Iqbal and Hanif reported back on the meeting held with deputy PCC of Lancashire and Cllr Azhar Ali to discuss speeding in the town. The deputy PCC discussed installation of speed cameras in the town, it was suggested that BTC would work in partnership with the PCC on this project and if required

contribute funds towards the project. It was agreed to work in partnership with the PCC and allocate funding towards speed traffic cameras.

- b. Free swimming** - It was agreed to fund free swimming for all children of primary school age living in Brierfield. The cost would be around £3K.
- c. Budget / precept 2022-23** - The proposed budget was agreed.
- d. MUGA's / play areas** – Members were informed that Massey Street play area needed cleaning due to moss growing the play equipment, several other small jobs need to be done in other muga's. This was agreed.
- e. Queen's Platinum Jubilee** - members were advised that the Queens Platinum Jubilee was coming in the summer. Members need to consider events / activities for the summer.
- f. Vacancy** - Cllr vacancies needed to be filled.

## 7. Mayor's Report

The Mayor informed members of his activities since the last meeting

Signed:  
Councillor Saqib Hussain

Date: 21-03-2022

Brierfield Town Council