

**MINUTES OF BRIERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT BRIERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022**

**Chair: Zahir Imtiaz**

**1. COUNCILLORS PRESENT:**

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

**Apologies:** Saqib Hussain

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None**

**3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were several residents who attended the meeting. The following questions were asked:

- Lee Darwin asked about drug dealing around Chatburn Park Drive and what was happening about it. Councillor Hanif advised Mr Darwin that he had met several residents only a day before to discuss this and other issues. This will be referred to the Police for them to take action.
- Avril Astin asked when were council meetings taking place, Mr Mayor advised that the meeting dates were on the agenda.
- Karin Grandal-Park provided a thank you card from the Methodist Church to the council, for the donations towards the church roof. Mrs Parks raised the issue of communications; Mrs Parks was advised to email town council and not Pendle Council for all future communication.
- David Ellis asked if the litter picker group could take ownership of the planter on Burnley Road. He was advised to email a proposal to the council.
- Michelle Grimshaw asked what was happening with the Lucas Playing fields. Cllr Hanif and Ashraf updated Mrs Grimshaw and also advised her that this is a Pendle Council responsibility and not the town councils.
- Bernard Cullen advised the council he was the new Chairperson of Brierfield allotments. He also introduced the committee. It was agreed that that the Council will contact them.

**4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY, 2022**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

**5. TO APPROVE THE FINANCE STATEMENT AS AT 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022**

The finance statement was approved.

**6. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

- a. **Community Centre** - Cllr Hanif advised members that a new CCTV system had been installed at a cost of £4,500. Outstanding is decorating work and external repairs. Due to all contractors being busy, this work will hopefully take place over the next few months.

- b. Town Hall** - Red Arrows have completed the work, as a result contract with Harvey has been cancelled.  
Cllr Altaf advised members that lead from the roof had been stolen. Cllr Shazad was tasked to resolve this issue and also to install wire meshing on the roof so vandalism can be prevented.
- c. Website** - Cllr Hanif advised members that he and Cllr Shazad were working with the web designer, the website will be up and working in the next few weeks.
- d. Mayors Board** - The Board has been updated.
- e. Flowers** - the summer flowers have been installed in the town centre and watering of them is ongoing.
- f. Staffing** - This is ongoing.

## 7. NEW ISSUES

- a. Christmas Light Switch On** - Cllr Hanif advised members that the 30-foot tree had been ordered. The following have been contacted: mehndi artists, face painting, father Christmas, etc. The date for the Christmas light switch on will be Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Members unanimously approved all the recommendations.
- b. Mayors Chain** - members were advised that both chains, Mayors and Mayoress, had been refurbished and polished from Precious Metals, cost was £710. This was agreed.
- c. Events** - a general discussion took place on future events.
- d. Grants** - members were advised that the cheque to Methodist Church had been posted and received by them.
- e. Meeting dates** - meeting dates for 2022/23 were agreed and approved.
- f. Vacancy** - members were advised that there was a vacancy to be filled.

## 8. Mayor's Report

The Mayor informed members of his activities since the last meeting

Signed:  
Councillor Yasser Iqbal

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022