

## **PENNINES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mir (in the Chair); Councillors Davidson, Dearnley, Emsley, Hartley, Hussain, Paolucci, Blundell, Bamford, Taylor and Besford

**OFFICERS:** T. Knight, J. Simpson C. Woods (Neighbourhoods Directorate) and P. Thompson (Resources Directorate)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Seven members of the public.

#### **APOLOGIES**

9 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kelly.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

10 There were no declarations of interests.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

11 The following issues were raised in the Committee's Open Forum session:

a. Bee-Hives

Further to minute 3a of the last meeting of the Committee held 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Members were updated on bee friendly environmental issues that had been introduced across Pennines Township including a package of measures that was to be submitted as a funding application to the next meeting of Pennines Township Delegated and Funding Sub-Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.

b. Planning Appeals

The Committee was informed of written correspondence, received in advance of the meeting from Mr. B. Cropper, requesting that objections received to planning applications, made by members of the public, be published on the Council's Planning Service's Planning Portal. Members of the Township Committee confirmed that they had raised this matter at recent meetings of the Pennines Township's Planning Panel.

#### **MINUTES**

12 Resolved:

That subject to the amendment of 'Lane Bank Road' to 'Lake Side', referenced in minute 3(b), the minutes of the meeting of Pennines Township Committee be approved as a correct record.

#### **PENNINES TOWNSHIP DELEGATED AND FUNDING SUB-COMMITTEE**

13 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Pennines Township Delegated and Funding Sub-Committee, held 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019, be noted.

#### **OBJECTIONS TO EXPERIMENTAL TRO - LADYHOUSE LANE, MILNROW**

14 The Township Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods regarding the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) at Ladyhouse Lane, Milnrow. Over several years complaints have been received about motorists contravening the Prohibition of Right Turn Order from Elizabethan Way into Ladyhouse Lane. The contraventions increase the number of vehicular movements along Ladyhouse Lane, which is partly residential. Higher speeds are often

associated with motorists using alternative shorter routes. Motorists waiting to turn right also hinder ahead movements on Elizabethan Way. Pennines Township provided funding to introduce an experimental one-way traffic order to address the issues reported and to assess the impact of the changes.

The Experimental Order was introduced on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and during the consultation period the Council received seven letters of objection to the proposal, one letter of support plus a petition. In general, the objectors report that the one-way order unnecessarily inconveniences the local residents of Milnrow by making some of their journeys longer and that the problem with contraventions could be solved by other alternative measures.

Alternatives considered:

The Committee could consider recommending that the Experimental TRO is not made permanent. If the Committee decided not to make the experimental order permanent then the issues with motorists contravening the prohibition of right turn order and increasing the use of Ladyhouse Lane, plus the negative effect on traffic flows on the strategic highway, which were reported to Pennines Township Committee, will not be addressed.

Resolved:

1. The Township that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, Borough of Rochdale (Ladyhouse Lane, Milnrow, Experimental (One-way Traffic and Prohibition of Driving) Order (1) 2018 be abandoned in light of the representations received, which are outlined at Appendix B of this report.
2. The Head of Highways be requested to submit a report to a future meeting of the Township Committee exploring future options.

Reasons for the decision:

Complaints had been received about motorists contravening the Prohibition of Right Turn Order from Elizabethan Way into Ladyhouse Lane. The contraventions increased the number of vehicular movements along Ladyhouse Lane, which is partly residential. Higher speeds are often associated with motorists using alternative shorter routes. Motorists waiting to turn right also hinder ahead movements on Elizabethan Way. Pennines Township has provided funding to introduce an experimental one-way traffic order to address the issues reported and to assess the impact of the changes.

Eligible for Call-in Yes.

### **WARDLE FOOTBALL CLUB**

15 The Committee considered a report that Wardle Football Club has plans to extend the lower pitch from a junior size to an adult/open age sized pitch and to improve the drainage which must comply with the Football Association Charter Standard Programme. A planning application was submitted at the same time as the scheme was put out to tender.

During the planning process, officers had concerns that there was a risk of waste material being brought to the surface by bioturbation (mixing of materials by the actions of soil organisms and growth of plant roots). To prevent bioturbation between the existing landfill material and the proposed pitch surface, a suitable separation layer has been added in the interest of protecting human health and to provide a better playing surface.

In this regard the Committee was presented with a series of options for the works required which ranged in terms of value from £16,385.05 to £41,006.46.

Alternatives considered:

A series of alternative options were proposed, of varying costs which met the requirement of the environmental health service. However the costs for some of these options appeared to be prohibitive.

Resolved:

That option 3(b), as detailed at paragraph 1.2 of the submitted report, in the sum of £16,285.05, be approved for the improvement works at Wardle Football Club, to ensure the requirements put forward by the Council's Planning and Environmental Health Services are met.

Reasons for the decision:

The recommendations were presented to ensure that sufficient funding is available for the additional requirements to meet conditions requested by the Council's Planning Service and to remove the risk of any pitch users and to mitigate any health and safety concerns. The Committee was advised that Option 3b, detailed in the report, meets the requirement of the Environmental Health Officer.

Eligible for Call-in: Yes.

### **PERMANENT DIVERSION OF PART OF LITFP470**

16 The Township Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods which advised that the landowner at Brearley Farm Littleborough had submitted an application to the Council to divert part of a definitive footpath that runs over land in their ownership required for the undertaking of farm work. The footpath is numbered LitFp470 on Council records.

The landowner wishes to utilise area to the front of the property. Footpath LitFp470 runs over the vehicle access road to Brearley Farm and continues to the front of the property, in the location where the land is required for farming.

Under section 119 Highways Act 1980 a landowner may apply to the Council to divert a right of way on the ground that in his interests it is expedient that the Order should be made.

Alternatives considered:

There were no alternative options available. Should the matter be referred to Secretary of State who decides that the order should not be made, the applicant is advised and the Council would not proceed with the order.

Resolved:

1. Pennine Township Committee authorises the Council to proceed with a map modification order under section 119 Highways Act to divert part of footpath LitFp470 away from the front of Brearley Farm and run on a "stoned up" path around a fenced area created by the landowner.
2. If no objections are received to the order to confirm it unopposed, if an objection is received to submit the application to the Secretary of State to make a final decision.
3. On completion of a map modification order to carry out an event order to alter the definitive map and statement to show the location of the new route of part of LitFp470.

Reasons for the decisions:

The Council is required to keep the definitive map and statement under continuous review. The Authority is to achieve this by the making of modifications to the map as

soon as is reasonably practical after the occurrence of an event. By adding, deleting or diverting of a right of way are requirements to meet this obligation also inspecting and managing the network. A landowner, lessee or occupier may apply to divert a right of way on the ground that in his interests it is expedient that the Order should be made.

Eligible for Call-in: Yes

### **HIGHWAYS PRESENTATION**

17 The Council's Head of Highways gave members of the Township Committee a presentation that delivered an overview of the Highways services provided by the authority in terms of: budgets, the type and scope of works carried out and the relationship between the Council's Highways and Township services.

Resolved:

That the presentation be noted and welcomed.

Eligible for call-in: No