

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY, 11TH MAY 2010

Present: Councillor S Roberson (Chairman)

Councillor C V Burgess
Councillor Mrs D Burgess
Councillor Mrs M Camm
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor W Howell
Councillor A Snape
Councillor W Stevenson
Councillor R Tyson
Councillor Mrs J Williams

Mr. T. Fitton (Town Clerk)
Mrs C Jennings (Assistant Town Clerk)

8 members of the public
1 press correspondent

Councillor R Tyson opened the meeting with prayers.

10/69 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from the Councillors Mrs G Burgess, Mrs J Burgess and Mrs T E S Jones.

10/70 Declarations of Interest.

The Assistant Town Clerk had circulated a new Registered Interest Form for completion by all Councillors.

10/71 Retiring Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman gave a light hearted speech commenting on many aspects of his Chairmanship throughout the year.

He thanked his fellow Town Councillors and the Town Clerk and his staff for their support, and wished the incoming Chairman every success during 2010/11.

10/72 Election of Chairman 2010/11

Resolved: It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that Councillor W Howell be elected Chairman of the Town Council for the ensuing Civic Year.

Councillor Howell made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked members for his election.

Councillor Howell announced that his wife Mrs P Howell, would serve as his Consort for the ensuing year and both were invested with the Chains of Office.

10/73 Vote of Thanks to Retiring Chairman.

Councillor Howell paid tribute to the Retiring Chairman, Councillor Roberson and his consort Mrs C Roberson, saying that both had worked very hard during their year of office on behalf of the Town Council and the people of Alsager.

At this point the Chairman, Councillor W Howell, then presented Councillor Roberson with the Past Chairman's Badge of Office.

10/74 Appointment of Vice-Chairman of Alsager Town Council 2010/11

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor C V Burgess be appointed Vice Chairman of the Town Council for the ensuing year.

It was further proposed and seconded that Councillor R Tyson be appointed Vice Chairman of the Town Council for the ensuing year.

In accordance with S.O 5.1 a ballot of members present was agreed and undertaken by the Town Clerk and the Assistant Town Clerk with Mr P Smith acting as independent observer.

The Chairman announced the result as follows:

Councillor C V Burgess	4 votes
Councillor R Tyson	6 votes

The chairman called for a substantive resolution and upon being put to the vote it was:-

Resolved: Unanimously that, Councillor R Tyson be elected Vice Chairman of the Town Council for the forthcoming civic year.

Councillor R Tyson made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked members for his appointment.

The Chairman, Councillor W Howell duly invested Councillor R Tyson with the Vice-Chairman's Chain of Office.

Councillor R Tyson returned thanks for his appointment.

10/75 Annual Appointment of Trustees of Alsager Institute

The Town Clerk reported that it had been the convention for all Town Councillors automatically to serve as Trustees of the Alsager Institute. However, this now did not conform to legal requirements.

Consequently, the Chairman now asked if there were any members who did not wish to serve as Trustees of the Institute.

Resolved: That, Councillor Mrs J Williams did not wish to serve as a Trustee of the Institute.

10/76 Alsager Institute Committee

Resolved: a) That the following members be appointed to serve on the Institute Committee for the Civic Year 2010/11:

Councillor Mrs D Burgess
Councillor Mrs J Burgess
Councillor Mrs M Camm
Councillor Mrs T E S Jones
Councillor A Snape
Councillor R Tyson

b) That Councillor R Tyson be re-appointed Chairman of the Institute Committee for the Civic Year 2010/11.

c) That Councillor Mrs D Burgess be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Institute Committee for the Civic Year 2010/11.

Appointment of Committees

10/77 Planning Committee

Resolved: a) That, all members of the Town Council be appointed to serve on the Planning Committee.

b) That, Councillor C V Burgess be appointed Chairman of the Planning Committee for the Civic Year 2010/11.

c) That Councillor Mrs J Williams be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee for the Civic Year 2010/11.

10/78 Finance and General Purpose Committee

Resolved: a) That, the under mentioned 8 members be appointed to serve on the Finance and General Purpose Committee:-

Councillor W Stevenson
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor C V Burgess
Councillor Mrs J Burgess
Councillor Mrs M Camm
Councillor W Howell
Councillor A Snape

Councillor Mrs D Burgess

- b) That, Councillor W Stevenson be appointed Chairman of the Finance and General Purpose Committee for the Civic Year 2010/11.
- c) That Councillor D I Hough be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Finance and General Purpose Committee for the Civic Year 2010/11.

10/79

Personnel Committee

Resolved: a) That, the under mentioned 4 members be appointed to serve on the Personnel Committee:-

Councillor Mrs T E S Jones
Councillor Mrs D Burgess
Councillor Mrs J Williams
Councillor A Snape

- b) That, Councillor Mrs T E S Jones be appointed Chairman of the Personnel Committee for the Civic Year 2010/11.
- c) That Councillor Mrs J Williams be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Personnel Committee for the Civic Year 2010/11.

10/80

Appointment of Town Councillors to serve on Outside Bodies.

Resolved: That the individual appointments be made to serve on outside bodies for the Civic Year 2010/2011.

<u>Body/Organisation</u>	<u>Representative 2010/11</u>
Footpaths Community Action Group	Councillor D I Hough
Gardens Association	Councillor R Tyson
Police Forum	Councillor A Snape
Twyfords Liaison Panel	Councillor C V Burgess
Milton Garden's Working Group	Councillor C V Burgess Councillor Mrs M Camm Councillor D I Hough Councillor R Tyson Mrs Dyke (Resident Rep) Mr T Cotton (Resident Rep)
Cheshire Forum for M6 Councils	Councillor A Snape

Civic Hall Working Group	Chairman Vice-Chairman Councillor Mrs D Burgess Councillor D I Hough Councillor A Snape Councillor W H Stevenson Councillor Mrs T E S Jones
Pub Watch	Councillor A Snape
Alsager High Youth Council Liaison	Chairman Town Clerk
Alsager Partnership	Councillor C V Burgess Councillor W Howell Councillor D I Hough Councillor Mrs J Williams
Fairtrade Steering Group	Councillor Mrs T E S Jones Councillor R Tyson
PCSO Review Panel	Chairman Vice-Chairman Councillor A Snape
White Moss Quarry Liaison Group	Councillor Mrs T E S Jones
Quality Status Working Group	Chairman Councillor Mrs D Burgess Councillor Mrs T E S Jones Councillor W Stevenson Councillor Mrs J Williams Councillor M Camm
Playbuilder Wood Park Working Group	Councillor W Howell Councillor D I Hough Councillor Mrs G Burgess Councillor Mrs J Williams Councillor Mrs T E S Jones
Policing Issues	Councillor C V Burgess Councillor Mrs D Burgess Councillor Mrs G Burgess
Congleton LAP	Councillor C V Burgess
Alsager Chamber of Trade	Councillor W Howell
In Bloom Group	Chairman

Councillor Mrs T E S Jones
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor R Tyson

Town Plan Working Group

Councillor C V Burgess
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor W Howell
Councillor Mrs T E S Jones
Councillor S Roberson

Grievance Appeal Panel

Councillor W Stevenson
Councillor R Tyson

Customer Information Point Consultation

Councillor C V Burgess
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor W Howell
Councillor W Stevenson

10/81 Nomination of members of the general public to represent the Town Council on various issues.

Members noted the list of general public who currently represent the Town Council on various issues.

Resolved: a) That the following members of the public continue to represent the Town Council during the Civic Year 2010/11

<u>Body/Organisation</u>	<u>Representative 2010/11</u>
Alsager Education Foundation	Councillor R Tyson
Gardens Association - Annual Garden Competition	Mr M Buckingham Mrs E Davis
Local Public Transport Contact	Mr P Smith

b) That, a vote of thanks be recorded to Mr P Smith for all his hard work in relation to public transport issues affecting Alsager.

10/82 Community Governors

Members noted the following list of Community Governors:

<u>School</u>	<u>2010/11</u>
Cranberry Primary School	Councillor R Tyson (LEA Governor)
Pikemere County Primary School	Councillor D I Hough

Highfields County Primary School

Councillor Mrs D Burgess

Excalibur County Primary School

Councillor Mrs J Burgess

10/83

Internal Auditor

Resolved: That, Councillor C V Burgess be re-appointed as the Town Councils Internal Auditor for 2010/2011.

10/84

Cheque Signing Mandates.

Resolved: a) That the Town Clerk and any two of the following three members be authorised to sign the Town Council cheques for the ensuing financial year.

Chairman of the Council (Councillor W Howell)

Vice-Chairman of the Council (Councillor R Tyson)

Chairman of Finance and General Purposes (Councillor W Stevenson)

b) That the Town Clerk and any of the following three members be authorised to sign the Institute cheques for the ensuing financial year.

Chairman of the Institute Committee (Councillor R Tyson)

Vice-Chairman of the Institute Committee (Councillor Mrs D Burgess)

Committee member (Councillor Mrs J Burgess)

10/85

Civic Sunday Parade and Service

Councillor W Howell informed the Town Council that his Civic Sunday was to be held on 13th June 2010. The procession will leave Fairview Car Park at 2.15pm, followed by a service at Wesley Place at 3pm.

10/86

Chairmans Charities

The Chairman announced that his chosen charities for the forthcoming civic year were Special Treasures and Prostate Cancer Support.

10/87

Audit Commission Annual Report – 31st March 2010

The Town Council considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2010 and in particular the Statement of Assurance contained in section 2 of the return.

Resolved: a) That, the Annual Return Statement of Assurance for the year ended 31st March 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

b) That, the advertising of the Annual Return to provide proper opportunity for the exercise of electors rights in accordance with statutory requirements be confirmed.

10/88

Members Handbook

Resolved: a) That, the Members Handbook be received.

b) That a vote of thanks be recorded to Suzanne Colclough for her considerable efforts in putting together the Members Handbook.

Councillor W Howell
Chairman