

‘SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION’

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 12TH JANUARY 2009

Present: Councillor S Roberson (Chairman)

Councillor C V Burgess
Councillor Mrs D Burgess
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor W Howell
Councillor S Morris
Councillor A Snape
Councillor W H Stevenson
Councillor Mrs J Williams

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

6 members of the general public
2 members of the press

Reverend David Spence opened the meeting with prayers.

10/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs G Burgess, Mrs J Burgess, Mrs M Camm, Mrs S Jones and R Tyson.

10/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

10/03 Minutes – Town Council

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 1st December 2009, Pages 1 – 4 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10/04 Matters Arising

No matters were raised.

10/05 Chairman’s Announcements

4 th December	Talking Newspaper Christmas Dinner
8 th December	BBC Radio Stoke
12 th December	Triton Hockey – Mince Pies and Meet the Coaches

10/06 Public Participation

Mrs Dyke expressed concern about the time being taken over stage 3 (Sunken Garden) of the Milton Park Project. In reply it was noted that Cheshire East was reviewing its arrangements with Ground Work Trust but that work was continuing to assemble finance to undertake stage 3.

10/07 Good Neighbours Care in Alsager

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Mr Roy Pitcher who gave a short presentation regarding establishing Good Neighbours Care in Alsager. The proposed initiative is to set up a network of neighbour care links with the social services so that the community would be provided with a secure sense of accessible provision.

Resolved: That, the Town Council supports this project in principle and awaits further reports as the matter is developed with Cheshire East.

10/08 Planning Committee

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 8th December 2009 be received.

10/09 Personnel Committee

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 7th January 2010 be approved.

10/10 Standing Orders

Revised Standing Orders had been prepared by the Town Clerk to reflect the new committee procedure and circulated to all members and it was:-

Resolved: That, the revised Standing Orders be received and adopted.

10/11 Commons Registration Act 1965 – Village Green Application

Further to Min. 09/993 dated 1st December 2009 it was noted that there was no further information to report at this stage pending the receipt of a formal planning application from Kimberley/Co-op.

10/12 Training Sessions for Borough and Town Councillors

Members were notified of training sessions available to them in February 2010 on the subject of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

10/13 Precept 2010/11

Further to Min. 09/996 dated 1st December 2009, Members considered the Budget Booklet prepared by the Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer containing the recommendations for the formal ratification of the Town Councils Budget for 2010/2011 and confirmation of

Precept requirements for 2010/2011, which were required by Cheshire East Council by 15th January 2010.

Consideration was also given to the draft press release for budget proposals.

- Resolved:
- a) That, the Budget for 2010/2011 in the sum of £192,000 be confirmed.
 - b) That, the Precept for 2010/11 in the sum of £192,000 be confirmed and Cheshire East Council be informed accordingly.
 - c) That, the press release be confirmed without amendment for issue to the local media and publication on the Town Councils Website.

10/14 New Play Area – Fairview Car Park

- Resolved: That, the Town Council give authority for the Civic Hall Working Group to discuss the ownership of the new play area to be built on Fairview Car Park with Officers from Cheshire East Council.

10/15 Proposed Wood Park Play Area

Councillor D I Hough informed members that Alsager Town Council had been successful in a bid for funding from Cheshire East for a new play area on Wood Park. The play area would be aimed at the 8-13 year old age bracket and would be designed in house by Cheshire East. Councillor Hough also explained that this project had the support of the Local Area Partnership and that other agencies such as Plus Dane Housing, Schools, Local Businesses and Residents of the area should also be involved.

- Resolved:
- a) That, support in principle be given to the formation of a Radway Project Group.
 - b) That, an item be placed on the next Town Council agenda to appoint representatives from the Town Council to this group.

10/16 Cheshire East Councillor's Reports

Councillor R Fetcher reported that there would be a meeting on 25th January 2010 regarding the outcome of the Boundary Review and to note that Alsager had retained its 3 member ward.

He reported that the visual display screen at Alsager Station was now working.

Councillor Fletcher also reported that he was a member of the Car Parking Charges Task and Finish Panel, and he would be aiming to bring Fairview Car Park in line with other car parks so that the minimum period for parking would be one hour.

He also explained that Cheshire East's Pre Budget Report was available online.

10/17 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That in accordance with the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of private and confidential information and staff matters.

10/18 Police Community Support Officers – SLA

A draft new PCSO Service Level Agreement for the next 3 years was circulated to members for consideration and it was:-

Resolved:- That, the commitment to a further agreement for 3 years be approved and a meeting be arranged between Sgt. Steve Shepherd and the Town Councils PCSO Review Panel to discuss the details of the proposed new Service Level Agreement. (SLA)

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm and concluded at 8.30pm

Councillor S Roberson
Chairman