

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2011

Present: Councillor C V Burgess (Chairman)

Councillor B Ashley
Councillor S Bishop
Councillor Mrs M Camm
Councillor R Fletcher
Councillor H Mawdsley
Councillor Mrs H Robinson
Councillor W Stevenson
Councillor R Tyson

Mrs C A Jennings (Assistant Town Clerk)

1 Member of the Press

11/104 Fire Procedure

The Chairman read out the Fire Action Procedure.

11/105 Apologies for Absence

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

11/106 Declarations of Interest

Councillor R Fletcher declared an interest in Planning Application number 11/3029T.

11/107 Minutes of the Meeting – 23rd August 2011

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd August 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

11/108 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

11/109 Planning Applications

The Planning Committee considered Planning Applications registered with Cheshire East Council as follows:

Week ending 26/08/11

Week ending 02/09/11

Resolved: That, the Planning Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 09/09/11, be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (See Appendix A)

11/110 Decisions List

Resolved: That, the Decisions List be received and noted.

11/111 Proposal to Empower Local Councils – Leiston-cum-Sizewell

The following proposal was agreed by Leiston-cum-Sizewell, it seeks new planning guidance to major developers urging them, as a matter of planning procedure to:-

- (i) Attend our meeting to answer questions about their planning application if we so wish and to
- (ii) Provide resources (if we so wish) to enable us to assess their applications – which may be over 1000 pages long – based on a professional critique of their evidence.

Resolved: That, the Assistant Town Clerk write in support of the above proposal.

11/112 High Speed Rail Line (HS2) – London to West Midlands

The Chairman reported that further details relating to the proposed High Speed Rail Line were available on stophs2.org and dft.gov.uk and that the proposed line from Lichfield to Manchester would not be announced by the Department for Transport until February/March 2012.

Resolved: That, the information be received and noted.

Highways

11/113 Proposed Church Lawton Parish Sign – Wilbrahams Arms Planter

Church Lawton Parish Council had asked that a sign, similar to the Town Councils 'Welcome to Alsager' sign be placed on the opposite side of the Town Councils planter outside the Wilbrahams Arms to mark the boundary between Alsager and Church Lawton.

Resolved: That, the Planning Committee give consent to a sign being placed on the planter by Church Lawton Parish Council and the Council be informed accordingly.

11/114 Minor Highways Budget – Congleton LAP

Councillor R Fletcher was concerned over the lack of funding for minor highways repairs from Cheshire East. He explained that the funds were allocated down to the LAP areas.

Resolved: That, Cheshire East be asked to increase the amount of allocated funding to the Congleton LAP for minor highways repairs to enable more urgent repairs of potholes and other highways issues.

Licencing

11/115 Cheshire East Council application for a Premises Licence – Milton Park, Alsager

The Chairman reported that Cheshire East Council had granted a Premises Licence under section 17 of the Licencing Act 2003 for Milton Park, Alsager. The application had been made for various forms of regulated entertainment between the hours of 09.00 – 22.00 on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. It was felt that Alsager Town Council should have been consulted prior to the Licence being granted.

Resolved: That, the Assistant Town Clerk write to Cheshire East Council expressing concern at the lack of consultation on this issue and an assurance be given that Alsager Town Council will be consulted on any future Licencing issues in the town.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 7.23pm

Councillor C V Burgess
Chairman