

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2009

Present: Councillor S Roberson (Chairman)

Councillor C V Burgess
Councillor Mrs D Burgess
Councillor Mrs G Burgess
Councillor Mrs M Camm
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor W Howell
Councillor Mrs T E S Jones
Councillor S Morris
Councillor A Snape
Councillor W H Stevenson
Councillor R Tyson
Councillor Mrs J Williams

Mr. T. Fitton (Town Clerk)

4 members of the general public
1 member of the press

Rev Toby May, Christ Church opened the meeting with prayers.

09/979 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Burgess and Mrs C A Jennings (Assistant Clerk)

09/980 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

09/981 Minutes – Town Council

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 20th October 2009, Pages 1 – 5 and Appendix A be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

09/982 Matters Arising

No matters were raised.

09/983 Chairman's Announcements

22 nd October	ChALC AGM
8 th November	Cheshire East Remembrance Sunday
8 th November	Alsager Remembrance Sunday
29 th November	Alsager Lights Switch On
1 st December	Cat FM

09/984 Public Participation

Further to Min. 09/963 Mr P Smith informed the Town Council that the Nantwich/Leighton Hospital bus service did not include Alsager.

Mr P Smith notified the Town Council that the installation of the Information Screens by East Midland Trains would be completed by 17th December 2009 and fully operational between Christmas/New Year.

09/985 Planning Committee

Resolved: a) That, subject to the deletion of 'St.' in line 2 of Min. 09/088, the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27th October 2009 be received.

b) That, subject to the replacement of 'Cedar Avenue' with 'College Road' in the Appendix, the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 17th November 2009 be received.

09/986 Finance and General Purpose Committee

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 17th November 2009 be approved.

09/987 Institute Committee

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Institute Committee held on 28th October 2009 be received.

09/988 Alsager Partnership

Resolved: That, the Minutes of meeting of Alsager Partnership held on 11th November 2009 be received and noted.

09/989 Congleton Local Area Partnership

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Congleton LAP held on 9th November 2009 be received and noted.

09/990 North West in Bloom Awards 2009

The Chairman reported that Alsager had won the Runners Up Certificate in this years North West in Bloom awards Large Town category.

Resolved: That, a letter of appreciation be sent to the Alsager In Bloom Group in recognition of all their hard work in gaining this award and the Civic Pride Award.

09/991 Electoral Review of Cheshire East

The Town Clerk reported that the Boundary Committee for England had published its report setting out its draft recommendations for electoral arrangements for Cheshire East Council.

The main recommendation was that Alsager retained its existing 3 Member Ward, which was in line with the Town Councils submission.

Resolved That, the report be received and noted.

09/992 Alsager Town Council – Forward Plan 2010-2013

A Draft Forward Plan ‘Improving the quality of life for the residents of Alsager’ was circulated to all members. The plan set the overall corporate vision for Alsager Town Council for the next 3/5 years including suggested priorities for action over the next 3 years, monitoring assessment, review and delivery.

Resolved: a) That, subject to the inclusion of the Radway Green Estate, the Forward Plan 2010-2013 be adopted for submission to the Local Area Partnership.

b) That, a Working Group comprising of the under mentioned members be established to produce a Town Plan setting out the future long term aims and objectives for the Town.

Councillors: C V Burgess
D I Hough
W Howell
Mrs S Jones
S Roberson

09/993 Commons Registration Act 1965 – Village Green Application

Further to Min. 09/971 dated 20th October 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.

09/994 Cheshire East Councillor’s Reports

Councillor Hough reported that Cheshire East had set up a Task Group to give advice to the Cabinet on the imposition of car parking charges.

Councillor Mrs Jones reported that representatives of Highfields School had met with officials from Cheshire East regarding the introduction of a scheme for concessionary parking for parents of pupils at the school.

Councillor Mrs Jones also commented on the considerable efforts of the Headteacher of Highfields School, Cheshire East Environmental Officers and United Utilities staff during the recent flooding at the school.

09/995 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.

09/996 Draft Budget 2010/11

The Town Council considered the Draft Budgets for the Institute Committee and the Town Council for the financial year 2010/11 following a detailed review by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 17th November 2009.

Councillor W Stevenson Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee gave a report on the budgetary process adopted by his committee and indicated that of approval would be a nil increase for 2010/11.

Resolved: a) That, the Budget of £192,000 for 2010/11 be approved for formal ratification by the Town Council on Tuesday 12th January 2010 for the purpose of determining the level of Precept for 2010/11.

b) That, the earmarked provision of £10,000 for the Area Action Plan be vired to the Alsager Town Yard.

c) That, the Institute Budget for 2010/11 as recommended by the Institute Committee be approved and adopted.

09/997 Staff Matters

NOTE: The Town Clerk left the meeting for this item.

Resolved: a) That, the resignation of the Town Handyman with effect from Friday 27th November 2009 be received.

b) That, Councillors W Stevenson and R Tyson be appointed as the Grievance Appeal Panel.

c) That, a meeting of the Personal Committee be convened on Thursday 7th January 2010 commencing at 7pm in the offices 3 Lawton Road.

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm and concluded at 8.20pm

Councillor S Roberson
Chairman