

“SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION”

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 21ST JULY 2009

Present: Councillor S Roberson (Chairman)

Councillor C V Burgess
Councillor Mrs D Burgess
Councillor Mrs J Burgess
Councillor Mrs M Camm
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor W Howell
Councillor Mrs S Jones
Councillor W H Stevenson
Councillor R Tyson
Councillor Mrs J Williams

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

6 members of the general public
1 member of the press

Councillor Tyson opened the meeting with prayers.

09/922 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillors Mrs G Burgess and A Snape.

09/923 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

09/924 Minutes – Town Council

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 16th June 2009, Pages 1 – 6 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

09/925 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

09/926

Chairman's Announcements

- 20th June Alsager Carnival
- 21st June Alsager Town Council Civic Sunday
- 26th June Marshall and Co open event – Attended by Councillor Mrs S Jones
- 26th June Alsager Swans – Attended by fellow Councillors

The Chairman also announced that the judging for the North West in Bloom competition would take place on Wednesday 29th July 2009 and on Saturday 25th July 2009 there was a Fun Day followed by music concerts in Milton Park.

The Chairman had been asked by the Partnership if Councillors could help in a clean up operation of Milton Park and the surrounding areas on Sunday 26th July 2009, assembling in front of 3 Lawton Road, Town Council offices at 8am.

The Chairman also announced that there was to be a Town Council Strategy meeting after the Planning meeting on 25th August 2009.

09/927

Public Participation

No issues were raised.

09/928

Planning Committee

- Resolved:
- a) That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 23rd June 2009 be received.
 - b) That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 14th July 2009 be received.

09/929

Finance and General Purposes Committee

- Resolved:
- a) That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 14th July 2009 be received.
 - b) That, the recommendations contained in the minutes be approved and adopted and the Project Manager be requested to prepare the bid for grant and ???? the Play Leader Scheme at Wood Park.
 - c) That, further to Min. 09/021 dated 14th July 2009 consideration be given to the Swallow Fields Play area at the Strategy Meeting on 25th August 2009 and in the mean time the Town Clerk to investigate ownership of the play area land with Cheshire East.

09/930

Proposed Car Parking Charges – Fairview Car Park

Further to Min. 09/920 dated 16th June 2009, the Town Clerk referred to the Cabinet report dated 14th July 2009 from Cheshire East in response to the Call-in Advice of the Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee dated 8th July 2009.

The document contained information about the charging policy and a schedule of proposed tariffs for car parks in the former Congleton Borough area.

The car parking proposals were now subject to public consultation which would conclude on 22nd August 2009 and would include arrangements for a public meeting to be held in Alsager Civic Hall.

Discussion ensued on the discussion paper prepared by the Town Clerk setting out a suggested initial response to the proposed car parking charges on Fairview Car Park, Alsager, prior to the outcome of the public meeting, and it was:

Resolved: That, the paper prepared by the Town Clerk as subsequently amended and circulated to members on Friday 24th July be adopted as the Town Council's initial response to Cheshire East Council regarding the proposals for Fairview Car Park Alsager and authority be given for this document to be sent to organisations and interested parties in Alsager. (Appendix A)

09/931 Alleged Speeding along Crewe Road

Further to Min. 09/021 of the Planning Meeting held on 23rd June 2009, the Town Council discussed the matter of speeding along Crewe Road between Bank Corner and The Lodge and it was:

Resolved: That, an item be placed on the agenda of the Town Council meeting to be held on 8th September 2009 where Sgt. Steve Sheppard Cheshire Police would attend to answer any questions.

09/932 Closure of Hassall Road Chapel

Councillor W Howell explained that Hassall Road Chapel is due to close soon and that there were concerns that the land could be developed for housing. Councillor Howell asked if the building could be added to the list of Locally Listed Buildings that was submitted to the former Congleton Borough Council in June 2008. (Min. 08/668 dated 10th June 2008 refers)

Resolved: That, the Town Clerk write to Cheshire East asking for Hassall Road Chapel to be included in the list of Locally Listed buildings.

09/933 Electoral Review of the new Cheshire East Council – Warding Arrangements

Further to Min. 09/913 dated 16th June 2009, the Town Clerk referred to a report from the Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer of Cheshire East Council giving details of their submission on Warding Arrangements.

The report stated that:

“Alsager – follows the boundary of parishes of Alsager, based on a long established community, along with Hassall. The proposed ward includes land to the east of the M6 which is more naturally associated with Alsager. The proposed ward has excellent communications and could be classed as a traditional market town.”

It is proposed that Alsager be represented by 3 members.

Resolved: That, the Town Council support Cheshire East Council's proposals for Warding Arrangements in Alsager.

09/934

Domestic Waste Recycling and Collection in East Cheshire

Councillor C V Burgess queried the new fortnightly waste collections by Cheshire East Council. He had received a leaflet from Cheshire East containing forthcoming dates for collection of waste, and wished to clarify the collection of waste over the Christmas period.

Also circulated was a letter from Alderman D Bould that had been sent to the Chief Executive of Cheshire East Council, concerning the new recycling arrangements.

Members attention was drawn to the leaflet "Changes to your refuse collection service" issued by Cheshire East together with the insert setting out details of the kerbside recycling service.

Resolved: a) That, the Christmas/New Year kerbside collection arrangements be clarified with Cheshire East.

b) That, Alderman Bould be thanked for bringing the matter to the attention of the Town Council.

09/935

Issues in Milton Park

Further to Min. 09/913 dated 16th June 2009, the Town Council considered the response from Sgt Steve Sheppard and it was:

Resolved: That, an item be placed on the agenda of the Town Council meeting to be held on 8th September 2009 when Sgt. Steve Sheppard Cheshire Police would attend to answer any questions.

09/936

Representation of Town and Parish Councils on the Local Strategic Partnership

Further to Min. 09/916 dated 16th June 2009, a letter was received from Councillor Wesley Fitzgerald, Leader of Cheshire East Council stating that the Cheshire East LSP had reviewed the request from ChALC to have representation on the LSP executive and had decided to maintain the current membership, as it was felt that the opportunities described in the letter were more than adequate in engaging on a strategic and optional level with local councils.

Resolved: That, the letter from Councillor Wesley Fitzgerald Leader of Cheshire East Council be received and noted.

09/937

Cheshire East Councillor's Reports

An email from Cheshire East Councillor Rod Fletcher was circulated to members regarding ongoing highway issues. The email raised a concern over heavy goods vehicles accessing the Excalibur estate from Lawton Road via Fields Road, Councillor Fletcher is awaiting a response from the Highways Inspector regarding this.

Resolved: That, the email be received and noted and that the Town Council support Councillor Fletcher in his efforts regarding the Fields Road issue.

09/938 Commons Registration Act 1965 – Village Green Application

Further to Min. 09/917 dated 16th June 2009 it was noted that there was no further information to report.

09/939 Alsager Partnership

Minutes of the meeting of Alsager Partnership held on 8th June 2009 had been circulated and the Town Clerk reported that following the meeting of the Partnership held on 20th July 2009, the Partnership had requested a meeting with the Town Council to discuss the working relationship between the two bodies and involvement with future projects and the way forward.

Resolved: a) That, the Minutes of the meeting of Alsager Partnership held on 8th June 2009 be received and noted.

b) That, a meeting be arranged between the Partnership and the Town Council to address the issues raised at the meeting on the 20th July 2009.

09/940 Alsager in Bloom

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Alsager in Bloom Committee held on 22nd June 2009 be received and noted.

09/941 Christmas Lights Committee

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Christmas Lights Committee held on 6th July 2009 be received and noted.

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm and concluded at 8.25pm.

Councillor S Roberson
Chairman