

“SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION”

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 22ND JUNE 2010

Present: Councillor W Howell (Chairman)

Councillor C V Burgess
Councillor Mrs D Burgess
Councillor Mrs M Camm
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor S Morris
Councillor S Roberson
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

The Chairman opened the meeting with a prayer.

10/89 Apologies for Absence

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

10/90 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

10/91 Town Council Minutes

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 18th May 2010, Pages 1 –6 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10/92 Matters Arising

No matters were raised.

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10/93 Chairman’s Announcements

19 th May	Playbuilder meeting Meeting with BMX users
20 th May	In Bloom meeting Cheshire East Partnerships meeting
1 st June	Meeting with BMX users Alsager Partnership meeting
2 nd June	Meeting with Playbuilder contractor
4 th June	Wood Park walkabout Brass Band Concert, Kidsgrove
5 th June	Mayors Charity Concert, Middlewich
6 th June	Cyclethon Civic Service, Sandbach
7 th June	Playbuilder meeting
8 th June	Meeting with Rev Smithson
10 th June	Playbuilder residents meeting In Bloom meeting Playbuilder residents meeting
11 th June	Meeting with Fiona Bruce MP
12 th June	Animals in Need coffee morning
13 th June	Civic Sunday, Church Lawton Civic Sunday, Alsager
19 th June	Alsager Carnival
20 th June	Civic Sunday, Congleton

10/94 Public Participation

Following a request from Mrs Dyke, it was agreed to invite a representative of Dane Housing to a future meeting of the Town Council to give information on housing policy in Alsager.

Peter Smith asked if consideration could be given to a request to Manchester Metropolitan University to give a memento to the Town Council to commemorate that Alsager was once a University Town and it was agreed that the Chairman would pursue this suggestion.

10/95 Planning Committee

- Resolved:
- a) That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 18th May 2010 be received.
 - b) That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 8th June 2010 be received.

10/96 Finance and General Purpose Committee

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee held on 8th June 2010 be approved.

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10/97 Institute Committee

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Institute Committee held on 3rd June 2010 be received.

10/98 Play Builder Steering Group

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meetings of the Play Builder Steering Group held on 7th June 2010 be received.

10/99 ‘1 Mercian’ (The Cheshire’s) in Alsager

With the permission of the Chairman Mr Les Bickerton of the Royal British Legion addressed the Town Council on two welfare schemes currently in operation to help the soldiers families.

- The wrist band scheme had already raised £600 in the town. Each band cost £2 and it was hoped to raise £1000.
- The ‘With you in a Jiffy’ scheme involved sending a parcel of everyday items in a jiffy bag to forces personnel in Afghanistan.

Mr Bickerton asked Councillors for suggestions on how he could keep the Jiffy Bag scheme going to the end of September and it was agreed that any ideas would be passed on to him.

10/100 Fiona Bruce MP

The Chairman reported on a meeting held on 11th June 2010 with Fiona Bruce MP and circulated the list of questions and issues that had been raised with her.

This initial meeting had been successful and as a result arrangements were being made for her to meet the Town Council on Friday 23rd July 2010.

Resolved: That, the report be received.

10/101 Larger Council Clerks Meeting

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Larger Councils Clerks meeting held on 30th April 2010 be received and noted.

10/102 Milton Park Steering Group

Resolved: a) That, the Minutes of the Milton Park Steering Group meeting held on 11th May 2010 be received and noted.

b) That, the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2010 regarding planting ideas for the Sunken Garden be received and noted.

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10/103 Congleton LAP

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Congleton LAP held on 17th May 2010 be received and noted.

10/104 Chamber of Trade

Resolved: That, the Marketing Plan produced by the Chamber of Trade be received and noted.

10/105 Town Council AGM

Following a request from the Chairman for the Town Council to consider revised arrangements for the format of future Annual General Meetings to include invitations to Civic Dignitaries from our neighbouring authorities it was:-

Resolved: That, the Town Clerk be requested to prepare a fully costed report on suggested changes to the procedure for future AGM's for consideration at the December 2010 Budget Meeting.

10/106 Combined Emergency Services Youth Fishing Competition

The Town Council considered a request from Cheshire Police for financial assistance towards organizing a Youth Fishing Competition in August 2010 and it was:-

- Resolved:
- a) That, a financial contribution of £50 be made towards the 2010 competition.
 - b) That, Cheshire Police be requested to provide details of the number of Alsager participants in the competition.
 - c) That, the competition be advertised extensively in Alsager to give the youngsters in the town the opportunity to participate in the competition.

10/107 Cheshire East Councillor's Reports

Councillor D I Hough gave information on the Play Builder Scheme and the latest Market Town Initiative Scheme.

Councillor R Fletcher reported on the following issues:

- Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service – Performance Report 2009/10
- Details of the Post Fire Support Team manned by volunteers to give help to victims of fires.
- Bus/Rail timetables were available in the Information Office in Alsager Library.
- New planning rules relating to developments in gardens were awaited.
- Alsager had appeared on a Granada TV programme.

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10/108 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.

10/109 Freedomship

Members considered a report from the Town Clerk regarding the law and ceremonial procedure of conferring freedomship of the Town for persons or groups of people.

It was noted that Cheshire East Council had agreed in principle to confer the Freedom of the New Borough onto the 1st Battalion Mercian Regiment (Cheshire) after the Battalion completes its six months tour of duty in Afghanistan and it was:-

Resolved: That, Alsager Town Council supports the decision of Cheshire East Council regarding conferring the Freedomship of the Borough onto the Mercian Regiment (Cheshire)

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm and concluded at 9.00pm

Councillor W Howell
Chairman