

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2010

Present: Councillor C V Burgess (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs D Burgess
Councillor Mrs M Camm
Councillor W Howell
Councillor S Morris
Councillor A Snape
Councillor W Stevenson
Councillor R Tyson
Councillor Mrs J Williams

Mrs C A Jennings (Assistant Town Clerk)
Ms S Colclough (Town Clerks Secretary)

2 members of the press
3 members of the public

10/124 Apologies for Absence

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

10/125 Declarations of Interest

Councillor R Tyson declared an interest in Planning Application No 10/3777C.

Councillor A Snape declared an interest in all planning applications.

10/126 Minutes of the Meeting – 12th October 2010

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10/127 Public Participation

Mrs Dyke raised concerns with regard to the allocation of housing on the MMU site and the Twyfords site to the local community.

10/128 Planning Applications

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

Week ending 15/10/10

Week ending 22/10/10

Week ending 29/10/10

Resolved: That, the Planning Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 29/10/10, be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (See Appendix A)

10/129 10/3821C MMU Crewe and Alsager College, Hassall Road, Alsager

The Town Council considered the latest outline planning application 10/3821C for the MMU site. The design and access statement had not altered from the previous plan 09/3192C that was withdrawn on 3rd February 2010.

The Alsager Partnership Sports Association had also considered the application and their comments were circulated to Councillors and it was:-

Resolved: That, the following be forwarded to Cheshire East as the Town Councils comments on the plan:

The Town Council would like clarification that:-

- The local infrastructure can cope with the increased demand on the drainage system and that the surrounding roads can cope with the anticipated additional traffic.
- The retained sports facilities will be available to the local community.

Alsager Town Council fully supports the submission of the Alsager Partnership Sports Association dated 25th October 2010.

The Town Council would also ask that the affordable housing allocation stated in the application be reaffirmed during all stages of the application to ensure that the 100 affordable houses are built.

10/130 Decisions List

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

10/131 Alsager Town Centre SPD

The Chairman reported that the Alsager Town Centre SPD had been formally adopted by Cheshire East Council at its meeting on 14th October 2010.

Resolved: That, the information be received and noted.

10/132 Cheshire East Local List of Historic Buildings and SPD

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that Cheshire East had adopted the Local List of Historic Buildings at its meeting on 14th October 2010.

Resolved: That, the information be received and noted.

The Chairman welcomed Paul Griffiths Principal Transport Officer Cheshire East Council. Paul gave a presentation on the Cheshire East Local Transport Plan that was currently out for consultation. The consultation would take the form of a questionnaire to be completed in relation to the document.

The Local Transport Plan would shape future investment in highways and the public transport network over the next 15 years. Cheshire East Council was developing a long term transport strategy for Cheshire East, which would cover the period from April 2011 to March 2026. Cheshire East's draft LTP strategy related directly to the seven priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy – 'Ambition for All' – to illustrate how transport contributes to the achievement of wider aspirations for the area. The SCS thematic areas were:-

- Ensure a sustainable future
- Create conditions for business growth
- Drive out the sources of poor health
- Nurture strong communities
- Support our children and young people
- Prepare for an increasingly older population
- Unlock the potential of our towns

The LTP strategy would be supported by rolling three year implementation plans, translating the strategy into deliverable actions.

There then followed a brief question and answer session.

The Chairman thanked Paul for his presentation and it was:-

Resolved: That, Councillors Mrs M Camm and W Howell be nominated to complete the consultation questionnaire on behalf of the Planning Committee and the Town Councils Local Public Transport contact Mr Peter Smith also be asked for his views.

Linley Road/Linley Grove road works

The Chairman reported that the road works at Linley Road/Linley Grove and Barratt Road were now complete, but part of the car park is still fenced off and cars were continuing to drive over the grass verge.

Cheshire East Car Parking Task and Finish Group Review of Towns and Villages within Cheshire East.

Councillor W Howell reported that Towns and Parishes had been ranked by Cheshire East to ensure that if parking charges are reviewed at some time in the future, comparable towns and villages are treated equally and a reasonable tariff is created. Alsager had been given a 'D' ranking.

The Town Council considered a Cheshire East 'Draft Policy on the Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues,' which would give Cheshire East more control over the number and location of lap dancing clubs and similar venues in the area.

Resolved: That, Alsager Town Council fully support the implementation of this policy and Cheshire East be informed accordingly.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 8.25pm.

Councillor C V Burgess
Chairman