

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2012

Present: Councillor C V Burgess (Chairman)

Councillor S Bishop
Councillor D Burgess
Councillor Mrs M Camm
Councillor R Fletcher
Councillor Mrs T E S Jones
Councillor H Mawdsley
Councillor Mrs H Robinson
Councillor W Stevenson

Mrs C A Jennings (Assistant Town Clerk)

2 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press

12/159 Fire Procedure

The Chairman read out the Fire Action Procedure.

12/160 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Ashley, Mrs J Burgess, D I Hough, W Howell and R Tyson.

12/161 Declarations of Interest

Councillor C V Burgess declared an interest in application number 11/3575W.
Councillors Mrs T E S Jones, Mrs D Burgess and S Bishop declared an interest in application number 11/4532C.

12/162 Minutes of the Meeting – 6th December 2011

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12/163 Public Participation

Mrs Morrow of 71 Crewe Road spoke with concerns regarding the loss of parking bays on Crewe Road if the proposed Puffin Crossing went ahead. Mrs Morrow along with a number of other businesses and residents along Crewe Road do not have off road parking and the bays are used as drop off and pick up points. She explained that many of the businesses will suffer lack of parking for customers due to the reduction in parking bays by 7.5metres.

12/164 Planning Applications

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

Week ending 09/12/11
Week ending 16/12/11
Week ending 23/12/11
Week ending 30/12/11

Resolved: That, the Planning Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 30/12/11, be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (See Appendix A)

12/165 Decisions List

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

12/166 11/3759N – Lawful Development Certificate for the Parking and Storage of Vehicles Machinery and Equipment, Triangle Field, White Moss Quarry.

The Chairman reported that the above application had been granted a Positive Certificate by Cheshire East Council. Concern was expressed regarding the lack of evidence to justify the granting of the certificate and in particular the weight given to the Statutory Declaration provided by Mr Beecroft.

Resolved: That, the Assistant Town Clerk seek confirmation from the Head of Legal Cheshire East Council that the Statutory Declaration produced by Mr Beecroft satisfied all legal requirements.

Highways

12/167 Proposed Puffin Crossing, Crewe Road, Alsager.

The Chairman reported that a Cheshire East Council had proposed a Puffin Crossing outside 71 and 77 Crewe Road Alsager, and that a closing date for comments had been extended to 13th January 2012. Concerns had been expressed by the Chamber of Trade at the loss of 7.5 metres to the parking bay that is used by customers visiting businesses in the local vicinity. Councillors welcomed the crossing on Crewe Road but understood the possible problems it could cause local businesses, it was:-

Resolved: That, the Assistant Town Clerk write to Sarah Gerrard, Senior Technician, Cheshire East Council, welcoming a crossing but asking that alternative positions be looked into, possibly closer to Station Road to avoid the loss of parking bays.

12/168 Double Yellow Lines – Illegal Parking Enforcement.

Councillor Jones welcomed the introduction of Traffic Management Schemes within Alsager, but was concerned over the lack of monitoring and enforcement. The Chairman added that it only appeared to be the Town Centre that was patrolled.

Resolved: That, the Assistant Town Clerk write to Paul Burns Cheshire East Council expressing concern at the lack of enforcement action within Alsager and also requesting a point of contact for reporting issues such as parking on pavements and double yellow lines.

12/169 Licencing

There were no issues raised.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 8.03pm

Councillor C V Burgess
Chairman