

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 8TH JUNE 2010

Present: Councillor C V Burgess (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs D Burgess
Councillor W Howell
Councillor Mrs T E S Jones
Councillor S Morris
Councillor S Roberson
Councillor A Snape
Councillor W H Stevenson
Councillor Mrs J L Williams

T Fitton (Town Clerk)

2 members of the Public

10/056 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs G Burgess, Mrs J Burgess, Mrs M Camm, D I Hough and R Tyson.

10/057 Declarations of Interest

Councillor A Snape declared an interest in all Planning Applications as a local contractor.

10/058 Minutes of the Meeting – 18th May 2010

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Mrs T E S Jones in the attendance list.

10/059 Public Participation

Mr and Mrs Rosenthal spoke in objection to the proposed Application No's 10/1307C and 10/1361C for a full PDSA Clinic and Veterinary practice at 23 The Point, Crewe Road for Muller Palatine Properties Ltd.

A letter from Mr and Mrs Rosenthal had been circulated to all members.

NOTE: At this part in the meeting the Chairman indicated that Application 10/1307C and 10/1361C would then be considered.
(See Appendix A for decisions)

10/060 Planning Applications

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

Week ending 21/05/10

Week ending 28/05/10

Week ending 04/06/10

Resolved: That, the Planning Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 04/06/10, be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (See Appendix A)

NOTE:

Councillor D I Hough and Mrs T E S Jones were not present whilst Planning Applications were discussed and so did not take part in the decision-making process.

Councillor Mrs T E S Jones left the meeting at this point.

10/061 Decisions List

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

10/062 Appeal No. APP/R0660/A/10/2128376/NWF, Proposed Extensions to form 3 No New Flats, Land to rear of 54-56, Crewe Road, Alsager

The Committee were informed by Cheshire East Council that following refusal of Planning Permission for the aforementioned application, an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State and the deadline for further representations was 28th June 2010.

Resolved: That, the Town Council sustain its previous objections to this application.

10/063 Planning Application Procedure

Resolved: That, the Planning Procedure for inspection of planning applications by members as circulated at the meeting be adopted and included in the members Handbook.

10/064 Public Speaking Rights at Strategic Planning Board and Planning Committees – Cheshire East Council

The Committee considered the procedure adopted at meetings of Cheshire East Council Planning Committee and Strategic Planning Board to allow members of the public and Councillors to attend and speak for or against an application prior to a decision being made on a planning application.

In particular, consideration was given to the 3 minute time limit for representations to be made either by an individual or groups, and whether this was adequate time in which to present their case.

Resolved: That, Cheshire East Council be asked to amend its current Public Speaking Rules to provide additional time for interested groups where a number of

individual members of a group require to raise separate points relating to the same planning issue.

10/065 Wall to the frontage of Skomer House, 69 Audley Road, Alsager

The Committee considered a letter from Mrs M Gibson 73A Audley Road Alsager, regarding the consideration given to the Town Councils response to this application and in particular the height of the wall.

It was alleged that the Town Council had not given full consideration to the application in making its original decision. However, members of the Committee had read the application in full and visited the site.

It was stated that although the Town Council was a consultee on local planning applications, it was the former Congleton Borough Council and now Cheshire East Councils Southern Area Planning Committee who was the authority that ultimately made the decision on planning applications in Alsager.

After a lengthy discussion it was:-

Resolved: That, Mrs Gibson be thanked for drawing the matter to the attention of the Planning Committee, and be informed that the Town Council is only a consultee on planning matters in Alsager and although members of the committee endeavour to inspect all plans and where appropriate visit the site, the ultimate comments made to the Planning Authority has to be based on the information on Planning Applications provided by the Planning Officers of Cheshire East Council.

10/066 Highways Issues

The Chairman raised a concern regarding the parking of contractor's vehicles on the grass verge on Lindley Lane adjacent to the junction of Lindley Lane/Lindley Road as this area was a known accident hot spot.

Councillor Snape reported the carriageway on Station Road was in urgent need of repair as it was a main route for pupils cycling to Alsager School.

10/067 Licensing Issues

There were no licensing issues to report.

Prior to closing the meeting the Chairman made a statement on the latest position regarding the loss of jobs in the local community resulting from the proposed closure of production operations on the Twyfords site.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 8.00pm.

Councillor C V Burgess
Chairman