

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2010

Present: Councillor C V Burgess (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs D Burgess
Councillor Mrs M Camm
Councillor A Snape
Councillor W H Stevenson
Councillor R Tyson
Councillor Mrs J L Williams

T Fitton (Town Clerk)

0 members of the Press
2 members of the Public

10/011 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J Burgess, W Howell, S Roberson and Mrs T E S Jones

10/012 Declarations of Interest

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

10/013 Minutes of the Meeting – 19th January 2010

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10/014 Public Participation

Following a question from Mr Day the Town Clerk indicated that he would contact Mr Smith the Town Councils Transport Representative for a progress report on the Bus Shelter on Crewe Road.

10/015 Planning Applications

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

Week ending 22/01/10

Week ending 29/01/10

Resolved: That, the Planning Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 5th February 2010, be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (See Appendix A)

10/016 Decisions List

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

10/017 Cheshire East Local List SPD – List of Locally Important buildings

Further to Min. 10/008 dated 19th January 2010, the Town Clerk reported that the value of publishing a local list was dual fold, it allowed both a watching brief to be kept on those buildings or structures within the document whilst also influencing the spatial planning processes in relation to the buildings and structures, through the documents status as a material consideration. Inclusion in this list, however, did not afford any additional statutory protection or grant aid, but it was intended that every effort would be made to conserve those buildings and structures contained within it in order to benefit the Borough as a whole. This would be achieved by persuasion and the careful consideration of development proposals as they arise.

The draft List of Locally Important Buildings Supplementary Planning Document was the subject of public consultation for six weeks between 11th January 2010 and Monday 22nd March 2010. The document was available on the Cheshire East's Website and Hard Copies were also available for inspection at the following locations during their normal opening hours:

- Macclesfield Town Hall Customer Centre, Market Place, Macclesfield
- Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach
- Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe
- All public libraries in Cheshire East

The Town Clerk further reported that no additional sites had been notified.

Resolved: That, subject to the inclusion of Jane Maddock Homes, Crewe Road, the list of Locally Important Buildings in Alsager as contained in the SPD be accepted.

10/018 Twyfords Site, Alsager

The Town Clerk circulated a report of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th February 2010 at Westfields following an invitation from Lagan Developments concerning a proposed pre plan consultation exercise in the town in order for the developer to ascertain the views of residents of Alsager to shape the future development of this site.

The proposed consultation exercise would involve public exhibitions and informal meetings with local organisations in the town.

It was noted that the general feeling of those present was that the proposed exercise should be supported and the methodology and timescales be decided by Cheshire East planners in consultation with the Town Council, Church Lawton Parish Council, Alsager Partnership and the Chamber of Trade.

Resolved: a) That, the Town Council support the Pre Plan Consultation exercise proposed by Lagan Developments.

b) That, because of the employment issues that could arise from the possible future closure of Twyfords Factory on this site, it is the Town Councils opinion that Cheshire East Council Head of Regeneration should be involved in future discussions on the development of this site.

c) That, there was a need to involve the locals housing associations in the process in respect of providing affordable housing in the future on this site for young first time buyers in the town.

Highways Issues

10/019 Barthomley Level Crossing Road Closure

A notice of road closure had been received at Barthomley Level Crossing, Barthomley, to enable Network Rail to carry out essential track maintenance between Saturday 6th March 21.30hrs and Sunday 7th March 08.40hrs.

Resolved: That, the notice be received and noted.

10/020 Licensing Issues

There were no licensing issues to report.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 7.35pm.

Councillor C V Burgess
Chairman