

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2017

Present: Councillor R Fletcher (Chairman)

Councillor S Bishop
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor T E S Jones
Councillor C Pletscher
Councillor H Robinson
Councillor J Smith
Councillor R Tyson
Councillor P Williams

N Clarke (Town Clerk)

2 Members of the Press
6 Members of the public

The Chairman read out the fire action procedure in the event of discovering a fire in the building.

PEC17/157 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C V Burgess, D Burgess, M Gruse, S Helliwell and D Keen.

PEC17/158 Declarations of Interest

Councillor D I Hough declared his interest as a member of Cheshire East Council and a member of their Strategic Planning Board, he further declared that he would not be providing an opinion or voting on any application that he considered may be the subject of determination by the Strategic Planning Board. In Planning Application 17/6102 as a neighbour.

Councillor R Fletcher declared his interest as a member of Cheshire East Council.

Councillor H Robinson declared her interest as a member of ANPSG.

Councillor J Smith declared her interest as a member of ANPSG.

Councillor C Pletscher declared her interest as a member of ANPSG.

Councillor P Williams declared his interest as a member of ANPSG.

PEC17/159 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting dated Tuesday 28th November 2017 were referred to and it was: -

Resolved: That, subject to changing PEC 17/146, Chris to Cliff and PEC 17/151 to remove Town Councillor, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee dated Tuesday 28th November 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PEC17/160 Matters Arising

None.

PEC17/161 Public Participation

The Chairman read out Standing Order 41 in respect of Public Participation.

The following comments were raised: -

- i) Mrs C Marsh expressed disappointment on behalf of the Alsager Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on the lack of response by the Town Council to the CIL Consultation. Councillor D I Hough responded by indicating that Alsager has already had its quota of housing and any further developments will be subject to CIL, but the policy is yet to be passed. CIL from other developments in Cheshire East will contribute to the priority 123 list of which Bank Corner in Alsager forms part of the list.
- ii) Mr M Unett spoke of the proposed reduction in service of the Fire Service at Crewe which could affect Alsager.
- iii) Mrs S Dyke spoke about the developments at White Moss Quarry.
- iv) Mrs K Armstrong and Mr Wooton shared correspondence with the Town Council between Fiona Bruce MP, ASDA and Cheshire East Council on the complaints concerning ASDA. A request was made that the Town Council write to the Head of Environmental Health at Cheshire East Council, Acting Chief Executive of Cheshire East Council and Fiona Bruce MP asking why the application has not been decided and when a decision can be expected.

PEC17/162 Planning Applications

The Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee considered Planning Applications registered with Cheshire East Council as follows:

Week ending 01/12/17
Week ending 08/12/17
Week ending 15/12/17

Resolved: That, the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with

Cheshire East Council up to week ending 15/12/2017 be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (Appendix A)

PEC17/163 Decisions List

The Chairman referred to the circulated decisions list as received from the Planning Authority, Cheshire East Council up to week ending 15/12/17.

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

PEC17/164 MMU Planning Application

The Committee considered complaints received from residents on inconsiderate parking and speeding issues on Dunnocksfold and Dunnockswood Road.

Resolved: That, the Town Clerk contact Cheshire East to ask for action and express disappointment that Cheshire East Council did not request developer's contributions to alleviate the problems at the planning stage.

PEC17/165 Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: i) That, the Committee received the Minutes from the Alsager Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting held on 1st November 2017.

ii) To express thanks to the group on the work carried out up to this point.

PEC17/166 Audio Recording of Council meetings

The Committee discussed the report on audio recordings.

Resolved: i) To recommend the use of audio recording of Town Council and Committee meetings.

ii) That the Town Clerk brings a draft policy to the next Town Council meeting for approval prior to any recording taking place.

iii) That, if the policy is agreed, to approve the purchase of suitable equipment to allow the commencement of recordings of Alsager Council and Committee meetings for the purpose of accuracy of Minutes only.

PEC17/167 Cheshire East Council Pre-Budget Consultation

The Committee considered the response to the consultation and,

Resolved: To instruct the Town Clerk to submit the comments to Cheshire East Council (Appendix B).

PEC17/168 Cheshire East Housing Strategy 2018-2023

The Committee considered the draft strategy and,

Resolved: To comment that:

The Town Council understand the housing market will be the driver in pushing forward the strategy but are disappointed that most developers focus on 4/5 bedroom properties which are out of reach of younger people.

The Town Council is concerned there is insufficient affordable housing to allow young people and low wage earners to get on the property ladder.

PEC17/169 Highways Issues

Councillor D I Hough raised a query on surveyors working at Bank Corner.

Resolved: To write to Cheshire East Council to request information on timescales for improvement works at Bank Corner.

PEC17/170 Licensing Issues

None reported.

PEC17/171 Christmas and New Year

The Committee resolved:

Resolved: To approve the delegation of urgent planning applications and payments within the approved budget to the Town Clerk and Chairman over the Christmas period.

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm and concluded at 9.10pm.

Councillor R Fletcher
Chairman