

**ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL**

**PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN ALSAGER INSTITUTE  
ON TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

Present: Councillor R Fletcher (Chairman)

Councillor M Gruse  
Councillor D I Hough  
Councillor T E S Jones  
Councillor C Pletscher  
Councillor H Robinson

N Clarke (Town Clerk)

1 Member of the Press  
2 Members of the public

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

PEC17/142 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Bishop, C V Burgess, D Burgess, S Helliwell, D Keen, J Smith, R Tyson, and P Williams.

PEC17/143 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. He also declared his interest in Planning Application 17/5751C as a personal friend of the applicant.

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 C Pletscher declared her interest as a member of ANPSG.

PEC17/144 Presentation to Mr David Dingle

Councillors T E S Jones and D I Hough presented the retired Interim Clerk with a gift from the Council and gave thanks for his service to Alsager Town Council since 2014. Mr Dingle responded with thanks.

PEC 17/145 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were referred to and it was: -

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee dated 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PEC17/146 Matters Arising

The Town Clerk informed the meeting:

- A response has not been received from Cheshire East Council Environmental Health department on issues at ASDA.
- An invitation to attend a committee meeting to the compliance team at Cheshire East Council has been turned down as it is not policy to attend meetings.

The Chairman suggested an additional name to be submitted to the request for street names and new developments.

Resolved: To submit 'Cliff Aucott' as a former Alsager Town Clerk who died whilst in office.

PEC17/147 Public Participation

The Chairman read out Standing Order 40 in respect of Public Participation.

Mrs S Dyke spoke about the following issues:

- White Moss Quarry planning application
- Rhodes Field – work has commenced.
- McCarthy & Stone planning application and her objections.
- Fallen leaves at Station Road building up.

Councillor D I Hough confirmed the White Moss Quarry application would be taken to Strategic Planning Board and urged residents to attend.

The Chairman read an email from Dr M Wakelin raising concerns about the lack of upgrade to the Hassall Road play area.

Resolved: That, the Town Clerk ascertain when the play area is due to benefit from S.106 money for refurbishment work to take place.

PEC17/148 Planning Applications

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

Week ending 10/11/2017

Week ending 17/11/2017

Week ending 24/11/2017

Resolved: That, the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 24/11/2017 be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (Appendix A)

PEC17/149 Decisions List

- i) The Chairman referred to the circulated decisions list as received from the Planning Authority, Cheshire East Council up to week ending 24/11/2017.
- ii) White Moss Quarry Planning Appeal Decision ref: APP IR0660/W/17/3166469. Councillor D I Hough gave an explanation on why the appeal was dismissed.

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

PEC17/150 Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: To receive the Notes of the Alsager Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group dated 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

PEC17/151 World War I Commemorations

The Committee received a report on commemoration of the anniversary of the ending of World War I on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

- Resolved:
- i) To approve the Battles Over event led by the Town Council with the support of the Royal British Legion;
  - ii) To use Alsager Civic and the green outside as the main venue to provide entertainment and refreshments to the invited guests;
  - iii) To apply for a Cheshire East Council community grant of £1,000 to fund the event but that the Town Council acts as funder of last resort should no grant funding be obtained.
  - iv) To approve an allocation of £500 from the Town Council budget to fund the remainder of the event.
  - v) To set up a working group to organise the event comprising the Alsager Civic Institute Manager, Town Clerk, a Royal British Legion committee member, a Town Councillor and the Chairman of the Council and Vice-chairman as reserve if necessary.

PEC17/152 Cheshire East Council Budget 2018/19 – Budget Consultation

Resolved: i) a sub-committee is set up to propose a response and report back to the next Planning, Environment and Community Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

ii) that, the working group comprises Councillors R Fletcher, D I Hough, T E S Jones, H Robinson and P Williams.

PEC 17/153 Budget Monitoring Reports

Resolved: To receive the budget monitoring statements for October 2017.

PEC 17/154 Planning, Environment and Community Draft Budget 2018/19

The Committee considered the draft budget for 2018-19.

- Resolved:
- a) That, the Planning, Environment and Community Committee put forward the draft budget for FY2018/19 as proposed, total net expenditure of £35,129, to Finance, Policy & Governance Committee to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017, for inclusion in the overall budget, on the understanding that there may be some further marginal changes prior to Finance, Policy & Governance Committee should any new information come to light.
  - b) That, it be highlighted at the Finance, Policy & Governance Committee that a contingency of £10,000 has been included in the budget for FY2018/19 for the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan as requested by the ANPSG and that it is recommended to be financed from general reserves, if the sum is requested during FY2018/19.
  - c) That, the ANPSG be advised that the £10,000 will be held as a reserve in the Town Council general reserves. Only if the agreed budget is exhausted will they submit a funding request to the Council with a full explanation and break down of any monies requested.

PEC17/155 Highways Issues

- i) The Town Clerk reported that Cheshire East Highways will be attending a Planning, Environment and Community Committee meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Questions or issues should be sent to Town Clerk in order for the correct officers to attend.
- ii) Councillor D I Hough reported on the poor state of the surfaces on Pikemere Road and The Avenue.
- iii) Councillor C Pletscher reported on the volume and speed of traffic using Poplar Drive as a rat run to avoid Talke Road.

Resolved: That, the Town Clerk action where required.

PEC17/156 Licensing Issues

None reported

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm and concluded at 8.50pm.

Councillor R Fletcher  
Chairman