

**ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL**

**PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN ALSAGER INSTITUTE**  
**ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018**

Present: Councillor P Williams (Vice Chairman)

Councillor S Bishop  
Councillor M Gruse  
Councillor S Helliwell  
Councillor D I Hough  
Councillor T E S Jones  
Councillor C Pletscher  
Councillor H Robinson  
Councillor J Smith  
Councillor R Tyson

N Clarke (Town Clerk)

1 Member of the Press  
8 Members of the public

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

PEC17/172 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C V Burgess, D Burgess, R Fletcher and D Keen.

PEC17/173 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.

Councillor S Helliwell declared her interest as a resident of Clowes Avenue.

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 and Alsager Round Table.

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

PEC17/174 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting dated Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were referred to and it was: -

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee dated Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PEC17/175 Matters Arising

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from Fiona Bruce MP regarding ASDA fan issues.

PEC17/176 Public Participation

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

1. Consultants from BECG spoke on the proposal by McCarthy & Stone to build retirement flats at Cedar Avenue. They confirmed the plans conform with the Cheshire Design Guide and have had extensive meetings and consultations with Cheshire East Council and the Environment Agency regarding drainage and the surrounding water table.
2. Mrs J Hawkins spoke about the poor state of the roads around Alsager and the inability of the infrastructure to cope with the new developments.
3. Mrs S Dyke reminded the Council that Planning Application 17/1094C White Moss Quarry is still open for comment and is disappointed that only 9 objections are currently showing on the planning portal website.

PEC17/177 Planning Applications

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

Week ending 22/12/17  
Week ending 29/12/17  
Week ending 05/01/18

- Resolved:
- i) That, the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 05/01/2018 be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (Appendix A)
  - ii) That, Councillor C Pletscher will speak at Planning Committee on behalf of the Town Council objecting to Planning Application 17/5537C McCarthy and Stone.
  - iii) That, Councillor S Helliwell will speak at Planning Committee on behalf of the Town Council objecting to Planning Application 17/1094C White Moss Quarry.

iv) That, the Town Clerk will write to Cheshire East Planning Department regarding inadequate information given to neighbours on planning applications.

PEC17/178 Decisions List

The Chairman referred to the circulated decisions list as received from the Planning Authority, Cheshire East Council up to week ending 05/01/2018.

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

PEC17/179 Cheshire Fire Authority Draft Integrated Management Plan 2018-19

Resolved: To suspend Standing Orders to allow the public to contribute to the debate.

The Committee reviewed comments from the public and the Draft Plan.

- Resolved:
- i) To welcome the positive outcomes in the Draft Plan.
  - ii) To express concerns regarding potential downgrading of the service.
  - iii) To request the opinion of the Alsager Fire Crew on the Draft Plan.
  - iv) To request a breakdown of incidents attended by Alsager Fire Crew in the past 12 months.

Councillor M Gruse left the meeting at 8.50pm.

PEC17/178 Budget Monitoring Reports

Resolved: To receive the Budget Monitoring Statements for November 2017.

PEC17/179 Highways Issues

The following issues were raised on Highway Issues in Alsager:

- Clowes Avenue/Poplar Drive/Ivy Lane – potholes and blocked gullies.
- Pothole on egress road from Fairview carpark to Sandbach Road North.
- Potholes outside Bank Corner.

Resolved: That, the Town Clerk write to Cheshire East Council and copy the MP and Cheshire East Council Portfolio Holder to express concern on the reporting procedure, target response time and quality of work for highways repairs.

PEC17/180 Licensing Issues

Resolved: That, this item be moved to Part II of the meeting.

PEC17/181 Exclusions of Public and Press

At the invitation of the Chairman it was: -

Resolved: That, in accordance with the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960 as amended the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they could involve the likely disclosure of private and confidential information, including staffing and salary issues.

PEC17/182 Alsager Draft Local Area Profile (LTP)

The Committee reviewed the draft document.

Resolved: To thank Cheshire East Council and to ask for further involvement during the process.

PEC17/183 Licensing Issues

The Town Clerk reported on incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and the involvement of the police.

Resolved: That, the Town Clerk write to the Licensing Department to ask if licensing conditions have been breached.

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm and concluded at 9.45pm.

Councillor P Williams  
Vice Chairman