

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 7th AUGUST 2018

Present: Councillor R Fletcher (Chairman)

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

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.

PEC18/45 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C V Burgess and D Burgess.

PEC18/46 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, these included 18/3348N and 18/3572C.

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 P Williams declared his interest as a member of ANPSG.

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

PEC18/47 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting dated Tuesday 17th July 2018 were referred to and it was: -

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee dated Tuesday 17th July 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PEC18/48 Matters Arising

- A site meeting was held on 18th July with Cheshire East Council Officers on work taking place on Close Lane.
- A response was read out from Paul Hurdas, Highways Development Manager, explaining lack of funding to complete a pedestrian crossing on Crewe Road.

Clerks action: To write to Cheshire East Council requesting funding to be found to pay for the balance to fund the pedestrian crossing on Crewe Road.

- To note the Government has published the first revision of the amended National Planning Policy Framework.

PEC18/49 Public Participation

The Chairman read out Standing Order 2 in respect of Public Participation.

Members of the public spoke on:

- 1) A resident of Hall Drive circulated photos of her flooded garden and explained her lack of support from Prospect Homes on issues she has raised. She asked the Town Council to support her request to Cheshire East Council to investigate planning breaches.
- 2) A second resident supported the previous speaker and asked the Town Council to support on breaches of planning by Prospect Homes on:
 - i) Breach of planning conditions, planting in front of her house should be a wildflower meadow.
 - ii) The street lighting on the estate should have automatic dimmers and a schedule is included in the planning notice however this is not occurring.
 - iii) A planning condition shows electric vehicle charging should be available but is only available as a chargeable extra.

Clerks action: To write to Prospect Homes asking them to contact the residents to address their concerns.

- 3) A spokesman for the Crewe Road Action Group spoke on objections to the Planning Application 18/3348N.
- 4) A resident spoke on objections to Planning Application 18/3348N and suggested the brownfield site could accommodate both planning applications. Concerns were raised on the vulnerability of the site and what could be stored in warehouses.
- 5) A resident asked for the update on community engagement on the Radway Estate. The resident challenged the updated version of the Alsager Neighbourhood Plan constitution posted on their website states resignation for three members which he feels is untrue: one person was forced out. The Chairman suggested the resident contact the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for clarification.

PEC18/50 Planning Applications

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

Councillor D I Hough left the room and took no part in the debate nor vote on Planning Application 18/3348N.

Week ending 20/07/18
 Week ending 27/07/18
 Week ending 03/08/18

Resolved: That, the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 03/08/18 be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (Appendix A)

PEC18/51 The Committee noted that "Discharge of Conditions" applications will no longer be brought to Committee as Cheshire East Council have confirmed comments are not taken into consideration.

PEC18/52 Decisions List

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

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

PEC18/53 Planning, Environment and Community Committee Terms of Reference

Resolved: To recommend to Full Council the amended Terms of Reference.

PEC18/54 Play Area and Open Spaces Terms of Reference

Councillor P Williams introduced the draft Terms of Reference.

Resolved: To recommend to Full Council for approval the amended version. See Appendix 1.

PEC18/55 Cheshire East Council's Proposed Changes to Highways Maintenance Priorities

The Committee noted the survey.

PEC18/56 Community Infrastructure Levy – Draft Charging Schedule Examinations

The Committee noted the forthcoming examination.

PEC18/57 Highways Issues

The Chairman asked for highway items to be raised:

- i) Merelake Carpark – Signs have been erected but are now being ignored, commercial vehicles are parking overnight.
- ii) Speeding problems on Sandbach Road North and Linley Lane. Could a portable SID be requested?

Resolved: The Town Clerk to action the above points.

PEC18/58 Licensing Issues

None reported

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

PEC18/59 Employment Sites allocated to Alsager in the Cheshire East Local Plan

- Resolved:
- i) To accept the item as an urgent item due to timescales at Cheshire East Council for the SADPD consultation.
 - ii) To approve the letter to be sent to Cheshire East Council on behalf of the Alsager Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Barthomley Parish Council on employment sites allocated to Alsager in the Cheshire East Local Plan.

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

Councillor R Fletcher
Chairman

Play Area and Open Spaces Working Group Terms of Reference

Working Groups are working parties created and dissolved by decision of the Council or a Committee **to carry out projects or provide reports and recommendations for determination by Council** (or via the relevant Committee) and assist in speeding up the process of carrying out the Council's business.

Aims

The aim of the Play Area, Open Spaces and Natural Environment Working Group will be:

- To act as an 'umbrella group' with a watching brief for opportunities and developments that may enhance publicly owned playgrounds and open spaces for the benefit of Alsager residents.
- To co-ordinate communication and encourage collaboration between residents groups, statutory and voluntary bodies and Alsager Town Council on issues around the preservation and improvement of play areas and open spaces.
- To prepare, advise and provide information where appropriate for funding bids and grant applications through properly constituted and approved authorities.
- To prepare reports on potential opportunities for development or enhancement of play areas and open spaces that draw on public consultation, interaction with appropriate voluntary and statutory groups and relevant emerging policies from the Alsager Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.
- To proactively engage with land owners of play areas and open spaces in Alsager.

Membership

The Play Area and Open Spaces Working Group will consist of:-

- 1x member of Alsager Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
- 2x Alsager Town Councillors
- 6x members of the public (with no more than one member from any one particular group representing a park, neighbourhood or public open space).
- An open invitation to appropriate representatives of Cheshire East Council and ANSA Officers.

Specifics of Group

1. The Working Group has no power to spend within or outside of budget. Any proposals to spend must be in accordance with Town Council Financial Regulations.
2. To undertake tasks delegated by the Planning, Environment and Community Committee within the aims set out above.
3. The Working Group may involve participants from other bodies or the general public.
4. The Working Group is an advisory body and not a statutory body nor Committee. It has no powers to take decisions on behalf of the Council or any of its Committees.

5. Information gathered by the working group will be presented by way of a written report to the Planning, Environment & Community Committee which will be in the public domain unless the specifics contained within the report require it to be a Private and Confidential item.
6. The Working Group will meet as and when required and can meet at any relevant location and is not open to non-members or to representatives of the press unless they are specifically invited.
7. The Working Group must keep written notes of any meeting(s) that have taken place and members that have attended and submit these to the Town Clerk for filing and retention within five (5) days of the meeting taking place. These will be presented to the next practicable Planning, Environment and Community Committee meeting.
8. Any contact with person or persons outside the Council, its Committees or Working Groups must be notified to the Clerk within five (5) days of the contact being made whether initiated by the members of the Working Group or by the outside body. Ideally all e-mails should be copied to the Clerk at clerk@alsagertowncouncil.org.uk
9. The time of submission and replies should be copied within the 5 day period unless it is apparent that the responder has sent a copy to the Clerk already.
10. Any written correspondence to be carried out by the Working Group must be copied to the Clerk. If the correspondence involves a commitment by the Council, it should be issued by the Clerk.