

**ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN ALSAGER INSTITUTE**  
**ON TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

Present: Councillor R Fletcher (Chairman)

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  
10 Members of the public

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

PEC18/111 Apologies for Absence

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

PEC18/112 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 including Planning Application 18/2522C and 18/5192C. He declared an interest in PEC18/123 having met Cheshire East Highways.

Councillor R Fletcher declared his interest as a member of Cheshire East Council and that he had met Cheshire East Highways relating to PEC18/123.

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 T E S Jones declared her interest as a Trustee of the Alsager Multi Academy Trust.

Councillor S Helliwell declared her interest in PEC18/123 as she had met with Cheshire East Highways.

PEC18/113 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting dated Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were referred to and it was: -

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee dated Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PEC18/114 Matters Arising

The Clerk confirmed that she would circulate a response from Cheshire East Council Highways regarding inconsiderate parking on Close Lane that she had received from the Chairman.

Confirmation that trees on Cedar Avenue have been given Tree Protection Orders.

PEC18/115 Alsager School Consultation on Admission Changes

Resolved: That, the Committee resolved to suspend Standing Orders to allow representatives from the school to introduce the item.

The representatives spoke of the changes to the Admissions Criteria and the increase in student numbers each year from 2019 onwards.

The main change is the proposal to move 'catchment' over 'feeder school' in the admissions criteria.

Members asked questions of the representatives.

Resolved: i) That, the Town Council fully support the proposals to change the Admissions Criteria.

ii) To congratulate Alsager School on their continued excellence.

PEC18/116 Public Participation

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

1. Grateful thanks were given to the Town Council for the support in placing the Tree Presentation Orders at Cedar Avenue.

Concerns were raised about Planning Application 18/2522C. The height of the buildings remain a concern and a pedestrian crossing is proposed directly opposite Close Lane. The resident asked the Town Council to lobby for the Strategic Planning Meeting to be held at Crewe to allow residents to attend. Councillor D I Hough replied that the location of the meeting depends on where the majority of applications are from.

2. A resident from Wesley Avenue urged the Town Council to object to Planning Application 18/5300C as there are still concerns with noise from the existing fans. The noise measurements have still not been taken at night or at height to

represent an upstairs room. Cheshire East Council EHO have not produced tonal reports.

3. A resident reported that ASDA had let residents know that the planning application had been submitted but disappointed that the Town Council hadn't contacted Wesley Avenue residents. She reported that ASDA have confirmed a sign has been erected asking drivers to turn off engines when delivering to the store.

There were also concerns that close neighbours have not received notification from Cheshire East Council on the application.

4. Councillor S Helliwell asked if Councillors were aware of a letter sent to a resident about the complaint's procedure. It was confirmed that Chairs of Committees had approved the letter.

#### PEC18/117 Planning Applications

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

Week ending 12/10/18

Week ending 19/10/18

Week ending 26/10/18

Resolved: That, the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 26/10/18 be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (Appendix A)

Councillor D I Hough left the room and took no part in the discussion during Planning Application 18/2522C.

#### PEC18/118 Decisions List

The Chairman referred to the circulated decisions list as received from the Planning Authority, Cheshire East Council up to week ending 26/10/18.

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

#### PEC18/119 Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: That, the Town Council suspend Standing Orders to allow S Anderson to introduce her report.

She spoke of the delivery plan of the Alsager Neighbourhood Plan and the desire for a Town Centre Manager to co-ordinate work in Alsager Town.

The Committee asked for clarification and questioned S Anderson on independence of the role, type of work and administration of the role.

Resolved: To agree in principle to the proposal to employ a Town Centre Manager.

PEC18/120 Play Area and Open Space Working Group

Resolved: i) To receive the Draft Notes from the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

ii) To approve Councillors P Williams and H Robinson as Town Council representatives on the Working Group.

PEC18/121 Members Item – Councillor S Helliwell – Living Walls on new builds

Councillor S Helliwell introduced her motion and spoke of examples of living walls built by large companies.

Concerns were raised on the expense, maintenance and management of the structure.

The motion fell as there was no seconder.

PEC18/122 Terms of Reference

Resolved: To recommend the revised Terms of Reference for the Planning, Environment and Community Committee to Full Council for approval.

PEC18/123 Public Footpath Consultation

The Committee considered the proposal to divert Public Footpath 10 (Cedar Avenue to Hall Drive).

Resolved: To support the proposal and the Town Clerk respond to Cheshire East Council.

PEC18/124 Highways Issues

None reported.

Councillor S Helliwell asked that her name is included in any reports she makes on Highway Issues in Minutes.

PEC18/125 Licensing Issues

None reported

Councillor S Helliwell left the meeting at 9.15pm.

PEC18/126 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.

PEC18/127 Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: To recommend to Full Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 the quotation from Thomson Planning Partnership Limited to provide consultancy to the Alsager Neighbourhood Plan for approval.

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm and concluded at 9.20pm.

Councillor R Fletcher  
Chairman

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