

**ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL**

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

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

Present: Councillor R Fletcher (Chairman)

Councillor S Bishop  
Councillor S Helliwell  
Councillor C Pletscher  
Councillor H Robinson  
Councillor J Smith  
Councillor P Williams

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.

PEC18/97 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C V Burgess, D Burgess, M Gruse, D I Hough, T E S Jones, D Keen and R Tyson.

PEC18/98 Declarations of Interest

Councillor R Fletcher declared his interest as a member of Cheshire East Council and as a neighbour in Planning Application 18/4533N and 18/4471D. He left the room and took no part in the debate or vote.

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.

Councillor S Helliwell declared her interest in Planning application 18/4934C as a neighbour.

PEC18/99 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were referred to and it was: -

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PEC18/100 Matters Arising

The Committee received the following responses from the previous meeting: -

New Homes Bonus Grant Panel

Declarations of Interest for Councillors who sit on voluntary organisation boards should be declared in the same way as any other Declaration of Interest as per Cheshire East Council's Policy.

ASDA Meeting

Response from Alan Jones, ASDA Communications Manager confirming: -  
"Delivery times were discussed at the second meeting also and I understand them to be 7am – 10pm Monday – Saturday (7am – 7.45am through front door) and 9am – 7pm Sundays and Bank Holidays. I'm waiting on feedback to whether any nearby stores have the same plant as that being proposed albeit I'm informed that no two locations are identical in this request."

Disabled Toilets – Alsager Library

Response from Library Manager confirming: -  
"Representatives from Property Services Department have undertaken feasibility study. Due to the layout of the building and the position of the utilities, it could prove difficult to install a disabled toilet. However, we are pursuing this."

PEC18/101 Public Participation

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

1) A resident spoke of concerns with Planning Application 18/4547C especially regarding lack of thought on the designs of the houses for disabled residents. Their design includes inaccessible toilets and kitewinder stairs.

2) i) A resident urged the Town Council to strongly oppose Planning Application 18/4547C and to challenge the validity of the application as there is no mention of the bond or restoration of the quarry in the submission. She has written to the leader of Cheshire East Council but not received an acknowledgement.

ii) Cedar Avenue lime trees should be protected and she has asked for Tree Protection Orders to be placed on the trees.

iii) Flooding on Brookhouse Road / Station Road and potholes in the road. Councillor R Fletcher asked the resident to contact him with her concerns and he will pursue.

3) A Councillor reported that personal details are published on the Town Council website for two grant applications.

PEC18/102 Planning Applications

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

Week ending 21/09/2018

Week ending 28/09/2018

Week ending 05/10/2018

Councillor R Fletcher declared an interest in Planning Applications 18/4533N and 18/4471D. He left the room and took no part in the discussions.

Councillor P Williams took the Chair for the item.

Resolved: That, the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 05/10/2018 be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (Appendix A)

PEC18/103 Decisions List

The Chairman referred to the circulated decisions list as received from the Planning Authority, Cheshire East Council up to week ending 05/10/2018.

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

PEC18/104 Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: To receive the Minutes from the Alsager Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

PEC18/105 Budget Monitoring Statement

The Chairman made reference to the Budget Monitoring Statement for August 2018.

Resolved: i) That, the Budget Monitoring Statements for P5 FY2018/19 (August 2018) be received.

ii) That, the requested budget virements be recommended to Council for approval.

PEC18/106 Alsager Library Consultations

The Committee received information on a Cheshire East Council consultation to extend the opening hours at Alsager Library.

Resolved: To support the proposals and submit comments to the consultation.

PEC18/107 Puffin Crossing, Hassall Road

The Committee considered the proposals for a Puffin Crossing on Hassall Road.

Resolved: To welcome the crossing but ask for the rationale in removing two trees. If there is no alternative a request to replace with two native trees at a different location. To request the installation of the crossing as soon as possible.

PEC18/108 Site Allocations Development Planning Document Consultation

The Committee received the draft response to the SADPD prepared by the working group.

Resolved: To approve the response and instruct the Town Clerk to submit to Cheshire East Council.

PEC18/109 Highways Issues

The following issues were raised:

1) Councillor P Williams has received concerns about the ability of HGVS utilising the MMU site and to manoeuvre without driving on the pavements, as there are so many school children using the pavements.

2) Councillor S Helliwell spoke of the refusal of Cheshire East Council to provide traffic monitoring data collected at Barthomley / Radway Green North. She asked the Town Clerk to request the data.

3) Concerns regarding potholes on Meadowcroft and a replacement road sign is required due to damage.

4) Businesses have complained about loss of trade whilst the traffic lights are installed at Linley Lane / Linley Road. Diversion signage has been poor. In addition the bus service has not informed passengers of diversions whilst the work is undertaken.

Resolved: That, the Town Clerk to action where necessary.

PEC18/110 Licensing Issues

None reported.

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm and concluded at 9.05pm.

Councillor R Fletcher  
Chairman