

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2018

Present: Councillor R Fletcher (Chairman)

Councillor S Bishop
Councillor S Helliwell
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor C Pletscher
Councillor H Robinson
Councillor J Smith
Councillor R Tyson

N Clarke (Town Clerk)

1 Member of the Press
3 Members of the public

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

PEC18/150 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Burgess, D Burgess, T E S Jones and P Williams.

PEC18/151 Non Attendance

The following Members did not attend and did not give their apologies M Gruse and D Keen.

PEC18/152 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 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 C Pletscher declared her interest as a member of ANPSG.

Councillor S Helliwell declared her interest in PA18/5752C as she knows the applicant.

PEC18/153 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting dated 20th November 2018 were referred to and it was: -

Resolved: That, subject to the addition of wording at PEC18/133 to:
'A resident queried the cost and necessity of the proposed Town Centre Manager', the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee dated 20th November 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PEC18/154 Matters Arising

The following matters arising were raised:

- A response was received from Cheshire East Council on 21st November 2018 ref:3958765 'Good Afternoon, leaves have been cleared from by the Health Centre on Station Road today and the remainder along Station Road will be cleared tomorrow'.
- A response from Richard Cooper, Cheshire East Highways received 21st November 2018 – 'The job pack to replace Meadow Croft STNP is sitting in the jobs tray waiting to be actioned.
I will check the programme list regarding the footways as I can confirm that I have included them on a spreadsheet for substantial repairs/reconstruction'.
- Councillor J Smith asked for clarification on PEC18/132, the report from Councillor S Helliwell on living walls and the response from Cheshire East Council. It was confirmed that The Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Regeneration responded, 'that living walls were a useful option when considering a new development, but they were not an appropriate solution in every case and the Council could not stipulate their use'.

PEC18/155 Public Participation

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

The following matters were raised:

- 1) A resident spoke of his concerns about a proposed footpath under construction on the new Crofton housing estate on Hassall Road. He distributed photos and plans showing the footpath leading to a tarmacked shared driveway and expressed grave concerns about safety issues for pedestrians using this space. He urged the Town Council to contact highways to install a fence across the area. (See PEC 18/158)
- 2) A resident spoke on accuracy of her wording in the Minutes from 20th November 2018.
- 3) Councillor S Helliwell asked for clarity on the Town Council Draft Budget 2019/20 relating to match funding for the New Home Bonus.

PEC18/156 Planning Applications

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

Week ending 23/11/18

Week ending 30/11/18

Week ending 07/12/18

Resolved: That, the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 07/12/18 be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (Appendix A)

PEC18/157 Decisions List

The Chairman referred to the circulated decisions list as received from the Planning Authority, Cheshire East Council up to week ending 07/12/18.

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

PEC18/158 Seddon's Crofton housing development – Urgent Item

The Chairman introduced the item following concerns raised in Public Participation.

Resolved: To instruct the Town Clerk to contact Cheshire East Highways to ask for urgent action relating to the footpaths on the Crofton Housing development: -

- Strong objections to opening of the footpath onto the shared entrance to Heath End Farm due to a lack of footpath once at the entrance.
- Concerns about the safety of the crossing on Hassall Road due to lack of visibility for pedestrians.

PEC18/159 Pedestrian Crossing, Hassall Road

Resolved: That, the Town Council notes the response from Cheshire East Council that any trees removed for the crossing will be replaced in a suitable location.

PEC18/160 Neighbourhood Plan New Homes Bonus Bid – Urgent Item

The Chairman introduced the item. Councillor C Pletscher introduced the proposed bid for funding for a Town Centre Manager and associated costs.

Resolved: To approve the bid for submission to Cheshire East Council. A named vote was called:

For: Councillors R Fletcher, C Pletscher, H Robinson, J Smith and R Tyson.

Abstained: Councillors D I Hough, S Helliwell and S Bishop.

PEC18/161 Cheshire East Council Budget Consultation 2019/20

The Committee reviewed the proposed submission from the Town Council.

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

PEC18/162 Highways Issues

The following issues were raised:

- i) Flooding issues at Hassall Road/ Pikemere Road. Councillor D I Hough is dealing with Cheshire East Council.
- ii) Excessive heavy traffic along Close Lane/ Dunnocksfold Road during construction. There is continued correspondence between Councillors, police and contractors.
- iii) Councillor R Fletcher reported on Cheshire East Council proposals to bring in enforcement orders at Alsager car parks during controlled hours. He will bring further information to the Council when received.

Resolved: That, action to be taken where necessary.

PEC18/163 Licensing Issues

Resolved: To note the submission for 2-4 Crewe Road and 6 Crewe Road, Alsager and make no comment.

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm and concluded at 8.45pm.

Councillor R Fletcher
Chairman