

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2019

Present: Councillor R Fletcher (Chairman)

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

N Clarke (Town Clerk)

1 Member of the Press
15 Members of the public

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

PEC18/189 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C V Burgess and M Gruse

PEC18/190 Declarations of Interest

Councillor D I Hough declared his interest as a member of Cheshire East Council.

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 S Helliwell declared her interest in Planning Application 19/0529C as she has called the application into the Secretary of State.

Councillor T E S Jones Chairman of Alsager Civic and Service Committee.

PEC18/191 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting dated 29th January 2019 were referred to and it was: -

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee dated 29th January 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PEC18/192 Matters Arising

PEC18/179 Cedar Avenue car park – trees have been removed.

PEC18/193 Public Participation

The Chairman read out Standing Order 2 in respect of Public Participation.
The following comments were made:

1. Concerns about the designs for water discharge at White Moss Quarry into Valley Brook.
2. A request to extend CCTV along Crewe Road due to a spate of domestic break-ins.
3. Concerns about PA18/6173C, 44 Crewe Road ST7 2ET. Plans include a raised platform for diners which is only 10 metres from domestic properties. There is insufficient parking proposed.
4. There is no sign notifying the public of a Planning Application at 44, Crewe Road.
5. More community engagement is needed at the Radway Estate.
6. Issues with widening the road at Close Lane by the Stewart Milne development. Dropped kerbs currently being installed are not wide enough.

Resolved: That, the Town Clerk action where necessary.

PEC18/194 Planning Applications

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

Week ending 01/02/2019
Week ending 08/02/2019
Week ending 15/02/2019

Resolved: To suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak on PA19/0529C.

PA19/0529C Land South of Crewe Road

Members of the public spoke of their objections to the application:

- Is the Warehousing earmarked for HS2 – what happens if HS2 is scrapped?
- The entrance and exit to Crewe Road is not viable.
- Warehousing will not bring many jobs to Alsager and will mainly be low paid zero hour contracts.
- The junction at Close Lane/ Crewe Road is almost opposite the proposed entrance to the site with no improvement plans in place.
- The Town can not cope with additional traffic.
- The application doesn't look at the impact of other sites e.g. White Moss Quarry.

Resolved: That, the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 15/02/2019 be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (Appendix A)

PEC18/195 Decisions List

The Chairman referred to the circulated decisions list as received from the Planning Authority, Cheshire East Council up to week ending 15/02/2019.

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

PEC18/196 Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: i) To receive the Meeting Notes for 2nd January 2019.

ii) To note the Regulation 14 Consultation is open for comments until 28th February 2019.

PEC18/197 Budget Monitoring Statement

The Chairman made reference to the Budget Monitoring Statement for January 2019.

Resolved: i) That, the reports and budget monitoring statement for January FY2018/19 be received.

ii) That, the recommendations contained within the report be recommended to Council for approval.

PEC18/198 Members Item Councillor T E S Jones – Alsager Town Council Social Media Presence

The Chairman of the Committee invited Councillor T E S Jones to introduce her report.

Resolved: i) To agree in principle, to create an Alsager Town Council Facebook page and an Alsager Town Council Twitter feed.

ii) To ask the Finance, Policy and Governance Committee to consider a policy including Code of Practice, Policy and Procedures at its meeting on 19th March 2019 and, if approved, to recommend to Full Council at its meeting on 30th April 2019 in readiness for the beginning of new Council term in May 2019.

PEC18/199 Members Item Councillor P Williams – Toilet Twinned Town

The Chairman of the Committee invited Councillor P Williams to introduce the report. He spoke of the scheme and involvement for the Town Council.

Resolved: i) To receive the report.

ii) To recommend to Full Council that Alsager aims to be a 'Toilet Twinned Town'.

iii) That Councillor P Williams is the Town Council's 'Champion' for the scheme and Councillor D Keen assists with the scheme.

iv) To recommend to Full Council a transfer of £360.00 from General Reserves to an earmarked reserve 'Toilet Twinned' to fund certificates.

PEC18/200 Members Item Councillor H Robinson and J Smith – Alsager Urban Wildlife

The Chairman of the Committee invited Councillor H Robinson and Councillor J Smith to speak on the initiative.

Resolved: i) That, the Town Council support the work done by Alsager Urban Wildlife in partnership with Alsager in Bloom, including the development and eventual adaption of a local Pollinator Strategy.

ii) To instruct the Town Clerk to write to Cheshire East Council and ANSA asking that they invest in the necessary equipment to enable the correct mowing regime for native wildflower meadows in Cheshire East Council.

iii) To ask Cheshire East Council to develop and implement a Pollinator Strategy for the Borough.

PEC18/201 Connected Communities – Alsager and Radway Neighbourhood Partnership Action Plan

Councillor S Bishop introduced the item and the work undertaken by the Group.

Resolved: To put forward the following 3 priorities to the Group as determined by Alsager Town Council:

i) Public transport – as a key service centre the requirement for adequate public transport for the town.

ii) Youth provision.

iii) Social cohesion.

PEC18/202 Public Footpath Order

Resolved: To receive the notice regarding the proposed diversion of public footpath NO10 and to respond with no comments.

PEC18/203 Play Area and Open Space Working Group

Resolved: To receive the Notes from the Working Group meeting held on 30th January 2019.

PEC18/204 Highways Issues

The Committee noted the following:

- Potholes on Fairview carpark have been reported.

- The junction of Pikemere road/ Sandbach North Road is breaking up.
- Councillor S Helliwell reported that in discussions with the police, the police stated that it would be beneficial for areas of Milton Park to be lit at night to reduce anti-social behaviour and identify culprits from CCTV.

Resolved: That, the Town Clerk action highway issues and seek further information regarding Milton Park.

PEC18/205 Licensing Issues

The Committee considered an application to run a mobile pizza van on Wednesday evenings on Lawton Road.

Resolved: To have no objections to the application but ask that a stipulation of consent should include the provision of a litter bin and the removal of rubbish by the applicant.

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm and concluded at 9.35pm.

Councillor R Fletcher
Chairman