

**ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN ALSAGER INSTITUTE**  
**ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

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 J Smith  
Councillor P Williams

N Clarke (Town Clerk)

1 Member of the Press  
11 Members of the public

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

PEC18/206 Apologies for Absence

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

PEC18/207 Non Attendance

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

PEC18/208 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 and PA19/1177T as a friend of the applicant.

Councillor J Smith declared her interest as a member of ANPSG and PA19/1177T as a friend of the applicant.

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

Councillor P Williams declared his interest as a member of ANPSG.

PEC18/209 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were referred to and it was: -

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PEC18/210 Matters Arising

The following matters were noted:

- i) Further to PEC18/185, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019, confirmation from United Utilities that the main drain at Alsager Mere is fit for purpose following their inspection.

PEC18/211 Public Participation

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

The following items were raised:

- i) Environmental comments have now been uploaded to the Cheshire East Planning Portal for PA19/0529C. The resident informed the Council that Warehousing will be built on top of main sewers. Concerns whether the emerging Alsager Neighbourhood Plan is in favour of more housing.
- ii) A resident spoke of difficulties shared space has for people with disabilities including those with assistance dogs. She shared information from the Guide Dogs Association on their stance in objecting to removing pavements as dogs are trained in certain ways, to identify pedestrian and road spaces.
- iii) Concerns of proposals by Rail Future to bypass Alsager and Kidsgrove to create faster routes. Opposed to the Public Realm proposal, especially shared space. Opposed to any proposal to close Alsager market: the Town Council should be enhancing it.
- iv) Shared space does not work. The resident gave examples where it is perceived to be difficult to navigate.
- v) Alsager Market should remain weekly but it is in the wrong position. The pavements are in a woeful state especially along Crewe Road.
- vi) Councillor D I Hough thanked the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for their work in producing an excellent well-constructed document.

Councillors corrected residents who were under the impression that the Public Realm document is advocating shared space. It was made clear to the consultants that residents do not want shared space.

PEC18/212 Planning Applications

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

Week ending 22/02/2019

Week ending 01/03/2019

Week ending 08/03/2019

Resolved: That, the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 08/03/2019 be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (Appendix A)

PEC18/213 Decisions List

The Chairman referred to the circulated decisions list as received from the Planning Authority, Cheshire East Council up to week ending 08/03/2019.

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

PEC18/214 Cheshire East Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule

Resolved: To note the final CIL Charging Schedule has been adopted by Cheshire East Council and took effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

PEC18/215 Crewe Station Hub Development Strategy

Resolved: To note the Draft Strategy is available to view and comment on until 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

PEC18/216 Cheshire County Playing Fields Association

Resolved: To note the Association will cease operating from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

PEC18/217 Alsager Railway Station

Councillors expressed their concerns on some of the proposals by Rail Future.

Resolved: To instruct the Clerk to respond to Rail Future:

- i) Generally in favour of the vision but the local services must be retained for Alsager.
- ii) Support a through-train to Nottingham and beyond.
- iii) Better links West to East of the Country.
- iv) Support required for Alsager station e.g. ticket machines on both platforms.
- v) Radway Green Station should be re-opened.

PEC18/218 Highways Issues

Councillor S Helliwell reported that the lights are due to be turned on at Linley Lane roundabout.

Further to Minute PEC18/95 dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and PEC18/173 dated 08<sup>th</sup> January 2019 the Town Clerk confirmed that no responses had been received from schools re Air Quality.

PEC18/219 Licensing Issues

None reported.

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm and concluded at 8.25pm.

Councillor R Fletcher  
Chairman