

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

**PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 2ND APRIL 2019**

Present: Councillor R Fletcher (Chairman)

Councillor S Bishop
Councillor S Helliwell
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor H Robinson
Councillor J Smith
Councillor R Tyson
Councillor P Williams

N Clarke (Town Clerk)

1 Member of the Press
8 Members of the public

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

PEC18/220 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Burgess, M Gruse, T E S Jones and C Pletscher.

PEC18/221 Non Attendance

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

PEC18/222 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.

PEC18/223 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting dated 12th March 2019 were referred to and it was: -

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee dated 12th March 2019 were confirmed as a correct record subject to changes to PEC18/211 as follows: remove final sentence and replace with ‘It was also made clear at the meeting that the brief given to the consultants stipulated a fully inclusive solution’, and signed by the Chairman.

PEC18/224 Matters Arising

Puffin Crossing

Further to PEC18/108, 9th October 2018, to note two replacement native trees will be planted in the space behind St. Gabriel’s School.

Close Lane

Further to PEC18/193, 19th February 2019, to note correspondence between the Town Clerk, Cheshire East Highways and residents is ongoing.

Pavements in the Centre of Alsager

Further to PEC18/211, 12th March 2019, to note a response from Cheshire East Council to Councillor Fletcher:

The primary function of the asset management-led approach is to maximise value for money by investing in the right treatment, at the right place and at the right time. In doing so, the council can secure the best long-term sustainable future for the network for all users based on the level of the investment made available to the council annually.

This approach doesn't always deal with the worst looking roads and footways being treated first, but seeks to balance against condition and usage on each asset resulting in the use of preventative treatments to sustain the current network condition in the most efficient way by analysing data intelligence, taking into consideration a number of factors such as defect repairs, third party claims, customer complaints and engineering recommendations. This helps the council to understand an overall picture of where that asset is within its lifecycle, what treatment is required and where it is prioritised within that particular treatment budget.

With regards the roads and footway you have identified in your correspondence; the local highways officer has put forward Alsager centre footways for future surface treatment programmes. The asset will be prioritised against other roads and footways within the Borough in line with our intervention carriageway and footway strategy as part of the highways service preparation for next year’s programme which will commence in April 2019. Albeit the consideration for inclusion in the programme does not always guarantee it will be treated that year. Unfortunately, this has to compete, as stated above against other footways within the Borough and does sometimes mean roads and footways are on the list to be considered for several years unless budgets become available for further programmes.

If not successful, this year they will remain on the list until they become included and I will also ensure this area is put forward whereby any further budget becomes available.

I am not able to confirm otherwise until this has been through the procedure and until I receive details of what has been agreed. The programme will be sent out in due course on what will be included within the financial year of 2019/20.

Railfuture

Further to PEC18/217, the Town Clerk circulated a lengthy response from Railfuture following a submission by the Town Council.

PEC18/225 Public Participation

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

A resident spoke on the following matters:

- i) Clarification on how information is distributed via the White Moss Quarry Newsletter email system.
- ii) The pavements in the centre of Alsager are crumbling with loose gravel being washed down the drains.
- iii) Concerns about the changes to the plans for PA19/0529C Warehousing at Crewe Road. She urged the Town Council to submit objections to the application and explain why drainage to Valley Brook is such a concern with the amount of development in the area.
- iv) She also referred to Oakhanger Moss and its deterioration over recent years.

PEC18/226 Planning Applications

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

Week ending 15/03/19
Week ending 22/03/19
Week ending 29/03/19

Resolved: That, the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 29/03/19 be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (Appendix A)

PEC18/227 Decisions List

The Chairman referred to the circulated decisions list as received from the Planning Authority, Cheshire East Council up to week ending 29/03/19.

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

PEC18/228 Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: To receive the Meeting Notes from the Steering Group from 6th February 2019.

PEC18/229 Budget Monitoring Statement

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

Resolved: i) That, the reports and budget monitoring statement for February 2019 (P11) FY2018/19 be received.

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

PEC18/230 Milton Park CCTV Provision

Resolved: This item is deferred post elections.

PEC18/231 Play Area and Open Spaces Working Group

Resolved: That, the Committee receive the Meeting Notes held on 20th March 2019.

PEC18/232 Highways Issues

The Committee considered a request from a resident on reducing the speed limit on Hassall Road.

Resolved: That, the Town Clerk writes to Cheshire East Council to request a speed reduction to 20mph along Hassall Road from the mini roundabout to Heath End Road due to the proximity to a school.

PEC18/233 Licensing Issues

The Committee noted the review of the Licensing Act Statement Consultation is open until 19th April 2019.

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm and concluded at 8.35pm.

Councillor R Fletcher
Chairman