

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2019

Present: Councillor J Dale (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor J Buckley
Councillor R Fletcher
Councillor J Goodrich
Councillor J Hawkins
Councillor J Hearne
Councillor S Helliwell
Councillor P M Hubbard
Councillor A Nayling
Councillor J Smith
Councillor R Tyson
Councillor M Unett
Councillor P Williams

N Clarke (Town Clerk)

1 Member of the Press
5 Members of the Public

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

PEC19/07 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D I Hough.

PEC19/08 Declarations of Interest

Councillor J Buckley declared her interest as a member of Cheshire East Council.

Councillor R Fletcher declared his interest as a member of Cheshire East Council.

Councillor P Williams declared his interest as a member of Cheshire East Council.

Councillor J Smith declared her interest as a members of ANSPG.

Councillor J Dale declared her interest as a members of Community Plastic Free Group.

Councillor S Helliwell declared her interest in PA19/2606C as a friend of the applicant.

PEC19/09 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting dated 14th May 2019 were referred to and it was: -

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee dated 14th May 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PEC19/10 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

PEC19/11 Public Participation

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

The following matters were raised:

- 1) A resident spoke of concerns with noise and smell from food outlets along Crewe Road and asked if existing businesses are monitored? He understands that new planning applications specify extraction installations but is concerned that any upgrades or new equipment in current business are not checked.
- 2) A request that a Councillor attends the White Moss Quarry liaison meeting on 5th June 2019 as Councillor D I Hough is unable to attend.
- 3) A resident spoke of her support for the motion to support single use plastic but that the Town Council considers all aspects pertinent to the Town council and has an agenda item for each Committee.
- 4) Can the Town Council lobby the Police & Crime Commission that ringing 101 is costly when calls are not answered for some time and what is the status.

Resolved: i) That, Councillor S Helliwell attends the White Moss Quarry liaison meeting and reports to the next meeting.

ii) That, items 1 and 4 are placed on the next Planning, Environment & Community Committee.

PEC19/12 Planning Applications

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

Week ending 17/05/19

Week ending 24/05/19

Week ending 31/05/19

Resolved: That, the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 31/05/19 be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (Appendix A).

Councillor S Helliwell declared an interest in PA/2606C and left the room during the discussions and vote.

PEC19/13 Decisions List

The Chairman referred to the circulated decisions list as received from the Planning Authority, Cheshire East Council up to week ending 31/05/19

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

PEC19/14 Budget Monitoring Statement

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

Resolved: i) That, the reports and budget monitoring statement for April 2019 (P1) FY2019/20 be received.

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

PEC19/15 Alsager Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: i) That Councillor J Smith, P Williams, J Buckley and P M Hubbard are elected to join the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

ii) That, the Meeting Notes from 6th March and 3rd April 2019 are received.

PEC19/16 Cheshire East Council – Community Clean Up Grant

The Committee debated the use of grant funding from Cheshire East Council of £1,616 and the criteria for spending.

Resolved: i) To receive the report.

ii) That, Councillor P M Hubbard and Councillor J Hawkins set up a Working Group to bring a paper back to the next Planning, Environment and Community meeting with costs and actions for a Community Clean event in the East Ward focusing on Longview Avenue and Percy James Close.

PEC19/17 Members Item: Councillor J Smith – Climate Change

Councillor J Smith introduced the item and spoke about the Town Council working with other organisations to support any initiators. A lengthy debate took place between Councillors. An amendment was put forward by Councillor M Unett.

Resolved¹: i) To recommend to Full Council that Alsager Town Council publicly declares a Climate Emergency.

ii) To recommend that Alsager Town Council call on National Government, via either our local MP or the Minister for the

¹ There was no ability for Councillors to either object or abstain on this motion.

Environment, to address climate change as a matter of the utmost urgency.

- iii) To recommend that Alsager Town Council congratulate Cheshire East Council on declaring a climate emergency, and to ask its leadership to urgently prioritise combatting climate change and its adverse effects at Borough levels as promised at its meeting held on 22nd May 2019, as well as empowering and supporting local Town and Parish Councils in initiatives combatting climate breakdown, while preparing for the adverse effects at the most local levels.
- iv) To recommend that Alsager Town Council works towards becoming a carbon neutral town by 2025.
- v) To recommend that a request is made to Cheshire East Council that Alsager Town Council becomes a pilot town for Cheshire East Council.

PEC19/18 Members Item: Councillor J Dale – Plastic Free Town

Councillor J Dale introduced her report and her aim that Alsager becomes a single use plastic free town. The Committee debated at length the ability to achieve such status. An amendment was put forward to the original motion by Councillor P M Hubbard.

- Resolved:
- i) That, the Committee recommends that Alsager Town Council pledges to work towards becoming a single use plastic free town.
 - ii) To develop and agree Terms of Reference to create a Council led Working Group.

PEC19/19 Resolved: To suspending Standing Order No 41 to continue the meeting past 9.30pm

Councillor A Nayling left the Meeting at 9.50pm.

PEC19/20 Elections concerns

A response from Cheshire East Council to Minute TC19/22, 14th May 2019 was received.

- Resolved:
- i) That, the Town Council responds with a strong return letter expressing dissatisfaction with the response.
 - ii) That, an officer from the election team be requested to attend a meeting to discuss improvements.

PEC19/21 Highways Issues

The following issues were raised:

- i) No white lines on Dunnocksfold Road where work has been undertaken.

- ii) The road surface on an unadopted section of road on Crewe Road/ Cranberry Lane is poor.
- iii) Road surface of Sandbach Road North and pavement around Bank Corner is breaking up.
- iv) Concerns about speeding on Longview Avenue.
- v) Pothole by the Doctors Surgery on Station Road.

Councillor R Fletcher spoke about the Cheshire East Council Highways list which lists priorities and asked for a reason for delays in publishing.

Resolved: That, the Town Clerk action where necessary.

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm and concluded at 10.10pm.

Councillor J Dale
Vice-Chairman