

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 16TH JULY 2019

Present: Councillor J Buckley
Councillor J Dale
Councillor R Fletcher
Councillor J Goodrich
Councillor J Hawkins
Councillor S Helliwell
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor P M Hubbard
Councillor J Smith
Councillor R Tyson
Councillor M Unett
Councillor P Williams

N Clarke (Town Clerk)

1 Member of the Press
1 Member of the Public

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

PEC19/36 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Hearne.

PEC19/37 Non-Attendance

The following Member did not attend and did not give their apologies: Councillor A Nayling.

PEC19/38 Declarations of Interest

Councillor P Williams 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 J Smith declared her interest as a member of ANPSG and is known to the applicant of PA 19/3172C and PA 19/2540T.

Councillor J Buckley declared her interest as a member of Cheshire East Council and known to the applicant of PA 19/3172C and PA 19/2540T.

Councillor D I Hough declared his interest as president of the Alsager Gardens Association.

Councillor J Dale declared her interest as community representative of the Single Use Plastic Working Group and a regular hirer of Alsager Civic.

Councillor S Helliwell declared her interest as member of the Radway Club.

Councillor M Unett declared his interest as a member of the Radway Club and a staff member of the same.

Councillor P M Hubbard declared her interest as secretary of Alsager Gardens Association.

PEC19/39 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting dated Tuesday 25th June 2019 were referred to and it was: -

Resolved: That, The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee dated Tuesday 25th June 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PEC19/40 Matters Arising

The Chairman referred to PEC19/33 and that members will have an opportunity to debate the strategic aims of the council at the next Full Council meeting on 30th July 2019.

PEC19/41 Public Participation

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

1. A resident spoke of her pride that Milton Park has been awarded Green Flag Status and congratulated all volunteers who have worked at the park over the years. She reported that over £300,000 has been raised by grant funding over many years to help.
2. Councillor J Dale reported a quantity of nitrous oxide cannisters have been found at several places in Alsager and of the dangers of inhaling the gas, especially when mixed with alcohol. She is concerned that there appears to be no restriction on the purchase of the gas from the internet. The police are aware of the increase in use and they are hoping to launch a campaign to raise awareness.

PEC19/42 Planning Applications

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

Week ending 28/06/19
Week ending 05/07/19
Week ending 12/07/19

Resolved: That, the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 12/07/19 be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (Appendix A)

PEC19/43 Decisions List

The Chairman referred to the circulated decisions list as received from the Planning Authority, Cheshire East Council up to week ending 12/07/19.

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

PEC19/44 APPR/R0660/W/19/3229169 – Appeal – Outline application for construction of 3 two-storey, 3 bed detached houses

Resolved: i) To support the Cheshire East Council Officers report on the appeal and to reiterate the Town Council's previous comments, PEC18/212 12th March 2019.

ii) That, the Town Council object to the application due to overdevelopment and not in keeping with the street scene.

PEC19/44A Cedar Avenue Open Space

Councillor P M Hubbard introduced the report recommending the creation of a Task and Finish Group to work on aspects of the Cedar Avenue Open Space.

Resolved: i) That, The Committee recommends the creation of a Task and Finish Group.

ii) That, The Task and Finish Group be requested

- To agree a way forward
- Establish the requirements, costs, funding streams and time frames to improve and make fit for purpose, the joint use area of the piece of land lying to the south of Cedar Avenue, more commonly known as Cedar Avenue Car Park.
- Report progress by way of a written report to the Planning, Environment and Community Committee.

iii) That, Councillor P M Hubbard organises the initial meeting of interested parties.

PEC19/45 Community Clean Up Event

Further to min. PEC19/31 dated 25th June 2019, Councillor J Hawkins reported on progress with the Clean-up event to be funded from a Cheshire East Council grant:

- The event will take place on Saturday 28th September 2019;
- Covered skips will be sited at Radway Club car park from Saturday to Monday;
- Family activities will be organised during the day;
- The PCSO has indicated support and help on the day and it is hoped the Fire Service will also attend;

- A quotation from ANSA has been received to tidy Percy James Avenue;
- It is hoped that a Community Clean Team will be formed following the event;
- All Councillors are encouraged to attend to assist on the day.

Resolved: That, To receive the report and thank Councillor J Hawkins and P M Hubbard for their work on the project.

PEC19/46 Members Item – Councillor M Unett – Youth Council

Councillor M Unett introduced his report to establish a Working Group to create a Youth Council for Alsager. He reminded members of the earmarked reserve in the Budget of £1,000 to fund the project.

Councillors were in favour of the item and thanked Councillor M Unett for leading on the project.

Resolved:

- i) To recommend that Alsager Town Council establishes a Working Group to work to create a Youth Council for Alsager.
- ii) To recommend that Alsager Town Council appoints 4 Town Councillors to the Youth Council Working Group.
- iii) To recommend that Alsager Town Council reaches out to Alsager School, local youth organisations and any young person linked to Alsager to join the Working Group.
- iv) That, Terms of Reference be taken to Full Council on 30th July 2019 for approval.

PEC19/47 Highways Issues

The following issues were raised:

1. Councillor S Helliwell reported on the road closure on Crewe Road and that drivers are not obeying the diversion. Cheshire East Council are aware and will send an officer to check on signage.
2. Councillor R Fletcher reported that the Cheshire East Highways Management Programme has been published and is available on the Cheshire East Council website. He reported on work due to take place in Alsager and expressed disappointment that no more work is scheduled for Alsager.
3. Councillor J Buckley reported that she had spoken to the Cheshire East Council Portfolio Holder about the reporting mechanism for highway issues on their portal especially regarding the lack of information on duplicate reporting or when work is scheduled or has taken place.
Councillor Buckley asked if the Town Council will lobby Cheshire East Council to protest to central government about the lack of funding for borough councils for highways work.

Resolved:

- i) The Town Clerk to contact Cheshire East Council and the Police about Crewe Road.

ii) The Town Clerk write to Cheshire East Council to remind them that a resolution was passed by the Council that the Leader of Cheshire East Council would lobby central government about lack of funding for the borough for highway work.

The meeting commenced at 7.15 pm and concluded at 8.55 pm.

Councillor D I Hough
Chairman

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