

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST 2019

Present: Councillor J Buckley
Councillor J Hawkins
Councillor J Hearne
Councillor S Helliwell
Councillor D I Hough
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
3 Members of the public

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

PEC19/61 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Dale, R Fletcher and J Goodrich.

PEC19/62 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 will not be providing an opinion or vote on any application that maybe the subject of determine by the Strategic Board.

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

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

Councillor M Unett declared an interest as a member and employee of the Radway Social Club.

Councillor S Helliwell declared her interest in Agenda item 7, SADPD consultation, as an employee of a business in the town centre.

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

PEC19/63 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting dated 6th August 2019 were referred to and it was: -

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee dated 6th August 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PEC19/64 Matters Arising

Resolved: i) Further to Min PEC19/47, 16th July 2019, to receive a response from Cheshire East Highways.

ii) Further to Min PEC19/52, 6th August 2019, to receive a response from the Police and Crime Commissioner about current call waiting time data.

PEC19/65 Public Participation

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

Resolved: To move Agenda item 10, Licensing applications, to be discussed during Public Participation to allow residents to participate.

A resident spoke about his written questions and comments circulated to Councillors earlier in the day regarding the potential change of use for 44 Crewe Road, Alsager and the impact it could have on residents should it become a public house.

A debate took place about concerns allowing businesses to open late into the evening and the consequences of noise, smell and light pollution.

Resolved: i) To submit the following comment on the licence application for Bar 6, 6 Crewe Road, ST7 2ES as follows:

The Town Council objects on the following grounds:

1. Public safety – concerns the fire escape to the rear of the property are inadequate.
2. Public nuisance – noise, light pollution and smells from the bar which will impact on surrounding residential properties. Noise and light pollution will continue into the small hours of the night if the bar doesn't close until 1.30 a.m.
3. Failure to comply with the original conditions for the licence:
 - There will be no entertainment provided in any external area at the premises;
 - A CCTV system shall be installed to the satisfaction of the Police Licensing Officer;
 - All access and egress for customers after 18.00 hours will take place using the main entrance off Crewe Road and the rear access will be secured to prevent access from 18.00 hrs.

ii) That the Town Clerk in conjunction with Cllr P Williams seeks further clarification on licencing, change of classification and planning with Cheshire East Council.

A resident spoke about an appeal lodged against a recent planning decision at 64 Audley Road, Alsager, ST7 2QN and asked the Town Council to consider the appeal. She queried the procedure for submissions. Cllr P Williams agreed to seek clarification and respond to the resident.

PEC19/66 Planning Applications

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

Week ending 09/08/19

Week ending 16/08/19

Week ending 23/08/19

Resolved: That, the Planning, Environment and Community Services Committee's formal comments on all applications registered with Cheshire East Council up to week ending 23/08/19 be forwarded to the Planning Officer, Cheshire East Council. (Appendix A)

PEC19/67 Decisions List

The Chairman referred to the circulated decisions list as received from the Planning Authority, Cheshire East Council up to week ending 23/08/19

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

PEC19/68 Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (SADPD)

Resolved: That, to suspend Standing Orders to allow a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to speak about their submission to the SADPD.

A resident explained the Alsager Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group rationale of their draft submission mainly concerning the proposed changes to the town centre boundary.

The Committee debated the proposals together with the Notes from the Working Group meeting with the Town Council draft submission.

Resolved: i) To receive the notes from the Working Group meeting held on 15th August 2019.

ii) To receive the notes from the further Working Group meeting held on 22nd August 2019.

iii) To seek clarity on the Cheshire East Council criteria on why certain buildings/sites are excluded from designation in the town centre and that the Working Group to meet prior to the next Planning, Environment and Community Committee meeting to prepare a draft

submission to recommend approval to Full Council on 24th September 2019.

PEC19/69 Corporate Strategy Working Group – Strategic Aims and Action Plan

The Chairman introduced the item and explained why the notes are being reviewed by each Committee again.

The Committee considered the aims and aspiration of the Town Council for the future.

- Resolved:
- i) That, the Town Clerk splits the document into two sections: broad Strategic Aims and a detailed Action plan/3-year business plan when taking it to Full Council for approval.
 - ii) General approval of the strategic aims of the Planning, Environment and Community Committee as outlined in the Notes.

PEC19/70 Highways Issues

None.

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

Councillor D I Hough
Chairman