



# ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL TOPICS

## CHAIRMAN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

One thing has remained constant through the upheavals and difficulties of recent years and that is the community spirit that makes Alsager such a great place to live. We saw it during the worst days of lockdown when so many volunteered to help friends and neighbours. We saw it as the high street began to recover, with people returning to the library, Alsager Civic and the shops, bars, restaurants and businesses. We saw it at the terrific Music Festival and many other events. It continues through all the tremendous support Alsager people are giving to Ukrainian and other guests from around the world.

Times may be hard, but our small town continues to punch above its weight as a key service centre. We outperform some larger towns in our area in relation to our size. As Chair of Alsager Town Council, I often hear comments from across the Borough and the County more widely about our reputation as a friendly and caring community.

This last year we have seen Alsager's Community Support Centre receive a well-deserved Queen's Award, one of the last Her late Majesty signed. We saw a sizeable crowd gather outside the Civic for the Proclamation of the Ascension of King Charles III. It was a privilege to read the Royal Proclamation on that historic occasion.

We live in times when budgets are tight and when essential services are squeezed and constrained. Nevertheless, we are seeing various improvements such as the refurbishment of Hassall Road Play Area and the impending provision of inclusive play equipment at Milton Park and the Fair View Play Area.

This coming year we will see Alsager extend its 'political' boundaries to the M6 to the west and across the Twyford's estate to the east. We will see elections for the Town and Cheshire East Councils. We will see some councillors moving on and others elected. There will be more changes, more challenges. It is people not politics that makes communities. Alsager Town Council will continue to do what it can to assist that process.

On behalf of the Council, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Councillor Philip Williams, Chair Alsager Town Council



Alsager Town Council remains committed to providing support and assistance to clubs, community groups and voluntary organisations within Alsager by way of the Community Grant Scheme.

### Who can apply?

Clubs, community groups and voluntary organisations who serve the residents of Alsager.

### How to apply?

Visit our website [www.alsagertowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.alsagertowncouncil.gov.uk) and download the grant application form and the Policy and Terms of Reference document or, alternatively call the Town Council offices on 01270 876440.

### When to apply?

The Town Council's Grants Panel will meet twice during the year, in January and October, all applications must be submitted to the Town Council by 30 December or 30 September respectively in order to be considered for funding.

### When will we know if we have been successful?

If the Grants Panel recommend the grant application for approval this will be considered by either the Town Council's Finance Committee or the Full Council at its next available meeting. And if successful, payment will be made after that meeting.

## Budget setting 2023-24

As with every business, organisation and individual, budget setting for the forthcoming year will be a difficult task for the Town Council. The Town Council is responsible for 4 allotment sites, the public toilets, Alsager Civic and is also sole trustee of Alsager Institute. Increased utility costs, cost of living and potential loss of revenue may result in some tough decisions to be made by Councillors.

Each committee has considered its income and expenditure requirements with the collated draft budget being taken to the Finance Committee on 13 December 2022 for consideration. Following the meeting, the draft budget for the year 2023-24 will be updated to incorporate any changes recommended by the Finance Committee and will be received at the Town Council meeting on 10 January 2023 for approval, and the precept requirement submitted to Cheshire East Council.

The Town Council welcomes scrutiny by members of the public with public participation at each Council meeting to give an opportunity for residents to make a statement or ask questions. The draft budget will be posted on the Town Council website in early December at [www.alsagertowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.alsagertowncouncil.gov.uk). A version will be available at the Town Council offices for inspection.



## HOW TO CONTACT ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

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| Call in:  | The Town Council offices are open Monday and Tuesday mornings 10am to midday                                                                                                 |
| Phone:    | 01270 876440                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Write to: | Alsager Town Council, 3 Lawton Road, Alsager, ST7 2AE.                                                                                                                       |
| Website:  | <a href="http://www.alsagertowncouncil.gov.uk">www.alsagertowncouncil.gov.uk</a>                                                                                             |

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| Write to: | Alsager Civic Centre, Lawton Road, Alsager, ST7 2AE.                             |

## Meeting Dates 2022/2023

| DECEMBER 2022                               |                     |                      |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Planning, Environment & Community Committee | Tuesday 6 December  | Alsager Civic 7.00pm |
| Finance, Policy & Governance                | Tuesday 13 December | Alsager Civic 7.00pm |
| JANUARY 2023                                |                     |                      |
| Planning, Environment & Community Committee | Tuesday 3 January   | Alsager Civic 7.00pm |
| Town Council                                | Tuesday 10 January  | Alsager Civic 7.00pm |
| Alsager Civic & Services Committee          | Tuesday 17 January  | Alsager Civic 7.00pm |
| Planning, Environment & Community Committee | Tuesday 24 January  | Alsager Civic 7.00pm |
| Grants Panel                                | Tuesday 31 January  | TC Offices 7.00pm    |