

**SLEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Applications Committee**
held on Wednesday May 16th 2012 at 7:00pm
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Councillor B Watson (Chairman & Leader)

Cllr D Birks (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr J Charlesworth	Cllr D Suiter
Cllr D Vere-Critchler	Cllr M Allan	Cllr K Fernandes
Cllr M Graves	Cllr G Jackson	Cllr J Mathieson
Cllr T Mayfield	Cllr G Titmus	Cllr D Andrews
Cllr I Dolby		

Also Present: Mrs S McIntyre, (Clerk), Mr S Fletcher (Interim Deputy Clerk), Mrs M Waddingham (Assistant Clerk) and one member of the press.

The Chairman welcomed all present.

A.1 APOLOGIES. Apologies, with reasons, had been given to the Clerk by Cllrs B Dunbar-Beckford, J Titmus and D Croker. These were accepted.

A.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST FOR DIRECT DEBITS.

Councillors B Watson, D Suiter, I Dolby and M Allan, – personal en bloc for NKDC transactions – NKDC Councillors.

EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST NO 3.

Councillors B Watson, D Suiter, I Dolby and M Allan – personal interest en bloc for NKDC transactions – NKDC councillors.

100819/100820 – Cllr I Dolby – Personal – official outlet for Sage UK.

12/0409 – Cllr M Graves – prejudicial - relative.

12/0306 - Cllr D Suiter – personal – location – lives close by.

Item 7 – Cllr J Charlesworth – Footway conversion - on the Sustrans.

12/0166 - Cllr K Fernandes – personal Knows owner.

12/0166 - Cllr D Suiter - personal – Knows owner.

A.3 MINUTES. Notes of the meeting held on April 18th 2012, had been circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr I Dolby, and seconded by Cllr D Vere-Critchler, that the Notes from April 18th 2012, be accepted as Minutes of that meeting.

Vote 14 –. The Resolution was passed and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

A.4 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT. There was no report.

A.5 CLERK’S REPORT.

- **NKDC** – advertising for an ‘Independent Person’ under the Localism Act 2011.
- **C.A.B.** – Report submitted and noted.
- **LCC Highways** – reply received re Diversion routes.

A.6 NEW OR AMENDED APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

11/0363/VARCON – Sleaford Tennis Club. Application to vary condition 16 of 09/0884/FUL – Construction of 4 tennis courts, erection of nine 10m high floodlights & 3m high fencing. Erection of pavilion – to vary hours of use. Sleaford Recreation Ground, Boston Road. Some concerns were expressed about the extent of the variations. The Clerk clarified some of the details. It was noted that no complaints had been received relating to their operating.

It was proposed by Cllr D Birks and seconded by Cllr M Allan that there be no objections to this application.

Vote 11 for; 1 against and 2 abstentions. The Resolution was passed. 'No objections' to be passed to NKDC.

12/0166/FUL – Clear Print (Lincs) Ltd. Erection of side extension. Clearprint, 99 East Road.

It was proposed by Cllr D Andrews and seconded by Cllr D Vere-Critchler that there be no objections to this application.

Vote 14 for. The Resolution was passed. 'No objections' to be passed to NKDC.

12/0446/FUL – Olivers Motorcycles. Change of use from A1 (Retail) to Suis Generis (Sale of Motorcycles) (Retrospective.) 86 Southgate.

It was proposed by Cllr K Fernandes and seconded by Cllr I Dolby that there be no objections to this application.

Vote 14 for. The Resolution was passed. 'No objections' to be passed to NKDC.

12/0409/HOUS – Mr McCauley. Single storey rear extension. 27 Alexandra Road. Cllr M Graves left the room.

Cllr D Birks explained the reason for this application. He proposed and Cllr I Dolby seconded that there be no objections to this application.

Vote 13 for. The Resolution was passed. 'No objections' to be passed to NKDC.

Cllr M Graves returned to the meeting.

A.7 PROPOSED FOOTWAY CONVERSION ORDER: Northgate, Sleaford. Cllr J Charlesworth spoke about this. Other Councillors commented. A summary of these comments is:

- A 'bus stop is on this route and large numbers of children congregate there at times during the day.
- A lack of demarcation between pedestrians and cyclists could cause problems in this very well used and busy section.
- Measures must be put in place to ensure safety for everyone.
- Cyclists rarely have bells and sometimes no lights – this prevents pedestrians from being aware of their presence.
- A number of incidents have already occurred on this section involving cyclists.
- Creating this on the east side might encourage both north and south bound cyclists to use this new path.

- LCC's own recent reports encourage more walking and cycling – they should support better and safer cycle ways.
- There are strong concerns about the health and Safety generally of all road users in this very busy section.
- The section between York Road and Galley hill would be better suited to development.

It was proposed by Cllr J Charlesworth and seconded by Cllr D Birks that this summary of comments should be sent to the County Council.

Vote 14 for. The Resolution was passed, action as above.

A.8 APPLICATION FOR TREE WORKS: John Peat Motors, East Road. There were no comments about this.

A.9 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST FOR DIRECT DEBITS.

It was proposed by Cllr D Vere-Critchler that the approval list for Direct Debits, be authorised. Seconded by Cllr I Dolby.

Vote 13 for; 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed.

A.10 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST NO 3.

It was proposed by Cllr D Vere-Critchler that Transaction List No.3, be authorised and the cheques be signed. Seconded by Cllr T Mayfield.

Vote 14 for. The Resolution was passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.38pm.