

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Applications Committee**
held on Wednesday May 30th 2012 at 7:30pm
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Cllr D Birks (Chairman)

Cllr J Mathieson (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr M Allan	Cllr J Charlesworth
Cllr B Watson (Leader)	Cllr K Fernandes	Cllr M Graves
Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford	Cllr T Mayfield	Cllr D Suiter
Cllr G Titmus	Cllr J Titmus	Cllr D Vere-Critcher

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

The Chairman welcomed all present.

A.1 APOLOGIES. Apologies, with reasons, had been given to the Clerk by Councillors G Jackson, D Andrews, D Croker, B Watson and I Dolby. These were accepted.

A.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

LCC PL/0079/12 – Cllr J Charlesworth – prejudicial – works at the school.

LCC PL/0079/12 – Cllr K Fernandes – personal – his daughter's school.

12/0363/VARCON – Cllr J Mathieson – personal – lives close by.

12/0363/VARCON – Cllr D Suiter – personal – lives close by.

A.3 MINUTES. Notes of the meeting held on April 25th 2012, had been circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr T Mayfield, and seconded by Cllr K Fernandes, that the Notes from April 25th 2012, be accepted as Minutes of that meeting.

Vote – 12 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

A.4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

- The Chairman reminded members about the conduct in meetings.
- NKDC's bid to be a "Portas Pilot" failed. The Chairman said he was very disappointed and sad the bid failed. Cllr M Graves informed members the BID are re-submitting a bid.

A.5 CLERK'S REPORT.

- Tennis Club – slight amendment.

A.6 NEW OR AMENDED APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

12/0363/VARCON (amended) - Sleaford Tennis Club. Application to vary condition 16 of 09/0884/FUL – (construction of 4 tennis courts, pavilion, floodlighting & fencing) to vary the hours of permitted use to 07:00-22:30 (Mondays to Fridays inclusive) and 08:30-22:30 on Saturdays & Sundays for a temporary 18 month period, thereafter reverting to the previously approved hours. Floodlighting shall not be used before dusk or 18:00, whichever is the earlier, and after 21:00 on Monday to Saturday inclusive after 20:00 on Sundays. Sleaford Recreation Ground, Boston Road.

The Chairman explained the amendments.

There were concerns over vehicles parking late at night and noise levels. It was agreed that the Clerk writes a letter to the Tennis Club stating the concerns that the Town Council have, has their Landlord. Councillors felt that the planning process is being used as a method of communication between the Town Council and the Tennis Club, and a method of varying the tenancy agreement.

Cllr D Sutier proposed that an objection is made on the grounds of damage to amenity value of the adjacent properties and detrimental effect. Seconded by Cllr K Fernandes.

Vote – 3 for; 8 against and 2 abstentions. The Resolution was not passed. “no objections” to be passed to NKDC but comment that this should be for this summer season only, with a review in October 2012.

12/0412/FUL – Tesco Stores Ltd. Erection of one advertisement totem pole. Tesco Stores Ltd. 65 Northgate.

It was proposed by Cllr M Allan that “no objections” be raised but comments to be made to ensure there are no road safety implications and restrictions of view from people leaving the petrol station. Seconded by Cllr D Vere-Critchler.

Vote – 10 for; 2 against and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed, “no objections” with the above comments, to be passed to NKDC.

12/0455/FUL – David Wilson Homes. Partial re-plan of phase 2B & 2C to create dwellings. Former Rauceby Hospital, Grantham Road.

There was a discussion about flood risks.

It was proposed by Cllr G Titmus and seconded by Cllr D Vere-Critchler, that “no objections” be raised to this application.

Vote – 9 for; 3 against and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed, “no objections” to be passed to NKDC.

12/0492/ADV – Aldi Stores Ltd. Erection of replacement illuminated free-standing sign together with new non-illuminated fascia entrance sign. Aldi Store, Mareham Lane.

It was proposed by Cllr M Allan and seconded by Cllr K Fernandes, that “no objections” be raised but comments made to ensure the signs are not blocking any line of sight.

Vote – 13 for. The Resolution was passed, “no objections” with the above comments, to be passed to NKDC.

12/0482/FUL – NKDC. Provision of off street parking in the form of tarmac driveways & the extension of a public parking area. 1-8 & 14-17 Hussey Close.

It was proposed by Cllr K Fernandes and seconded by Cllr D Vere-Critchler, that “no objections” be raised but comments to ensure flood and water management act compliance as to suitability of tarmac are made.

Vote – 12 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed, “no objections” with the above comments, to be passed to NKDC.

Cllr J Charlesworth left the room.

LCC PL/0079/12 – St. George’s Academy. Section 73 Application to remove condition 10 (cycle parking) and vary condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission N57/1207/10. St. George’s Academy, Leicester Street.

It was proposed by Cllr K Fernandes and seconded by Cllr D Suiter to “object” to this application due to cycle parking being needed, it should not be removed.

Vote – 5 for; 4 against and 4 abstentions. The Resolution was passed, the above “objection” to be passed to LCC.

Cllr J Charlesworth returned.

LCC PL/0080/12 – Unit 19, Woodbridge Road. Section 73 Application to vary condition No.3 of planning permission N57/1338/06 (to extend the hours of operation on Saturdays & allow working on Bank/Public holidays).

It was proposed by Cllr K Dolby and seconded by Cllr M Allan that “no objections”, be raised to this application.

Vote – 13 for. The Resolution was passed, “no objections”, to be passed to LCC.

A.7 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS: 2012 Olympic Torch Relay. This was noted.

A.8 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST FOR DIRECT DEBITS. This was noted.

A.9 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST NO. 4 (to be noted.) This was noted.

A.10 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST NO. 5 (for approval.)

Questions were asked and answered.

It was proposed by Cllr D Vere-Critchler that Transaction List No. 5, be authorised and the cheques be signed. Seconded by Cllr J Titmus.

Vote – 11 for; 1 against and 1 abstention.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 8:16pm.