

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Applications Committee**
held on Wednesday August 1st 2012 at 7:00pm
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Cllr D Birks (Chairman)

Cllr J Mathieson (Vice Chairman)	Cllr D Andrews	Cllr J Charlesworth
Cllr B Watson (Leader)	Cllr T Mayfield	Cllr K Dolby
Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford	Cllr M Graves	Cllr J Titmus
Cllr G Jackson	Cllr D Suiter	Cllr G Titmus
Cllr K Fernandes (7.10pm)	Cllr D Vere-Critcher	

Also Present: Mrs S McIntyre (Clerk), Mrs L Savage (RFO). C/Cllr A Hagues, C/Cllr D Dickinson 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 D Croker, I Dolby, M Allan.
- A.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** To receive disclosable pecuniary interests in accordance with s.34 of the Localism Act 2011. There were none.
- A.3 MINUTES.** Notes of the meeting held on July 18th 2012, had been circulated.

It was proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Cllr K Dolby that the Notes from July 18th 2012, be accepted as Minutes of that meeting.

Vote – 13 for, 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

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

A.5 CLERK’S REPORT.

- **Mrs S Goodland** – ‘Thank you’ card from Mrs Goodland.
- **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – The Clerk reminded Councillors of their duty to complete the ‘Interests’ within the time specified.
- **Tennis Club** – Notification about changing brick pavilion with a wooden structure.
- **Link2 cycle/footpath.** Invitation to Councillors to the opening event on September 22nd.
- **Central Lincs. Joint Strategic Planning Committee.** Details of consultation being undertaken for the Central Lincs Local Plan – also newsletter circulated.
- **Olympic Torch Relay** – ‘Thank you’ letter received from Cllr Mrs M Brighton, NKDC.
- **AGM Community Lincs** – Wed Sept 26th 6.45pm at Waddington.
- **Electoral Roll** – councillor’s requirements document handed round.

A.6 NEW OR AMENDED APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

12/0557LBC – KSHS. Demolition of existing wooden greenhouse. 62 Southgate Sleaford.

It was proposed by Cllr D Suiter and seconded by Cllr T Mayfield that there be no objection.

Vote - 14 for. The Resolution was passed.

12/0625/FUL – Hockmeyer Motors Ltd. Change of use from car show room area to A1 shop & associated external alterations.

The Chairman explained the plan. There was some discussion about various road safety issues.

It was proposed by Cllr K Dolby and seconded by Cllr J Charlesworth that there be no objections to the plan, but the following comments to be made:

Measures should be taken for pedestrian safety for crossing the road to the premises.

Pedestrian safety should be ensured on the west side of the road especially as there has been a pedestrian fatality. Has a financial contribution for highways safety been requested?

Vote - 15 for. The Resolution was passed.

The Chairman brought details of 12/0529/FUL – Mountains; 12/0681/HOUS – 5 Cherry Close; 12/0619/FUL – D Wilson Homes to the meeting. These were noted.

A.7 ITEMS TO BE NOTED. There were none.

A.8 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE: A17 Sleaford Bypass; Holdingham to Kirkby La Thorpe This was noted.

A.9 NOTIFICATION OF INTENDED WORKS TO TREES WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA – 85a Eastgate, Sleaford, Lincolnshire. This was noted.

A.10 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION LIST FOR DIRECT DEBITS. It was proposed by Cllr D Vere-Critchler and seconded by Cllr T Mayfield that this be accepted.
Vote 15 for. The Resolution was passed.

A.11 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST NO. 13, and 13a. It was proposed by Cllr D Vere-Critchler and seconded by Cllr T Mayfield that the reports be noted and the cheques be signed.
Vote 15 for. The Resolution was passed.

A.12 RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION. It was proposed by Cllr B Watson that "in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be

transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw”.

There was no seconder, the Resolution failed.

A.13 FIELDS IN TRUST, Cllr K Dolby. Cllr K Dolby explained some of the details from the Working Group. There were various questions, which were answered by Cllr K Dolby.

It was proposed by Cllr B Watson and seconded by Cllr M Graves that:

- a) The Boston Road recreation ground is the only STC site under immediate threat and we should apply to have it designated as a Field In Trust as an urgent priority.
- b) The whole of the field should be placed in trust.
- c) That it should be a non-charitable trust.
- d) That it should be protected in perpetuity.
- e) The group tasked with making these recommendations should be allowed to continue and look at other public sites in STC ownership with a view to making further recommendations where and if necessary.

Vote - 10 for and 5 abstentions including Cllrs B Watson and M Graves who asked that their votes be recorded.

The Resolution was passed.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm.