

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Applications Committee**
held on Wednesday September 12th 2012 at 7:00pm
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Cllr D Birks (Chairman)

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

Also Present: Mrs S McIntyre (Clerk), Mrs M Waddingham (Assistant Clerk), a representative from the press and 1 member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all present.

A.1 APOLOGIES. Apologies, with reasons, had been given to the Clerk from Councillors J Mathieson, K Dolby and I Dolby. These were accepted.

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 August 15th 2012, had been circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr D Vere-Critcher, and seconded by Cllr D Suiter that the Notes from August 15th 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.

- Fields In Trust – on going through Finance & Strategy.

A.5 CLERK'S REPORT.

- London Road Development Meeting – Thursday 13th at 6:30pm, 4 Mill House.
- Confidential Development – no reply, as yet from Councillors wishing to meet with the developers. Councillor D Birks and K Fernandes wish to visit.
- E-mail from LCC regarding proposed bus stop at Gregson Green is not progressing.
- Press Release from Youth Centre – Changes to the Sleaford Youth Club
- E-mail from Silk Willoughby Parish Council – expressing concerns about M C Mountain planning application.

A.6 NEW OR AMENDED APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

12/0529/FUL (amended) – M C Mountain & Son Ltd. Use of land as open space storage area for lorry tractor units, HGV trailers & roll on/off bins (retrospective). M C Mountain & Son Ltd, London Road. **The amendment is: The applicant in now proposing to enter into S106 legal agreement to restrict the total number of vehicles across the whole operational yard to: 58 lorry tractor units, 82 trailers & 12 public service vehicles. The existing planning permission does not contain a restriction on the number of vehicles which can be operated from the site, however the current number of vehicles licensed to the site by the applicants & others is 54 tractor units, 78 trailers & 12 public service vehicles.**

The Chairman explained the amendment.

Cllr G Titmus said there have been many planning applications regarding M C Mountain that have been refused and no notice of them have been taken. He also said there are a large number of vehicles during the day and night.

Cllr J Charlesworth said lorries going through the Town should be avoided. Cllr M Graves said lorries do not go over the Mareham Lane bridge due to weight restrictions.

After discussion, Cllr D Suiter proposed that an objection is made on the grounds of highway concerns, pollution, flood risk. The emerging plan and the current plan in place is contrary to this. Seconded by Cllr K Fernandes.

Vote – 10 for and 3 abstentions. The Resolution was passed, the above objection to be passed to NKDC.

12/0625/FUL (amended) – Hockmeyer Motors Ltd. Change of use from car show room area to A1 shop & associated external alterations. Hockmeyer Motors Ltd, Holdingham Garage, Lincoln Road. **The amendment is: additional information regarding the air conditioning & refrigeration units.**

The Chairman explained the amendment.

It was proposed by Cllr J Charlesworth that no objections be raised to this application but ask for the units to comply with Health & Safety Regulations. Seconded by Cllr K Fernandes.

Vote – 13 for. The Resolution was passed, the above comments to be passed to NKDC.

12/0801/LBC - J Hodgson & Sons Ltd. Internal work including removal of a stud partition & the incorporation of new stud partitions to form meeting rooms & offices & external alterations including flat roof canopy to rear elevation new signage to front & rear elevations & painting of existing windows & doors. 32 Southgate.

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

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

12/0884/FUL – Cyclesport Ltd. Erection of two storey building incorporating 3 retail units & conversion & single storey front extension of public house into retail/restaurant unit. Land to the rear of 20 Southgate.

There was discussion regarding overdevelopment of this site.

It was proposed without notice by Cllr D Suiter for this meeting to continue and to delay the start of the next meeting. Seconded by Cllr D Birks.

Vote – 13 for. The Resolution was passed.

It was proposed by Cllr G Jackson and seconded by Cllr D Vere-Critchler that objections to this planning application be made on the following grounds:-

- Contravenes C1 of NKDC plans – Character and appearance.
- Will create a 3 Metre Allyway between Southgate & the premises to the rear.
- C2 – overdevelopment of the site. If allowed it could set a precedent for similar sites.
- There are already small retail units empty in the town – no need for any more.
- Design statement shows no parking. This was a designated parking area shown on the plans for the development which took place to the rear of this site.
- The Georgian building has historical significance as a former in-town brewery.
- The inside of this building has already been altered from 3 storey to 2 storey.

Vote – 10 for and 3 abstentions. The Resolution was passed, the above objection to be passed to NKDC.

A.7 ITEMS TO BE NOTED. These were noted en-bloc.

A.8 INTENDED WORKS TO TREES WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA: Mansfield House, 22 Northgate.

It was proposed by Cllr T Mayfield that no objections be raised, as the tree is diseased. Seconded by Cllr G Titmus.

Vote – 11 for; 1 against and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed.

A.9 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION LIST FOR DIRECT DEBITS. This was noted.

A.10 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST NO. 16

It was proposed by Cllr D Vere-Critchler and seconded by Cllr T Mayfield that Transaction List no. 16 be authorised and the cheques be signed.

Vote – 13 for. The Resolution was passed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:40pm.