

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Applications Committee**
held on Wednesday 5th November 2014 at 7.00pm.
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Cllr H Lorimer (Chairman)

Cllr M Allan
Cllr K Dolby
Cllr S Fields
Cllr T Mayfield
Cllr M Suffield

Cllr D Birks
Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford
Cllr M Graves
Cllr P McCallum
Cllr D Suiter

Cllr C Darch
Cllr K Fernandes
Cllr G Jackson
Cllr L Mitchell
Cllr G Titmus

Also In Attendance: Council Officers Mrs S Scholes and Mrs M Waddingham

The Chairman welcomed all present.

Cllr D Birks was Vice Chairman, for this meeting only.

- A.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies, with reasons, had been given to the Assistant Clerk from Councillors J Mathieson and J Titmus. These were accepted, the attendance register was completed.
- A.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** To receive declarations of pecuniary interests in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to receive declarations of personal interests.
- Cllr M Graves – Item 13.
- A.3 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST NO 18.**
- A.3.1 A question relating number 9209 of the transaction list was clarified.
- A.3.2 Question relating to number 9208 of the transaction list relating to the necessity of removal of headstones to be looked into by Services Committee.
- A.3.3 **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT Expenditure Transaction List No 18**, total £35,131.47 is approved. Vote - Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.
- A.4 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS – DIRECT DEBITS APPROVAL LIST**
The Direct Debits payments list totalling £1,412.73 was noted.
- A.5 MINUTES.**
IT WAS RESOLVED that the notes of the Planning Applications Committee Meeting held on 22nd October be approved as Minutes of that Meeting. Vote: 15 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was carried. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

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A.6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

- 6.1 Request for two volunteers – Cllrs M Graves and K Dolby to sign the cheques. RFO to be asked when new mandate for signatories will be in place.

A.7 CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING AND PROGRESS MADE.

- 7.1 Councillors were reminded of NKDC Presentation (Mr. R. Shortland) on New Build Proposals, 6:30pm, Wednesday 12th November.
- 7.2 Remembrance Parade – Sunday 9th November. Office to clarify arrangements.

A.8 NEW OR AMENDED APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

- 8.1 **14/1397/LBC – Sleaford Railway Station, Station Road, NG34 7RG.** (Network Rail (infrastructure) Ltd. Erection of fully accessible footbridge over station; demolition of existing taxi office & replacement with new purpose built building.

- 8.1.1 The chairman summarised this planning application and invited comments and suggestion from the Working Group. Cllr M Allan gave an explanation relating to the plans submitted, showing the footbridge.

- 8.1.2 Cllr D Birks requested recorded votes.

At 7:30pm **IT WAS RESOLVED** to extend the meeting. Vote –Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

- 8.1.3 The Chairman requested all members' to comment in turn.

- Network Rail state the bridge is a precursor to the proposed link road – not correct, is a consequence of the proposal. – this is prime objection in that it is assumed that there is a connection with the link road.
- Pedestrians will not use the bridge – they will go out of town for shopping etc.
- Bridge is not appropriate for this Conservation Area.
- There is a perfectly “good” level crossing already, hence unnecessary.
- If anything, NKDC favoured an underpass..
- The new proposed bridge will not benefit the Town, will cut off southern access into town.
- Design has been scaled down – a cheap option on offer.
- No lift access/disability accommodations.
- Car Parking issues for rail users.
- 65% population are retirees – design is age-discriminatory
- Design is irrelevant: issue is closure of crossing gates.
- Highways issues – scheme does not improve Highway safety.
- Network Rail can enforce old Railway Act enabling act..

IT WAS RESOLVED: that an objection to this planning application is made on the ground of:

- 1) Not a precursor to the proposed link road.

- 2) Does not satisfy Network Rail's second test – injury to the amenity of the neighbourhood.
- 3) Does not address pedestrian accessibility
- 4) The application is linked to the proposed closure of rail crossing and link
- 5) The application should not be considered in isolation, but as part of the bigger amenity of area.

2) That the Council's Officer ask NKDC whether the Network Rail can override a planning application, noting that the Network Rail Control Room was installed without planning permission.

Recorded Vote – Unanimous. The Resolution was carried. (Councillors H Lorimer, M Allan, D Birks, C Darch, K Dolby, D Bunbar-Beckford, K Fernandes, S Fields, M Graves, G Jackson, T Mayfield, P McCallum, L Mitchell, M Suffield, D Suiter and G Titmus

8.2 **14/1375/VARCON – Unit 3 Sellwood Court Enterprise Park.** (Mr Shields)
Application to remove condition 1, limited period, re planning permission
13/1178/FUL (change of use from B1 & B8 to D2 use (assembly & leisure)

8.2.1 **IT WAS RESOLVED** no objections be made to this application. Vote – Unanimous.
The Resolution was carried, NKDC to be notified accordingly.

9. **CENTRAL LINCS. LOCAL PLAN – PRELIMINARY DRAFT October 2014.**

9.1.1 Councillors had been asked to submit comments to the office for summarising.
Cllr Suiter was thanked for his submission with references to policy documents where applicable.

9.1.2 It was noted that this a Central Lincolnshire Planning Agreement, relating to three local District Council areas. In summary, NKDC to be made aware of Council's views on:-

- Increase in number of proposed dwellings
- Need for southern relief road
- No infrastructure plans.

9.1.2 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to extend the meeting. Vote –Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

10. **ITEMS TO BE NOTED.** These items were noted.

11. **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT NOTICE: John Peat Motors.** This was noted.

12. **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS: Southgate Sleaford.**

12.1 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the proposed amendments to parking restrictions on Southgate. Vote – Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

Cllr M Graves left the room.

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13. **PROPOSED RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME: Duke Street, Kington Terrace, Eastgate.**
- 13.1 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the proposed residents parking scheme. Request NKDC to remove unused allocated parking spaces.. Vote – Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.
14. **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE: Sleaford Christmas Market.** This was noted.
15. **NOTIFICATION OF INTENDED WORK TO TREES WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA: Dickford Ltd, 59-67 Southgate.** This item was noted.
16. **STREET NUMBERING: Selemba Way, Greylees, NG34 8GX.** This item was noted.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 8:12pm.

Mrs M Waddingham,
Assistant Clerk,
6th November 2014

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