

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Applications Committee**
held on Wednesday 30th April 2014 at 7:00pm
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Cllr J Mathieson (Chairman)

Cllr H Lorimer (Vice Chairman)
Cllr M Graves
Cllr M Suffield

Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford
Cllr G Jackson
Cllr D Suiter

Cllr K Fernandes
Cllr T Mayfield
Cllr D Vere-Critcher

Also In Attendance: Councillors M Allan and K Dolby, Officers Mrs M Waddingham & Mrs. S. Goodland. 4 members of the Public.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT: Agenda Item 16 be moved out of closed session.

Vote – unanimously to accept.

A.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies, with reasons, had been given to the Assistant Clerk from Councillors, J Titmus, G Titmus, C Darch and D Birks. These were accepted.

A.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and Personal Interest.

Councillors D Suiter and K Fernandes declared a Pecuniary Interest in application 14/0475 – 130 North Parade.

A.3 YEAR END 31.03.14
3.1 EXPENDITURE LIST 31.03.14 (year end invoices)

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the expenditure transaction approval list to the value of £5,906.64 be approved. Vote – Unanimous.

3.2 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST DIRECT DEBITS.

The Direct Debit Expenditure List, to the value of £1,019.38 was noted.

A.4 MINUTES.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT Notes of the meeting held 9th April, 2014 be accepted as Minutes of that meeting. Vote – unanimous. The Resolution was Carried. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

A.5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

There was no report.

A.6. CLERK'S REPORT.

There was no report.

A.7. NEW OR AMENDED APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

7.1 14/0390/ADV – 11 Market Place. Replace fascia signage.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Council makes no objections to the proposal.
Vote: 9 For; 1 Abstention. The Resolution was carried. NKDC to be advised accordingly.

7.2 14/0392/LBC – 11 Market Place. Repainting of shop front with associated new fascia signage.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Council makes no objections to the proposal.
Vote: 9 For; 1 Abstention. The Resolution was carried. NKDC to be advised accordingly.

7.3 14/0407 – Solo Club, 6 Market Street. Attach emergency defibrillator on external wall.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Council makes no objections to the proposal.
Vote: 9 For; 1 Abstention. The Resolution was carried. NKDC to be advised accordingly.

Councillor K Fernandes and Councillor D Suiter left the room at 7.06pm.

7.4 14/0475 – 130 North Parade. Erection Single Storey rear extension.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Council makes no objections to the proposal.
Vote: 7 For; 1 Abstention. The Resolution was carried. NKDC to be advised accordingly.

Councillor K Fernandes and Councillor D Suiter returned to the room at 7.07pm.

A.8. PLANNING – PENDING ACTIONS & DECISIONS

8.1 (0078 & 0080) Poultry Units & Aerobic Digester – Update and Notification of a Public Meeting. A discussion took place about the update.

8.2 NOCTON FEN LAND WIND TURBINE PROPOSALS: Comments, if any, of Pre-application Forum 29th April, 4.00p.m., NKDC Council Chamber. Councillor D Suiter informed the Committee that he had visited the proposed site as a District Councillor. He was requested to submit a report to a future Applications meeting.

8.3 (0498) HANDLEY CHASE, 1450 DWELLINGS. Discussion took place. Councillor Gr Jackson was requested to submit a report to a future meeting.

8.3.1 Report of NKDC Planning Committee Meeting 29.04.14. – this was Noted.

8.4 NKDC Results & Decisions Taken. – this was Noted.

A.9. NKDC “ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY” MEETING

An Invitation for two representatives was received to attend a meeting on 28th May 2014 at 5.00pm.

Councillor J Mathieson requested that any Councillor interested in this meeting to let her know and after the meeting , to write a few bullet points in a report for the Applications Committee.

A.10. NKDC TREE SURVEYING & MAINTENANCE SERVICE

A letter was received from NKDC offering a tree surveying and maintenance service.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the offer from NKDC be declined as the Town Council wish to continue with their present arrangements.

Vote – unanimous. The Resolution was passed. NKDC to be informed.

A.11. APPLICATION FOR TREE WORKS

11.1 National Centre for Craft & Design Reduce 1 x cherry tree.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT NKDC be permitted to carry out works to the tree.

Vote: 4 For, 3 Against and 3 Abstentions. The Resolution was carried. NKDC to be informed.

11.2 9 Grampian Close, Ash tree felled decision. This was noted.

A.12. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE (for noting only) – Southgate, Northgate & East Road. (St. George’s Day Parade 27th April, 2014). This was noted.

A.13. CONFIRMATION OF STREET NAMING (for noting only) – Bonner Close. This was noted.

It was decided that Item A.16 did not need to be discussed in closed session.

A.16. TERMS OF REFERENCE – LALC Document “Applications Committee, Draft v1”

Notes from Councillor D Birks were received. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the words ‘core strategy’ be taken out of the notes.

Vote – 5 For, 2 Against and 3 Abstentions. The Resolution was passed.

Councillor J Mathieson urged all Councillors to give any comments by email to her in order to finalise this document.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT Standing Orders be suspended.

Vote – unanimous. The Resolution was passed.

A discussion took place about Town Councillors who are also District Councillors and how they vote on planning items.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the meeting be extended by 15 minutes.

Vote – unanimous. The Resolution was passed.

A.14. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION. To propose 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”

Vote – unanimous. The Resolution was passed.

The members of the public left the meeting.

A.15. APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING CONSULTANT

A report was received from Councillor J Matthieson.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT Globe Consultants be appointed as the Town Council’s Planning Advisors. Anthony Aspury to be appointed if there is a conflict of interest with Network Rail. Globe Consultants to be reviewed by the Town Council as necessary.

Vote – unanimous. The Resolution was passed.

Councillor J Mathieson was thanked for her contribution in this matter.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm.