

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Applications Committee**
held on Wednesday December 19th 2012 at 7:15pm
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Cllr J Mathieson (Chairman)

Cllr D Andrews (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr M Allan	Cllr D Birks
Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford	Cllr K Fernandes	Cllr M Graves
Cllr G Jackson	Cllr H Lorimer	Cllr D Suiter
Cllr D Vere-Critchler		

Also Present: Mrs S McIntyre, (Clerk)

A.1 APOLOGIES. Apologies, with reasons, had been given to the Clerk from Councillors G Titmus, J Titmus, K Dolby, J Charlesworth, T Mayfield and B Watson. These were accepted.

A.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. To receive disclosable pecuniary interests in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. There were none.

A.3 MINUTES. Notes of the meeting held on November 21st, had been circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr D Suiter, and seconded by Cllr M Graves, that the Notes from November 21st 2012, be accepted as Minutes of that meeting.

Vote – 10 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed, the Chairman signed the Minutes.

A.4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. There were none.

A.5 CLERK'S REPORT.

- **Tree Works** – The Vicarage – no TOP is being made, work may proceed.
- **37 Meadowfield** – side and rear extensions – Chairman and Vice Chairman agreed “no objections” due to time scale.
- **Parry's Court** – re-pointing chimney - Chairman and Vice Chairman agreed “no objections” due to time scale.
- **Update Fields in Trust** – Clerk will send details of e-mail to Cllrs M Graves & K Dolby. Cllr K Fernandes also requested.

A.6 NEW OR AMENDED APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

12/0529/FUL (amended)– M C Mountain & Son Ltd. Use of land as an open storage area for lorry tractor units HGV trailers & roll on/off bins (retrospective.)
M C Mountain & Son Ltd, London Road.

The Chairman explained the application.

Cllr K Fernandes said could the TC ask if a direct link to the A15 could be considered.

Cllr M Graves said Silk Willoughby Parish Council has requested a S.106 Agreement on this application that all vehicles go through Sleaford.

The Clerk read out some comments received from Silk Willoughby Parish Council. There was further discussion about a link road, parking restrictions etc.

Cllr M Allan proposed that no objections be raised to this application, but if the application is granted then the parking at the end of London Road should be addressed. Also, to urge enhancement to the road infrastructure. There was no seconder initially. After further discussion, Cllr J Mathieson seconded.

Vote – 6 for; 4 against and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed.

12/0912/FUL & 12/0913/LBC (amended) – Mr & Mrs Jenkins. Conversion of outbuildings into 2 bedroomed flat. Rear of 12 Boston Road. **(Amendment to window details – size & materials) For Noting only.** This was noted.

12/1184/FUL & 12/1185/ADV – Mrs Burton. Retrospective application for advertisement signage including wall mounted menu board, menu & event holders, 1st floor hanging sign, TV screen, sign over 1st floor window over balcony area, externally illuminated 1st floor sign on side elevation, ground floor sign on side elevation & non-illuminated sign in rear elevation. 20 Southgate. **Also amendment for 3 no. canopies over doors.**

Cllr M Allan said it is good to support new businesses but he dislikes the TV screen which faces oncoming drivers.

Cllr G Jackson said one sign advertising each business is fine but the TV screen is totally distracting and a road safety issue. Also, the roll down banner is potentially dangerous.

It was proposed by Cllr D Birks and seconded by Cllr D Vere-Critchler to make objections on the grounds of intrusiveness; distraction to drivers by TV Screen, road safety issues, highway issues, obstruction to pedestrians and potential danger caused by the hanging banner.

Vote – 10 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed.

12/1253/FUL – David Wilson Homes Ltd. Change of use of public open space to extend residential curtilages. Land off Lothian Way, Greylees.

The Chairman explained this application.

It was proposed by Cllr M Graves and seconded by Cllr D Birks, not to support this application unless David Wilson Homes provides some area of land to be used as Public Open Space, elsewhere in the development.

Vote – 10 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed.

A.7 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION LIST FOR DIRECT DEBITS.

Cllr K Fernandes commented on the increase in fuel charges. This list was then noted.

A.8 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST NO. 24 & 24a (for noting only.) This was noted.

A.9 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST NO. 25 & 25a.

Cllr D Suiter commented on the amount charged by the Solo Club. This to be discussed at the next General Purposes Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr D Suiter and seconded by Cllr D Vere-Critchler that the transaction list be accepted and the cheques signed.

Vote – 11 for. The Resolution was passed, the cheques to be signed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:00pm.