

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Applications Committee**
held on Wednesday July 31st, 2013 at 7:00pm
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Cllr J Mathieson (Chairman)

Cllr H Lorimer (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr D Suiter
Cllr D Birks	Cllr G Titmus
Cllr Becky Dunbar-Beckford	Cllr J Titmus
Cllr K Fernandes	Cllr D Vere-Critcher
Cllr M Graves	Cllr B Watson
Cllr G Jackson	

Also Present: Cllr M Allan, Cllr K Dolby, County Cllr A Hagues, Mrs S McIntyre (Clerk), Mr S Beane (Services Supervisor), one representative from the press and four members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all present.

A.1 APOLOGIES. An apology, with a reason, had been given to the Clerk from Cllr T Mayfield.

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 July 10th 2013 had been circulated.

Cllr K Fernandes described an amendment.

It was proposed by Cllr D Vere-Critcher and seconded by Cllr K Fernandes that the Notes from July 10th 2013, together with the amendment, be accepted as Minutes of that meeting.

Vote – 12 for. The Resolution was passed. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

The Clerk reminded Cllrs to let the office know before each meeting if anything on the notes is questionable.

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

A.5 CLERK'S REPORT.

- The Clerk informed the Committee that Cllr J Charlesworth had resigned and that NKDC have been notified.
- Cllrs were informed that there is to be a planning meeting on 6 August regarding phase 5 at Greylees. The Chairman to attend and she will liaise with Cllr B Watson.

- There is to be a new footpath from the ECO2 plant to the A17. Construction will start in November 2013.

A.6 NEW OR AMENDED APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

13/0786/ADV - Former Flicks Building, 91 Southgate. Removal of fascia sign and canopy and erection of replacement non-illuminated fascia sign. The Reel Club.

Some discussion took place about the canopy.

The Clerk asked that bins should be requested as the area outside is going to be used for six tables for dining, drinking and smoking.

It was proposed by Cllr G Titmus and seconded by Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford that there be “no objections” to this application but it be strongly requested that bins be placed either side of the building.

Vote – 10 for, 2 abstentions. The Resolution was passed, “no objections” to be passed to NKDC, together with the comment.

13/0648/ADV - 33 – 35 Southgate. Erection of 1 externally illuminated hanging sign, 1 non-illuminated ATM sign and 1 non-illuminated internal marketing unit. Lloyds Banking Group.

It was proposed by Cllr J Mathieson and seconded by Cllr D Suiter that there be “no objections” to this application.

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

13/0642/HOUS - 80 London Road. Demolition of existing timber garage and erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Mr & Mrs Whatmore.

It was proposed by Cllr J Mathieson and seconded by Cllr D Vere-Critchler that there be “no objections” to this application.

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

A.7 ITEMS TO BE NOTED. These were noted.

A.8 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTION/ROAD CLOSURE(s) CANCELLATION (For noting only).

- Sleaford East Level Crossing
- Sleaford West Level Crossing

These were noted.

A.9 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTION (For noting only). Bonemill Lane Level Crossing

This was noted.

A.10 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST NO 11.

It was proposed by Cllr D Vere-Critchler and seconded by Cllr Becky Dunbar-Beckford that transaction approval list No. 11 be accepted and the cheques be signed.

Vote – 10 for, 2 abstentions. The Resolution was passed.

A.11 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION LIST FOR DIRECT DEBITS.

This was noted.

A.12 EASTGATE GARAGES.

Cllr Garry Titmus informed the Committee that the planning application is almost ready to be submitted, with a 2 metre wall. The Crime Prevention Officer has supported the 2 metre wall in writing. The application will hopefully be submitted next week.

A.13 NKDC PLANNING MEETINGS.

- Cllr JM – will be speaking at the meeting on behalf of STC.
- Cllr DB – hopes that the STC Cllrs who are also District Cllrs will be attending the meeting.
- Cllr MA – legal advice has been obtained and each individual Cllr will make up their own mind. He will be attending and speaking.
- Cllr BW – the letter was advice and intends to go to the meeting.
- Cllrs GJ, DS and KD – will be attending the meeting and taking part.
- Cllr MA – believes that the Maltings application is now not on the agenda.

At 7.30pm, it was proposed by Cllr Becky Dunbar-Beckford and seconded by Cllr D Birks to continue the meeting.

Vote, 12 for. The Resolution was passed.

A.14 RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

It was proposed by Cllr H Lorimer and seconded by Cllr D Vere-Critchler, 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, 12 for. The Resolution was passed.

A.15 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPERT ADVICE.

a) Recommendation No. 1

In-depth discussions took place about the recommendations received.

Councillor Mark Graves explained to the Committee about aspects of the Traffic Model.

The Clerk explained aspects of the tender process.

It was resolved that the Clerk works with a small group of Councillors to produce a briefing paper to send to a minimum of 3 contractors, this to include Cllr M Allan's recommended company as per the tender process. The Councillors to be J Mathieson, M Allan, D Birks and G Titmus.

Cllr J Titmus left the meeting at 8.05pm.

It was agreed that recommendations 2 and 3 will be put on next week's agenda.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.08pm.