

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Applications Committee**
held on Wednesday 18th June 2014 at 7.00p.m.
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT:

Cllr J. Mathieson (Chair)

Cllr M Allan

Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford

Cllr H Lorimer (Vice Chair)

Cllr D Suiter

Cllr D Birks

Cllr K Fernandes

Cllr T Mayfield

Cllr G Titmus

Cllr K Dolby

Cllr G Jackson

Cllr M Suffield

Cllr J Titmus

Also In Attendance: Council Officers Mrs M Waddingham & Mrs S Scholes.
Public (5) and Press (2)

A1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies, with reason, had been given to the Assistant Clerk from Councillors M Graves, C Darch and P McCallum. 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 K Fernandes – agenda item 8.1 – prejudicial – family member is employee.

A3 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST NO 7

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT Expenditure Transactions List No 7, total £1,587.94 is Approved. Vote: Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

A4 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS – DIRECT DEBITS APPROVAL LIST

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT Direct debit payments totalling £53.77 be authorised. Vote: Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

Councillors M Allan and M Suffield left the meeting.

A.5 MINUTES. Notes of Applications Committee Meeting held on 4th June 2014, to be approved as Minutes.

With 2 minor amendments on page 1 ***IT WAS RESOLVED*** that the notes of the Applications Committee Meeting held on 4th June 2014, be approved as minutes. Vote 10 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was carried.

A.6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

6.1.1 CPO – Meeting at NKDC 26th June 2014, Councillors wishing to attend, must apply for a ticket, 9am 19th June 2014.

Signed:

Date:

6.1.2 Cllr G Jackson reported that dual-hatted STC Cllrs have received a letter from the Monitoring Officer, advising that they have an interest, and should not take part in the debate. The Chairman asked for advice to be sought from LALC and NALC regarding this matter.

6.2 Public Meeting – arranged for Wednesday 25th June. To discuss the proposed poultry farm etc. . Leasingham Parish Council has shared its response to NKDC with councillors. NKDC have been invited to attend the Public Meeting, request acknowledged but not known if anyone will attend.

6.3 Meeting Globe Consultants – a useful introductory meeting had been held.

A.7 CLERK’S REPORT ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING AND PROGRESS MADE, if any. There was nothing to report.

Cllr K Dolby left the meeting.

A.8 NEW OR AMENDED APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

8.1 14/0534/FUL (Amended) – William Alvey Junior School. Proposed Dining/Sports Hall and Ancillary Accommodation and PV Solar Panels. **Amendments to elevation drawings to show front entrance porch on side elevation.**

Cllr K Fernandes left the room.

The Chairman explained the amendments. **IT WAS RESOLVED** no objections be made to this application. Vote – 8 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was carried, NKDC to be notified accordingly.

Cllr K Fernandes returned.

8.2 14/0377/FUL – Coach House, Toft Lane. (Mr Price) - Change of use from residential to 10 bed, bed & breakfast. Deferred from Applications Meeting 4th June, seeking more information pending more information on style of window renovations.

The Chairman explained that in the absence of additional information, a site inspection had taken place. Specific objections to the application for submission to NKDC are:

- Privacy/overbearing -Neighbouring properties
- Noise - Manager will not be on site to control this multiple, temporary occupancy
- Access - Narrow alley from Northgate
- Health and Safety - Access for emergency vehicles - Only one internal staircase? Fire escape?
- Planning History - Application for flats already rejected

- Related Decisions - Neighbouring properties are listed and trees have preservation orders

Submitted plans do not give adequate information.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS:

There are 6 horizontal slits approximately 2 bricks wide by 3 bricks high in the west wall of the building. It is unclear how these will be converted into windows. There are two trees with preservation orders against this wall, in the grounds of the neighbouring house. Access to the wall will thus be limited.

IT WAS RESOLVED that an additional objection is raised, relating to use of Public Car Parks, within the Town without any guarantees of Car Parks future availability. Vote – 7 for and 3 abstentions and that the objections be submitted to NKDC.

A.9 ITEMS TO BE NOTED. These items were noted.

A.10 SLEAFORD TENNIS CLUB – Proposed New Tennis Pavilion and Changing Rooms.

The Chairman expressed concern that STC has not been consulted regarding building and improvements. At a site meeting with Cllr G. Titmus and previous Services Supervisor, it had been requested that the Town Council be contacted to discuss future plans in more detail.

IT WAS RESOLVED to write to the Tennis Club and Contractor to arrange a meeting, as a matter of urgency, to discuss the overall building of the Pavilion and changing rooms. Vote – Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.25p.m.

Mrs M Waddingham
Assistant Clerk,
19th June, 2014.

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