

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Applications Committee**
held on Wednesday March 20th 2013 at 7:00pm
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Cllr J Mathieson (Chairman)

Cllr D Andrews (Vice Chairman)	Cllr M Allan	Cllr D Birks
Cllr J Charlesworth	Cllr I Dolby	Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford
Cllr K Fernandes	Cllr M Graves	Cllr G Jackson
Cllr H Lorimer	Cllr T Mayfield	Cllr D Suiter
Cllr G Titmus	Cllr B Watson (Leader)	

Also Present: Mrs S McIntyre (Clerk), Mrs M Waddingham (Assistant Clerk), Mrs L Savage (RFO) and a representative from the press.

The Chairman welcomed all present.

A.1 APOLOGIES. Apologies, with reasons, had been given to the Clerk from Councillors D Vere-Critcher, K Dolby and J Titmus. These were accepted.

A.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. To receive disclosable pecuniary interests in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

13/0146/FUL – Cllr M Graves – prejudicial – interest in the adjoining land.

A.3 MINUTES. Notes of the meeting held on February 27th 2013, had been circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr I Dolby, and seconded by Cllr T Mayfield, that the Notes from February 27th 2013, be accepted as Minutes of that meeting.

Vote – 13 for and 2 abstentions. The Resolution was passed, the Chairman signed the Minutes.

A.4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. There was no report.

A.5 CLERK'S REPORT. There was no report.

A.6 NEW OR AMENDED APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

13/0138/LBC – J Hodgson & Sons. Change of use from retail A1 to mixed use A1, A2, A3, C3 & D2 with extensive repairs and refurbishment, including the demolition of some single storey structures to restore the courtyard on the south side of the Georgian frontage building. 17/18 Market Place.

The Chairman explained the application.

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

Vote – 13 for and 2 abstentions. The Resolution was passed, “no objections” to be passed to NKDC.

13/0053/FUL – Mr Hare. Change of use from retail unit to a one bedroom studio flat. 3 Westgate.

The Chairman explained that she and the Vice Chairman had been to have a look at this application and explained some details.

It was proposed by Cllr M Allan and seconded by Cllr K Fernandes that there be “no objections” to this application.

Vote – 10 for; 1 against and 4 abstentions. The Resolution was passed, “no objections” to be passed to NKDC.

13/0226/ADV & 13/0225/LBC – Mrs Hill. One fascia sign to unit and two wall signs located in the passageway. 2 White Hart Mews, Southgate.

The Chairman proposed and Cllr K Fernandes seconded that there be “no objections” to this application.

Vote –15 for. The Resolution was passed, “no objections” to be passed to NKDC.

13/0205/HOUS – Mr Oswald. Erection of 2 storey rear extension. 1 Barley Way.

It was proposed by Cllr K Fernandes and seconded by Cllr D Andrews that there be “no objections” to this application.

Vote – 15 for. The Resolution was passed, “no objections” to be passed to NKDC.

13/0204/HOUS – Mr Parry. Erection of single storey rear extension. 62 Murrayfield Avenue, Greylees.

It was proposed by Cllr M Allan and seconded by Cllr J Charlesworth that there be “no objections” to this application.

Vote – 14 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed, “no objections” to be passed to NKDC.

13/0144/FUL & 13/0195/CAC – Cyclesport Ltd. Erection of two storey building incorporating 3 retail units and conversion and single storey front extension of public house into retail/restaurant unit (12/0884/FUL Resubmission) & Conservation Area Consent for demolition of non-listed rear boundary wall. Land to rear of 20 Southgate.

The Chairman said objections had previously been made to this application in an earlier meeting and these should be reiterated.

There was a discussion about disabled access and the Boundary Wall Act.

It was proposed by Cllr D Suiter and seconded by Cllr J Mathieson that the objections from a previous meeting which were, as follows, be raised again:-

- Contravenes C1 of NKDC plans – Character and appearance.
- Will create a 3 Metre Allyway between Southgate & the premises to the rear.
- C2 – overdevelopment of the site. If allowed it could set a precedent for similar sites.
- There are already small retail units empty in the town – no need for any more.
- Design statement shows no parking. This was a designated parking area shown on the plans for the development which took place to the rear of this site.
- The Georgian building has historical significance as a former in-town brewery.
- The inside of this building has already been altered from 3 storey to 2 storey.

Also, to raise the following concerns:-

- There does not appear to be disabled access to the upper floors.
- Who has the ownership of the party wall and does the applicant have a right to demolish?
- Possible adverse effect on the amenity value of the immediate area.

Vote – 11 for and 4 abstentions. The Resolution was passed, the above objections and comments to be passed to NKDC.

Cllr M Graves left the room.

13/0146/FUL (Amended) – Baker Plant Hire. Proposed erection of boundary fence and surfacing with hardcore. Land Adjacent to 1 Poplar Business Park Sellwood Court. **The amendment is: ‘Surfacing with hardcore’.**

The Chairman explained the amendment.

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

Vote – 13 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed, “no objections” to be passed to NKDC.

Cllr M Graves returned.

13/0136/HOUS – Ms Clanahan. Conversion of bow window to walk-in bay. 5 Barnes Close.

The Vice Chairman explained the difference between a bow window and a walk-in bay window.

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

Vote – 15 for. The Resolution was passed, “no objections” to be passed to NKDC.

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

A.8 APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) SUBJECT OF A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER: 14 Nags Head Passage.

The Vice Chairman explained the condition of the tree.

The Vice Chairman proposed and Cllr T Mayfield seconded that “no objections” be raised.

Vote – 13 for and 2 against. The Resolution was passed.

A.9 NOTIFICATION FOR WORKS TO TREES (For noting only):

- District Council Offices, Kesteven Street.
- 6 Lafford Court.
- Boston Road Recreation Ground.

There were noted en-bloc.

A.10 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION LIST FOR DIRECT DEBITS. These were noted.

A.11 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST NO. 36. These were noted.

A.12 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST NO. 37 & 37a

The Clerk explained that this is the final cheque run for this financial year.

The Clerk and RFO answered several questions.

It was proposed by Cllr J Mathieson and seconded by Cllr I Dolby, that the transaction approval lists nos.37 and 37a, be accepted and the cheques be signed.

Vote – 9 for and 6 abstentions. The Resolution was passed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:30pm.