

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

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

PRESENT: Cllr B Watson (Chairman & Leader)

Cllr D Birks (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr J Charlesworth	Cllr I Dolby
Cllr K Dolby	Cllr K Fernandes	Cllr M Graves
Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford	Cllr J Mathieson	Cllr T Mayfield
Cllr D Suiter	Cllr G Titmus	Cllr J Titmus
Cllr D Vere-Critchler		

Also Present: Mrs S McIntyre (Clerk), Mr S Fletcher (Deputy Clerk), Mrs M Waddingham (PA to the Clerk), Cllr Dickinson (LCC), a representative from the Standard and 1 member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all present.

A1. APOLOGIES. Apologies, with reasons, had been given to the Clerk from Councillor D Croker. This was accepted.

A2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

11/1221/FUL – Cllr M Graves – prejudicial – vendors of the land.

11/1319/FUL – Cllr D Suiter – personal – NKDC Councillor.

11/1319/FUL – Cllr I Dolby – personal – NKDC Councillor.

11/1319/FUL – Cllr K Dolby – personal – NKDC Councillor.

11/1319/FUL – Cllr B Watson – personal – NKDC Councillor.

Expenditure Transaction Approval List for Direct Debit and List No. 17

6450-6455 – Cllr I Dolby – personal – NKDC Councillor.

6450-6455 – Cllr K Dolby – personal – NKDC Councillor.

6450-6455 – Cllr D Suiter – personal – NKDC Councillor.

6475 – Cllr J Charlesworth – personal – Mayoral.

6457-6460 – Councillors D Suiter, I Dolby and K Dolby – personal - NKDC Councillors.

6446, 6486 & 6470 – Cllr I Dolby – personal – knows all of the payees.

A3. MINUTES. Notes of the meeting held on November 2nd 2011, had been circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr G Titmus and seconded by Cllr K Dolby, that the Notes from November 2nd 2011, be accepted as Minutes of that meeting.

Vote – 14 for. The Resolution was passed and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

A4. CHAIRMAN's REPORT.

- The Chairman gave members and update on Cllr P Haysum having a fall.
- Congratulations to members of staff who are part of the union, who did not strike.

A5. CLERK's REPORT.

- Two forthcoming fairground events on the Recreation Ground.
- Planning Enforcement training – Councillors would be interested in attending a training session.

A6. NEW OR AMENDED APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

11/1316/VARCON – Eco2. Application to amend planning permission granted under 08/0844/FUL for the construction of renewable energy plant, associated infrastructure & landscaping fuelled by straw & wood chip, to allow development of an ammonia tank. Land off Boston Road, West of Junction of Mount Lane.

The Chairman explained the variation. Councillors had concerns about screening and the ammonia content.

It was proposed by Cllr D Suiter to allow Cllr Dickinson to speak. Seconded by Cllr M Graves.

After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr D Vere-Critchler to oppose to this application on the grounds that the ammonia tank has been added to the original plan and the considerable dangers of ammonia. Seconded by Cllr D Birks.

Vote – 7 for and 7 abstentions. The Resolution as passed, the above objection to be forwarded to NKDC.

11/1162/HOUS (amended) – Mr Scruton. Extension to existing garage. 240 Grantham Road. The amendment is: Hipping of roof to front elevation of garage extension.

It was proposed by Cllr J Mathieson that “no objections” be raised to this application. Seconded by Cllr T Mayfield.

Vote – 12 for and 2 abstention. The Resolution was passed, “no objections”, to be forwarded to NKDC.

11/1221/FUL – Westholme Plant Ltd. Erection of a 1.8m metal palisade fence & gates, stationing of temporary portacabins & containers (retrospective), Westholme Plant Ltd, Unit 12 Sellwood Court, Sleaford Enterprise Park.

Cllr M Graves left the room.

It was proposed by Cllr I Dolby that “no objections” be raised to this application, subject to siting being no longer than 2 years.

Vote – 13 for. The Resolution was passed, the above comments to be forwarded to NKDC.

Cllr M Graves re-entered the room.

11/1132/FUL – John Peat Motors. Erection of dwelling & attached garage. Land adj to John Peat Motors, East Road.

It was proposed by Cllr J Charlesworth that “no objections” be raised to this application, but make comments that the dwelling is on a flood plan.

Vote – 14 for. The Resolution was passed, the above comment to be forwarded to NKDC.

11/1319/FUL – NKDC. Demolish of existing public toilets & provision of additional car parking spaces. Public Convenience, Money’s Yard.

At 7:24pm, the Clerk left the room.

Cllr D Birks commented on the loss of local amenities.

At 7:25pm, Mr D Andrew arrived at the meeting with 1 member of the public.

It was proposed by Cllr B Watson to object to this application on the grounds of losing valuable assets used by local people and visitors and being vital to revitalisation of Sleaford. Seconded by Cllr M Graves.

Vote – 14 for. The Resolution was passed, the above “objection” to be forwarded to NKDC.

At 7:30pm, the Clerk re-entered the room.

A7. ITEMS TO BE NOTED. (see attached sheet.) These were noted.

A8. PROPOSED ‘HANDLEY CHASE’ DEVELOPMENT. To note the lack of time for meaningful consultation and to make representations. The expiry date was the morning the viewing opened.

Cllr B Watson said the Developer wanted consultation, then a planning application will be submitted as normal.

It was proposed by Cllr B Watson that the Clerk writes a letter to NKDC to get information on this development and to clarify that this is still outside development curtilage. Seconded by Cllr D Birks.

Vote – 14 for. The Resolution was passed.

A9. EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST FOR DIRECT DEBITS.

It was proposed by Cllr I Dolby that the Approval List for Direct Debits, be authorised. Seconded by Cllr T Mayfield.

Vote – 14. The Resolution was passed.

A10. EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST NO. 17

It was proposed by Cllr D Vere-Critchler that Transaction List No.17, be authorised and the cheques be signed. Seconded by Cllr I Dolby.

Vote – 14 for. The Resolution was passed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:40pm.