

**SLEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Full Council** held on
Wednesday January 15th, 2014 at 6:30pm
in The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Councillor K Dolby, (Vice Chairman)

Cllr M Graves	Cllr M Allan	Cllr D Suiter
Cllr M Suffield	Cllr K Fernandes	Cllr G Jackson
Cllr D Vere-Critchier	Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford	Cllr J Mathieson
Cllr H Lorimer		

Also Present: Mrs S McIntyre, (Clerk) , Mrs M Waddingham, (Assistant Clerk).
Two members of the press and 2 public.

The Chairman was not present, so the Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

- FC.1 APOLOGIES.** Apologies, with reasons were given to the Clerk from Councillors T Mayfield, B Watson, C Darch, G Titmus, J Titmus.
- FC.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** To receive any Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests. There were none.
- FC.3 LINCOLNSHIRE TRANSPORT STRATEGY –** Meeting to discuss the Strategy - as Resolution from December 11th Full Council meeting: Report to follow, as soon as possible.

It was resolved that a special meeting be called for January 8th 2014, prior to the Applications and Services Committee Meeting. A debrief meeting to be held on January 15th 2014.

Cllr K Fernandes had passed a document to the representatives on the night – this will be added to their consultation.

The Clerk explained the Parking Policy had been referred to in the previous meeting, which is why it was in the packs. This was already an accepted Policy. The Transport Strategy was what was being discussed this meeting.

There was discussion about the future impact of proposed double yellow lines and the declared existing underuse of public car parking in the town centre. Sleaford people still need to be able to park close to the town centre.

Comments included the cost of some car parking was one reason for under use.

Cllr M Allan explained the car parking policy is a broad county wide document and only one element of it can be taken into the Transport Strategy – which is what this meeting should discuss.

He said the traffic model showed no growth and people were struggling so with growth they will struggle even more – it is difficult to justify development. The roads will not take the traffic from the new developments, they seem to want

people to stop using their cars. How the new developments will be serviced is not clear.

Cllr M Graves said he wasn't surprised the Core Strategy failed – the Transport Strategy should be first. The infrastructure should be looked at first. We are already 4 months through a 9 month consultation. The report talks about a long list of options – we should ask for these. This Council has agreed to engage a consultant to assist with such things.

The meeting last week had been told the core strategy failed because of land issues.

Rail links were mentioned and the difficulty of getting to the station, which will be increased if the crossing is closed.

It was agreed that the Castle Causeway/West Banks shortcut will get worse.

Cllr M Allan said the Core Strategy will have to go back. NKDC and LCC do not engage Sleaford people at the right time – they must seriously engage at the appropriate time – at the beginning of any work.

Cllr J Mathieson said last week's meeting heard there had been little take up in resident parking schemes – can we ask NKDC if there are any results of their survey about residents' parking schemes?

It was agreed that Cllrs M Graves, M Allan, K Dolby and J Mathieson should summarise some points to be returned to LCC as part of the consultation.

Cllr M Suffield said just sending back comments was not sufficient. Could the TC take advice from a planning consultant?

There was discussion about engaging a planning consultant.

It was proposed by Cllr M Graves and seconded by Cllr M Allan that the short list of points drawn up for an Applications meeting should form the basis of a request for a quote from the companies previously submitted by the Clerk. A reply should be requested by February 7th 2014 to feed into the Full Council meeting.

Vote 11 for. The Resolution was passed.

It was proposed by Cllr J Mathieson and seconded by Cllr D Suiter that advice will be taken and a reply letter will be sent to LCC. Cllrs J Mathieson, M Graves, M Allan and K Dolby form a group to talk to the consultant and formulate a reply.

Vote 11 for. The Resolution was passed.

Cllr J Mathieson agreed to call a meeting of the group.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 7.16pm.