

SLEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Applications Committee**
held on Wednesday 23rd September 2015, at 7:30pm.
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Councillor D Suiter (Chairman)

Cllr J Charlesworth (Vice Chairman)	Cllr B Allan	Cllr M Allan
Cllr J Brealeycook	Cllr S Clegg	Cllr P Coyne
Cllr K Fernandes	Cllr M Graves	Cllr G Jackson
Cllr H Lorimer	Cllr J Mathieson	Cllr P McCallum
Cllr A Snookes	Cllr M Suffield	Cllr G Titmus

Also In Attendance: Council Officers: Assistant Clerk and Admin Assistant and Mrs. C. Houlton.
Press – (1) Public – (0)

001 **A.1 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Due to the last meeting over-running this meeting started at 7:30pm.

002 **A.2 APOLOGIES.** No apologies for absence were received. The Attendance Register was completed.

A.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

003 Cllr G Titmus – item 9.4

004 Cllr M Graves – Prejudicial – item 9.5

A.4 MINUTES

005 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the notes of the Applications Committee Meeting held on 2nd September, 2015, are approved as Minutes of that Meeting. Vote 15 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was carried. The Chairman signed these as Minutes.

A.5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

006 Councillors D Suiter and G Jackson volunteered to sign cheques. The bank is still acting on the old mandate

A.6. CLERKS / OFFICER REPORTS

007 6.1 LCC Traffic Regulation Order (Sleaford – Mareham Lane) Prohibition of waiting - Public Notice displayed. This item was noted

008 6.2 LCC Public Path Diversion Order – Part of Public Footpath No.10 Sleaford. This item was noted.

A.7 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST, No 6.

009 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve Expenditure Transaction List, No. 6, totalling £8,479.04. Vote – Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

A8. EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION APPROVAL LIST – DIRECT DEBIT/ STANDING ORDERS/ BACS PAYMENTS

- 010 Clarification of transaction 10152 was requested. This was in connection with necessary work on allotments at Drove Lane.
- 011 Approval List for Direct Debits/Standing Orders/BACS – totalling £19,321.65, was noted.

A.9 NEW OR AMENDED PLANS FOR DISCUSSION.

- 012 9.1 **15/0987/FUL – Southgate Shopping Centre, NG34 7PD.** LCS Property Ltd. Demolition of existing covered walkway structure, bandstand structure, kiosk structure & low level planting/wall. Extension to existing retail units & refurbishment to principle facades. Renovation of external hard landscape areas.
- 013 One tree needs to be removed. Three more will be sited along the river. It was suggested that the tree to be removed be re-sited rather than destroyed.
- 014 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to pass comments to NKDC of retaining the tree. Vote -14 for and 2 abstentions. The Resolution was carried, NKDC to be notified accordingly.
- 015 9.2 **15/1050/HOUS – 85A Eastgate, NG34 7EE.** Mr. Jefferson. Conversion of first floor into living accommodation with 3 dormer windows to front elevation, new windows to all elevations and rendering/timber cladding.
- 016 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that there be no comment to this application. Vote 15 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was carried, NKDC to be notified accordingly.
- 017 9.3 **15/1068/FUL – National Centre For Craft & Design, Carre Street, NG34 7TW.** NKDC. Installation of aerial on the roof for CCTV system.
- 018 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that there be no comment to this application. Vote 14 for and 2 abstentions. The Resolution was carried, NKDC to be notified accordingly.
- 019 9.4 **15/1074/FUL – Land adjacent to 14 Clay Hill Road, NG34 7TF.** Mr Wicks. Erection of detached dwelling & attached double garage.
- 020 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that there be no comment to this application. Vote 14 for and 2 abstentions. The Resolution was carried, NKDC to be notified accordingly.
- 021 9.5 **15/0433/FUL (amended) – Land off Duke Street.** NKDC. Residential development comprising 11 flats, 4 houses and 1 bungalow & associated external works (100% affordable housing.) **Amendment: Submission of revised plans.**
- 022 Cllr Graves left the room.

023 In discussion it was noted that:

- This is in a conservation area.
- Several objections from neighbours were received.
- Amended plans: wooden windows instead of upvc and one less unit.
- There is a need for affordable housing in Sleaford.
- The site is currently being used as a car park.
- The site contains Japanese Knotweed.

024 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to support this application.

025 Following a request from Cllr H Lorimer, **IT WAS RESOLVED** the vote was recorded.

026 Vote to support viz application: Cllrs J Charlesworth, M Suffield, B Allan, J Brealeycook, M Allan, P Coyne, S Clegg, G Titmus, A Snookes, H Lorimer and J Mathieson.

Against: Cllrs D Suiter and K Fernandes. Abstentions: Cllrs G Jackson and P McCallum.

027 Cllr M Graves was not present for the vote, and subsequently re-joined the meeting.

028 The Resolution was carried.

029 **A.10 ITEMS TO BE NOTED.** These were noted.

030 **A.11 APPLICATION FOR A PAVEMENT CAFÉ LICENCE,** The Beer and Bean, Sleaford.

031 In discussion, it was noted that:

- A plan with only 3 and not 5 tables would be more suitable, taking up less pavement space.
- It is a school bus stop.
- The original Sleaford Pride Plan shows tables and chairs in this area. However, it was intended, at this time, that Southgate be a pedestrian area.
- Questions were raised regarding alcohol consumption.
- Southgate is an alcohol free zone and alcohol cannot be taken out of the public houses onto the pavements.
- It is understood that the tables would be used in Summer in the good weather and up to 10pm only.

032 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the application is not supported as it is presented. Vote – 11 for and 5 abstentions. The Resolution was carried.

A.12 TREE WORKS

033 12.1 53 Southgate (CA57-181) – Lateral reduction of southern crown of sycamore.

034 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that there be no comment to this application. Vote 15 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was carried.

035 12.2 16 Northfield Road, Quarrington (N416-3) – Repollard willow x 6. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that there be no comment to this application. Vote – Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

036 12.3 Westgate Park (N681). This item was noted.

A.13 CENTRAL LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL PLAN – To receive the Working Groups Spokesman report.

037 Cllr Charlesworth reported on the Working Group findings; the scale of the plans and how these plans might affect Sleaford.

038 In discussion, it was noted that:

- Sleaford is dependent on some growth but the level proposed is worrying. CIL and S106 need to be investigated. This money could be used for investment in the infrastructure.
- It was reported that 6800 houses – planning permission has been given from NKDC.
- There were concerns that planning permission has been granted while TC have been told that things are still in the consultation stages. There appears to be only one area - the West side, that could be consulted upon.
- Proposed new housing would present major infrastructure problems
- There are plans to merge two of the senior schools into an academy and to move the site for this outside Sleaford to a site not allocated on the Lincs plan. It is expected this will be to the other side of the by-pass. This will have an effect on the Sleaford West extension. If this happens there would be two large empty sites in the centre of Sleaford.
- It was felt that Sleaford has comparatively few facilities to offer, just housing developments - few shops, no cinema, no bowling alley.
- NKDC have commissioned a shopping survey noting footfall and other issues which they wish to discuss with TC.
- Greenspace and recreational facilities need to be considered. The entitlement to this needs to be clarified.
- NKDC have agreed to have a consultation with TC.

039 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Working Group works on a brief to give to the Planning Consultant so they can advise on CIL and S106 monies that are relevant, and on allotments and one to one presentations. The WG will formulate the proposals. Vote – Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

Business being concluded the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8:56p.m.

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