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REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH
ON FRIDAY 12 MAY 2006

PRESENT: The Town Mayor (Councillor R Aspin) in the Chair

Councillors: J L Cooke, P Godsell, P R Guest, R Hall, B J Hallam, K B Hawkins, J E E Jackson, H M Lyon, D Smith, J A Smith, M Smith, C M Willoughby and A J Wright.

9804 ITEM 1 – WELCOME AND PRE-MEETING PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY CUP AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Meeting and announced his award of the Community Cup to Mrs Doris Hayton, in recognition and appreciation of her hard work and contribution to various Societies and Groups in the town.

The Mayor also presented the newly-introduced Environmental Award to Mr Keith Wilkinson in appreciation of his work on behalf of the Nidd Gorge Conservation Group.

9805 ITEM 2 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillor R J Pearson (holiday).

Apologies were also received from Phil Willis, MP and Mrs Heather Willis, the Mayor and Mayoress of Harrogate (Deputies attended in their stead) the Mayor & Mayoress of Ripon, Mr and Mrs G Moore, Councillor and Mrs K Rothwell, Inspector A Chapman, Dr and Mrs Hudson, Mr and Mrs T Guest, Mr and Mrs A Turtle, Dr and Mrs A Kellett and Mr C Wake.

9806 ITEM 3 – ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2006/2007

Councillor K B Hawkins proposed, Councillor P Godsell seconded, and it was

RESOLVED: That Councillor Peter Reginald Guest be elected
(*unanimously*) Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

(The new Town Mayor (Councillor Peter Reginald Guest) in the Chair henceforth)

9807 ITEM 4 – ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Peter Guest signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Town Mayor and thanked Members for his appointment. With his Mayoress, Mrs Lesley Guest, he pledged to represent the people of Knaresborough to the best of his ability.

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9808 ITEM 5 – RETIRING TOWN MAYOR

RESOLVED: That the best thanks of the Members of the Council be accorded to Councillor Robert Aspin (outgoing Mayor) and Mrs Evelyn Aspin (outgoing Mayoress) for their services during the year 2005/2006.

Councillor Aspin replied thanking his Mayoress, his Deputy, fellow Councillors, the Clerk and her staff and the public and Press for their support and co-operation during the past year. He had thoroughly enjoyed his year in office and had raised in excess of £3,000 towards his two chosen Charities – Age Concern (Knaresborough) and the Nidd Gorge Conservation Group.

9809 ITEM 6 – APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor submitted the name of Councillor June Lorraine Cooke for election as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year (motion seconded by Councillor J A Smith), and it was

RESOLVED: That for the ensuing year Councillor June Lorraine Cooke be elected Deputy Town Mayor.

Councillor Cooke thanked Members for her appointment. With her Consort, Councillor Kevin Hawkins, she looked forward to representing the Council in the next twelve months.

9810 ITEM 7 – TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

a) Charities

The Town Mayor announced that his chosen Charities would be:

- i) COGS (Churches on Gracious Street) – financial assistance was needed to build a new community hall.
- ii) Bebra Gardens – manual help was needed to help in the refurbishment of this part of the town.

b) Civic Service

The Town Mayor announced that his Civic Service would be held at 10.00 am on Sunday 25 June 2006 at Gracious Street Methodist Church. He looked forward to welcoming as many people as possible.

He was also looking forward to marking the Queen's 80th birthday in June.

c) Mayor's Chaplain

The Town Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing year would be Reverend David Ely of Gracious Street Methodist Church.

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9811 ITEM 8 – APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

RESOLVED: That for the Mayoral year 2006/2007 the Members and representatives be appointed to the Committees, Working Groups and external organisations as identified in Appendix A to the Order of Proceedings.

9812 ITEM 9 – GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

RESOLVED: That the items referred to at Appendix B to the Order of Proceedings and the action taken thereon be noted.

9813 ITEM 10 – KTC MAYOR’S FUND-RAISING ACCOUNT

RESOLVED: That Councillor Peter Reginald Guest replace Councillor Robert Aspin as signatory to the above account for the ensuing year (i.e. to 12 May 2007) and that the Clerk (Nicola Kuehn) and Deputy Clerk (Valerie Maxwell) be retained as authorised signatories for the ensuing year).

The Meeting closed at 8.12 pm