

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY 2008 AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH.

PRESENT Chair: Councillor P Guest (Mayor)

Councillors: J Brankin, J Burdett, R Hall, J Hawkins, K Hawkins, L Powell, A Willoughby, C Willoughby and L Yorke Davies.

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

247 ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Archibald, Asquith, Clemmitt, Godsell and Pye.

248 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor P Guest Item 6 Planning Application 1246 - knows applicant
Item 15d – Member of Renaissance Knaresborough

Councillor K Hawkins Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of
any new information.
Item 7bi – had dealings with neighbour over issue.
Item 6 Planning Application 2475 - had dealings with neighbour to
Sommerley.

Councillor A Willoughby Item 15d – Member of Renaissance Knaresborough.

Councillor C Willoughby Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of
any new information.
Item 6 Planning Application County Matters 324 – Prejudicial

Councillor L Powell Item 6 - Planning Application 1246b – Mrs England is a distant
relative.

Councillor L Yorke Davies Item 15d – Member of Renaissance Knaresborough

Councillor J Burdett Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of
any new information.
Item 7bi – involved with dealings over this issue.

249 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting held 17 December 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

250 ITEM 5 BUSINESS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) North Yorkshire and York NHS Primary Care Trust – letter and Summary Consultation Document received 28 November 2007 from Assistant Director of Mental Health. Councillors J Hawkins and P Godsell to report.

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Councillor J Hawkins informed Councillors that both her and Councillor Godsell had looked at the documents and had made several suggestions. The fact that people are living longer and that there are more mental health problems, no beds should be lost and no facilities closed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes to the North Yorkshire and York NHS Primary Care Trust with the following points:-

- 1) KTC supports the retention of **all** facilities.
- 2) KTC are pleased the plans appear to retain Alexander House and would object strongly if plans were to close it.
- 3) KTC feel very strongly that with a shortage of beds, there should not be plans to close the facility at Ripon.
- 4) KTC have concerns over 'Care in the Community' in this instance.

251 ITEM 4 – PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

a) Mr Butler - re **Item 6 Planning Application 2475b** The Estate of the late Winifred Jacob Smith. Mr Butler had several points he wanted Councillors to be aware of, including intensive development, traffic problems on Blind Lane and open spaces requirements.

b) Mr Jauncey - re **Item 6 Planning Application 2475b** The Estate of the late Winifred Jacob Smith. Mr Jauncey made several points including noise from the contractors, housing density, access to Blind Lane and the bottleneck effect as Alexandra Grove is funnelled into Blind Lane and parking problems.

Councillors were able to question both speakers over whether HBC or the contractor had been consulting with the residents – they had not.

ITEM 6 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS - 07/05927/FULMAJ/2475.B**

RESOLVED: That although KTC welcome development on this site they object to this application for the following reasons:-

It would add to the traffic problems on Blind Lane, a narrow road with parking and passing problems.

KTC believe the current proposals are over intensive use of the site.

There are concerns that although KTC welcome Blind Lane becoming a cul de sac, they do not feel it could be done without providing an adequate alternative on to Boroughbridge Road, there is good visibility at this point. KTC therefore propose that the developers consider taking a new road through Somerley to service these new homes and Alexandra Grove.

KTC also feel that there should also be more consultation with people who live in this rather compact area.

Unanimous.

252 ITEM 6 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: That observations be made to the Planning Authority upon the planning applications in Knaresborough stated hereunder, as indicated opposite each application:

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Details of Application</u>	<u>Observations</u>
07/06201/ FUL 339.F*	Richard McClellan & Jane Eggleston	Erection of single storey replacement garage/workshop with 3 rooflights to south elevation connecting to existing store – Land to North West of Eden Roc, Spitalcroft, Calcutt.	No Objections
07/05739/ FUL 460.K*	Mr & Mrs J E Hanson	Conversion of office to form 3 flats (Site Area 0.02ha) (Revised Scheme) – Yorke House, 2 Iles Lane, Knaresborough.	No Objections

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07/05404/ FUL 553.B*	Mr R T & Mrs A M Miller	Retention of raised wooden decking to rear – 12 Scriven Road.	No Objections
07/05731/ CON 788.I*	Barkisland Homes	Conservation area application for the demolition of workshop/garage – The Station Hotel, Finkle Street.	No Objections
07/06154/ FUL 1123.H*	Mr & Mrs Tomlin	Erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of loft to form additional living accommodation – Bilton Hall Barn, Bilton Hall Farm.	KTC object as this is in the Green Belt. Unanimous
07/05912/ LB 1213.D*	Carolyn O'Connell	Listed building application for the conversion of cellar to form additional living accommodation with external alterations to include the installation of 1 window, and internal alterations to include the installation of 1 staircase and the removal of 1 wall (Revised Scheme) – 21 Kirkgate.	No Objections
07/06184/ FUL 1246.B*	Mr & Mrs England	Erection of single storey rear extension with balcony over – Brightwaters, 29A Kirkgate.	No Objections
07/06097/ FUL 1301.A*	Mr G Reynolds	Erection of single storey rear extension – 11 Victoria Avenue	No Objections
07/05364/ FUL 1931.J*	Mrs G A De Williams	Erection of external staircase with walkway to south elevation – House In The Rock, Fort Montague, 8 Crag Lane.	No Objections
07/06173/ LB 1931.K*	Mrs G A De Williams	Listed building application for the erection of external staircase and walkway to south elevation - House In The Rock, Fort Montague, 8 Crag Lane.	No Objections
07/05909/ FUL 1978.C*	Brian Myers	Erection of single storey front extension to garage and front porch – Low Field Cottage, Hall Farm Barns.	KTC object as there are no permitted development rights.
07/05927/ FULMAJ 2475.B**	The Estate of the Late Winifred Jacob Smith	Erection of 19 dwellings to include 9 affordable (site area 0.65ha) (Revised Scheme) – Somerley, 38 Boroughbridge Road.	Although KTC welcome development on this site they object to this application for the following reasons:- It would add to the traffic problems on Blind Lane, narrow road, parking and passing problems. KTC believe the current proposals are over intensive use of the site. There are concerns that although KTC welcome Blind Lane becoming a cul de sac, they do not feel it could be done without providing an adequate alternative on to Boroughbridge Road, there is good visibility at this point. KTC therefore propose that the developers consider taking a new road through Somerley to service these new homes and Alexander Grove. KTC also feel that there should also be more consultation with people who live in this rather compact area. Unanimous
07/05926/ FUL 2493.A*	Mr B Spencer	Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation with pitched roof and side extension to porch – 1 Aspin Avenue	No Objections

07/06189/ TPO 2618.A*	Arbortech Tree Specialists Ltd	Crown lift 5 Sycamores, 2 Maples, 4 Holly Trees and 1 Yew Tree, within woodland W1 of Tree Preservation Order 25/2002 – 17 Chadwick Park.	No Objections
07/05647 FUL 2634*	Mrs D Firth	Erection of first floor side extension over garage – 1 Appleby Way.	No Objections
07/05803/ FUL 2635*	Renna Benson	Erection of single storey front extension - 99 Boroughbridge Road.	No Objections

(Councillor C Willoughby declared a prejudicial interest in the item below Planning Application County Matters 324, left the chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

County Matters 324	NYCC	Retrospective application for roof mounted air conditioning units at King James's School – King James Road.	No Objections
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* Item for determination by HBC Head of Planning Services or Head of Planning Services /Chairman of Planning Committee

** Item for determination by Planning Committee

253 ITEM 7 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Planning Enforcements** – (i) Confidential Papers (*item taken in confidential session*)

b) **Planning Appeals**

i) 6.100.1183.E.COU (Appeal Ref: E2734/C/97/2045384 & APP/E27/34/A/072045646) – Appeal by S & H Recovery Services, Diesel LPG Ltd (Formerly Wrays Coaches – Harrogate District Travel) Manse Lane - Appeal against Enforcement Notice & Planning Refusal – **Correction Notice Request** – letter dated 12 December 2007 from Chief Planner (Development Control), HBC.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

c) **To note applications approved by HBC (subject to conditions) contrary to KTC observations:**

i) 6.100.1140.B.FUL (07/05243/FUL) – Formation of 7 tennis courts with 14 lighting columns and associated store room – Playing field Hay-a-Park Lane. (*Note: KTC object not happy i) with the drainage into a dyke that already floods ii) with the excessive use of electricity, carbon footprint iii) impact on SSSI which is very close. KTC request that HBC take expert opinion of the effect the light pollution will have on SSSI before making a decision.*)

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

254 ITEM 8 - HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Opportunity to Speak –Thursday 3 January 2008 at 2.00pm Crescent Gardens, Harrogate.

RESOLVED: No applications for Knaresborough – move to next business.

255 ITEM 9 – CORRESPONDENCE

a) Post Office Area Plan Proposals for North Yorkshire with Yorkshire East and Keighley – letter dated 17 December 2007 from Member Services Manager, HBC.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes to Adrian Wales Post Office Limited, with a copy to Mike Gardiner HBC stating that KTC strongly support Chain Lane Post Office staying open.

256 ITEM 10 – REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

None received.

257 ITEM 11 - REPORTS FROM THE CLERK

a) **Office Workload** – Staff lieu hours.

The Clerk reported the lieu hours as follows:-

Admin Assistant 4.5 hours

Deputy Clerk 18.25 hours

Clerk 12.25 hours

258 ITEM 12 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PER SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

None to date.

259 ITEM 13 – OTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

None to date.

260 ITEM 14 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- a) Councillor L Powell – Rugby Union Football Club meeting for local residents at Calcutt Village Hall on Monday 14 January re the site Thistle Hill.
- b) Councillor L Yorke Davies – Scriven Park is now being used as the gates are open, by horses and dog walkers with no clear up bags.
- c) Councillor L Yorke Davies – The Nativity evening run by Churches Together had road closure notices up stating that the roads would be closed by 4pm. A private security company closed the road from 1pm not 4pm. Traders were angry as they feel they lost out due to the early closure.
- d) Councillor C Willoughby handed out the KTC newsletter to all Councillors who agreed to its publication.

261 ITEM 15 - RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

(a) NYCC County Area Committee for the Harrogate District – Special meeting of the committee at The Cairn Hotel on Tuesday 8 January 2008 at 5.30pm. This meeting has been convened to respond to the consultation, by Post Office Ltd restructure programme 2007/08.

(b) Yorkshire Rural Community Council – Parish Government Conference “Sustainability and Green Issues”, The Spa Complex, Scarborough, 7 – 9 March 2008.

(c) Harrogate CVS and Ripon CVS Joint Monthly Mailing.

(d) Renaissance Knaresborough Executive Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 20 November 2007.

RESOLVED: To receive & note.

Meeting ended at 8.50pm