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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY 3 JULY 2006 AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE KNARESBOROUGH**

Present: Chair: Councillor P Guest (Town Mayor)

Councillors R Aspin, J Cooke, P Godsell, R Hall, B Hallam, K Hawkins, J Jackson, H Lyon,
R Pearson, D Smith, M Smith, J Smith, C Willoughby, A Wright.

Late arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

Note: - prior to meeting presentation was cancelled at request of Mr Bailey.

9861 ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES: None

9862 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor P Guest	Item 17j – Member of Town Twinning Item 13a – Member of Friends of Bebra Gardens
Councillor D Smith	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Item 17j – Member of Town Twinning
Councillor J Smith	Item 17j – Member of Town Twinning Item 11 – Member of Performance Area Committee
Councillor R Aspin	Item 12 – Prejudicial Item 13b – Prejudicial Item 13a & 17h – Member of Friends of Bebra Gardens Item 11 – Member of Performance Area Committee
Councillor C Willoughby	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Item 13a – Prejudicial Item 13b – Prejudicial Item 17h – Member of Friends of Bebra Gardens
Councillor K Hawkins	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Item 17i – Partner is a Director of Age Concern Item 17j – Partner is a Member of Town Twinning Personal - Planning Application 1447 (know people whose property borders)
Councillor P Godsell	Item 17j – Member of Town Twinning
Councillor J Cooke	Item 17i – Director of Age Concern Item 17j – Member of Town Twinning Personal - Planning Application 1447 (know people whose property borders)

9863 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 19 JUNE 2006.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 19 June 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the amendment of resolution 9858, that the Working Group Committee are looking at Standing Orders.

2563**9864 ITEM 4 – OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

a) Planning Application 1447 - Lidl. Mr Roy Beniston represented a large volume of people, locally & further afield. The main points the public objected to on the application for a Lidl store were:-

- No need for store – adequately served in Knaresborough, - no consideration for Co – op extension.
- Serious effect on town traders
- Against government policy
- Major traffic concerns – high vehicle movement, children’s safety is paramount.
- Pedestrian Island scheduled will cause more traffic problems.
- Location in middle of residential area, not retail outlet.
- Increase in HGV movement, more pollution, noise & light disruption & parking problems.
- Site been there for 50 years – hedges, trees well established, replaced by warehouses.

Councillors were then able to question Mr Beniston, on whether he had met anyone in favour of the application. The answer was, 1 person who lived away from the development.

RESOLVED: That KTC object on the grounds below:-

Contrary to our shopping policy of an anchor store in the centre of town. We have limited & managed to preserve the amount of retail space of St James’ Park to protect the town centre businesses. There would be a huge increase in traffic as the store would draw custom from a large area. At the minimum we would require islands & crossings. There would be a loss of amenity to local householders by the intensification of this particular retail activity. In acceptable loss of a specialist retail business the community feels is sustainable, they don’t want to lose the garden centre. Loss of rural atmosphere on approach from York to Knaresborough.

b) Knaresborough Castle Performance Pavilion (see item 11)

9865 ITEM 5 – MATTERS ARISING FROM PRESENTATION

The Chair struck this from the meeting until further notice from Mr L Bailey.

9866 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>
298.Q.AD V*	Knaresborough Toyota Ltd.	Display of one non-illuminated free standing directional sign, nine non-illuminated free standing pylon signs, one internally illuminated pylon sign, thirteen free standing pole mounted non illuminated signs, four 4m high pole mounted non-illuminated banners – Knaresborough Toyota Ltd, York Road.	KTC oppose on grounds of over proliferation on approach to the town, sufficient signage already.
693.G.TP O*	B C Stonard	Removal of overhanging branches to various trees, part of woodland W6 of Tree Preservation Order 1/1959 – Thistle Hill Farm, Thistle Hill.	No Objections
737.A.FU L*	Mr A Parks	Erection of two storey rear extension - 10 Stockwell Road.	No Objections
819.B.RE MMAJ*	Yorkshire Housing	Reserved matters application under outline permission 6.100.819.A.OUTMAJ for the erection of 23 affordable dwellings to include 13 houses and 1 block of 10 flats with design and external appearance considered (site area 0.4ha) – 1 Chain Lane.	No Objections
879.C.LB *	Mr & Mrs A Walton	Listed Building application for external alterations to include installation of 2 windows & 9 roof lights, removal of 1 window, replacement of rear flat roof section with sloped roof & 2 windows with 1 door. Internal alterations to include installation of 5 walls, 3 doors, 1 french door, mezzanine floor & removal of 1 door Swadforth House, 5 Gracious Street.	KTC object unless alterations are carried out in style that’s right for property – conservation roof lights.

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1322.L.F UL*	Barchester Healthcare	Erection of single storey rear extension to childrens nursery – Thistle Hill Nursing Home, Thistle Hill.	No Objections
1447.B.F ULMAJ* *	LIDL UK	Erection of food store with associated car parking and formation of new vehicular access – York Road Nurseries, York Road.	KTC object - see above resolution 9864
1505.C.T PO*	T R Bentley	Canopy reduction of 1Beech Tree, tree T1 and 1 Birch Tree, tree T2 of Tree Preservation Order 12/2006 – Spital Croft Green, Spital Croft.	No Objections
1614.AT. FULMAJ *	St James Securities Ventures Ltd & BHN East Develop - ments	Erection of ten office units in seven blocks and associated hard and soft landscaping – land at grid reference 436600/456280 St James Retail, Business and Industrial Park.	No Objections
1824.H.F UL*	O2 (UK) Ltd	Erection of 25 metre high mast with 3 antennae and 2,600mm diameter dishes, associated cabinet and 1 metre high fence forming compound – Grimbald Park, Wetherby Road.	No Objections
1931.G.L B*	Mrs G Artula De Williams	Listed Building application for the installation of satellite dish to east elevation – House in the Rock, 8 Crag Lane.	KTC object on the grounds – out of keeping with area, - house in a unique listed building. No Objections
1950.B.F UL*	Mr & Mrs K Robinson	Raising of roof height to provide first floor living accommodation and erection of pitched roof to side – 33 Woodpark Drive.	No Objections
2066.E.F UL*	N & P Powell	Erection of 1 dwelling with detached garage (revised scheme from 6.100.2066.B.FUL and 6.100.2066.D.FUL) (site area 0.07ha) – Land to rear of Brampton, 23 Crag Lane.	No Objections
2338.D.A DV*	Richard Alexander Ltd	Display of 1 fascia sign around entrance with internally illuminated logo, 4 pole mounted banners, 1 wall mounted fascia sign, 2 freestanding single sided instruction signs and internally illuminated pylon sign – Volkswagen Dealership, St James Retail, Business and Industrial Park.	No Objections
2496.A.F UL*	Mr & Mrs Lister	Erection of two storey side extension and conservatory to rear – 24 St Margaret's Road.	No Objections
2515.FUL *	Mr M Carr	Erection of first floor side extension over garage and single storey rear extension – 29 Rievaulx Avenue.	No Objections
2516.RG4 **	Council of the Borough of Harrogate	Retention of 85cm diameter satellite dish – 51 and 52 Fisher Gardens.	No Objections
2517.FUL *	Ms L Sutcliffe and Mr S York- Davies	Erection of two storey rear extension – 34 Woodpark Avenue.	No Objections
2518.FUL *	Mr & Mrs C Tasker	Erection of single storey extension to front – 42 Aspin Oval.	No Objections
2519.FUL *	Mr D Clay	Erection of rear first floor extension – 37 Appleby Avenue.	No Objections
2520.FUL *	Mr & Mrs Noble	Erection of single storey extension to front – 62 Farfield Avenue.	No Objections
2521.TPO *	Mrs T Tait	Felling of 1 Silver Birch tree within Area 1 of Tree Preservation Order 12/1990 – 60 Appleby Avenue.	KTC object unless arboricultural officer replaces tree with alternative, appropriate tree.
2522.TPO *	David Collins	Felling of 1 Silver Birch within Area 1 of Tree Preservation Order 12/1990 – 68 Appleby Avenue.	KTC object unless arboricultural officer replaces tree with alternative, appropriate tree.

* Item for determination by Head of Planning Services or Head of Planning Services/Chairman of Planning Cttee.

** Item for determination by Planning Cttee.

9867 ITEM 7 - PLANNING MATERS & CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Planning Enforcements - (i) Confidential Papers (*see unpublished minute*)

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(ii) Report of Investigations:

- 06/00283/PR15 – Frogmire House, Stockwell Road.
- 06/00276/PR15 – The Dower House, Bond End

(b) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 257 Diversion of Public Right of Way, Bridleway No. 50 Knaresborough – to note receipt of Article 2 Certificate extinguishing definitive right of way and replacing it with diverted route.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

9868 ITEM 8 - HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE

(a) 6.100.1515.C.RG3 – Change of use from car park to recycling storage area (Use Class B2 – General Industry) – Old Goods Yard, Stockwell Road.

KTC comments:- *No Objections.*

HBC recommendation:- Approve subject to conditions.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

9869 ITEM 9 - COMMUNICATIONS & MATTERS ARISING

(a) Quality Parish Status – letter dated 9 June 2006 from Aberstwyth University.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Hawkins assist the Clerk in completion of the questionnaire.

(b) North Yorkshire Waste Local Plan – Notice of Adoption – letter dated 12 June 2006 from Principal Mineral Officer, NYCC.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

(c) Re-Use of Cobbles from Market Place, Knaresborough - letter dated 20 June 2006 from Director of Development Services, HBC.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to HBC requesting that the cobbles on Green Dragon Yard be taken up & re-done in a proper method. Any additional cobbles are to be used on Park Square & the continuation of Anchor Yard.

(d) Picnic Area, Conyngham Hall Car Park – letter dated 21 June 2006 from Head of Transport, HBC.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to HBC stating that KTC oppose the suggestion to close the car park. We want the park open; to close it would stop the people of Knaresborough enjoying this facility.

(e) Proposed Pitch Improvements at King George V Field –letter dated 22.6.06 from Chief Executive, HBC

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to HBC stating that KTC are happy to deal with the contract by correspondence, providing that the agreement is clear. KTC would however like to make it perfectly clear that there is only one private pitch in Knaresborough & this is it.

(f) Street Naming: Development off Halfpenny Lane – e-mail dated 26.6.06 from Highway Amenity Assistant, HBC.

RESOLVED: That KTC are happy to support Councillor Hawkins's suggestions but to add Shipton to the list of names.

9870 ITEM 10 - MATTERS ARISING FROM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

(a) Trees in Castle Grounds (item deferred from previous meeting) (Minute No. 9847c (488)).

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the arboriculturist requesting that the work be put in motion to:-

- 1) Remove the 2 Lime trees as denoted on the plan attached to the Annual Town meeting agenda.
- 2) Crown thin and reduce in size by 20% the remaining Limes in the Castle grounds.

(b) Parking Signs – Station Road – to consider Councillor Hawkins' report.

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RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to:-

- i) HBC to request clearer demarcation between HBC & Network Rail parking areas.
- ii) Network Rail asking them to reconsider the parking policy in this area, i.e. to operate the same parking rules at their end of Station Road as HBC have at the top end of Station Road.

9871 ITEM 11 – KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE PERFORMANCE PAVILLION– Clerk to report.

- i) Letter dated 1.6.06 from Head of Leisure, Museum and Arts, HBC.
- ii) Letter dated 23.7.03 from Deputy District Team Leader, Planning to Ferguson Sayell Partnership.
- iii) Copy letter dated 4.1.05 from Chief Executive, HBC to Mr T Maude.

The Clerk reported that since the planning decision had been deferred there was no deadline for our plans. The 5 years would apply when the planning decision has been made. There is a lot of contradicting evidence taken from the letters above.

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- b) Mr T Maude spoke about confusing information in the letters above. Letter of 23 July 2003 states that 'The Head of Planning Services was authorised to approve the application in consultation with the vice chairman of the Committee, subject to the receipt of such a satisfactory investigation. HBC Chief Executive answered the letter on 1 January 2005 stating that a 'Conservation Plan for the whole site (including an archaeological survey) will be completed in the new year.' The latest letter from Tony Stephens contains contradictory information as it states; 'the production of this Conservation Plan may or may not have some relevance to your proposed Performance Pavilion project.'

RESOLVED: That as soon as the tender has been agreed by HBC the working party will hold a meeting.

(Councillor Aspin declared a prejudicial interest in the item below, left the chamber & took no part in the voting or discussion)

9872 ITEM 12 - HARROGATE DISTRICT SPORTS COUNCIL

Invitation to renew subscription for 2006/07 (£10). (Item deferred pending receipt of HDSC Minutes)

RESOLVED: That KTC's subscription be renewed.

(Councillor Aspin returned to the chamber)

9873 ITEM 13 – REQUESTS FOR GRANTS

(Councillor Willoughby declared a prejudicial interest in the items below, left the chamber & took no part in the voting or discussion)

- (a) Friend of Bebra Gardens – letter dated 23.5.06 from Parks Development Manager, HBC.

Clerk to report (Minute No. 9840 refers).

The Clerk reported that no money was given to HBC from Ripon Town Council. They raised the money via the Spa Gardens Forum. One of the Ripon Councillors advised looking at the website – Green Flag for information on green flag status.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Deb Wright (Parks Development Manager) at HBC stating that KTC will give the money willingly, providing that HBC match fund it.

Request that it is recorded that A Wright voted against this motion.

(Councillor Aspin declared a prejudicial interest in the item below, left the chamber & took no part in the voting or discussion)

- (b) Holy Trinity Church, Briggate – request for help towards cost of steeple repairs – letter dated 21.6.06 from Church Warden.

RESOLVED: That KTC support this request & that HBC match fund it.

(Councillors Aspin & Willoughby returned to the chamber)

9874 ITEM 14 – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

To consider arrangements for an Extraordinary Meeting (Minute No. 9848 refers) – Clerk to report.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Julian Sturdy to arrange a date that suits both HBC officers & the Clerk.

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9875 ITEM 15 – KTC ANNUAL RETURN 2005/6

Consideration of statement of assurance, section 2.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk:-

- 1) answers the questions on section 2 the same as last year.
- 2) gets clarification on the Community Centre grant figure.

9876 ITEM 16 – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payments, amounting to £213.40 as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No.291 be authorised for payment and the Clerk and two signatory Councillors be authorised to sign the cheques on the Council's account in settlement of the payments concerned (Councillors J Smith & R Aspin signatories).

9877 ITEM 17 – DOCUMENTS RECEIVED

- (a) "Country Air" the Newsletter of Yorkshire Rural Community Council – Spring 2006.
- (b) Yorkshire & Humber Regional Training Partnership (RTP) – Workshop, Development Control & Section 106 Agreement – to be held at Riley Smith Hall, Westgate, Tadcaster on 19th July 2006 from 09.30 - 15.30.
- (c) Yorkshire Local Councils Association – Joint Annual Meeting – Saturday 15 July 2006.
- (d) Yorkshire Local Councils Association – Minutes of the Joint Annual Meeting held from 16 July 2005.
- (e) YLCA – Annual Report and Accounts 2005-2006.
- (f) Harrogate District CCTV Service – CCTV Monitoring Committee Annual Report 1.4.05 to 31.3.06 & Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 11.10.05.
- (g) District Development Sub-Committee meeting held at 5.30pm on Thursday 29 June 2006.
- (h) Bebra Gardens Friends Group Meeting – Minutes of meeting held 1 June 2006, next meeting to be held on 6 July 2006 at 7.00pm at 'The Loft', Green Dragon Yard
- (i) Age Concern – letter dated June 2006 from Chief Officer, Age Concern, Knaresborough.
- (j) Knaresborough Town Twinning Committee Meeting – Minutes of meeting held on 11 May 2006 at Knaresborough Football Club.
- (k) Minutes of Meeting of Renaissance Knaresborough Executive Committee – Meeting No.4 from 20.6.06.

9878 ITEM 18 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- a) Councillor Jackson CCTV Harrogate – those who want to look round, give your name to the Clerk.
- b) Councillor D Smith & Councillor Godsell recently attended the Knaresborough Community & Police Group meeting. There was a talk on the restructuring & they met the new Community Support Constable.
- c) Councillor Aspin presented Age Concern with a cheque for just over £1600. A similar one will be presented to Nidd Gorge, making a total raised of just under £3,500.
- d) Councillor Guest email from NYCC notification of replacement of retaining wall at York Place.
- e) Councillor Willoughby Knaresborough in Bloom judging will not take place on Wednesday but on Tuesday between 1.30 – 3.30pm. There will also be a meeting that same evening.

Meeting closed at 10.05 pm.