

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2006 AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE KNARESBOROUGH**

(It was noted that since the previous meeting Councillor June Cooke had become Councillor June Hawkins)

7.30 pm – Council Meeting: Present: Chair: Councillor P Guest (Mayor)

Councillors: R Aspin, P Godsell, R Hall, J Hawkins, K Hawkins, J Jackson,
H Lyon, D Smith, J Smith, M Smith, C Willoughby
and A Wright.

Late Arrivals: H Lyon 7.35pm

Early Departures: None

10007 ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Councillors B Hallam and R Pearson.

10008 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor D Smith	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information.
Councillor R Aspin	Item 11 – member of Knaresborough in Bloom
Councillor M Smith	Item 11 – member of Knaresborough in Bloom
Councillor A Wright	Item 6 – Planning Application 2123.C (knows Architect)
Councillor J Jackson	Item 6 – Prejudicial - Planning Application 626.B.
Councillor C Willoughby	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Item 9c – Member of Blind Jack Statue Working Group Item 11 – Member of Knaresborough in Bloom
Councillor K Hawkins	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information.
Councillor P Guest	Item 9e – Member of Chamber of Trade Item 11 – Member of Knaresborough in Bloom

(Councillor Lyon joined the meeting at 7.35 pm)

10009 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20 NOVEMBER 2006

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 November 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

10010 ITEM 4 – KTC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Mr Stevenson, President of Knaresborough Rugby Club spoke about the Club's proposals for developing new sporting facilities at Hay-a-Park in conjunction with Knaresborough Tennis Club, Knaresborough Celtic Football Club and possibly other sporting groups such as fishing clubs. A clubhouse for use by all the sporting organisations would be an integral part of any development.

Mr Pat Kilburn, Head of Parks and Open Spaces expressed Harrogate Borough Council's support for the scheme.

Councillors were able to ask Mr Stevenson questions about the proposals including whether there would be improved road and pedestrian access to the site, whether the half-pipe from the Community Centre Skate Park (currently in storage) could be incorporated and whether the bridleway in the original plans for two sports pitches at Hay-a-Park Lane still featured.

Councillor Wright asked whether the Sports Council's recommended ratios of individual sports facilities to population numbers could be obtained.

Councillors thanked Mr Stevenson for his informative presentation. It was noted that further information is available on the Rugby Club's website: www.krufc.co.uk.

10011 ITEM 5 – MATTERS ARISING FROM OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

RESOLVED: (i) That the Town Council welcome the scheme in principle and would be pleased to consider in more detail any applications when they come in and discuss them further with the various organisations.

(ii) That the Clerk be asked to check with Harrogate Borough Council that a bridleway linking Hay-a-Park Lane and Breary Flat Lane is still in the approved plans for the formation of 2 new sporting pitches at Hay-a-Park Lane.

10012 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>
06/05422/FUL 626.B*	Mr & Mrs L A Wright	Erection of two storey side and single storey side and rear extensions – 20 Aspin Lane.	Object on the grounds of over-intensification.
<i>(Councillor Jackson declared a prejudicial interest in the item above (planning application 626) left the Council Chamber for the duration and the Council's subsequent discussion and voting thereon).</i>			
06/05768/FUL 809.A*	Brookfoot Discretionary Trust	Erection of first floor rear extension – Victoria Lodge, Forest Moor Road.	KTC object against development in Green Belt.
06/05892/FUL 2066.F**	Major Property Ltd	Erection of 1 detached dwelling with associated detached garage (site area 0.06ha) (Revised Scheme) – Land to rear of Brampton, 23 Crag Lane.	KTC object on the grounds of over- intensification.

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06/05791/FUL 2123.C*	E Storey, S Nicholas & Mr & Mrs D Broady	Erection of replacement 1.85 metre high boundary wall – Hunters Lodge and The Beeches Vicarage Lane.	No objections.
06/05639/FUL 2543*	Al and V Stent	Erection of single storey and rear extension – 27 Abbey Mill Gardens.	No objections.
06/05668/FUL 2544*	Mr D Young	Erection of rear conservatory – 4 Princess Close.	No objections.
06/05709/FUL 2545*	Mrs Zena Nichol	Erection of single storey rear extension – 3 Littondale Avenue	No objections.
06/05606/FUL 2546*	Mr & Mrs Hood	Erection of single storey rear extension and first floor side extension over garage – 54 Appleby Crescent.	No objections.

* Item for determination by Harrogate Borough Council Head of Planning Services or Head of Planning Services /Chairman of Planning Committee.

** Item for determination by Planning Committee

10013 ITEM 7 - PLANNING MATTERS & CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Planning Enforcements** – (i) Confidential Papers (*see unpublished minutes*)
(ii) Report of Investigations:-
- 06/00563/PR15 - 10 Stockdale Walk
 - 06/00555/PR15 – Windsor Court, 18 Windsor Lane

RESOLVED: To Receive and Note.

- b) **Notice of Appeal** re HBC's refusal of Planning Permission:

- i) 6.100.1629.K.FUL – Erection of 1 detached dwelling and alterations to existing vehicular access (site area 0.097ha) (Revised Scheme) - 4/6 High Bond End.

RESOLVED: To Receive and Note.

- c) **WITHDRAWN** planning application 6.100.2537.FUL – Erection of two storey side extension, 1 bay window to front, 2 dormer windows and 2 roof lights to rear elevation and conversion of garage to form garden room - 26 Ethel Crescent.

RESOLVED: To Receive and Note.

- d) **Application approved by HBC (subject to conditions) contrary to KTC observations:**

- i) 6.100.1236.I.FUL – Erection of single storey side and front extension – 18A Boroughbridge Road.

RESOLVED: To Receive and Note.

- e) **Tree Preservation Order No. 81/2006** – 41B Abbey Road – The order took effect on a provisional basis on 15 November 2006.

RESOLVED: To Receive and Note.

- (f) **HBC Planning Committee (Performance Monitoring)** – letter dated 21 November 2006 from Head of Planning Services, HBC.

RESOLVED: To Receive and Note.

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10014 ITEM 8 - HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Opportunity to Speak – Tuesday 5 December 2006 at 2.00pm Crescent Gardens, Harrogate

None Received for Knaresborough.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

10015 ITEM 9 – COMMUNICATIONS AND MATTERS ARISING

- a) Proposed Pitch Improvements at King George V Field, Knaresborough - letter dated 13 November 2006 from Chief Executive, HBC.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contacts Harrogate Borough Council:-

- i) for confirmation of the exact wording that was agreed in respect of the division of revenue costs; and
- (ii) to ascertain who is moving this project forward.

- b) Knaresborough Town Council's Offer of Sponsored - Unemployed Ex-offender Time – email dated 15 November 2006 from Nidd Gorge Conservation Society.

The Clerk confirmed that since receipt of the email above, details of the letter had been forwarded to the Knaresborough Nidd Gorge Conservation Group.

RESOLVED: To Receive and Note.

- c) Blind Jack of Knaresborough – letter dated 17 November 2006 from Ian Judd, Sculptor.

It was noted that the Blind Jack Working Group had now met (earlier in the week) and Mrs Farmer (Chair of the Civic Society) was invited to report.

Mrs Farmer reported that the Working Group had recommended that when funds were available, Barbara Asquith be commissioned to produce a seated statue. The next step would be to agree a location for the statue – Gracious St. (Albert Holch memorial garden), Castle Grounds and the Market Place were all under consideration and planning permission would need to be sought.

It was noted that the issue of fund-raising would need to be addressed.

There was some discussion as to whether a decision should be taken before receipt of a written report from the Working Group and it was

RESOLVED: (i) That when funds are available the Town Council commission Barbara Asquith to produce a seated statue of Blind Jack.

- (ii) That the Clerk be asked to ensure that recommendations of Working Groups come as quickly as possible to the Town Council for consideration.

(Note: - Councillor Willoughby to produce the report of the Blind Jack Statue Working Group).

- d) SLCC Membership Renewal for 2007 – letter received 23 November 2006 from Chief Executive, SLCC.

RESOLVED: To receive and note and that instead of bringing SLCC membership renewal to Council each year, the Clerk be given designated powers to deal with this matter.

- e) Knaresborough Edwardian Christmas Market – letter dated 25 November 2006 from Chairman, Knaresborough Retailers.

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RESOLVED: (i) That a questionnaire be drawn up and delivered to all town centre businesses asking how much they had benefited or otherwise from this year's Edwardian weekend on each day (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and asking whether they belonged to the Chamber of Trade, "Knaresborough Retailers" or both.

(Councillor Wright to draft the questionnaire and individual Councillors to deliver them).

(ii) That once the information has been collated, Mr William Culver-Dodds, Director of NYCE, be invited to attend a Council meeting to discuss the feedback from the event.

10016 ITEM 10 - TO CONSIDER REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS/MATTERS ARISING

a) Report of a meeting of the Employment Committee held on Thursday, 9 November 2006.

RESOLVED: That the minutes and 1 recommendation (item 14) be approved.

b) Office Workload – Clerk to report.

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the office workload. Hours accrued to date are: Clerk 11½ hours, Deputy Clerk 11¼ hours, Office Assistant 13 hours. The Office has had a hardware and software audit carried out by HBC, as requested by Councillors. A copy of the audit is available from the Clerk. The time staff spent on the Carol Service/Christmas Lights switch-on was at least 2 weeks – copies of check list available from the Clerk at the meeting. A question was raised as to whether it would be as time consuming next year. The Clerk thought not as there is now a format to follow, but Councillors must realise that it will still take up a lot of time. The Clerk thanked everybody who was involved with the Christmas Lights; the Marshals did a great job, especially those who were there in the cold from 4pm, Councillors Aspin, Pearson and J Smith. The Employment Committee will meet early next year and will look at the work load issue.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

10017 ITEM 11 – KTC REPRESENTATIVE ON KNARESBOROUGH IN BLOOM – e-mail dated 24 November 2006 from Councillor Willoughby.

Councillors wondered why this matter had come before the Council; it should have been dealt with courteously and privately. It was felt that members could not change representation mid-year, any change over if there was one would be in May.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Aspin should remain on the committee of Knaresborough in Bloom if he thought he could serve them, but if not, then he would step down in May 2007.

10018 ITEM 12 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payments, amounting to £900.00 as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No.301 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).

10019 ITEM 13 - TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

a) Report of Questionnaire on Harrogate Borough Council's Budget 2007/2008.

RESOLVED: To Receive and Note.

10020 ITEM 14 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- a) CAP meeting to be held 12 December 2006 – any items to be passed to Councillors Godsell or D Smith.
- b) Councillors were informed that the grants FEVA have received from HBC over the last 3 years are:-
2004/5 - £1,050. 2005/6 - £1,550. 2006/7 - £1,550. (The Clerk)
- c) Councillors were told that the WREN application form had been received and the Working Group was asked for help to complete it. (The Clerk)
- d) Lady Elizabeth Collins died on Saturday 2nd December, her thanksgiving service will be held on Friday 8th December at 2.30pm St Johns Church. (Councillors Godsell and Aspin).

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- e) A reminder that the rehearsals for the Nativity are on Tuesday evenings at 7.30. (Councillor Aspin).
- f) Councillors Cooke and Hawkins were married in the week and all were invited to a glass of wine after the meeting. (Councillor Hawkins).
- g) There will be a glass of sherry and a mince pie after the next meeting December 18th 2006 (The Mayor).

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.