

REPORT OF MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH
ON MONDAY 5 JUNE 2006

PRESENT **Chair:** Councillor P Guest (Town Mayor)

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

7.00pm (Council Chamber) – Mr D Brown & Ms A Laver Craven, Harrogate & Rural District PCT.

David Brown & Alison Laver pointed out that at this stage they were only making proposals not plans. The PCT are currently looking at bed provision in the area. They are trying to address the current and ill met needs in mental health, which is mainly for the over 65s. The Orchards in Ripon is going to be refurbished, with a temporary decommissioning of 16 beds. This will give the PCT a chance to evaluate the impact that this will have in mental health in this area.

After the presentation Councillors were able to question Mr Brown & Ms Laver about the closure of a building in good state, along with the refurbishment of a building that clearly is not, the transport for visiting relatives, and whether the results would be made public.

COUNCIL MEETING 7.30 PM

PRESENT **Chair:** Councillor P Guest (Mayor)

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

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

9830 ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor R Pearson (holiday)

9831 ITEM 2 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Note: Interests are personal, unless indicated otherwise.

Councillor P Guest	Item 6 – Prejudicial Planning Application 155.R.OUTMAJ Item 7a ii – Prejudicial Item 11 – Prejudicial Item 8b - Member of Town Twinning Item 12 – Member of RMT
Councillor D Smith	Member of HBC - will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information. Item 8b - Member of Town Twinning Item 12 – Member of RMT
Councillor J Smith	Item 8b – Town Twinning
Councillor R Aspin	Item 8b - Member of Town Twinning Item 8c – Prejudicial Item 11a - Member of Friends of Bebra Gardens Item 12 – Member of RMT Item 13 – Personal interest as Mayor 2005/6 Item 15a – Prejudicial

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Councillor A Wright	Personal Interest in presentation - Alexander House Item 6 –Planning Application 1515.C.RG3 (live close by) Item 8c – Child at Manor School Item 15a – Child at Manor School
Councillor J Jackson	Item 8c - Prejudicial Item 15 – Prejudicial Item 14c – Husband in Police Force Item 6 –Planning Application 324 County Matters –Employed by NYCC
Councillor H Lyon	Personal Interest in presentation - Alexander House Employed by NHS
Councillor C Willoughby	Member of HBC - will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information. Item 6 –Planning Application 324 County Matters –Employed by NYCC & a Governor at King James’ school Item 8c – Prejudicial Item 11 – Prejudicial Item 15a - Prejudicial
Councillor K Hawkins	Member of HBC - will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information. Item 8c – Governor at Meadowside School Item 15a - Governor at Meadowside School Personal Interest in presentation - Alexander House – Partner director for Age Concern
Councillor P Godsell	Item 7a i – (We live close by) Item 8b - Member of Town Twinning
Councillor J Cooke	Item 8b - Member of Town Twinning Personal Interest in presentation - Alexander House – Director for Age Concern

9832 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD 3 APRIL 2006

- RESOLVED:** i) That approval of the Minutes be done at the next Annual Town Meeting (2007).
ii) That discussion of the points from the above Minutes be done at the next Council Meeting 19
June 2006.

9833 ITEM 4 – OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

- a, Mrs B Dixon Age Concern – Long term lack of investment. Concerns that if 16 beds are taken away, it will only shift the problem elsewhere. State from the outset, we do not wish to see this service closed.
- b, Ms Janet Cassells – tenant at Horseshoe field. Speaking on behalf of Mrs Todd and Christine Grayson. Tenants did not receive any warning of The Green Space Festival Fireworks at Horseshoe field. There was damage to property & stock due to the fireworks, which could have been avoided if the tenants had been informed. Tenants have not received any letter of apology to date.
- c, Mrs Althea Farmer – Chair of Civic Society re planning application no. 413. F.FUL (& 413.G.LB). The Civic Society object to this planning application on the grounds that it is a Grade II listed building in a conservation area & is quite inappropriate.

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9834 ITEM 5 – TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED UNDER KTC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK SCHEME

(a) Presentation re Alexander House.

RESOLVED: i) That a vote of thanks be given to the 2 officers from the PCT for their presentation.

ii) KTC would be very concerned to see the closure of this service; respite is an important facility for the elderly. It would be extremely difficult for elderly relatives to travel on public transport. State from the outset that KTC do not wish to see this service closed.

iii) That KTC put these statements in writing with a copy to the PCT.

(b) Green Space Festival Fireworks.

(Resolved: To suspend Standing Orders to allow Councillors to question Mrs Casells).

Councillors queried whether the tenants thought the incident could have been avoided if they had received prior warning, & whether the tenants had received a written apology from NYCE the organisers.

(Resolved: To move back to Standing Orders).

RESOLVED: That KTC write to NYCE, with a copy to HBC (appropriate licensing) stating that,

1, NYCE endeavour to improve their public relations.

2, Everybody concerned should be notified in good time.

3, For future firework displays every effort should be made not to have very loud bangers in it. Also that KTC would prefer to see firework displays at the Castle top, not in Horseshoe Field.

(c) Civic Society re planning application no. 413.F.FUL & 413.G.LB.

RESOLVED: That KTC object on the grounds that the alterations are inappropriate of a Grade 11 listed building, in a conservation area.

9835 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>
155.R.OU TMAJ*	United Co-operatives Ltd	Outline application for the erection of extension to supermarket including associated car parking with siting and access considered (Site Area 1.35 ha, Revised Scheme – Yorkshire Co-operative Ltd, Chain Lane.	No Objections
413.F.FU L*	Peter Nottingham	Erection of replacement shop front, canopy and steel shutter door to front elevation – 6 Market Place.	Object – inappropriate alterations of a Grade 11 listed building, in a conservation area
413.G.LB *	Peter Nottingham	Listed Building application for the replacement of double door with single door and replacement windows to create new shop front and erection of canopy and roller shutter door – 6 Market Place.	Object – inappropriate alterations of a Grade 11 listed building, in a conservation area
571.B.FU L*	Lloyds Pharmacy	Installation of 2 air conditioning units to side elevation – 34 High Street.	No Objections
749.D.FU L*	O2 (UK) Ltd	Erection of 17.5m high monopole, two sets of radio cabinets and 1.2m high fence – Park Nurseries, Bar Lane.	No Objections
1515.C.R G3**	Harrogate Borough Council	Change of use from car park to recycling storage area (Use Class B2- General Industry) – Old Goods Yard, Stockwell Road.	No Objections
2340.A.F UL*	Victoria McEvoy	Conversion of shop (Use Class A1) to form additional living accommodation – 1 Belmont View	Object – loss of community facility, if economically possible remain a retail unit & Post Office
2508.TPO *	Mrs Blythe	Crown clean and rebalance 1 Maple Tree within area A1 of Tree Preservation Order 12/1990 – Maple House, 62 Appleby Avenue.	No Objections
<u>County Matters</u> 324	NYCC	Proposed creation of additional car parking area at King James' School -King James Road.	No Objections

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

** Item for determination by Planning Cttee.

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9836 ITEM 7 - PLANNING MATTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Planning Enforcements - (i) Notification & Report of Investigation

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

(The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in the item below, left the Chamber and took no part in the voting or discussion thereon. Councillor J Cooke took the Chair)

- (ii) Report of Investigation 06/00207/PR15 – Fawley, Ripley Road

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

(The Mayor returned to the Chamber and took the Chair)

- b) To note the following **WITHDRAWN** planning applications:

- (i) 6.100.2501.FUL – Erection of 1 detached dwelling and alterations to vehicular access (Site Area 0.05ha) – Land adjacent 62 Boroughbridge Road.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

- c) Notice of Appeal re HBC's Refusal of Planning Permission:

- (i) 6.100.1191.N.ADV – Display of internally illuminated fascia signs to front and side elevation and 1 internally illuminated freestanding pole mounted sign to forecourt as part of signage scheme – John Gill Ltd, Link Side Garage, Forest Lane Head.

(Note: KTC comments "No objections").

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

- d) Planning application 6.108.40.A.FULMAJ – Change of use from agricultural land to recreational purposes with the formation of 6 football pitches, 50 space car park, vehicular access and the erection of a single storey detached pavilion (Revised Scheme). To note HBC's decision to grant planning permission subject to conditions. (Copy available from Clerk's Office).

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

- e) HBC Planning Committee – Opportunity to Speak – Tuesday 6 June 2006 at 2.00pm Crescent Gardens, Harrogate. (Note: No applications relating to Knaresborough).

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

9837 ITEM 8 – COMMUNICATIONS & MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Re-use of Cobbles from Market Place – letter dated 16 May 2006 from Director of Development Services HBC, (deferred from meeting held 25 May 2006).

RESOLVED: That KTC endeavour to find out roughly how many cobbles are left. KTC want to see them used in Knaresborough.

- (b) Town Twinning Grant 2006/07 – letter dated 19 May 2006 from Treasurer, Knaresborough/Bebra Town Twinning.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note.

Councillors Aspin, Jackson & Willoughby declared a prejudicial interest in the item below, left the Chamber and took no part in the voting or discussion thereon.

(Item 15a was brought forward for discussion after Item 8c due to its link & the fact that 3 Councillors had already left the Chamber)

- (c) Proposed Amalgamation of Manor and Castle Schools – letter received 23 May 2006 from K.Gray, parent of children attending the schools.

RESOLVED: That KTC reply, informing the parent of our position & pass a copy to Bernadette Jones at NYCC.

Councillors Aspin, Jackson & Willoughby returned to the Chamber.

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- (d) York and North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association:
i) Renewal of Annual Subscription 2006/2007
ii) AGM 22 June 2006

RESOLVED: i) That KTC renew the subscription.
ii) Receive & Note.

- (e) Charter 88 – Community Decline & Charter 88’s Campaign for a modern democracy - empowering citizens and local councils, letter received 24 May 2006 from Co-Directors.

RESOLVED: a, To support the campaign on bullet points 1 & 3:-

- 1) To pass a resolution of support and let us know of this.
- 3) To ask KTC’s MP to support the campaign by ‘signing Early Day Motion No 641 & handing it to the Table Office’

- b, That the Clerk send more information to individual Councillors re bullet point 2:-

- 2) Support Charter 88 by filling in & returning to us the form on page 4 of the Charter 88 campaign newsletter.

9838 ITEM 9 – PLAN THE FUTURE WITH US

Newspaper from Harrogate Borough Council to Knaresborough residents.

Councillor K Hawkins reported that there were 3 major points that were very concerning.

- 1, There was no public meeting planned for Knaresborough.
- 2, The paper seemed very difficult for the public to follow.
- 3, There were a number of people (including Councillors) in Knaresborough that did not receive a copy of the document.

RESOLVED: That KTC write to the Chief Executive at HBC to say:-

- 1, That there should be a public meeting in Knaresborough
- 2, That the public & KTC need greater clarification of what the figures actually mean & what the issues are.
- 3, That HBC ensure that every house in Knaresborough receives a copy.

9839 ITEM 10 – RECYCLING FOR KNARESBOROUGH

The Clerk reported that NYCC still aim to make an announcement for the new recycling site North of Harrogate by the end of June.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note.

9840 ITEM 11 –REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING

(The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in the below item, left the Chamber and took no part in the voting or discussion thereon. Councillor J Cooke took the Chair)

- a) Friends of Bebra Gardens – letter dated 23 May 2006 from Parks Development Manager, HBC/Secretary, Friends of Bebra Gardens Group.

RESOLVED: That KTC ask the Clerk at Ripon how the Spa Gardens got its flag & due to the fact that there was a lot of money involved, query whether financial support was received & where it came from.

(The Mayor returned to the Chamber and took the Chair)

9841 ITEM 12 –RENAISSANCE MARKET TOWN INITIATIVE

- a) Renaissance Knaresborough Executive Committee – Minutes of Meeting No. 3 held 16 May 2006.
- b) To consider any other RMT matters.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note.

9842 ITEM 13 – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS 289

That the accounts for payments, amounting to £280.00 as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No.289 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 D Smith & A Wright signatories)

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9843 ITEM 14 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

- a) SLCC North Yorkshire Branch – President’s Visit Weekend. Friday Evening 16 June at Herriots Hotel, Skipton and Branch Meeting on Saturday 17 June at 11.00am, Lothersdale Village Hall.
- b) SLCC ‘Summer Seminars’ – Inside Neighbourhood Governance – 10.00am 12 July and 3.30pm 13 July at Park Campus, University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham.
- c) North Yorkshire Police Authority – Local Policing Summary for Knaresborough and South Harrogate.
- d) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations Harrogate Branch – Annual Meeting 26 June 2006, at 7.30pm Harrogate Council Chamber.
- e) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations Harrogate Branch – Minutes of meeting held 13 February 2006.

RESOLVED: To Receive & note.

9844 ITEM 15 – INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- (a) Proposed merger of Castle & Manor Schools – Presentation to be given by Bernadette Jones and James Fairburn, NYCC to Parents, Governors and Staff on Wednesday 14 June 2006, 3.45pm at Manor School.
- (b) 2 Houses in Knaresborough spray-painted with racist graffiti over the weekend. Concerns of problem escalating, request that Councillors keep their eyes open. (Councillor J Smith)
Request that this be an item on the agenda at the next Council Meeting 19 June 2006.
- (c) Contact with both Julia Stack (HBC Community Safety Officer) re the above incident, & also with the Anti Social Behaviour Officer at HBC.
- (d) The great Knaresborough Bed Race is taking place this Saturday 10th June 2006.
- (e) Knaresborough in Bloom meeting on Tuesday 13th June at Knaresborough House.

The Meeting closed at 9.12 pm.