

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT
KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH ON MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2009**

COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT **Chair:** Deputy Mayor Councillor R Hall

Councillors: B Asquith, P Godsell, J Hawkins, K Hawkins, B Holbrook, L Powell,
 J Walton, A Willoughby and C Willoughby.

ALSO PRESENT

Late Arrivals: none

Early departures: none

C 09/194 ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors R Archibald, J Batt, J Burdett, M Clemmitt, and L Lever.

C 09/195 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor P Godsell Item 8c - Personal - husband works for the bus company.

Councillor K Hawkins Member of HBC – will consider any same item at Harrogate Borough Council in the light of any new information

Councillor A Willoughby Item 8b –Member of Harrogate Ramblers Association

Councillor C Willoughby Member of HBC – will consider any same item at Harrogate Borough Council in the light of any new information.
Item 6 – Planning Application 324 – Prejudicial
Item 8a – Prejudicial

C 09/196 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 September 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

C 09/197 ITEM 4 – KTC PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

- a) Mrs P Murray – Secretary, Gracious Street Methodist Church re item 7 c– Gracious Street Junction Improvement.

Mrs P Murray from Gracious Street Methodist Church spoke to inform Councillors that the current ramp in place at the Methodist Church is unsuitable and that additional access is being sought for a new ramp to run from the Memorial Garden to the Church due to the following reasons:

- i) the gradient of the current ramp is not to regulations and as such is a little steep for lone wheelchair users.

- ii) as the current ramp is at the front of the Church and people with mobility issues trying to access the building from the car at the rear have to traverse around the building in order to get to the disabled access.

Mrs Murray went on to state that it would be possible for the work on the proposed ramp at Gracious Street Methodist Church to tie in with the current work underway at Gracious Street by the Highways Agency and that their work here was due to cease at the end of November 2009.

Councillors were then able to ask questions including the impact this would have on the planting in the Memorial Gardens, the height of the planted areas around the ramp and the design of the ramp.

The Chair moved to Item 7 c

C 09/200 **ITEM 7 - PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:** c) Gracious Street Junction Improvement

RESOLVED: That KTC have no objections to the proposal.

C 09/198 **ITEM 5 – BUSINESS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

None

C 09/199 **ITEM 6 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Details of Application</u>	<u>KTC Comment</u>
09/03620/FUL 265.M *	Mr M Slobodiam	Conversion of roof space to form additional living accommodation with raising of roof height and gables and erection of 3 dormer windows to west elevation, 1 dormer window and garden room to east elevation - Abbey Mill, Abbey Road.	KTC object to this application on the grounds of loss of visual amenity, impact on the street scene, and that it would look over powering due to the close location of the property to the road.
<i>Councillor C Willoughby, having declared a prejudicial interest in item 324 left the chamber and took no further part in the discussion or voting thereon.</i>			
NY/2009/0391 324	NYCC	Erection of 2 condenser units to flat roof above D & T Department at King James's School, King James Road.	No objections <i>Unanimous</i>
09/03248/FUL 925.E *	Forest House Veterinary surgery	Installation of 6 air conditioning units to rear – 29 York Place.	No objections <i>Unanimous</i>
09/03431/FUL 1191.P *	MR D Hulbert	Change of use from car dealership to retail care equipment (Use class A1 – retail) with installation of window to west elevation and widening of front entrance – Linkside Garage, Forest Lane Head.	KTC have no objections to this application but they would like to suggest to HBC planning officers that general retail use is not given, but class Sui Generis is granted <i>Unanimous</i>
09/03867/TPO 2501.D*	Mr E Scott	Lateral pruning of 1 Ash tree, tree T1 or Tree Preservation Order 84/2006 – 62 Boroughbridge Road.	No objections

- ii) Application from Mrs P Turtle, Treasurer. Knaresborough Silver Band

RESOLVED: i) That KTC support this by giving a grant of £1000 (£800 as a contribution towards the rent increase, and £200 towards the new equipment, uniform and music).

- ii) That KTC thank the Silver Band for the wonderful job they do for the town.

(Unanimous)

- b) Letter dated 4th September 2009 from Head of Parks and Open Spaces HBC - Hay A Park

Councillor A Willoughby reported that the work on the children's play area seems to be almost complete. The rugby pitch is nearly ready for use, and the rugby club are happy with the way things are going. The public footpath across the rugby pitch is obstructed by 3 fences. The letter mentions a diversion, but there is no explanation of which one.

RESOLVED: That KTC receive and note this.

- c) Report dated 16th September 2009 from Deputy Clerk – Request for further safety railings at Bus Station

The report accompanied photos from a resident showing that buses drop off passengers on the main road (High Street) on double yellow lines, resulting in passengers spilling over the footway, creating a danger to both motorists and passengers. Following much discussion, it was agreed that installation of another safety railing at the Bus Station may exacerbate the problem even further, as the railing would not be installed at the road side, but approximately 1 foot in from the edge of the road.

RESOLVED : That the Clerk writes to Mr Vinters explaining that KTC do not agree with the request for further safety railings at Bus Station as this may in fact make the matter worse.

(Unanimous)

- d) Correspondence from HBC seeking views on HBC budget for 2010/2011 and proposed Council Tax Increases for 2010/2011.

After discussion KTC decided not to complete this form as Councillors felt it was not up to them to do Harrogate's job.

RESOLVED: To move to next business.

(Unanimous)

- e) Document from NYCC dated 16th September 2009 (County Area Committee for Harrogate District) – Election to fill five vacancies for Parish Councils' Representatives.

Councillor L Powell, having declared a prejudicial interest in this item, left the chamber and took no further part in the discussion or voting thereon.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk completes the document on behalf of KTC and vote for Lynda Powell.

(Unanimous)

C 09/202 ITEM 9 – REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUP

- a) To approve the recommendations of KTC Community Services Committee meeting held 21st September 2009.

Councillor P Godsell informed Members why Pat Tankard hadn't attended meetings – it's because she doesn't know about them. The Clerk pointed out that not only is all the information on the net, but that all members should had received a schedule of meetings, but that she would put another copy in the post.

RESOLVED: To approve the recommendations of KTC Community Services Committee meeting held 21 September 2009.

(Unanimous)

Councillor K Hawkins volunteered to be the 6th marshal on the night of the Christmas Light Switch on. The Clerk pointed out that last year the ATC (air training corps) volunteered to help on the night, but agreed that if KTC needed an extra marshal this year she would let him know.

C09/203 ITEM 10 - REPORTS FROM THE CLERK

a) Public Meeting re. Allotments in Knaresborough – Friday 23 October 2009 at 7.00 pm at Knaresborough House

i) To nominate a Chair

RESOLVED: That Pam Godsell would be in the Chair.

(Unanimous)

ii To discuss the format of the meeting.

RESOLVED: The points for discussion would be:-

- i) if anyone from the present allotment group would be willing to take this on.
- ii) the possibility of forming a new allotment group.
- iii) the name and details of a working group.
- iv) fundraising.

The Clerk was asked to provide signing in sheets similar to the ones at the Annual Town Meeting.

iii) To note the names of Councillors available on the night.

RESOLVED: That Councillors able to attend the meeting were P Godsell, R Hall, J Hawkins, K Hawkins, A Willoughby and C Willoughby.

C09/204 ITEM 11 – TO NOTE PAYMENTS AS PER SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS NO.351

RESOLVED – That payments as per Schedule of Accounts no.351 amounting to £22437.42 be received and noted.

(Unanimous)

C09/205 ITEM 12 - OTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

None

C 09/206 ITEM 13 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- a) Councillor K Hawkins informed the Chair that he had an item he wanted discussed in confidential session at the end of the meeting.
- b) Councillor B Holbrook reported that he had noticed the pedestrian access/gates on the railway were locked up again.
- c) Councillor C Willoughby informed members that the work at Waterside appeared to be going well.
- d) Councillor B Asquith reported that she had spoken to the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transport who were (along with Sat Nav companies and Ordnance Survey) looking into current main routes and diversions, and asking the views of local Parish Councils.

- e) Councillor P Godsell made members aware of the following:-
 - i) a barrier had been erected at the old Pickles site.
 - ii) there was no pedestrian access on the Boroughbridge Road as there were temporary traffic lights due to road works by the gas company.
- f) Councillor J Walton raised the issue of the number of regular incidents that happen on Gracious Street in the early hours of the morning where youths with bottles were, amongst other things, threatening the milkman. Members suggested that she contacts the local police.
- g) The Clerk informed members that she had 3 applicants interested in the position of Town Crier. She had implemented the Urgent Decisions Procedure to agree the Conditions of Appointment, and also to invite all 3 applicants to interview.
- h) The Clerk reported that she had received an invite from Nigel Perry inviting all Councillors to a 'Blindfold Walk' organised by the Lions at the Castle Keep on World Sight Day, Thursday 8th October at 12 o'clock. The Clerk said she would forward the email to all KTC Councillors.
- i) The Clerk made members aware that she had received a reply from HBC re Hillside on Slingsby Avenue saying that they would not consider our comments as they were not part of the present application. She said that she had promptly sent a strongly worded reply repeating that KTC felt it imperative that the whole matter be looked at by Full Planning Committee as there were so many discrepancies in the original application.
- j) The Clerk informed members that an email had been received from Otley Town Partnership asking whether we would consider agreeing to change our Farmers Market to the third Sunday in the month, to help stall holders who wanted to also do the Wetherby Market (second Sunday in the month) and to also move further away from the Harrogate Market. This would go to Community Services Committee but it was mentioned now for information.

C 09/207 ITEM 14 – TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

- a) Update from YLCA giving details of YLCA Branch Meeting Monday 12th October 2009 HBC, Crescent Gardens, Harrogate. In addition, minutes of previous meeting held & half day course information for Employment Issues for Smaller Councils.

RESOLVED: To receive and note all the above

(Unanimous)

C 09/208

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the item relating to Information Exchange be dealt with in Private Session, and subject to the provisions of Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended), the meeting not be open to members of the public.

(Unanimous)

C 09/209 SEE UNPUBLISHED MINUTE

Return to Public Session

Meeting ended at 9.20pm