

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2007 AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH**

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

**Councillors:** R Archibald, J Burdett, M Clemmitt, P Godsell, J Hawkins, K Hawkins, L Powell, A Willoughby, C Willoughby and L Yorke Davies

**Late Arrivals:** None

**Early Departures:** None

**187 ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors B Asquith, J Brankin, R Hall, and P Pye.

**188 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor P Guest	Item 7b(i) – Prejudicial Item 6 Planning Application 1444 – Know the applicant Item 9e – Member of Renaissance Knaresborough Item 15a – Member of Town Twinning Item 15b- Member of Access Group
Councillor J Burdett	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information Item 15a – Member of Town Twinning Item 15b- Member of Access Group
Councillor P Godsell	Item 6 - Planning Application 556p – Member of an organisation that used the football club Item 7b(i) – knows neighbour Items 9a and 10a – Town Council rep for Community Centre Item 15a – Member of Town Twinning
Councillor L Yorke Davies	Item 9e – 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 9f - prejudicial Item 15e – Know person who has written the letter and work at King James’s School
Councillor A Willoughby	Item 7b(i) – Prejudicial Items 9e and g– Member of Knaresborough Nidd Gorge, Conservation Group and Renaissance Knaresborough
Councillor J Hawkins	Husband Member of HBC Item 5a – Husband is a governor at Meadowside School Item 6 - Planning Application 556p – Member of an organisation that uses the premises Item 7b(i) – Prejudicial Item 15a – Member of Town Twinning

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Councillor K Hawkins            Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information.  
 Item 5a – Governor at Meadowside School  
 Item 7b(i) – Prejudicial

### 189 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held 22 October 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair, with the following amendments:-

182 item 13a the Burgermeister should read Herr Gross.

182 item 13b bulbs should read 3 bags not 2 and from HBC not Harlow Carr.

### 190 ITEM 4 – PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

(a) Mr A Wright – re Item 9(f) Trees on Hambleton Grove/Terrace

Mr Wright told Councillors that there were no health and safety reasons why the trees should be removed.

1) Paul Casey the arboricultural officer had said that the trees were not a danger and were healthy.  
 2) Mick Keating ex HBC Officer & Contractor had stated that the pavements could be re-laid quite safely. In the KTC survey 21/24 residents wanted to keep the trees. The resident at no2 only wanted the stump removed. There is no issue with wheel chairs as the width is okay. Hambleton Grove does not go anywhere, HBC stated that there were 7 complaints, but several are to do with the state of the pavements and not the trees.

(b) Councillor C Willoughby –

Councillor Willoughby informed members that one of the letters of complaint had been from Castle school, but they had re-viewed their risk assessment and now use a different route. HBC have put in lower kerbs in Stockwell Lane. This complaint can therefore be disregarded.

*(Having declared a prejudicial interest in the above item (4) and item (9f) below Councillor C Willoughby left the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)*

#### **Item 9(f) Trees on Hambleton Grove/Terrace email from Head of Planning**

Councillor Guest re-assured members that he had spoken to Don Mackenzie earlier on today who stated that no date had been organised for the tree removal. Councillor Guest had also been to measure wheel chairs and also the pavement gap

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk send an urgent email to Mick Walsh/Don MacKenzie/Ray Wade/Tim Richards

- i) To demand an immediate meeting on site to resolve the issue. There are also further errors as well as the ones Tim Richards has acknowledged.
- ii) Stating that HBC are not to do anything with the trees whilst KTC are debating.

### 191 ITEM 5 BUSINESS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(a) **Community Governor for Meadowside CP school** – nominations required (minute 181 refers)

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk let the school know that Councillor Archibald is the nomination.

### 192 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>
07/05077/FUL 136.F*	Mr & Mrs Pender	Erection of two storey side extension and detached double garage – Kisdon, Forest Moor Road. Forest Moor.	Object: In the Green Belt and over intensive.

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07/05168/FUL 211.B*	Mr D Connor	Erection of single storey rear extension – 22 St Roberts Road.	No objections
07/04999/FUL 394.C*	Mandy Fuller & Simon Dadswell	Erection of two storey and single storey side extension and pitched roof to front porch (Revised Scheme) – 2 Park Gate.	Object as the building line has come forward, over intensive use of this plot.
07/05059/FUL 556.P*	Knaresborou gh Town AFC	Formation of new vehicular/pedestrian access and car parking area (revised scheme) in association with previously approved spectator stand and single storey side function room extension to existing changing rooms – Knaresborough AFC Football Ground, Manse Lane.	KTC supports this application.
07/05194/FUL 729.A*	Mr G Baldanza	Change of use of ground floor and part of first floor from shop (Use Class A1 – Shops) to form extension to existing restaurant at 25 Castlegate (Use Class A3 – Restaurants and Cafes) with the installation of extractor fan to rear – 1 Kirkgate.	KTC supports this application.
07/05195/LB 729.B*	Mr G Baldanza	Listed building application for the change of use of ground floor and part of first floor from shop (Use Class A1 – Shops) to form extension to existing restaurant at 25 Castlegate (Use Class A3 – Restaurants and Cafes) with various internal and external alterations – 1 Kirkgate and 25 Castlegate.	No objections
07/05159/FUL 892.I*	Mr & Mrs D Wyvill	Erection of orangery to rear – Nidd Vale House, Lands Lane.	No objections
07/05243/FUL 1140.B*	Knaresborou gh Tennis Club	Formation of 7 tennis courts with 14 lighting columns and associated store room – Playing Field, Hay-a-Park Lane.	Object: KTC 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.
07/04870/FUL 1382.B**	Mr R Clarke	Erection of 2 detached dwellings (Site Area 0.13ha) – Little Paddock, Lands Lane.	Object tandem development.
07/05066/FUL 1444.B*	Mr & Mrs Trickett	Erection of single storey rear extension, pitched roof to existing garage and installation of 2 flues on main roof of house – 28 St Margaret's Gardens.	Object on the 2 flues: i) visual amenity ii) concerns of effect on neighbours health of omissions from flues.
07/05122/FUL 1580.C*	Mrs J Stothard	Erection of single storey front and side extension – 4 Park Way.	Object: building in front of building line and out of keeping with street scene.
07/05152/ADV 1614.AW*	The Fuelcard Company	Display of 1 non-illuminated fascia sign to front elevation – Unit 3, St James Business Park, Grimbald Crag Close.	No objections
07/05137/FUL 1982.A*	Mr N Gaunt	Erection of two storey front extension, detached garage and 2 metre high boundary wall – Outfall House, Grimbald Crag Park.	No objections
07/05355/FUL 2601.A*	Mr & Mrs L Fedder	Erection of single storey link extension and garage and conversion of outbuilding to form granny annexe (Revised Scheme) – Cemetery Lodge, York Road.	Support application: KTC wish HBC to add condition that it can not at any stage become a separate dwelling. (Section 106 agreement).

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07/05333/FUL 2606.A**	Birkdale Developments Ltd.	Erection of 1 pair of semi-detached dwellings (Site Area 0.1ha) (Revised Scheme) – Eddystone, King James Road.	No objections
07/05008/FUL 2620*	Mr & Mrs White	Erection of first floor side extension and conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation – 2 Abbey Mill Gardens.	No objections
07/04887/FUL 2621*	Mr & Mrs W Jenkins	Erection of two storey side and rear extensions and single storey side extension – 2 Farndale Road.	Object out of keeping, changing character of house totally.
07/05318/FUL 2622*	Mr & Mrs Millican	Erection of rear conservatory – 14 Ash Tree Road.	No objections
County Matters	NYCC	Erection of 19 No. four metre high lamps to light car park and access ramp at Manor Infants School, Manor Road.	Object: A lot of light in a residential area concerns about carbon footprint this number of lights will produce.

\* Item for determination by HBC Head of Planning Services or Head of Planning Services /Chairman of Planning Committee

\*\* Item for determination by Planning Committee

### 193 ITEM 7 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) **Planning Enforcements** – (i) Confidential Papers (*item taken in confidential session*)  
(ii) Report of Investigations: (*none submitted*)

b) **Planning Appeals**

- i) 6.100.1866 (Appeal Ref. APP/E2734/C/ 07/2056166)– Fawley, Ripley Road – Notice of Appeal by Mr B Palmer against the service of an enforcement notice by HBC in respect of an alleged breach of control.

(Having declared a prejudicial interest in the above item (7bi) Councillors P Guest, A Willoughby, J and K Hawkins left the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

**RESOLVED:** To receive & note

- ii) 6.100.1183.E.COUC (Appeal Ref. APP/E2734/C/07/2045384 & APP/E2734/A/07/2045646/NWF- Appeal by S & H Recovery Services at Diesel LPG Ltd. (formerly Wrays Coaches -Harrogate District Travel – **Appeal allowed, enforcement notice quashed, and planning permission granted in the terms set out in the Formal Decision.**

**RESOLVED:** To receive & note

- iii) 6.100.1289.B.TPO (Appeal Ref. YH 5338/147/52) – Felling of 1 Cherry Tree, tree T1 of provisional Tree Preservation Order 80/2006 – 14 Jockey Lane – **Appeal allowed.**

**RESOLVED:** To receive & note

### 194 ITEM 8 - HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Opportunity to Speak –Tuesday 6 November 2007 at 2.00pm Crescent Gardens, Harrogate.

No applications for Knaresborough – move to next business.

### 195 ITEM 9 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) **King George V Field, Knaresborough** – letter dated 17 October 2007 from Chief Executive, HBC.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to Mick Walsh and state:-

- i) the phrase was used by Andy Wright, HBC should therefore contact him for an explanation. In the meeting he stated that ‘the pitch was satisfactory but for a few minor bumps and hollows’.
- ii) that KTC do not expect HBC to accept an on-going obligation for maintenance of some £3000+ per year.
- iii) over the issue of commuted sums – part could go towards improving the pitch.

- (b) **Use of Commuted Sums for Knaresborough Celtic Football Club Project at Thistle Hill** – letter dated 17 October 2007 from Head of Parks and Open Spaces, HBC.

**RESOLVED:** Receive and note

- (c) **Harrogate & Knaresborough Highways Agency** – letter dated 23 October 2007 from Acting Director of Development Services, HBC.

**RESOLVED:** That KTC do support their intention, but that KTC would prefer agency to include the whole of the Harrogate district.

- (d) **Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill** – Appointed Parish Councillors – e-mail dated 25 October 2007.

**RESOLVED:** To write to Ian Strong stating that KTC do not agree with this, it will undermine the authority that Parish Councils have.

- (e) **Representative required for Renaissance Knaresborough grants project team** – e-mail dated 25 October 2007 from Principal Projects Officer – SRIP, HBC.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor A Willoughby is the representative.

- (f) **Trees on Hambleton Grove/Terrace** – e-mail dated 26 October 2007 from Head of Planning Services, HBC.

**RESOLVED:** see minute 190

- (g) **Conyngham Hall Picnic Area – ‘Informal Working Group’** – letter dated 29 October 2007 from Parking Services Manager, HBC.

**RESOLVED:** That KTC writes to Mr Dobinson stating that:-

- i) KTC support the letter but that we do not like the idea of shutting the picnic area for 6 months for 3 years. We wish this to be reviewed annually.
- ii) that KTC would prefer to the use of lockable posts rather than a gate.

## **196 ITEM 10 – REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**

- a) To consider notes of Meeting on King George V Land held at Knaresborough Community Centre on Friday 5 October 2007.

**RESOLVED:** Re the above minutes. The Clerk write to Mick Walsh and Pat Kilburn re use of Commuted sums for King George V Land. KTC are not happy with point ‘b’ making the car park smaller. However the ideas they agree and would like to suggest that commuted sums be use are as follows:-

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- a) re surfacing the car park
- c) mounding to the end of the community centre furthest away from the playground
- d) fencing around the back and sides of the community centre
- e) providing a rebound wall/sports facility elsewhere on the site
- f) carrying out the repairs to the building, particularly the guttering, etc
- h) carrying out repairs for minor bumps and hollows on the pitch.

**197 ITEM 11 - REPORTS FROM THE CLERK**

- a) Staff lieu hours  
The Clerk informed members that the hours of the Deputy Clerk and the Clerk had increased but that the hours of the Admin Assistant had decreased.
- b) Budget 2008/09  
Members asked if this item could be on the next agenda (10.11.07) as Councillors would have a meeting in the meantime to discuss this.
- c) Remembrance Day Service – the Clerk reminded Councillors of the new times for the services.
- d) Christmas Light Switch on  
The Clerk told members that she would bring this back to the next meeting (19.11.07) as the event needed 6 volunteers.

**198 ITEM 12 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PER SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS (321)**

*RESOLVED:* That the accounts for payments, amounting to £667.23 as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No.321 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 P Godsell and M Clemmitt signatories*).

**199 ITEM 13 – OTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS**

None received.

**200 ITEM 14 INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

- a) The Clerk informed Councillors that there is a meeting of NYCC at the Cairn Hotel in Harrogate on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November.
- b) Councillor A Willoughby told Councillors that he had received a phone call from the Army re Horseshoe Fields Bridge stating that they have a regiment who have expressed an interest. They wish to come and examine the bridge.
- c) Councillor K Hawkins had received complaints that the WI hall in Park Grove could not be booked. (Councillor C Willoughby added that she thought the building was now for sale)
- d) Councillor Burdett explained that she had been to a Fire Brigade training exercise at the Fire Station in Knaresborough.

**201 ITEM 15 - RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS**

- (a) Minutes of Knaresborough Town Twinning Committee meeting held 13 September 2007.
- (b) Harrogate and District Access Group – Minutes of quarterly meeting held 20 September 2007.
- (c) Leaflet from HBC re Domestic Rubbish Collection - Schedule of Bank Holiday Collection 2007/2008.
- (d) Harrogate CVS and Ripon CVS Joint Monthly Mailing.

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- (e) King James's School – Family Learning Day 2007 – letter of thanks for sponsorship from Advanced Skills Teacher and Associate Adviser to NYCC.

**RESOLVED:** To receive & note.

**Meeting ended at 9.55pm**