

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
6 OCTOBER 2008 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, STOCKWELL AVENUE,
KNARESBOROUGH.**

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

Councillors: B Asquith, J Burdett, M Clemmitt, R Hall, K Hawkins, J Hawkins, B Holbrook,
L Powell, J Walton, A Willoughby and L Yorke-Davies.

Late Arrivals: none

Early departures: none

544 ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors B Archibald, B Asquith, S St John-Jones and C Willoughby.

545 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

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

Councillor J Hawkins Item 9c (ii) - Prejudicial

Councillor A Willoughby Item 6 Prejudicial – planning application 2684
Item 9c (ii) - Prejudicial

Councillor J Walton Item 6 Prejudicial – planning application 2654
Item 9c (i) - Prejudicial

Councillor J Burdett Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information.
Item 9c (ii) - Prejudicial

Councillor L Yorke Davies Item 6 planning application 2654 – Councillor knows applicant

Councillor M Clemmitt Item 6 planning application 2654 – Councillor knows applicant
Item 9c (ii) - Prejudicial

Councillor P Godsell Item 5a – Councillor’s husband works for bus company
Item 5b – Councillor is the Town Council representative for the Community Centre Committee.
Item 6 planning application 217.C – Councillor’s grandson goes to the school.
Item 7c (i) - Prejudicial
Item 9c (ii) - Prejudicial

546 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting held 22 September 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

547 ITEM 4 – KTC PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

a) Tony Handley re item 6 - planning application 2683 –

Mr Handley spoke against the planning application for the Former Café Premises, West of 2 Waterside. He stated that the plans went against Renaissance Knaresborough's riverside plans for Waterside.

08/04512/FUL 2683* F C Enhancements Ltd Conversion of café premises and function room to form 5 apartments and formation of pedestrian access (Site Area 0.07ha) – Former Café Premises West of 2 Waterside.

RESOLVED: Knaresborough Town Council object to residential use of this site which has been an important community facility. We oppose additional residential development on Waterside as this is an important amenity area for residents and visitors to the town.

b) Ivor Fox re item 13a - entrances to Jacob Smith Park,

Mr Fox informed Councillors of HBC's proposals for 3 entrances to the park – Scriven Parish Council have voiced their strong objection against the development of any extra holes in the wall, (which is part of the conservation area), by the creation of 3 entrances.

To note - KTC have not received any paperwork concerning the above.

Item 13 – Other Motions Submitted By Members a) the provision of entrances to Jacob Smith Park

RESOLVED: i) Defer this item.
ii) Write to HBC for information before next meeting.

c) Lorriane Bradley re item 5b – re issues concerning the Community Centre.

Ms Bradley told Councillors about the flooding of the car park at the community centre which then runs down to her & a neighbour's back garden. The problems are due to be the inadequate drainage, which Harrogate Borough Council are said to have known about when they originally built the car park.

Ms Bradley passed around photographs of her flooded garden.

Councillor Richard Hall said that he believed the problem was the run off from the road at the top, which then runs down through the car park and collects at the bottom of the slope creating a puddle, which then runs into the gardens.

Althea Farmer confirmed that HBC knew about the problem of flooding, but couldn't afford to do the car park properly.

Item 5 – Business Remaining From Previous Meeting(s) b) Issues concerning the Community Centre

RESOLVED: Clerk investigate with HBC Planning department and Building Control as to what permissions we would require to tarmac the car park and where we would be allowed to drain the water to. (*Unanimous*)

548 ITEM 5 – BUSINESS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

a) Toilet Provision in Knaresborough (*Minute 538a*)ii) refers)

Councillor Godsell spoke about the state of the toilets in Knaresborough, especially the Bus Station toilets, which aren't due to be refurbished until 2013. Councillors felt that as Knaresborough is a tourist town the toilets should be up to standard.

RESOLVED: Write to HBC and stress the following:-

- i) Knaresborough is a tourist town,
- ii) The toilets are not up to standard,
- iii) That each toilet should be refurbished by the specified time
- iv) To encourage/ask HBC that the toilets, especially the bus station, are given a thorough pressure wash/clean.

b) To consider issues concerning the Community Centre (*Minute 547- Item 4c refers*)

549 **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>
08/04338/ADV 155.U*	Yorkshire Co-operative Ltd	Display of 1 externally illuminated fascia sign and 2 non illuminated wall mounted signs to front elevation and 1 non illuminated wall sign to outbuilding – Chain Lane.	No Objections
08/03647/FUL 217.C*	Mr P Brown	Erection of single storey extensions to south elevation, canopy to east elevation, 1 metre high fence to west elevation and external alterations to include new window to east elevation - St Mary's Roman Catholic Junior School – Tentergate Road.	No Objections
08/04596/ADV 277.G*	Scottish & Newcastle Pub Enterprises	Display of externally illuminated signs to include lettering with logo sign, one hanging sign, one brass menu case, two amenity boards and one chalk board to the front elevation – Harts Horn Hotel, 4 Silver Street.	No Objections
08/04434/FUL 617.F*	Mr P Tomalin	Erection of two storey rear and front extensions with balcony over and link extension to first floor – The Moorings, Abbey Road.	No Objections
08/03932/FUL 858.E*	Mr Tony Handley	Conversion of stables to form 2 dwellings (Site Area 0.06ha) – Royal Oak, Bond End.	KTC support the application but wish to make it clear that a Condition is required to restrict the use of these dwellings to holiday let.
08/04464/LB 858.F*	Mr Tony Handley	Listed Building application for various internal and external alterations including the installation of windows to front and rear and internal walls to form 2 dwellings - Royal Oak, Bond End.	KTC support the application but wish to make it clear that a Condition is required to restrict the use of these dwellings to holiday let.
08/04619/TPO 920.D*	Mrs Whaller	Crown thinning of 1 Beech, tree T1 of Tree Preservation Order 48/2006 and felling of 1 Larch, crown thinning of 3 Beech and 1 Birch, crown cleaning of 2 Birch and reducing of 1 Sycamore within Knaresborough Conservation Area – Nidd House, Abbey Road.	No Objections
08/04614/FUL 1382.D*	Mr Baird	Erection of two detached dwellings and formation of new vehicular access (Site Area 0.14ha) (Revised Scheme) – Little	No Objections

Paddock, Lands Lane.

08/04459/FUL 1614.AX*	Mr Graeme Campbell	Change of use of office (Use Class B1 – Business) to Driving Test Centre (Sui Generis) – 9 Grimbald Crag Court.	Object on the grounds of increased traffic movements to and from proposed Test Centre.
08/04616/FUL 1912.B*	Mr Keith Woodard	Erection of attached garage to side and conversion of existing garage to provide additional living accommodation (Revised Scheme) – 20 Belmont Avenue, Calcutt.	No Objections

(Having declared a prejudicial interest in application below 2654,, Councillor J Walton left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

08/04340/FUL 2654.A*	Mr & Mrs S Brennan	Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions (Revised Scheme) – 11 Netheredge Close.	No Objections
08/04349/FUL 2680.A*	Waterark Developments	Erection of conservatory to rear – 10 Jockey Lane.	No Objections
08/03860/COU 2682*	Mr & Mrs Beese	Change of use of land to form extension to domestic curtilage – 3 Chadwick Park.	Object - the proposal will bring more Green Belt land into domestic curtilage – it should be left as natural habitat (Unanimous)
08/04512/FUL 2683*	F C Enhancements Ltd	Conversion of café premises and function room to form 5 apartments and formation of pedestrian access (Site Area 0.07ha) – Former Café Premises West of 2 Waterside.	Object – KTC opposes any more residential development on Waterside.

(Having declared a prejudicial interest in application below 2684, Councillor A Willoughby left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

08/04425/FUL 2684*	The Trustees of The Wilfred Appleyard Trust Fund	Conversion of first and second floor offices to form 1 apartment (Site Area 0.018ha.) – 50 High Street.	No Objections
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* Item for determination by HBC Head of Planning Services or Head of Planning Services /Chairman of Planning Committee

** Item for determination by Planning Committee

550 ITEM 7 - PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) **Planning Enforcements** – (i) Confidential Papers - *(See Unpublished minutes)*
(ii) Report of Investigations:- None

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

- b) To note the following **WITHDRAWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- i) 6.100.556.Q.FUL – Erection of 6 pole mounted floodlights – Knaresborough AFC Football Ground, Manse Lane.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

(Having declared a prejudicial interest in the item below 7c(i) Councillor P Godsell left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon). (Councillor M Clemmitt took the Chair).

- c) To note the following **NOTICE OF APPEAL** against Councils Failure to determine Planning Application:
- i) 08/000108/FTDPP – 6.100.362.B.FUL – (APP/E2734/A/08/2082191/NWF) – Elephant and Castle, Yard High Street – Erection of 6 flats with detached bin cycle store (Site Area 0.05ha)

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

- d) To note the following applications approved by HBC (**subject to conditions**) **contrary to KTC observations**
- (i) 6.100.265.K.TPO – Felling of Hawthorn tree and felling of 1 Oak tree A8 of Tree Preservation Order 1/1959 – Abbey Mill Bungalow, Abbey Road. (*KTC comments: Object to felling of Oak tree - no adequate reason for it.*) (Note: replacement trees (Oak and Alder to be planted).
- (ii) 6.100.2560.D.FUL – Erection of replacement dwelling, felling of 1 Laburnum in Knaresborough Conservation Area and crown lifting of 2 Spruce trees T1 and T2 of Tree Preservation Order 04/2007 (Site Area 0.14ha) – The Bungalow, Spitalcroft. (*KTC comments: KTC object as the proposed plan does not positively contribute to the amenity of that road because of the view from Spitalcroft.*)
- (iii) 6.100.385.F.FUL – Erection of single storey extension, decking to rear and installation of 4 solar panels to rear and canopy to front – St John The Baptist Church Hall, Church Lane. (*KTC comments: Object to height of raised wall and glazed guarding.*) (*Unanimous*).

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

551 ITEM 8 - HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE - Opportunity to Speak –Tuesday 7 October 2008 at 2.00pm Crescent Gardens, Harrogate.

RESOLVED: That details of the above meeting, at which the following applications relating to Knaresborough are to be heard, be received and noted. (No Councillor from KTC to attend).

- (a) 6.100.788.J.FUL – Redevelopment of public house and erection of extensions to provide replacement licensed premises, 9 apartments and 2 retail units (site area 0.063ha) (revised scheme) – The Station Hotel, 19 Finkle Street.
- (b) 6.100.788.K.CON – Conservation area application for the demolition of workshop/garage and the rear section of the public house (Revised Scheme) - The Station Hotel, 19 Finkle Street.
- (c) 6.100.2085.D.FULMAJ – Erection of 10 dwellings with formation of new vehicular access and road (site area 0.27ha) (revised scheme) – Former Timber Yard, Hambleton Grove.
- (d) 6.100.2475.C.FULMAJ – Erection of 14 dwellings including 7 affordable units and formation of Road from Boroughbridge Road and Blind Lane – Somerley, 38 Boroughbridge Road.
- (e) 6.100.2681.FUL – Demolition of dwelling and erection of single storey church and formation of new vehicular access – 10 Belmont Grove, Blands Hill, Calcutt.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

552 ITEM 9 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Making and Enforcement of Byelaws – A Consultation – letter dated 27 August 2008 from Department of Communities and Local Government.

RESOLVED: KTC Office Services Committee to look at in more detail. (*Unanimous*)

- b) Future of Knaresborough's Police Station – letter dated 22 September 2008 from Head of Support Services, North Yorkshire Police.

RESOLVED: To receive and note. (*Unanimous*)

(Having declared a prejudicial interest in the item below 9c(i) Councillor J Walton left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

- c) Applications for Funding
i) King James's School Family Learning Day

RESOLVED: Defer decision and ask King James School to provide legible up to date accounts.

(Having declared a prejudicial interest in item 9c(ii) Councillors A Willoughby, M Clemmitt, P Godsell, J Hawkins and J Burdett left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon). (Clerk took Chair to ask for vote of Councillors to Chair next item. (Councillor K Hawkins took the Chair).

- ii) Town Twinning Grant 2008/2009 – letter dated 12 September 2008 from (Treasurer), application form, AGM minutes 2008 also Income & Expenditure Accounts for 12 months ending 31 December 2007.

RESOLVED: To give Town Twinning a grant of £500 as requested. (*Unanimous*)

- d) Minerals and Waste Development Framework – e-mail dated 24 September 2008 from Bar Lane Action Group inviting a representative of KTC to attend a Public Meeting to be held at Knaresborough House on Friday 10 October 2008 at 7.30 pm.

It was hoped that many people would attend this meeting and that it would be successful.

553 ITEM 10 – REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

- a) Minutes of Office Services Committee meeting held 16 September 2008.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Office Services Committee be approved.

554 ITEM 11 - REPORTS FROM THE CLERK

- a) To note **revised date of Parish Consultation Meeting** – Wednesday 5 November 2008 – 8.00 pm at Ripon Town Hall

RESOLVED: i) To receive and note.

- ii) Clerk to enquire whether Councillor R Hall's question can be included.

“Could HBC officers comment on the usefulness of these meetings, considering that this has had to be rearranged due to lack of commitment of their Members.

555 ITEM 12 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That payments, amounting to 31,760.66 as detailed on the payment schedule 339 be received and noted.

556 ITEM 13 – OTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

- a) To consider the provision of entrances to Jacob Smith Park – Proposer: Councillor K Hawkins

See Minute 547 Item 4b refers.

- b) To discuss how the pedestrian access to Knaresborough from the Appleby Estate might be improved. Proposer: Councillor B Archibald.

RESOLVED: To be deferred to another meeting when Councillor B Archibald is present.

557 ITEM 14 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- a) Councillor P Godsell – worked has commenced at Frazer Theatre.
b) Councillor P Godsell – congratulations to Knaresborough in Bloom for awards won this year.
c) Deputy Clerk – Parish Training this Wednesday – more places are available.
d) Deputy Clerk – Prize Giving at King James School now **8 January 2009** instead of 15 December 2008.
e) Councillor A Willoughby –has 3 bags of daffodils bulbs (for Lions, Knaresborough in Bloom and Knaresborough Town Council) – if there are any groups that want bulbs, or any places for planting contact Andrew Willoughby 866987.
f) Councillor J Walton – Chamber of Trade leaflets – if anyone needs any leaflets - please contact Chamber of Trade - Peter Plews – 864263 or email peter@abbottsmemorials.co.uk
g) Councillor J Burdett – attended a meeting with Ian Simpson (King James School), Chris McGonigle (HBC) and Councillor B Hoult re crossing outside King James School. HBC have agreed to fund barriers with space for a zebra crossing – 20mph speed limit. NYCC will fund lights at bottom of York road, and this should resolve a lot of the problems outside the school.

558 ITEM 15 - RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

- a) Yorkshire & Humber Market Towns Network e-newsletter.
b) Town & Parish Standard Issue 3 – September 2008.
c) Bilton Conservation Group Newsletter, Autumn 2008 including invitation to attend AGM and presentation by guest speaker David Metcalfe on “A Walk in The Park” – 11 October 2008 at 2.00 pm, Bilton Community Centre, Bilton Lane, Bilton.

RESOLVED: Receive and note.

Meeting ended at 9.40 pm