

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT
KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH ON MONDAY 7th DECEMBER 2009**

PRESENT **Chair:** Councillor M Clemmitt (Mayor)

Councillors: R Archibald, J Batt, J Burdett, P Godsell, R Hall, J Hawkins, K Hawkins,
B Holbrook, L Powell, J Walton, A Willoughby and C Willoughby

Late Arrivals: None

Early departures: None

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Mark Flood (from Orb), Maggie Gell (from The Knaresborough Post) and Simon Shaw (the Town Crier) for attending the meeting. The new Town Crier for Knaresborough, Mr Simon Shaw introduced himself to Members and thanked them for appointing him to the role.

C 09/234 ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors B Asquith, L Lever.

C 09/235 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor K Hawkins	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at Harrogate Borough Council in the light of any new information Item 9 a – Prejudicial
Councillor J Batt	Item 6 - Planning Application 6.100.1311– Prejudicial
Councillor A Willoughby	Item 14e – Vice Chair of Knaresborough Nidd Gorge Conservation Group
Councillor C Willoughby	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at Harrogate Borough Council in the light of any new information. Item 6, NYCC Planning Applications NY/2009/0456/FUL & NY/2009/0484/FUL – Prejudicial
Councillor J Burdett	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at Harrogate Borough Council in the light of any new information Item 4 & Item 5 – known to the applicant
Councillor P Godsell	Item 6 - Planning Application 6.100.1403.L/LB - Opticians Item 12 – Husband works for the bus company in question.
Councillor M Clemmitt	Item 6 – Planning Applications 6.100.50 – known to the applicant & 6.100.125 - Prejudicial

Where Councillors declared a Prejudicial interest, they left the Chamber for the discussion and voting thereon.

C 09/236 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED : That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 16th November 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair:

C 09/237 ITEM 4 – KTC PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

- a) Mr M Flood re item 5 – request for further grant funding for Orb Community Enterprise

Mr Flood explained to Councillors that work undertaken at Orb had not been completed. Work was now three quarters of the way through due to the fact that project costs had tripled due to the loss of key personnel, support and volunteers. Mr Flood asked KTC if there was any possibility of releasing further monies promised by the council now as opposed to once the work was completed or indeed the possibility of any future funds full stop?

Councillor J Burdett advised that she has already visited Orb & has seen for herself the hard work that has gone into the place and that she supports the cause. Councillor P Godsell advised all that Orb help out with The Frazer Theatre and recognised that they help the community. Councillor J Batt advised that he had also been and seen the work undertaken by Orb and that to delay the project now would not help matters.

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

- a) Orb Community Enterprise - request for grant funding for Orb Community Enterprise

To note KTC's previous resolution from 1 June 2009:- 'that KTC provide Orb Community Enterprise with £1000 worth of funding now and give a further £1000 if sufficient work is done to its satisfaction in 6 months time.'

RESOLVED: To give Orb Community Enterprise £1000

Unanimous

C 09/238 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>Reference</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Details of Application</u>	<u>KTC Comments</u>
6.100.50.H.FUL 09/04185/FUL *	Mrs P Murray	Formation of replacement disabled access ramp to the front elevation - Gracious Street Methodist Church.	KTC object on the grounds that there are no details shown for the design on the infill panels of the handrails and we do not believe the handrails as shown on the planning application would meet building control regulations. However KTC do not object to the disabled access in principle.
6.100.178.C.FUL 09/04816/FUL *	Mr & Mrs A Webster	Erection of two storey rear extension and pitched roof over existing dormer window - 18 Netheredge Drive.	No objections

6.100.471.F.CLEUD 09/04771/CLEUD *	Mr K Smith	Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for the erection of a detached annexe to rear - 3 The Briars.	No objections
6.100.1311.F.TPO 09/04685/TPO *	Mr T Stocker	Fell 1 Sycamore, tree T1 of Tree Preservation Order 8/1985 - 7 Malham Way.	KTC object to the felling of the tree as it contributes to a public amenity and we can see no reason for the felling of the tree.
6.100.1403.L/LB 09/04494/LB *	Mr & Mrs Parker	Listed building application for amendments to approval 6.100.1403.K.LB for various internal alterations including removal of staircase and installation of 2 staircases and 2 bathrooms - 13 Market Place.	No objections
6.100.1744.A.FUL 09/04562/FUL *	Mr & Mrs R Williams	Erection of detached garage with the demolition of side garage and carport - 19 Woodpark Avenue.	No objections
6.100.2501.E.TPO 09/04765/TPO *	Mr E P Nuttall	Felling of 1 Ash Tree. Tree T1 of Tree Preservation Order 84/2006 - 62 Boroughbridge Road.	KTC object as the tree contributes to the street scene, it is visible from a public area and we can see no reason to fell it.
6.100.2519.A.FUL 09/04558/FUL *	Mr & Mrs D Clay	Erection of two storey front extension and replacement roof over single storey rear element - 37 Appleby Avenue.	No objections
6.100.2732.FUL 09/04898/FUL *	Mr & Mrs Smith	Demolition of garage and erection of single storey side and rear extension - 12 Bishopdale Close.	KTC object as the size of the extension is out of proportion with the size of the home.
6.100.2734.PDUCCO 09/04952/PDUCCO *	Mr & Mrs Taylor	Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation - 26 Sterling Chase.	No objections
NY/2009/0456/FUL *	NYCC	Formation of car park and erection of 1.80m high fence -The Forest School, Park Lane.	KTC object on the grounds of loss of an open green field.
<i>It was at this point that Councillor J Batt declared an interest in this and the following item - Member of NYCC</i>			
NY/2009/0484/FUL *	NYCC	Installation of a replacement kitchen ventilation system -The Forest School, Park Lane.	No objections

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

** Item for determination by Planning Committee.

(Full details of the above applications are available from HBC's website www.harrogate.gov.uk/planning)

C 09/239 **ITEM 7 – PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) **Planning Enforcements** (i) Reports of Investigations:
- Case No.09/00492/PR15
 - Case No.09/00479/PR15
 - Case No.09/00531/PR15

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

- b) To note date of next **HBC Planning Committee – Tuesday 8th December 2009 at 2.00pm**, Crescent Gardens, Harrogate .

RESOLVED: To receive and note

C 09/240 **ITEM 8 – TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE**

None

C 09/241 **ITEM 9 – REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

To approve recommendations of KTC Office Services Committee meeting held 23rd November 2009

RESOLVED: To approve the recommendations.

C 09/242 **ITEM 10 – REPORTS FROM THE CLERK**

- a) Deputy Town Crier appointment – Permission for uniform for the Deputy Town Crier.

The Clerk reported that the cost for the Town Crier Uniform was £292.50 – this included Coat, waist coat attachment, Breeches, and frill attachment. That as the appointment of a Deputy Town Crier had now been approved by Council; permission was being sought for a uniform for the Deputy Town Crier.

RESOLVED: Permission granted for the Clerk to proceed with the purchase of a uniform for the Deputy Town Crier.

- b) CCTV Monitoring Committee – To nominate a KTC representative.

Due to the fact that Councillor Lever had stepped down from the Committee, a new KTC representative on the CCTV Monitoring Committee was required. Councillor K Hawkins volunteered to be the KTC representative on the Committee.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor K Hawkins as the KTC representative on the CCTV Monitoring Committee.

C 09/243 **ITEM 11 – TO NOTE PAYMENTS AS PER SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS NO. 353**

RESOLVED: That payments as per Schedule of Accounts No. 353 totalling £14,935.59 be noted.

C 09/244 ITEM 12 – OTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

Motion from Councillor R Archibald - Harrogate to York Bus Service X54.

Councillor Archibald explained that Transdev have announced that they are cutting the X54 bus service from Harrogate to York and that this service will cease with effect from 16th December 2009 and that there appears to have been little or no discussion/consultation with the local community about this.

RESOLVED: That KTC write to Transdev opposing the announcement that the X54 bus service from Harrogate to York will cease with effect from 16th December 2009 and request that Transdev come and talk to KTC about it.

C 09/245 ITEM 13 – INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- a) Councillor K Hawkins said that he thought the Christmas festivities in Knaresborough (Christmas Carol Service and Switch on of the Christmas Tree Lights) had gone well.
- b) Councillor J Walton reported that she had received several positive reports about the Town Crier during the Christmas festivities.
- c) Councillor J Batt made KTC aware that he had received information from NYCC that B.T. were trying to get rid of the Red Telephone Boxes in the area & that they were in the process of writing to Councils to 'adopt a box'.
- d)
 - i) Councillor L Powell reported on the YLCA 'Day in the Chair' training course that herself and Councillor M Clemmitt had both attended. Councillor Powell recommended the course to all Members and stated that the course was very well run and was well attended.
 - ii) Councillor Powell also reported that there was a new sign at the top of Gracious Street which appeared to be misleading. The sign in question states that the town centre coach & car park is a right turn, but the way in which the text is displayed on the sign makes could mislead people to think that the town centre is also that way & therefore requested that this item be placed upon the next Council agenda.
 - iii) Councillor Powell informed of her recent attendance to the St Michaels Hospice Service at Ripon Cathedral and noted that there did not appear to be a single Civic Representative there.
- e) Councillor P Godsell advised that Horseshoe Bridge was now securely closed & distributed pictures showing the damage caused to the bridge by the recent flooding/surges of high water.
- f) Councillor M Clemmitt passed on her thanks to all Councillors who attended the Christmas Carol & Switch on of the Christmas Tree Lights Service as marshals.
- g) Councillor J Burdett gave an update upon the Emergency call out that she had received in the early hours of the morning on Monday 30th November due to flooding at Riverside Caravan Park. A number of residents had been evacuated to Knaresborough House with the Emergency Rescue Procedure being put into practice. A de-briefing was held earlier in the evening to review the Emergency Rescue Procedure & learn from any problems experienced. Councillor Burdett also thanked all people involved in helping out with the emergency situation, especially Ted Wilkinson, John Moore and Val Maxwell who turned out in the early hours to help.

C 09/246 **ITEM 14 – TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS** (available at the meeting or in the Clerk's office)

- a) North Yorkshire Branch SLCC Newsletter October 2009
- b) York & North Yorkshire Waste Partnership Performance Matters – Issue 3, winter 2009
- c) SLCC North Yorkshire Branch AGM - 21st January 2009
- d) North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority Summary of Accounts – 2008/09 & Corporate Plan 2009 – 2012
- e) Knaresborough Nidd Gorge Conservation Group re letter of thanks for grant

RESOLVED: To receive and note

Meeting ended 8.45pm