

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT
KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH ON MONDAY 8 DECEMBER 2008**

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

Councillors: J Burdett, M Clemmitt, R. Hall, B Holbrook, L Powell, J Walton, A Willoughby,
C Willoughby and L Lever.

Late Arrivals: none

Early departures: none

590 ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors B Archibald, B Asquith, K Hawkins and J Hawkins.

591 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor A Willoughby Prejudicial Item 9d
Item 15 e) – 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 9a) –Employed by NYCC Children’s and Young Persons Department.

Councillor R Hall Item 15e) – Member of Renaissance Knaresborough.

Councillor J Burdett Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any
new information.
Items 15f) – Member of Harrogate & Area Council for Voluntary Services.
Planning Application 2675a – Knows applicant.

Councillor L Lever Item 15 e) – Member of Renaissance Knaresborough.

Councillor P Godsell Planning Application 2675a – Knows applicant.

592 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held 17 November
2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair:

Minute 575 Councillors J Walton and L Powell are not members of The Blind Jack Statue Working Group.

593 ITEM 4 – KTC PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

a) Councillor A Willoughby re. Item 9d) – Proposed Junction Improvement at High Street/Gracious
Street.

Councillor A Willoughby informed Members that the funding for this project is coming from North
Yorkshire County Council, but that it is listed as matched funding towards Renaissance Knaresborough
projects in Knaresborough. If this project does not go ahead, it may reduce funding from Yorkshire Forward
towards Renaissance Knaresborough projects.

Members were then able to ask Councillor A Willoughby questions relating to the proposed traffic improvements.

(Move to Item 9d). (Having declared a prejudicial interest in this item, Councillor A Willoughby left the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

594 ITEM 9d) — PROPOSED JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT AT HIGH STREET/GRACIOUS STREET

RESOLVED: That the Town Council are broadly in favour of the traffic proposals, but they would like to see some consideration given to an enhanced pedestrian facility outside the Old Town Hall. KTC would also like to ask HBC to investigate a similar project with an extra lane coming from the High Street turning left into Park Row.

(Unanimous)

(Councillor A Willoughby returned to the Chamber).

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

None

596 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>	<u>Return by date:-</u>
08/05312/FUL 556.S*	Mr Mark Williams	Formation of first floor over squash courts and gymnasium to form offices, installation of new external doors and windows, alterations to landscaping and car park and erection of bin store and cycle parking – Knaresborough Squash Club, Manse Lane.	No Objections	15 December
08/05407/FUL 1038.K*	Mr & Mrs Broadbent	Erection of single storey side extension (Revised Scheme) – The Old Dye House, Waterside.	No Objections	9 December
08/03040/FUL 2635.A*	Renna Benson	Erection of single storey front extension (Revised Scheme) – 99 Boroughbridge Road.	No Objections	8 December
08/04703/FUL 2675.A**	Mr White	Erection of detached dwelling and formation of new vehicular access (Site Area 0.01ha) (Revised Scheme) – 32 Meadow Rd.	KTC Object over intensive use of site, impact on street scene.	5 December
<i>(Unanimous)</i>				
Note for HBC – the hand drawn site plan is inaccurate; the building next door is a lot closer to the boundary than on the drawing.				
08/05379/FUL 2690*	Mr Christian Turner	Erection of single storey front extension and alteration to vehicular access – 24 Rievaulx Avenue.	No Objections	4 December
08/05400/FUL 2691*	Mr & Mrs Sarsford	Erection of replacement conservatory – 16 Abbey Crags Way.	No Objections	9 December
08/05401/FUL 2692*	Mr and Mrs Smith	Erection of rear conservatory – 14 Sterling Chase.	No Objections	9 December

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

** Item for determination by Planning Committee

597 ITEM 7 - PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Planning Enforcements** – Confidential Papers: (*see unpublished minute*)

(ii) Reports of Investigation(s):

- 08//00503/BRPC – Eddystone, King James Road
- 08/00512/ADVERT – Harts Horn Hotel, 4 Silver Street
- 08/00535/LB – 5 Castle Mills, Waterside

RESOLVED: To receive and note

b) To note the following applications approved by HBC (**subject to conditions**) **contrary to KTC observations**

- i) 6.100.1382.D.FUL – Erection of two detached dwellings and formation of new vehicular access (Site Area 0.14ha) (Revised Scheme) – Little Paddock, Lands Lane. (*KTC comments: Object to this application on the grounds that adding an extra driveway does not enhance the street scene and we would prefer to see the new dwellings served either by the existing driveway to Appledoorn or by modification of the driveway which serves Little Paddock.*)
- ii) 6.100.1614.AX.FUL – Change of use of office (Use Class B1 – Business) to Driving Test Centre (Sui Generis) – 9 Grimbald Crag Court. (*KTC comments: Object on the grounds of increased traffic movement to and from proposed Test Centre.*)
- iii) 6.100.2683.FUL – Conversion of café premises and function room to form 5 dwellings and formation of pedestrian access (Site Area 0.07ha) – Former Café Premises West of 2 Waterside. (*KTC comments: Object to the amended plans for residential use of this café and function room. KTC oppose this residential development on Waterside as this is an important amenity area for residents and visitors to the town. Allowing the conversion of cafes here would destroy this special part of Knaresborough.*)

RESOLVED: To receive and note

c) To note the following **WITHDRAWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

6.100.2551.A.FUL – Erection of 2 flats (Site Area 0.03 ha) – 41 Stockwell Drive.

RESOLVED: To receive and note

d) **Appeal Decisions**

- i) Appeal reference APP/E2734/A/08/2079578/NWF – Council Ref No. 6.100.788.H.FUL – The Station Hotel, 19 Finkle Street – **appeal dismissed.**
- ii) Appeal reference APP/E2734/A/08/2080022/WF – Council Ref No. 6.100.2634.FUL – Erection of first floor side extension over garage – 1 Appleby Way – **appeal allowed.**

RESOLVED: To receive and note

- e) **Tree Preservation Order No. 86/2008** – to note that the order took effect, on a provisional basis, on 17 November 2008.

RESOLVED: To receive and note

598 ITEM 8 - HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE – OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK –TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2008 AT 2.00PM CRESCENT GARDENS, HARROGATE.

The date of the above meeting was noted.

599 ITEM 9 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a) NYCC Budget and Council Plan Consultation - letter and consultation document dated 10 November 2008 from Chief Executive's Group, NYCC.

RESOLVED: KTC would like to see some mention of:-

- i) the protection of NYCC's biggest asset the 'Countryside'.
- ii) the undertaking (including time span) of the second Harrogate tip.

(Unanimous)

- b) Leeds City Region – letter dated 10 November 2008 from Chief Executive, HBC.

RESOLVED: To receive and note

- c) Proposed Infrastructure Improvements to Knaresborough – Wetherby Bus Corridor – letter dated 21 November 2008 from Capital Projects & Publicity Officer, NYCC

RESOLVED: To receive and note

- d) Proposed Junction Improvement at High Street/Gracious Street/Park Row – e-mail dated 27 November 2008 from Chief Engineer (Traffic), HBC

(See Minute 593a)

- e) The Forest School – Vacancy for a Governor – letter dated 21 November 2008 from Head teacher

RESOLVED: To defer this item until a future meeting.

- f) SELRAP (Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership) – letter dated 25 November 2008 from Treasurer

RESOLVED: To receive and note

- g) Jacob Smith Park – to consider possible Vehicle and Pedestrian Access as proposed by Councillor Holbrook.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk send a copy of this plan to HBC (and a copy to Scriven Parish Council) as KTC fully endorse this proposal as it is an excellent plan for a vehicular and pedestrian access into Jacob Smith Park.

Thanks also to Councillor Holbrook for his excellent drawing.

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

- a) Minutes of KTC Community Services Committee meeting held 24 November 2008

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Committee be approved

b) Report of KTC Footpaths Working Group meeting held 1 December 2008

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Committee be approved.

(Unanimous)

601 ITEM 11- REPORTS FROM THE CLERK

a) Report from Internal Auditor – second audit check for 2008 letter dated 8 November 2008

RESOLVED: Receive and note.

b) Update on recruitment for post of Office Assistant and Staffing Matters

RESOLVED: Receive and note.

602 ITEM 12 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT SCHEDULE No. 341.

That Payments as per Schedule of Accounts No. 341 be noted.

603 ITEM 13 – OTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

None submitted.

604 ITEM 14 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- a) Councillor C Willoughby reported that Henshaws are holding a Carol Service at St Johns Parish Church at 7pm on Tuesday 9 December 2008.
- b) Councillor Lever has had many complaints about the Bond End Pedestrian Crossing.
- c) Councillor Lever has had many complaints about the dreadful queues in the Post Office, sometimes blocking the doors in the Spa.
- d) The Mayor has received many complaints about the lack of gritting – and the fact that the grit bins were empty. *(Councillor A Willoughby reported that NYCC had in fact been filling the bins up today)*
- e) The Mayor thanked everybody who helped with Friday evenings Christmas Light Switch On, the whole weekend was enjoyable.
- f) Councillor C Willoughby reminded everyone that the Nativity was on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm in the Market Place.

605 ITEM 15 – TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

- a) “The Playing Field” Newsletter - Autumn 2008.
- b) “Country Air” Newsletter of Rural Action Yorkshire, - Autumn 2008.
- c) YRCC Annual Report 07/08.
- d) “Performance Matters” – Newsletter from the York and North Yorks. Waste Partnership, Issue 1, November 2008.
- e) Renaissance Knaresborough Executive Committee – Minutes of meeting held 18 November 2008
- f) Harrogate & Area Council for Voluntary Service & Ripon CVS Care in Action Newsletter December 2008.

RESOLVED: Receive and note.

Meeting ended at 9.40 pm