

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
11 FEBRUARY 2008 AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH.**

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

Councillors: B Asquith, J Brankin, J Burdett, M Clemmitt, J Hawkins, K Hawkins, L Powell, P Pye,
A Willoughby, C Willoughby and L Yorke-Davies.

Late Arrivals: none **Early departures:** none

292 ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors R Archibald, P Godsell and R Hall.

293 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor P Guest	Item 6 – Prejudicial - all planning applications relating to Renaissance Knaresborough Item 14(f) – member of Knaresborough in Bloom Item 14(d) – member of Harrogate & District Access Group
Councillor K Hawkins	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Item 5a) – possible personal/prejudicial interest depending on which areas are discussed Item 5b) – member of HBC Standards Committee
Councillor J Hawkins	Item 5a) – possible personal/prejudicial interest depending on which areas are discussed
Councillor J Brankin	Item 5d) – resident of the Park
Councillor P Pye	Item 5a) – possible personal interest depending on which areas are discussed
Councillor A Willoughby	Item 6 – Prejudicial – all planning applications relating to Renaissance Knaresborough Item 14(f) – member of Knaresborough in Bloom
Councillor C Willoughby	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information Item 11c) – member of Blind Jack Working Group Item 14(f) – member of Knaresborough in Bloom
Councillor B Asquith	Item 6 – Prejudicial – all planning applications relating to Renaissance Knaresborough

Councillor L Powell	Item 5a) – possible personal interest depending on which areas are to be discussed
Councillor L Yorke-Davies	Item 6 – Prejudicial – all planning applications relating to Renaissance Knaresborough Item 11c) – member of Blind Jack Working Group Item 14(f) – member of Knaresborough in Bloom
Councillor J Burdett	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Item 4 – involved with King James’s School re. Play Area project. Item 5a) – possible personal/prejudicial interest depending on which areas are to be discussed Item 14(d) – member of Harrogate & District Access Group

294 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting held 28 January 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

295 ITEM 4 – KTC PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

a) Ms J Harrop, Technical Officer – Parks and Playgrounds, HBC re. Item 9a.

Ms Harrop elaborated on the proposals for a Super Play Area on Fysche Hall Field (Knaresborough Swimming Pool) where it was hoped to provide an extension to the existing amount of play equipment, suitable for all ages from toddler to teenager. She hoped to involve King James’s School and various outside organisations in the consultation process. It was envisaged that the project would be complete by March 2010.

Councillors asked several questions relating to:

- the role and length of contract of Play Rangers? *(to provide supervised play, for example in a woodland den, - these would be 2-year contracts)*
- whether and how the Town Council’s proposed Youth Shelter would fit in with these plans? *(yes, liaison is taking place with King James’s School and with Councillor Burdett)*
- has thought been given to lighting as dark alcoves have been proven to be areas where negative behaviour takes place? *(we will look into lighting issues)*
- Were there any plans for improving other play areas in the town? *(yes, but using Commuted Sums, not Lottery money)*
- Could equipment which proved to be unpopular be moved elsewhere and replaced? *(yes, it will be possible to “swap” equipment between Play Areas).*
- Maintenance? *(yes, maintenance will be provided by closing some of the existing, smaller play areas)*
- Potential for graffiti? *(the equipment will be made of steel; there will be very few blank spaces thus minimising the potential for graffiti)*
- The proximity to each other of the two areas proposed for the different age groups? *(the two areas would be divided a pathway and not fenced in).*

- Toilet facilities? (*this could be a problem but there are toilets at York Place Car Park*)
- Could the equipment be used by literally all ages, i.e. older people? (*this should not be a problem*)

Ms Harrop thanked Councillors for the various ideas which they had put forward. She undertook to keep Councillors involved in the consultation process.

Members welcomed the proposals and thanked Ms Harrop for her informative address.

296 **ITEM 5 - BUSINESS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

a) **Harrogate District Local Development Framework: Public Consultation 18 January – 29 February 2008**

There was lengthy discussion on the various options put forward for Knaresborough and it was agreed that the following Resolutions be forwarded to Harrogate Borough Council:

K2b Manse Farm

KTC object to this preferred option because:

- 1) It does not address the present problems with Frogmire Dyke flooding adjacent to the site.
- 2) We are concerned that the infrastructure might not go ahead (rail station, shops etc.)
- 3) We are concerned that the 2011 start date does not give sufficient time for a masterplan, proper consultation and planning of the layout and infrastructure of this large site.
- 4) An amenity tip is not compatible with this residential development. (*unanimous*)

K9(1) South of Bar Lane & North of Hazelheads Lane

KTC object to this as the access to Orchard Close involves using part of Hazelheads Lane, thus having a serious effect on the enjoyment of this quiet country lane. (*unanimous*)

K10 Land Off Chain Lane

KTC accept this proposal but would draw attention to the error on p17 of Volume 5 Knaresborough which states that access is off Chain Lane. Access is in fact off Park Lane.

K30 Land on Blind Lane

KTC have already commented on this as per the current planning application.

Special Landscape Areas

Could the Town Council suggest that the area of land to the north of the railway line (K1004 – Land at Hall Farm), which takes in the SSSI at Hay-a-Park, be considered for Special Landscape Area designation so it is protected from future development?

(The Deputy Clerk drew attention to a letter received from Mr M Dixon on the subject of areas of Special Landscape Protection under review for declassification).

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K18 Former Timber Yard, Hambleton Grove

KTC feels that this site is no longer suitable for industry. This is a residential area and site K18 should be put forward for housing. (*unanimous*)

K1008 Strikes Garden Centre

(Having declared a prejudicial interest, Councillors J and K Hawkins left the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

This is no longer an option and should be removed from the Plan.

(Councillors J and K Hawkins returned to the Chamber)

K1003 Land at Halfpenny Lane, north

(Having declared a prejudicial interest, Councillors J and K Hawkins left the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

This should be rejected; it is contaminated land (former landfill site), deep within the town, with very poor access for traffic. This land, along with K1004, should be incorporated in the Special Landscape Area.

(Councillors J and K Hawkins returned to the Chamber)

K7 Land W of A6055 N of Knaresborough

A site of this size on that side of the Town will cause problems with traffic crossing the town and will cause severe traffic problems within the Town.

In addition to the foregoing, Members wished to convey to Harrogate an additional comment to the effect that any growth in Knaresborough will require an expansion of King James's School which may well be reaching capacity (*unanimous*).

- b) **Consultation on Orders and Regulations Relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England** – letter dated 3 January 2008 from Department for Communities and Local Government

RESOLVED: That the Council's response, as drafted by Councillor Hawkins, be forwarded to the Department for Communities and Local Government.

- c) **Dog Toilet to rear of Knaresborough House** – ref. e.mail dated 25 January 2008 from Principal Parks Officer, HBC

RESOLVED: That we write to HBC stating that KTC is quite happy for this outdated facility to be removed provided that a dog bin is supplied, together with adequate signage encouraging owners to clear up after their dogs.

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d) **Flooding at Riverside Residential Park**

Councillor Burdett reported that the Park Owner had agreed to relocate the electricity boxes so they could not be damaged by flooding.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Burdett's report be received and noted.

297 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:

(Having declared a prejudicial interest in all the Renaissance Knaresborough planning applications, Councillors Guest, Asquith, A Willoughby and Yorke-Davies left the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon. Councillor Burdett took the Chair).

Before leaving the room, Councillor Asquith exercised her right to speak under the Town Council's Opportunity to Speak scheme. She felt that these panels should not be permanent fixtures. The buildings involved are all Listed Buildings in a Conservation Area and should be left as they are.

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Details of Application</u>	<u>Observations</u>
08/00299/ FUL 609.C*	Renaissance Knaresborough	Installation of 1 painted panel to front elevation – 1 Castlegate.	No objections providing permission is granted for no more than 4 years
08/00300/ LB 609.D*	Renaissance Knaresborough	Listed Building application for the installation of 1 painted panel to front elevation – 1 Castlegate.	No objections providing permission is granted for no more than 4 years
08/00303/ FUL 725.D*	Renaissance Knaresborough	Installation of 2 painted panels to front elevation – 4 Castlegate.	No objections providing permission is granted for no more than 4 years
08/00307/ LB 725/E*	Renaissance Knaresborough	Listed Building application for the installation of 2 painted panels to front elevation – 4 Castlegate.	No objections providing permission is granted for no more than 4 years
08/00316/ FUL 879.E*	Renaissance Knaresborough	Installation of one painted panel to front elevation – 5 Gracious Street.	No objections providing permission is granted for no more than 4 years
08/00317/ LB 879.F*	Renaissance Knaresborough	Listed Building application for the installation of one painted panel to front elevation – 5 Gracious Street.	No objections providing permission is granted for no more than 4 years

(Those Councillors who had left the Chamber returned at this point and Councillor Guest resumed the Chair.)

08/00276/ FUL 1382.C**	Mr R Clarke	Erection of 2 detached dwellings and widening of existing vehicle access (Site Area 0.13 ha.) (Revised Scheme) – Little Paddock, Lands Lane.	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

298 ITEM 7 - PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) **Planning Enforcements** – (i) Confidential Papers (*item taken in confidential session*)
- (ii) Report of Investigations:-
- 07/00382/PR15 – 1 Widdale Road
 - 08/00009/PR15 – Land adjacent to Mother Shiptons Inn

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

b) Applications Approved by HBC (subject to conditions) contrary to KTC observations:

- (i) 6.100.978.C.FUL – Erection of single storey front extension to garage – Low Field, Cottage Hall Farm Barns (*note: KTC objected as there are no Permitted Development rights.*)
- (ii) 6.100.1123.H.FUL – Erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of loft to form additional living accommodation – Bilton Hall Barn, Bilton Hall Farm (*note: KTC objected as this is in the Green Belt.*)

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

299 ITEM 8 - HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE - Opportunity to Speak –Tuesday 12 February 2008 at 2.00pm Crescent Gardens, Harrogate.

RESOLVED: That Councillor K Hawkins attend the above meeting and speak to the following application: 6.100.2475.B.FULMAJ – Erection of 19 dwellings to include 9 affordable (site area 0.65 ha) (revised scheme) – Somerley, 38 Boroughbridge Road.

300 ITEM 9 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Big Lottery Knaresborough Super Play Area** – ref. letter dated 25 January 2008 from Ms J Harrop, Technical Officer – Parks and Playgrounds, HBC

See Minute 295

- b) **Proposed Variable Message Car Park Signs, Knaresborough** – ref. e-mail dated 29 January 2008 from HBC Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport

RESOLVED: That the Town Council write back to the Cabinet Member pointing out that there is a difference between notifying and consulting and that in future we wish to be consulted rather than notified. (*unanimous*)

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

None received.

302 ITEM 11 - REPORTS FROM THE CLERK

- a) **Office Hours**

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Clerk was currently owed 12 hours in lieu, the Deputy Clerk 14, and the Admin. Assistant 0. The Admin. Assistant was now on extended leave.

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RESOLVED: Receive and note.

b) **Appointment of External Auditor**

It was reported that the Audit Commission proposed to appoint Mazars LLP as external auditor to the Town Council for a further 5 year period.

RESOLVED: No objections

c) **Applications for Dispensation re. Blind Jack Statue**

The necessary forms had now been received from HBC. The ten Councillors for whom these had been applied were asked to complete and return the forms to the office as soon as possible.

303 **ITEM 12 – OTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS**

None received.

304 **ITEM 13 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

- a) Councillor P Guest thanked all Councillors who supported the **Guides event** last week.
- b) **Farmers Market** – item for next agenda (25.2.08)
- c) **“Fairtrade”** photo opportunity tomorrow (12 Feb. 2008) 2 pm at Mungo Delis on Castlegate – all welcome.
- d) **Green Space event** – unlikely to take place in 2008.
- e) **Artist in residence scheme** – Artist Edward Webster has a large piece of artwork which he would like to donate. A place to hang it is being sought (Clerk to write to County Councillors to see if County Hall might reconsider the Library as a suitable location).
- f) **Public Toilets** – KTC’s comments to be considered when the next review of the Service Improvement Plan for the Harrogate District is undertaken within the next few months. A presentation to KTC in the interim unlikely.
- g) **Youth Shelter – presentation** to be given prior to next meeting (**25.2.08**) by students from King James’s School (**6.45 pm in Committee Room**). Pat Kilburn, Sharon Grainger, Mel Greaves and Jenny Harrop invited to attend.
- h) **Kicking Wall at King George V Playing Field** – KTC’s application for Safer Communities Funding 2008/09 has been unsuccessful.
- i) **Bed Race** – under threat due to proposed charges
- j) Daffodils on York Road (Riverside Residential Park end) just showing – **thanks to go to Knaresborough in Bloom.**
- k) **Knaresborough Castle** – better signage needed – future agenda item
- l) Councillor J Burdett – **Emergency Risk Group meeting** Tuesday 12 February 7.30 in Council Chamber.
- m) Councillor J Burdett – Monday 18 February **meeting with King James’s School re. Youth Shelter and proposed Play Area.**
- n) Councillor M Clemmitt – 2 beds coming from Germany for **Bed Race**
- o) **Anti-Social Behaviour in Town Centre** – Councillors Burdett and Pye had toured the town on Friday 1st Feb. at approx. 9.30 pm at which time everywhere was fairly quiet. Other Councillors cited examples of unruly youth behaviour on other occasions.

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305 ITEM 14 - RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

- (a) E.U. "Inforegio News" – Newsletter December 2007.
- (b) Notice of Temporary Road Closure, Market Place/Silver St. – Sunday 9 March 2008 to enable Yorkshire Water to undertake a water connection to Nos. 9/11 Silver Street.
- (c) Harrogate & Area Council for Voluntary Services and Ripon CVS joint monthly mailing (February 2008)
- (d) Harrogate & District Access Group – Minutes of meeting held December 2007.
- (e) NALC Conference 2008 – Date change: Now 20-22 May 2008 at Eastbourne Winter Gardens.
- (f) Knaresborough In Bloom – Minutes of meetings held 30th October and 27 November 2007.

RESOLVED: Receive and note.

Meeting ended at 10.00 pm