



**10134 ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors J Hawkins, J Jackson, H Lyon and John and Diana Smith.

**10135 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor P Guest	Item 6 Planning Application 1866.D – prejudicial Item 9e) Knaresborough in Bloom – prejudicial Item 15d) Member of Knaresborough in Bloom
Councillor R Aspin	Item 6 Planning Application 462.B – prejudicial Item 7d) Holy Trinity Church - prejudicial Item 9e) Knaresborough in Bloom – prejudicial Item 15d) Member of Knaresborough in Bloom
Councillor M Smith	Item 9e) Knaresborough in Bloom – prejudicial Item 15d) 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 5 Children’s Centre – Governor at St. John’s School Item 6 Planning Application 1866.D – knows neighbour Item 7d) Holy Trinity Church – prejudicial Item 9e) Knaresborough in Bloom - prejudicial Item 15d) Member of Knaresborough in Bloom
Councillor K Hawkins	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information.
Councillor P Godsell	Items 9c) and d) –husband employed by Bus Company
Councillor A Wright	Item 9a) Stockwell Place – owns property next to it

**10136 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 March 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**10137 ITEM 5 – MATTERS ARISING FROM PRESENTATION**

Following Mr Robson’s presentation there was further discussion on the issues of car parking, and the implications for Holly Lodge. In order to evaluate the total advantages or otherwise of the Children’s Centre it was felt necessary to see the plans for all 3 parts of the development.

Accordingly it was:

**RESOLVED:** That NYCC be asked to provide copies of the complete plans for St John’s (Castle) School, Holly Lodge, and the Children’s Centre in order that the total proposal can be assessed.

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(As the voting was 3 in favour, 3 against and one abstention, the Chair used his casting vote in favour of the proposal and the Motion was carried).

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That Councillor Hawkins attend the Stakeholder Group Meeting on 19 April 2007 at 10 am in the Dower House Hotel. (*Councillor Godsell to be KTC's substitute representative*).

#### **10138 ITEM 4 – OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

(*Councillor Guest declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 1866D, left the Council Chamber and took no part in the voting thereon*). *Councillor Godsell took the Chair.*

##### **a) Mrs J Palmer (applicant) re Planning Application 1866D**

Mrs Palmer explained that she and her husband had owned the house and land for over 5 years and simply wanted a garden for their children. They had no intention of building on it. The land had been used for domestic purposes for the last 9½ years and during that time the land and house had been in the same ownership. Prior to that there had been a period when the land and the house had each been in different ownership.

Mrs Palmer explained that she was in dispute with her neighbour (Councillor Guest) who had objected to her previous applications in relation to this land.

(*In view of the information being divulged Councillor Hawkins declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 1866D and left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon*).

Clarification was sought from Mrs Palmer on several points and it was:

**RESOLVED:** That if this land had been used solely as grass land (i.e. as a lawn or field with sheep) for the last 15 years or more, then KTC has no objection to the application.

(*Councillors Guest and Hawkins returned to the Council Chamber*). *Councillor Guest resumed the Chair.*

#### **10139 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>
07/01498/FUL 108.T*	Mrs A Wallbank	Alterations to chimney and erection of 1.3m high gate to front – Teardrop Cottage, 15 Waterside.	No objections.
07/01557/FUL 462.B*	Mr M Molloy	Erection of rear conservatory, pitched roof over garage and front canopy – 12 Greengate Lane.	No objections.
<i>(Councillor Aspin declared a prejudicial interest in the above Planning Application (462B), left the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)</i>			
07/01284/COU 608.E*	Norwood Homes (Valley Drive) Ltd	Change of use of Shoe Shop (Use Class A1-Shops) to Chiropodist Consulting Room (Use Class D1 – non residential institutions) – 74 High Street.	No objections.

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07/01589/ADV 1372.A.ADV	Mr Iain Lister	Display of 5 internally illuminated fascia signs and 2 externally illuminated hanging signs - Boots the Chemist, 22-28 Market Place.	No objections.
07/01323/FUL 1491.R*	R F & P A Watson	Erection of polytunnel – New Field Nurseries, Bar Lane.	No objections.
07/01581/FUL 1866.D*	Mr B Palmer	Change of use of land to form domestic curtilage – Fawley, Ripley Road.	If this land has been used solely as grass land (i.e. as a lawn or field with sheep) for the last 15 years or more, then Knaresborough Town Council has no objection to the application.
<i>Councillors Guest and Hawkins declared a prejudicial interest in the above Planning Application (1866D), left the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon (see Minute 10138)</i>			
07/01710/FULM AJ 2312.H*	Pentamon Investments Ltd	Erection of 11 units (Use Class B1 – Business and B8 – Storage or Distribution) with associated car parking, landscaping and access – Land at Grid Ref. 436916 456645 Gimbald Crag Close, St. James Retail Park.	Knaresborough Town Council welcomes the addition of these business units.
07/01716/FULM AJ 2312.I*	Pentamon Investments Ltd	Erection of building to provide 6 units (Use Class B1 – Business and B8 – Storage or Distribution) with associated car parking, landscaping and access – Land at Grid Ref. 436742 456659 Gimbald Crag Road, St James Retail Park.	Knaresborough Town Council welcomes the addition of these business units.
07/01587/FULM AJ 2312.J*	Broker Network Ltd and Knaresborough Property Investment LP	Erection of office building (divided into two units) with associated car park, smoking shelter, bicycle and refuse store, soft landscaping and formation of new vehicular access – Land at Grid Ref. 436601 456345 Gimbald Crag Close, St James Retail Park.	No objections.
07/01573/FUL 2384.B*	Mrs Condon	Erection of rear conservatory – 10 Stockwell Avenue.	No objections.
07/01616/FUL 2569*	Mr & Mrs Grievesson-Smith	Erection of two storey side extension – 6 Dentdale Drive.	No objections.
07/01653/TPO 2570.TPO*	Sue Tomalin	Felling of 2 Oak trees, 1 Sycamore and 1 Beech tree within area A1 of Tree Preservation Order 1/1959 – Land to the South of Bilton Hall House, Bilton Hall Drive.	Knaresborough Town Council objects unless the Arboricultural Officer agrees to this application.
07/00635/FUL 2571*	Mr J Maclean	Erection of detached garage, formation of new vehicular access and gates – 19 York Place.	No objections.
07/01660/FUL 2572*	Mr A S Pedel	Erection of rear conservatory – 78 Manor Road.	No objections.
07/01677/FUL 2573*	Mr & Mrs S M Hurdle	Blocking up of front door – Windsor Mews, 20 Windsor Lane.	No objections.

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

\*\* Item for determination by Planning Committee

## **10140 ITEM 7 - PLANNING MATTERS & CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Planning Enforcements** – (i) Confidential Papers (*see unpublished minutes*)

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(ii) Report of Investigations:

- 07/00094/TREES – former Greenbank Transport Depot, Manse Lane
- 07/00111/ADVERT – Volkswagen Dealership, St James Retail and Industrial Park
- 07/00158/PR15 – Land at Grid Reference 434975 456075, Calcutt
- 07/00123/ADVERT – Land at Grid Reference 436331 456083, Wetherby Road

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note.

- c) Tree Preservation Order No. 80/2006 – 14 Jockey Lane – Notice of Confirmation dated 20 March 2007, the effect of which is to bring the order into full operation.

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note.

- d) Holy Trinity Church, Knaresborough (Vodafone Site Reference 5495) – letter dated 21 March 2007 from Environmental & Planning Specialist, Vodafone Ltd.

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note.

*(Councillors Aspin and Willoughby declared a prejudicial interest in the above item (7d), left the Chamber for its duration and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)*

- e) Proposed Waste Transfer Station at Greystones Farm, Goldsborough

**RESOLVED:** That KTC supports this Recycling Centre so long as it meets other planning criteria. **(unanimous)**

- f) Executive Summary of the Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan for North Yorkshire, “People, Paths and Places” – letter dated March 2007 from Assistant Director, Development and Countryside Services, NYCC.

**RESOLVED:** That a representative from NYCC be asked to come and talk to the Town Council in further detail on this matter.

- g) Planning Service Review – letter dated 30 March 2007 from Head of Planning Services, HBC.

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note.

**10141 ITEM 8 - HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Opportunity to Speak – Thursday 12 April 2007 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 (Mr Wood of St Margaret’s Garth to be informed of the Council’s decision not to send a representative and the reason for that decision – both applications recommended for refusal in line with KTC’s comments).

- a) 6.100.208.C.FUL – Erection of two apartments and one pair of semi-detached dwellings, formation of access and associated hard and soft landscaping (Site Area 0.08ha. Revised Scheme) – 13 Stockwell Road.

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- b) 6.100.1992.A.FUL – Erection of detached bungalow (Site Area 0.01 ha) – Land to front of The Bungalow, Charlton Manor Road.

**10142 ITEM 9 – COMMUNICATIONS AND MATTERS ARISING**

- a) **Graffiti, Stockwell Place**, Knaresborough – letter dated 16 March 2007 from Area Contracts Team Leader (Harrogate & Knaresborough), HBC.

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note.

- b) **Tree Works at Jacob Smith Park**, Knaresborough – letter dated 27 March 2007 from Arboricultural Manager, HBC.

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note. (check also that Scriven Parish Council have received this letter)

- c) **Knaresborough Bus Station Public Toilets** – letter dated 26 March 2007 from Chief Facilities Manager, HBC.

**RESOLVED:** That the letter be received and noted and the situation be monitored.

- d) **Local Bus Service Contracts** – letter dated 26 March 2007 from Public Transport Officer, NYCC

A copy letter dated 3 April 2007 from County Councillor B Hoult to Mr Gordon Gresty (Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services) at County Hall was circulated for information.

It was felt that the Town Council should have been consulted on the proposed changes which have major implications for residents and visitors to the Town using the 56/57/58 service.

**RESOLVED:** That a letter be sent to Mr Gresty supporting the comments made by County Councillor Hoult and asking that the Town Council be properly consulted on these and any future proposed changes to services in the area. **(unanimous)**

- e) **Knaresborough in Bloom – request for grant for 2007/08** and copy of audited accounts to 31 December 2006.

*(Councillors Aspin, Guest, Smith and Willoughby declared a prejudicial interest in the above item, left the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon). Councillor Godsell took the Chair.*

This left the meeting inquorate. The following is therefore only a Recommendation and the matter will be deferred to the next Council meeting (23 April 2007).

**RECOMMENDED:** That a grant of £1,250 be made to Knaresborough in Bloom for 2007/08.

*(Councillor Guest resumed the Chair)*

**10143 ITEM 10 – REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS/MATTERS ARISING**

- a) **Office Workload** – The Deputy Clerk reported that the hours in lieu up to Friday 6 April 2007 are as follows: Clerk 17 (down from previous report of 19½), Deputy Clerk 15¾ (down from previous report of 19) and Admin Assistant unchanged at 12.

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note.

- b) **Results of Edwardian Weekend Questionnaire**

There was some debate on the results of the questionnaire and it was noted that the running of this event in 2007 was likely to revert to the Chamber of Trade in association with other groups in the Town. It was felt very important that the Town Council be involved in this process and it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Edwardian Weekend be included in the remit of the Council's Christmas Events Working Group (on which the Chamber of Trade is already represented).

It was also agreed that if the Chamber wished to see the individual responses received, attempts should first be made to delete reference to any personal details given (ie names and addresses)

**10143 ITEM 11 - TO CONSIDER PROPOSED KTC SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2007/08**

**RESOLVED:** That the proposed schedule of meetings be agreed and adopted.

**10144 ITEM 12 – REQUESTED ITEMS**

- a) **Hay-a-Park** (to consider plans submitted to HBC by Knaresborough Rugby & Tennis Clubs (Minute 10129 bii) refers).

The Deputy Clerk reported that despite requests to HBC for the above-mentioned plans, these had not been received. It was therefore

**RESOLVED:** That this item be deferred until receipt of the information requested from HBC and in the meantime Mr Kilburn be asked that until the Town Council has had an opportunity to consider these plans, no decisions be made and nothing signed. **(unanimous)**

- b) **Unitary Authority for North Yorkshire**

Councillors had before them various literature including a letter dated 5 April 2007 from the Chief Executive's Group, NYCC

Whilst there was general support for the idea of a Unitary Authority, Members felt that the proposed Unitary Authority for North Yorkshire was simply too large and too remote. Following discussion of this matter it was

**RESOLVED:** That a letter be sent to Ruth Kelly MP (Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government) stating the Town Council's opposition to a Unitary Authority for North Yorkshire on the grounds that it would be too large and too remote; the Town Council would support either the status quo or smaller Unitary Authorities (copies to Phil Willis MP, NYCC and HBC). **(unanimous)**

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**10145 ITEM 13 – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

a) **Reminder: Team Photograph 23 April 2007**

Councillors were requested to be present at Knaresborough House on 23 April 2007 by 6.55 pm at the latest. It was agreed that a reminder be sent with the papers for the next Council meeting.

b) **Royal Hall Visit** - Tuesday 17 April at 10.00am

The following indicated that they would wish to attend: Councillor Guest (and Mrs Guest) Councillor Aspin and Councillor Smith.

**10146 ITEM 14 – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS 308**

**RESOLVED:** That the accounts for payments, amounting to £ £2,227.91 as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No.308 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 R Aspin & A Wright signatories*).

**10147 ITEM 15 – TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS**

- a) Country Air – The Newsletter of Yorkshire Rural Community Council – Spring 2007.
- b) SLCC Yorkshire & North East Regional Conference – Wakefield, Tuesday 15 May 2007, 10.00am to 3.45pm. (*cost £47 per delegate*).
- c) Harrogate CVS & Ripon CVS Joint Monthly Mailing.
- d) Minutes of Knaresborough In Bloom Committee meeting held 20 February 2007

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note.

**10148 ITEM 16 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

- a) **Mayor's Final Fling** Saturday 28 April 2007 at King James's School – tickets still available (*Councillor Guest*)
- b) **Road Safety Scheme for Abbey Road and Waterside** – Councillor Willoughby reported that she had asked for the Town Council to be consulted on this but the scheme seemed to be going ahead. She agreed to supply a copy of the Officer's report for consideration at the next Council meeting.
- c) Councillor Godsell enquired as to how the **Spring Judging of the Yorkshire in Bloom Competition** had gone. Councillor Willoughby reported that the Town had been looking particularly tidy and colourful on the day.

**Meeting ended at 9.30pm**