

REPORT OF MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH
ON MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2005

PRESENT **Chair:** Councillor R Aspin (Town Mayor)

Councillors J Cooke, R Hall, B Hallam, K Hawkins, H Lyon, R Pearson, C Willoughby,
 J Jackson, J Smith, D Smith, M Smith, P Godsell, and A Wright.

Early Departures: None

9599 **ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor P Guest (family commitment).

9600 **ITEM 2 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Note: Interests are personal, unless indicated otherwise.

Councillor M Smith	Planning application 125.D. – prejudicial. Item 10 – Member of Knaresborough in Bloom.
Councillor J Smith	Member of Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) – will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information. Item 9a – HBC representative on Links Youth Group.
Councillor D Smith	Member of HBC – will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information.
Councillor C Willoughby	Planning application, 523, Knaresborough Library – employee of NYCC. Item 10 – Member of Knaresborough in Bloom
Councillor R Aspin	Item 13 - member of the RMT Town Team.
Councillor K Hawkins	Member of HBC – will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information. All matters relating to North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC)– substitute member of NYCC Harrogate Area Committee. Planning application 6.100.1685 – prejudicial. Item 9a – prejudicial.
Councillor J Cooke	Planning application 6.100.1685 – prejudicial. Item 9a – prejudicial.

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Councillor B Hallam	Planning application 6.1000.1909 – prejudicial.
Councillor P Godsell	Items 8b and 8c – member of the Football Partnership. Item 9a – prejudicial
Councillor J Jackson	Planning application 523, Knaresborough Library – employee of NYCC. Planning application 1065.F.FUL – husband is a police officer.

9601 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD 14 AND 21 NOVEMBER 2005

1. **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 November 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
2. **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 November 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the deletion of reference to Councillor J Jackson as PRESENT.

9602 ITEM 4a – OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

County Councillor R Hall - NYCC Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED: Defer to a future meeting, in County Councillor Hall's absence.
(Note – apologies submitted retrospectively – family commitment).

9603 ITEM 4b – OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Mr A Wright, Knaresborough Celtic Junior Football Club – King George V Field.

Mr Wright updated Members on football related matters in the Town. With reference to a meeting held 2 September 2005, Mr Wright referred to HBC commuted sum funding and circulated details (see minute 9450). Subsequently KC JFC had agreed to a rental payment of £560 per annum (currently £361), as a contribution to maintenance costs for an upgraded pitch at KG V Field. The Town Council was asked to clarify its own position, regarding pitch maintenance funding.

9604 ITEM 8b – UPGRADING OF KG V FIELD

Ref - letter dated 21 November 2005 from Development Officer, Knaresborough Celtic Junior Football Club and minute 9603.

RESOLVED: That the Council seeks a meeting with the Leader, Cabinet Member for Resources and Chief Executive of Harrogate Borough Council to discuss the payment of maintenance charges for an upgraded pitch at KG V Field.
(Councillors K Hawkins, D Smith, A Wright and P Godsell to attend as KTC representatives).

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9605 ITEM 4c – OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Mrs A Farmer, re proposed Blue Plaque Scheme for Knaresborough.

Mrs Farmer provided a verbal update on the scheme and circulated an illustration of the proposed design for the plaques.

9606 ITEM 8a – BLUE PLAQUE SCHEME

Ref - letter dated 18 November 2005 from Chief Planner (Forward Planning), HBC and minute 9605.

RESOLVED: To ask HBC to fund 50% of the cost of providing 10 blue plaques, in the financial year 2006/07, on the basis that the Town Council would fund the remaining costs, less any other funding contributions, e.g. NYCC.

9607 ITEM 5 – 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>
109.A.FUL*	Mr M Dodsworth	Erection of rear conservatory – 9 Coronation Terrace.	No objections
<i>Councillor M Smith declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 6.100.125.D, left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.</i>			
125.D.FUL*	Mr C Houseman	Erection of replacement agricultural building – Three Gates Farm, Cass Lane.	No objections
<i>Councillor M Smith returned to the Council Chamber.</i>			
214.E.FUL*	Mr & Mrs B Sibson	Erection of first floor extension to create 1 additional dwelling (site area 0.01ha) (revised scheme) – Spring Cottage Kirkgate.	No objections
693.F.FUL*	Mr W W & Mr N W Cawkwell	Conversion of barns to form 3 dwellings, installation of new package treatment plant and formation of vehicle passing place on existing access road (Site Area 0.295ha) – Thistle Hill Farm, Thistle Hill. <i>(KTC observations: No objections to previous application) (Amended Application)</i>	No objections
829.C.TPO*	Mr G Baines	Crown lift and clean to 1 Lime Tree T1 of Tree Preservation Order 37/1996 - Linden, Wetherby Road.	No objections

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1065.F.FUL*	T-Mobile (UK) Ltd	Erection of six 3G antennae on existing support poles and 1 associated equipment cabinet – Knaresborough Police Station.	No objections
1229.B.FUL*	Mr & Mrs Bell	Erection of single storey rear extension – 58 Scriven Road.	No objections
1412.D.COUC*	Brian Dobsworth	Change of use from sign writer premises (Use Class B8) to health and beauty salon (Use Class Sui Generis). – 63A Aspin Lane.	No objections

Councillors J Cooke and K Hawkins declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 6.100.1685.H., left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

1685.H.FULMA J**	Barratt Homes Ltd	Substitution of 133 house types (plot numbers 1-12 and 14-134) from application no. 6.100.1685.G.REMMAJ – Former Nursery Site off Halfpenny Lane.	Additional information, on the following matters, is requested – to enable the Town Council to make an informed comment on the issues of concern previously raised: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are the/any of the house types now proposed of an overall height that exceeds those previously approved? 2. What numbers of 2,3,4 and 5 bed units were previously approved and are currently proposed?
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Councillors J Cooke and K Hawkins returned to the Council Chamber.

1749.H.TPO*	Mr Grenville	Felling of 1 Beech Tree T9 of Tree Preservation Order 4/1995 –Sylvian House, Tentergate Lane.	No objections
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Councillor B Hallam declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 1909.B, left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

1909.B.FUL**	Mrs G Warner	Demolition of detached dwelling and erection of 5 dwellings with new vehicular access (site area 0.16ha) – 1 Wetherby Road.	Object – the proposed development would be over intensive, given the size and location of the application site, and therefore detrimental to the character and visual amenity of the street scene. The application site is located on a busy highway junction – the additional vehicular traffic generated, by the proposed development, would be detrimental to road safety.
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Councillor B Hallam returned to the Council Chamber.

2068.A.RENEW *	Mr A Buckingham	Renewal of unimplemented permission 6.100.2068.FUL for the erection of 2 storey side extension – 10 Hambleton Close.	No objection
2142.B. OUT*	Miss J Croft & Mr Clark	Outline application for the erection of 1 stable block with siting considered (site area 0.05ha) – Land adjacent to Tarran Barn at Grid Ref 436133, 458598 Bar Lane.	The proposed development is considered to be acceptable, subject to the stable block not being converted for residential use, at any future time. The Council requests that any approval of planning permission be subject to a condition that excludes any residential use of the stable block.
2406.A.FUL*	Lynda Greenwood	Change of Use from dwelling to half residential and half office (Use Class A2) (Revised Scheme) – 28 Chain Lane.	Object – the application property is a house, within a residential street, and should remain as such given the detrimental impact upon character, resulting from a change of use, to business/office use, in a predominantly residential area.
2411.A.FUL*	Mr & Mrs M Hunter	Erection of two-storey rear extension and front porch (revised scheme) – 9 Appleby Gate.	No objections
2477.FUL*	Mr & Mrs Bakes	Erection of single storey side extension linking to existing garage – 16 The Chase.	No objections
2478.FUL*	Mr & Mrs Balbi	Erection of single storey side and rear extensions and widening of vehicular access by 1.5 metres – 4 Crag Lane.	No objections
<u>County Matters</u> <u>523</u>	North Yorkshire County Council	Proposed erection of a new frontage and lift extension at Knaresborough Library, Market Place.	No objections

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

** Item for determination by Planning Committee

9608 ITEM 6a – PLANNING ENFORCEMENTS

RESOLVED: To receive and note the following -

- i) Confidential papers – see unpublished minutes
- ii) Report of investigation - 05/00533/PR15 – 2 Princess Avenue

9609 ITEM 6b – WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: - To receive and note the following –

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- i) 6.100.1629.I.FUL – Erection of detached dwelling and formation of new access (Revised Scheme) (Site Area 0.097ha) – 4/6 High Bond End.
- ii) 6.100.125.C.FUL – Erection of agricultural building – Three Gates Farm, Cass Lane. (*KTC had no objections*)
- iii) 6.100.2474.FUL – Erection of 2 detached dwellings to replace existing dwelling and formation of additional vehicular access onto Forest Moor Road (site area 0.1ha) – Roughstones, Forest Moor Road. (*KTC objected*).

9610 ITEM 6c – APPEAL DECISION

Ref -6.100.1629.H.FUL – Erection of 1 pair of semi detached dwellings – 4/6 High Bond End. (*Note: KTC – objects.*) Appeal **DISMISSED**

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

9611 ITEM 6d – DECISION CONTRARY TO KTC OBSERVATIONS

Ref - To note HBC's decision to grant planning permission, subject to conditions, contrary to KTC observations - 6.100.1491.P.FUL – Erection of 4 detached dwellings (site area 0.29ha) – Land between 62 and 80 Boroughbridge Road. (*KTC objected*).

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

9612 ITEM 6e – DECISION CONTRARY TO KTC OBSERVATIONS

Ref - Decision of Local Planning Authority following Notice of Proposed Development. 6.100.303.D.CROWND – Erection of 17 metre long shooting range – ACF/ATC Cadet Centre Halfpenny Lane.

RESOLVED: To receive and note the decision of the Local Planning Authority and investigate land ownership, at Halfpenny Lane/King George V Field.

9613 ITEM 6f – RESTRUCTURING OF PLANNING COMMITTEE SYSTEM

Ref - letter dated 30 November 2005 from Head of Planning, HBC.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

9614 ITEM 7 –HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE –13 DECEMBER 2005.

- a) 6.100.819.A.OUTMAJ – outline application for the erection of 23 dwellings with siting and access considered (site area 0.402) – 1 Chain Lane.
- b) 6.100.2476.FUL – Erection of 1 detached dwelling including new vehicular access (site area 0.02ha) – 9 Stockwell Grove.

RESOLVED: To receive and note (no Member to attend the Planning Committee)

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ITEM 8a – PROPOSED BLUE PLAQUE SCHEME FOR KNARESBOROUGH

See minute 9605.

ITEM 8b– UPGRADING OF KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

See minute 9604

9615 ITEM 8c – KC JFC – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Ref - e-mail dated 25 November 2005 from Kam Ltd.

RESOLVED: To send a letter of support, to accompany an application for grant funding for football pitch development at Thistle Hill.

9616 ITEM 8d – PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON RUBBISH AND RECYCLING IN YORK AND NORTH YORKSHIRE

Ref - letter received 23 November 2005 from Waste Strategy and Policy Development Manager, NYCC.

RESOLVED: To receive and note (Councillors to submit comments as individuals).

9617 ITEM 8e – KNARESBOROUGH CEMETERY WALL

Ref – letter dated 23 November 2005 from Head of Parks and Open spaces, HBC. *Confidential Item.*

RESOLVED: To receive and note and consider matter further at a future meeting in January 2006.

9618 ITEM 8f – CAMPAIGN FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BILL

Ref - letter dated 24 November 2005 from Campaign Co-ordinator, Local Works.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

9619 ITEM 8g – HARROGATE AND KNARESBOROUGH ACCESS GROUP

g) Ref – letter dated 29 November 2005 from Mr G Hiscoe.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

9620 ITEM 8h – TREES IN KNARESBOROUGH

Ref - letter dated 1 December 2005 from Head of Parks and Open Spaces, HBC.

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RESOLVED: i) The Town Council to approach the owners of trees at Longwalk to determine if they are willing to remove trees, considered to be causing a visual obstruction, on the basis that the Council would consider a financial contribution to costs. (*Councillor Pearson to act as Council representative and report back*)

ii) To place the prospect of removing trees within the lime tree canopy in the Castle Grounds on the agenda for the next Annual Town Meeting (April 2006).

ITEM 8i – NYPA PROPOSED RESTRUCTURE - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

See minute 9622

ITEM 9a – KNARESBOROUGH YOUTH ASSOCIATION GRANT

See minute 9623

9621 ITEM 9b – COMMUNITY AND POLICE GROUP

b) Ref - meeting held 29 November 2005.

RESOLVED: To receive and note the verbal report by Councillor P Godsell and D Smith.

9622 ITEM 8i – NYPA PROPOSED RESTRUCTURE - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

RESOLVED: To respond to the North Yorkshire Police Authority reiterating the Town Council's objections, to the proposed merger of North Yorkshire Police with any other police service, on the grounds that any larger organisation would be unable to provide an accessible and visible service within the predominantly rural area of North Yorkshire. (*Cc: Councillor B. Houlton*)

9623 ITEM 9a – KNARESBOROUGH YOUTH ASSOCIATION GRANT

Ref - Update Report November 2005 – from PC Rutherford, North Yorkshire Police

Councillors K Hawkins, J Cooke and P Godsell declared a prejudicial interest in item 9a, left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

RESOLVED: i) To award a grant of £5,000.00, to the Knaresborough Youth Association, for 2005/06,
ii) To request a report on the impact of service should any future grant funding be more or less than £5,000.00 per annum.

Note : Councillor A Wright is no longer a member of the Knaresborough Community Association.

Councillors K Hawkins, J Cooke and P Godsell returned to the Council Chamber.

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9624 ITEM 9c – HBC TREE POLICY

Ref - Report by Councillor R Pearson on meeting of the HBC Environmental Scrutiny Committee held 5 December 2005.

Note – papers circulated – Tree Management within Harrogate District.

RESOLVED: To receive and note Councillor Pearson's verbal report.

9625 ITEM 9d – CONYNGHAM HALL CAR PARK

Ref - Site meeting with J Dobson, HBC, held 8 December 2005, Councillors Guest and Hawkins to report.

RESOLVED: To defer Item 9d to a meeting in January 2006, in the absence of Councillor Guest.

9626 ITEM 9e – VILLAGE ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES, 2006/07

Ref - Minute 9548. Clerk to report.

The Clerk advised that this HBC Scheme was of little relevance to KTC, and that road safety schemes can be proposed and considered throughout the year.

RESOLVED: To receive and note the Clerk's verbal report.

9627 ITEM 10 – KNIGHT ON A CHARGER

Ref - Reference Minute 9293 Council Meeting 20 June 2005. Councillor C Willoughby to report (Knaresborough in Bloom).

Councillor C Willoughby referred Members to papers circulated. The Clerk advised that the Head of Parks and Open Spaces, HBC had confirmed by e-mail his agreement for KTC to accept ownership of the Knight on a Charger sculpture.

RESOLVED: i) That KTC accept ownership of the Knight on a Charger, Millennium sculpture
ii) That the Knight on a Charger, Millennium sculpture be given, free of charge, to Henshaws, for repair and display within its grounds in Knaresborough.

9628 ITEM 11 – TOWN CRIER

RESOLVED: To consider Item 11 in confidential session, with reference to KTC Standing Order No. 10 (KTC employees). See unpublished minutes.

9629 ITEM 12 – KTC NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER 2005

RESOLVED: Approve the publication and circulation of KTC Newsletter, December 2005, subject to correction of spelling error.

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9630 ITEM 13 – RENAISSANCE MARKET TOWN INITIATIVE (RMT)

a) Delivery Plan – proposed projects. Councillor A Wright to report.

RESOLVED: That, further to an initial review of the projects identified in the RMT Delivery Plan (May 2005) the following 7 projects be considered in further detail, one project per meeting, commencing from the Council's meeting on 16 January 2006 (*Note – KTC RMT representative to report back to the Council on any new projects proposed, through the RMT process*):

KN3, Town Manager,
KN4, Improving shop fronts,
KN5 Medium sized supermarket,
KN12 Car parking,
KN13 Knaresborough By-pass
KN19 Arts Connections, Cultural Centre of Excellence (lack of reference to sport)
KN20 Link Castle/Museum to Riverside.

b) Any other RMT matters – none.

9631 ITEM 14 – BUDGET, 2006 /07

Ref – Clerk's report and updated budget for 2006/07, circulated at meeting.

RESOLVED: To receive and note and consider the KTC budget and precept for 2006/07 at the next Council meeting (4 January 2006).

9632 ITEM 15 – KTC OFFICE MANAGEMENT

RESOLVED : To consider Item 15 in confidential session, with reference to KTC Standing Order No 10.

9633 ITEM 16 – SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT, No. 279

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment, amounting to £11, 929.03 as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No. 279 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 A Wright and J Smith signatories).

9634 ITEM 17 – TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED: To receive and note the following documents:

- a) "Public Sector" and Local Government Magazine – November/December 2005.
- b) "Country Air" the Newsletter of Yorkshire Rural Community Council – Autumn 2005.
- c) 'The Playing Field' – Newsletter, Autumn 2005.
- d) NYCC County Area Committee for the Harrogate District Newsletter Issue 17 – November 2005.
- e) White Rose Updated Issue 6/05 November 2005 (*ca*).
- f) Bilton Conservation Group – Knaresborough Nidd Gorge Conservation Group – composite update.

E-mail dated 17 November 2005 from Keith Wilkinson.

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9635 ITEM 18 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- a) NYCC County Area Committee for the Harrogate District – A Special Meeting of the Committee to be held at County Hall, Northallerton, 6 December 2005 at 2.30pm.
- b) To note next KTC Meeting Wednesday 4 January 2006.
- c) National Association for Councillors – Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour & Improving Community Safety, 13, 14, 15 January 2006 at York.
- d) Land for sale, Nidd Gorge – query raised by K. Wilkinson of the NGLHI – estate agent details displayed at meeting.
- e) HBC Councillor Training on planning matters – Councillor K Hawkins to supply copy notes and Clerk to circulate.
- f) Car share initiative, Harrogate - carshare.com launched.

RESOLVED: To move into confidential session to consider items 11 and 15.

See unpublished minutes.

RESOLVED: To return to public session.

Note: The Chair conveyed seasonal best wishes and invited all those present to join him for refreshments, at the close of the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 10.27pm