

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2008 AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH.

PRESENT Chair: Councillor P Guest (Mayor)

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

Non Arrivals: R Hall

Early Departures: None

262 ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors R Archibald and M Clemmitt.

263 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor P Guest	Items 4b and 9c – Knows Sculptor Item 9d – Member of Renaissance Knareborough
Councillor K Hawkins	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Items 4b and 9c – Knows Sculptor
Councillor J Hawkins	Items 4b and 9c – Knows Sculptor
Councillor A Willoughby	Items 4b and 9c – Member of Blind Jack Working Group Item 9d – Member of Renaissance Knareborough
Councillor C Willoughby	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Items 4b and 9c – Member of Blind Jack Working Group
Councillor B Asquith	Items 4b and 9c – Prejudicial
Councillor L Yorke Davies	Items 4b and 9c – Member of Blind Jack Working Group Item 9d – Member of Renaissance Knareborough
Councillor P Godsell	Items 4b and 9c – Knows sculptor
Councillor J Burdett	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Item 4a – Involved with King James's School Years 10 and 11.

264 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting held 2 January 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

265 ITEM 4(a) – PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION**a) Mr A Lee – re Item 9(f) Anti Social Behaviour**

Mr Lee explained he had written to the Council about the anti social behaviour in the town centre and Bus Station on a Friday and Saturday evening. He believed that certain areas in Knaresborough are no go areas. He has spoken to Inspector Chapman who said that Policing is very limited.

Councillors then asked Mr Lee if he knew the age groups and number of the young people, and if their behaviour was anti social or illegal.

ITEM 9(f) – ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to:-

- i) Inspector Chapman stating that KTC are concerned about the number of people congregating in the Town Centre and could he provide more cover on Friday and Saturday evenings. Stating that KTC would like to work with the Police.
- ii) HBC and request the removal of chewing gum from the surrounding footpaths, and to look into the provision of a by-law to prevent the consumption of alcohol in public places.
- iii) That Councillors talk to local businesses/Land Lords/Housing Association/Sainsbury's local to the bus station area to request that gates/doors are kept locked/shut after dusk. That areas stained with alcohol and refuse are cleared and cleaned.

ITEM 4(b) – PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

(Councillor B Asquith declared a prejudicial interest in the item below, left the chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)

b) Mr T Maude - re Item 9(c) Blind Jack Statue

Mr Maude spoke in his capacity as Fund Raiser for the Blind Jack Working Group he stated they were very disappointed that KTC had not pledged an amount to support the Blind Jack Statue, which would in turn help with the application for lottery funding. Councillors asked Mr Maude if the Group had actually requested funding and completed an application grant form.

ITEM 9(c) – BLIND JACK STATUE

RESOLVED: That Clerk writes to

- i) Mr T Maude (Fund Raiser for Blind Jack Group) stating KTC's support in principle of Blind Jack Statue in Knaresborough.
- ii) Standards Sub Committee at HBC stating that a KT Councillor is the sculptor, that KTC would like support this with money and would they grant dispensation for the 14 other Councillors.
- iii) To receive and note email from YLCA and give a copy to the Blind Jack Working Group for consideration.

266 ITEM 5 - BUSINESS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None move to next item.

267 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:

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<u>Ref</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Details of Application</u>	<u>Observations</u>
08/00003/ TPO 59.U*	Mrs I Newby	Fell 1 Ash tree, lateral reduction of 2 Ash trees and height reduction of Hawthorn and Elder trees within Woodland W5 of Tree Preservation Order 01/1959 – 51 Abbey Road.	No objections
0706261/ CON 339G*	Richard McClellan and Jane Eggleston	Demolition of 2 garages within Knaresborough Conservation Area – land to north-west of Eden Roc, Spitalcroft.	No objections
07/06277/ DVCON 873E*	Mr and Mrs N May	Variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission 6.100.873.D.FUL to allow the use of render instead of stone – Orchard Spring, Ripley Road	No objections
07/05897/ ADV 1148M*	Somerfield	Display of externally illuminated panel sign to rear elevation and externally illuminated sign to boundary wall – Knaresborough Service Station, Boroughbridge Road.	Object – Loss of visual amenity due to excessive number and excessive total area, and inappropriate in a residential area. (Note if HBC pass this application KTC would like to see a time limit imposed – 10pm) Unanimous
07/06317/ FUL 1171C*	Mr and Mrs D Field	Erection of single storey side and rear extensions and raised decking to rear (Revised Scheme) – 26 Princess Avenue.	No objections
07/06316/ FUL 1789A*	Mr Noel Butler	Erection of first floor side and rear extension – 11 Appleby Way.	No objections
07/06303/ FUL 2619A*	Mr & Mrs Webster	Retention of single storey side extension and conservatory with alterations to roof (Revised Scheme) – 2 Castle Ings Close.	No objections
07/06427/ FUL 2636*	Mr Molly	Erection of front porch and rear conservatory – 10 Borrowbydale Avenue.	No objections
08/00039/ FUL 2637*	Mrs J Ward	Erection of rear conservatory – 75 Charlton Drive.	No objections

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

** Item for determination by Planning Committee

268 ITEM 7 - PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Planning Enforcements** – (i) Confidential Papers (*item taken in confidential session*)

(ii) Report of Investigation:-

- 07/00650/PR15 Alva House, 8 Belmont Grove

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

b) To note the following **WITHDRAWN APPLICATION**

- i) 6.100.2627.OUT – Outline application for the erection of 6 dwellings with layout and access considered (Site Area 0.08ha) – 10A Boroughbridge Road.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

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c) **Notice of Appeal** re HBC's refusal of Planning permission:

- (i) 6.100.460.J.FUL (Appeal Ref: APP/E2734/A/07/2054533/NWF) – Conversion of office to form 3 Flats (Site Area 0.02ha) – Mr & Mrs J E Hanson, Yorke House, 2 Iles Lane.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

d) **To note application approved by HBC (subject to conditions) contrary to KTC observations:**

- i) 6.100.2629.FUL (07/05784/FUL) – Erection of 1.2 metre high gate – Metcalf House, Chadwick Park. (*Note: KTC object 1.5m high gate look odd (difference in height between gate and fence.) Out of keeping, looks oppressive.*) (*Note rang Case officer who confirmed that the gate has been lowered from 1.5metres to 1.2metres and is therefore acceptable.*)

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

269 **ITEM 8 - HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE - Opportunity to Speak –Tuesday 15 January 2008 at 2.00pm Crescent Gardens, Harrogate.**

RESOLVED: No applications for Knaresborough – move to next business.

270 **ITEM 9 – CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Skipton – East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership - letter dated 20 December 2007 from Treasurer, SELRAP.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes to (Treasurer, SELRAP) and say that KTC support this.

b) Safer Communities Funding 2008/2009 – letter dated 21 December 2007 from Safer Communities Project Officer, HBC.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk completes the Expression of Interest 2008/2009 form outlining the Town Councils proposal to provide a kicking wall at King George V Playing Field.

c) Blind Jack Statue - advice received 21 December 2007 from YLCA re. question of liability.
See Minute number 265b

(d) Renaissance Knaresborough – Amendments to Constitution – e-mail from Principal Projects Officer, SRIP.

RESOLVED : That the Clerk let Renaissance Knaresborough know that the Town Council accepts the suggested amendments to the Renaissance Knaresborough Constitution.

(e) Application for grant from Knaresborough Town Association Football Club, received 28 December 2007.

RESOLVED: KTC pledge to supply the gates with a limit of £8,000 (maximum).

(f) Anti Social Behaviour – letter dated 5 January 2008 from Mr A Lee.

See **Minute number 265a**

(g) Car Park Management Signs, Knaresborough – copy of letter from HBC Chief Engineer (Traffic) to District Councillors for Knaresborough

RESOLVED: That due to the tight deadline an e-mail be sent to Chief Engineer (Traffic) and Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport (Don McKenzie) with the following comments:

- i) Why were Knaresborough Borough and Town Councillors not consulted?
- ii) KTC do not wish to see signs that are obtrusive, clutter the High Street and confuse motorists.
- iii) KTC would prefer the money to be spent on something useful like speeding signs or resurfacing work.
- iv) KTC do not believe that message signing would work at York Place Car Park as there are no marked parking bays there.

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

None received.

272 ITEM 11 - REPORTS FROM THE CLERK

a) **Budget for 2008/2009** – Councillors to approve final draft

RESOLVED: KTC adopt the two budget documents as amended (*a copy of the agreed 2008/09 Budget is attached to these Minutes*).

273 ITEM 12 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PER SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS (325)

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payments, amounting to £199.81 as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No.325 be authorised for payment (*note Account No 130 should be under budget for grants not office*) 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 P Godsell and A Willoughby signatories*).

274 ITEM 13 – OTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

a) **Purchase of High Visibility Jackets** – to consider purchasing a supply of high visibility jackets.

RESOLVED: That KTC buy 15 High Visibility jackets at a cost of up to £180 with 'Knaresborough Town Council' printed on the back. (These jackets to be kept in the Council office and be purchased out of the office budget). (Jackets to be orange in colour).

275 ITEM 14 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- a) Councillor P Guest - meeting with Mike Prest of the Horticulture Society (Tuesday) they would like support from the Town Council.
- b) Councillor A Willoughby – Bebra Gardens - work is about to start -1,000 plants have been ordered.
- c) Councillor A Willoughby – Sign for the notice-board in front of Knaresborough House is now in place.
- d) Councillor C Willoughby – Knaresborough in Bloom AGM, 7.30pm Knaresborough House, 22 January 2008.

- e) Councillor C Willoughby reported the sad news that Dr Hudson died on Saturday and funeral will be at St John's Parish Church, Friday 18 January 2pm. (since amended to 1.45) (Councillors asked the Mayor to go in his official capacity).
- f) Councillor P Godsell – KTC wrote to HBC enquiring about a Farmers Market sometime ago, no reply has yet been received - Clerk to chase up.
- g) Councillor P Godsell – NYCC have changed their system of wardens in Community – now they are mobile. Councillor C Willoughby provided the information that NYCC had made changes due to funding issues.
- h) Councillor J Burdett – Cemetery water supply is still missing, enquiries are still ongoing (when the house belonged to HBC there was a joint water supply).
- i) Councillor J Burdett – Emergency Response Working Group no meeting has been organised for a while, could a meeting be arranged as soon as possible.
- j) COGS Gift Day - 26 January 2008. Clerk distributed letters of invitation to this event.
- k) The Clerk - contact had been made with Dave Sykes at HBC over the distribution of newspapers titled 'Plan the Future with us' in Knaresborough. The Clerk reminded him of KTC's previous request (August 2006) that every house in Knaresborough receives a copy.
- l) The Clerk – NYCC County Area Committee meeting to be held on 17 January 2008 at 9.30 at the Cairn Hotel Harrogate.

276 ITEM 15 - RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

- (a) The Clerk – Journal of the Society of Local Council Clerks – January 2008.
- (b) Clerk and Councils Direct Issue 55, January 2008 and Clerk and Councils Direct 2008 - Councils Suppliers Guide and Yearbook.

RESOLVED: To receive & note.

Meeting ended at 10pm