

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY 14 AUGUST 2006 AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE KNARESBOROUGH**

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

Councillors: R Aspin, J Cooke, R Hall, K Hawkins, J Jackson, B Pearson
D Smith, J Smith, C Willoughby and AWright.

7.00pm (Council Chamber) –Mr Keith Wilkinson, Bilton Conservation Group.

Mr Wilkinson explained to Councillors that Horseshoe Fields Bridge is in desperate need of repair. The bridge is extremely old and is on pictures dating back to 1896. The bridge facilitates a number of footpaths and is permanently in use. The Military have been approached for help with the repair work. Estimation for the work is £15,000 to 25,000.

After the presentation Councillors were able to question Mr Wilkinson on whether HBC or other companies/organizations had been approached, whether all the bridge (known as the wooden bridge) would be steel, & whether the Nidd Gorge Group would manage it.

COUNCIL MEETING 7.30 PM

Present: **Chair:** Councillor P Guest (Town Mayor)
Councillors: R Aspin, J Cooke, R Hall, K Hawkins, J Jackson, B Pearson,
D Smith, J Smith, C Willoughby and A Wright

Late arrivals: None

Early Departures: R Aspin (8pm)

9905 ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Councillors M Smith, B Hallam, P Godsell & H Lyon

9906 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor P Guest	Item 6 – Prejudicial - Planning Application 1866 Item 8a – Neighbouring property along Ripley Road. Item 11 – Regalia Case. Item 12c – Member of Renaissance Knaresborough. Item 12d – Member of Knaresborough in Bloom.
Councillor J Smith	Item 9e - Prejudicial Item 7g - Prejudicial Item 8a - Prejudicial
Councillor D Smith	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Item 9e - Prejudicial Item 7g - Prejudicial Item 8a - Prejudicial
Councillor A Wright	Item 10 – Prejudicial

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Councillor J Jackson	Item 9e – Business Acquaintance
Councillor C Willoughby	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Item 6 – Planning Application 1866 - Acquainted with neighbour
Councillor K Hawkins	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Planning Appln. 543 & items 7e & 8b all relate to Halfpenny Lane
Councillor J Cooke	Item 6 - Planning Application 1866 - Friendly with neighbour Planning Appln. 543 & items 7e & 8b all relate to Halfpenny Lane

9907 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 31 JULY 2006

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 31 July 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9908 ITEM 5 Matters Arising from Presentation by Mr K Wilkinson on Horseshoe Fields Bridge

Councillors felt that this was an excellent project for Knaresborough. Harrogate Borough Council own the bridge, so have certain obligations as do North Yorkshire County Council, for the public right of way.

Proposed: That Knaresborough Town Council underwrite the project for £25,000.

Motion Failed.

RESOLVED: i) That Knaresborough Town Council adopt this project, & part fund it with a pledge of £5,000.
ii) That a small committee is set up to move things forward as quickly as possible, with Councillors John Smith, Andy Wright, Bob Pearson, Kevin Hawkins and Robert Aspin.
iii) That a vote of thanks be given to Keith Wilkinson for his wonderful presentation.

(Recorded vote: UNANIMOUS)

(Councillor R Aspin left the chamber & did not return).

9909 ITEM 4 – OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK - a) Mr P Allot (re Item 9e).

(Councillors J and D Smith declared a prejudicial interest in the above and left the Chamber for the duration of Mr Allott's speech and the Council's subsequent discussion and voting thereon).

Mr Allott told Councillors that his company were at the forefront of developing new software that would enable anyone to view a website or play a CD without the necessary equipment. His idea was to encourage KTC to sponsor a DVD of Knaresborough people & places that would then be available for the public. He would then use our pilot DVD as a selling tool for other Councils.

RESOLVED: That KTC defer this item until the first meeting in October when they would have had sufficient time to research & understand this equipment, & it had gone to the Renaissance Knaresborough meeting in September.

9910 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>
543.J.FUL*	David Fox Ltd	Erection of single storey front and side extension to provide additional vehicle repair workshop, reception, office area and store – Halfpenny Lane.	To support this subject to there not being any increase of disturbance to local residential properties.
1091.G.LB*	Mr & Mrs Denton	Listed Building application for the erection of rear conservatory – 49 Kirkgate.	Object on the grounds of the adverse visual impact this conservatory would have on the Conservation Area.
1148.J.FUL*	Coteba Ltd	Erection of replacement canopy, petrol filling station, shop and other associated equipment (Revised Scheme) – Knaresborough Service Station, Boroughbridge Road.	No Objections
1550.B.FUL*	Mr & Mrs Charleston	Erection of two-storey rear extension with balcony to replace single storey rear extension – The Boat House (Formerly Belle Vue) Blands Hill.	No Objections
1614.AU.FUL MAJ*	St James Securities Ventures Ltd & Redline Racing Motor Group.	Erection of car dealership, offices, workshop, associated car parking and landscaping – Land at grid ref. 436646/456560 Grimbald Crag Close, St James Retail, Business and Industrial Park.	No Objections
1866.C.CLEU D	B S Palmer	Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use of land as domestic curtilage – Fawley, Ripley Road.	Object to this change of use on following grounds:- In Nidd Gorge Conservation Area, It's a Wild Life Corridor, Request that the land is reverted back to it's natural state.
<i>(The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in the above application (1866) and left the Council Chamber for the duration, the Council's subsequent discussion & voting thereon. Councillor J Cooke took the chair).</i>			
1927.A.TPO*	Mrs Wilkes	Crown clean and reduce 2 Weeping Willow Trees within group G1 of Tree Preservation Order 1/1959 – Little Runswick, Spital Croft.	No Objections
1931.H.LB*	Mr Gracie La Williams	Listed building application for alterations to fire place – House In The Rock, 8 Crag Lane.	No Objections
2359.B.FUL*	Mr J McNicholas	Erection of single storey side extension (revised scheme) – 66 Grimbald Road.	No Objections
2525.FUL*	M H & C Johnson	Conversion of ground floor shop and first floor flat to form 2 flats (Site Area 0.01ha) – 2 and 4 Briggate.	No Objections
2526.FUL*	Emma Howie	Erection of attached garage with terrace above and single storey rear extension – 24 Boroughbridge Road.	No Objections
2527.FUL*	Mr & Mrs McKenzie	Erection of single storey side and rear extensions – 19 Abbey Mill Gardens.	No Objections
2528.FUL*	Mr Connolly	Erection of conservatory to rear – 24 Appleby Avenue.	No Objections
* Item for determination by Head of Planning Services or Head of Planning Services/Chairman of Planning Cttee.			
** Item for determination by Planning Cttee.			

9911 ITEM 7 - PLANNING MATTERS & CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Planning Enforcements (i) Confidential Papers (*see unpublished minute*)

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(ii) Report of Investigations:

- 06/00377/PR15 – Land at Grid ref. 436501/45008 Grimbald Cragg Way
- 06/00413/PR15 – 41 Dentdale Drive

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

(b) To note the following **WITHDRAWN** planning applications:

- (i) 6.100.1322.L.FUL – Erection of single storey rear extension to nursery – Thistle Hill Nursing Home.
- (ii) 6.100.1931.G.LB – Listed building application for the installation of satellite dish to east elevation – House in the Rock 8 Crag Lane.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

(c) **Correspondence**

- (i) 6.100.1447.B.FULMAJ – LIDL UK- Planning Application for a Supermarket at Strikes Garden Centre – letter dated 22 July 2006 from Chairman, Knaresborough Retailers

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

- (ii)(LDF) Public Consultation Meeting – letter dated 4 August 2006 from Head of Planning Services, HBC.

RESOLVED: To receive and note, but also to write back to thank them.

(d) **Dismissed Appeals:**

- (i) 6.100.643.D.FUL – Demolition of existing bungalow, erection of 1 pair of semi-detached dwellings & 3 terraced houses, & formation of new vehicular access (revised scheme, site area 0.13ha) – 22 Belmont Avenue, Calcutt.
- (ii) 6.100.133.F.OUT – Outline application for the erection of 1 dwelling, with sitting & access considered (Revised Scheme) (Site Area 0.05ha) – The Pines, 11 Wetherby Road.
- (iii) 6.100.1331.F.FUL – Erection of first floor side extension to form 1 flat, pitched roof over existing flat roof, replacement of external staircase, formation of new window & door and hard landscaping (Revised Scheme) (Site Area 0.06 ha) – Former Dental Clinic, Chain Lane.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

e) **Application approved by HBC (subject to conditions) contrary to KTC observations:**

- (i) 6.100. 1685.L.ADV – Erection of 2 no. non illuminated free standing signs (Revised Scheme) – Land adjacent to former Nursery Site off Halfpenny Lane.

(Note: KTC objected on the grounds that the description is misleading & inaccurate as there is already a place called Waterside in Knaresborough).

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

- f) **Harrogate District Local Development Framework** – Provision for Open Space in connection with New Housing Development; Provision for Village Halls in connection with New Housing Development - letter dated 25 July 2006 from Chief Planner (Forward Planning), HBC.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

(Councillors J and D Smith declared a prejudicial interest in the 2 items below (7g and 8a), left the Council Chamber for the duration, the Council's subsequent discussion & voting thereon).

- (g) **Town & Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 1999** -Tree Preservation Order No. 48/2006 – Nidd House, Abbey Road – notice of Provisional Order dated 26/07/06.

RESOLVED: To receive and note, but to write back to say that KTC support this if it is a healthy tree.

9912 ITEM 8 – HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Opportunity to Speak Tuesday 15 August 2006

(a) 6.100.1629.K.FUL – Erection of 1 detached dwelling and alterations to existing vehicular access (Site Area 0.097ha) (Revised Scheme) – 4/6 High Bond End.

KTC comments:- *The Town Council would urge Harrogate Borough Council to totally reject this application on road safety grounds.*

HBC recommendations:- *Approve subject to conditions.*

(Councillors J and D Smith returned to the Council Chamber).

(b) 6.100.2489.A.FUL – Erection of three dwellings and altered vehicular access (site area 0.061ha) (Revised Scheme) – The Glen, Halfpenny Lane.

KTC comments:- *Objects on the grounds of gross over intensification of a small site, adverse traffic problems.*

HBC recommendations:- Refuse.

RESOLVED: That Councillor A Wright attends the meeting and speaks on behalf of KTC.
(Councillor K Hawkins will also go, but as a District Councillor).

9913 ITEM 9 – COMMUNICATIONS/MATTERS ARISING

(a) Parish Consultation Meetings for 2006/07 – letter dated 19 July 2006 from Senior Member Services Officer, HBC. Note: 6 representatives from KTC required plus items for Agenda.

RESOLVED: That Councillors J Smith, K Hawkins, A Wright, D Smith & P Godsell represent KTC at the above meeting. Questions raised will be concerning the following matters: - Road resurfacing, Consideration of KTC's views, Planning concerns, Horseshoe Fields Bridge, Conservation Plan & Performance Area, & Traffic Consultation.

(It was agreed that HBC be asked if it would be possible to have an extension to the deadline for receipt of Agenda items in order that these could be discussed more fully at the Council's next meeting, 30 Aug 06).

(b) Grazing Land at Conyngham Hall – letter dated 25 July 2006 from Head of Property Management, HBC

After considerable discussion Councillors decided that the following options should be put forward for consideration.

RESOLVED: i) Enhance public access, possibility of another bridge & access at the top of the field so this could become a circular walk.
ii) No unauthorised vehicles on the site.
iii) A place where people could walk around, not dense woodland.
iv) Essential protection of wild life.
v) That HBC produce a management plan.

(c) Car Park Signs – Station Road, Knaresborough – letter 26 July 2006 from Head of Transport, HBC. (KTC sent letters both to HBC & Network Rail).

RESOLVED: That we defer this item until we receive a reply from Network Rail.

(d) Licensing Act 2003 – letter dated 3 August 2006 from Licensing Manager, HBC.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact other neighbouring areas to find out if they are interpreting the Licensing Act the same as Harrogate.

(e) DVD Video to Promote Knaresborough – letter dated 7 August from Project Manager, Allott & Associates Ltd. (*See item 4*)

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9914 ITEM 10 REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Citizens Advice Bureau (Knaresborough) – Councillor D Smith to report.

Councillor D Smith informed the Councillors that a new venue had been found, the new library. C.A.B were now looking for staff & for funding.

RESOLVED: That Councillor D Smith would come back to the Town Council when a request from C.A.B has been put together.

(Councillor A Wright declared a prejudicial interest in the above and left the Council Chamber for the duration, the Council's subsequent discussion & voting thereon.

9915 ITEM 11 – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payments, amounting to £3,369.18 as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No.294 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 J Smith & A Wright signatories).

9916 ITEM 12 – DOCUMENTS RECEIVED

(a) Inforegio Newsletter No. 147, July 2006.

(b) Working for You – On Target – Summary Performance Plan 2006/2007, Summer edition. Letter dated 27 July 2006 from Performance Manager, HBC.

(c) Renaissance Knaresborough Executive Committee - Minutes of Meeting No. 5, 18 July 2006.

(d) Knaresborough In Bloom – Minutes of meetings dated 9 May and 13 June 2006.

9917 ITEM 13 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE

a) Everyone is invited to help complete an interesting mosaic for display at the Castle Top. Taking place at St Johns Church between 11 – 1, & 2 – 4pm daily – no cost. *(Councillor Guest)*

b) *Yorkshire Life 1969 – a report on car parking in Knaresborough – ‘everybody wants to park at the castle top’ – nothing's changed!* *(Councillor Jackson).*

c) There are chairs that need attention in the chamber, please inform HBC. *(Councillor Willoughby).*

d) The door mat at the entrance is scruffy too – we need a new one! *(Councillor Guest).*

e) 31 July KTC meeting, we discussed Jacob Smith Park, there were issues I was unable to tell Councillors. At the moment no decisions have been made about the park, the Trustees are only discussing *(Cllr Hawkins)*

f) I met with William Culver Dodds the other day, we discussed various things. Greenspace Festival, there were no spare beds in Knaresborough that weekend. Thinking of putting it back next year into June. At the previous Council meeting Mr Culver Dodds attended he thought that the Councillors were very rude, they gave him a good grilling that he felt he didn't deserve. He has however taken on board the comments KTC made. Edwardian Sunday – difficulties with setting up the stalls late & the extra cost incurred. There will be a bigger area around the market place. Query over the balcony (Clerk to investigate.) *(Councillor R Hall).*

g) Phone call from John Cann (National Playing Fields Association) He has received our bid for a grant. He suggests that we submit a bid for drainage alone at this stage. The project is for 2007. (Clerk)

h) Accounts notice is displayed on the notice board period of notice is 7 – 21 August. Available for inspection between 9-12.30 Monday to Friday 21 August – 18 September. (Clerk)

i) Query over the wording on an audit sheet. Clerk reported that when investigating this query it appears that last year a similar query must have been made as the previous Clerk had added by pen to read (see bold & underlined) Community Centre / Grants (Clerk)

j) Query over Councillors giving reasons for apologies. SLCC & YLCA both report that legislation does not define whether when giving apologies a Councillor should also give a reason. However both felt that is courteous to do so. It was suggested that reasons are kept in a separate attendance book. (Clerk)

Meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

Council
14 August 2006