

REPORT OF MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH
ON MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2006

PRESENT **Chair:** Councillor D. Smith (Deputy Town Mayor)

Councillors J Cooke, P Godsell, R Hall, K Hawkins, J Smith, C Willoughby, J Jackson,
M Smith, and A Wright.

Early Departures: None

9656 **ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors B Hallam (family commitment), P Guest (family commitment), H Lyon (unwell), R Pearson (unwell) and R Aspin (unwell).

9657 **ITEM 2 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Note: Interests are personal, unless indicated otherwise.

Councillor J Smith	Member of HBC – will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information.
Councillor C Willoughby	Item 12 – prejudicial.
Councillor K Hawkins	Member of HBC – will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information. Item 12 – Governor of Meadowside School. Item 7 – prejudicial.
Councillor J Cooke	Item 7 – prejudicial.
Councillor D Smith	Member of HC – will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information.
Councillor J Jackson	Item 12 – prejudicial.
Councillor A Wright	Planning application 6.100.1638.G – prejudicial. Item 12 – live near schools. Item 10aii – owner of shop unit on High Street.

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9658 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4 JANUARY 2006

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 4 January 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9659 ITEM 4 – OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK (None)

9660 ITEM 5 – PLANNING APPLICATION(S)

RESOLVED: That observations be made to the Planning Authority, upon the planning application in Knaresborough stated hereunder, as indicated opposite the application:

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Details of Application</u>	<u>Observations</u>
<i>(Councillor A Wright declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 6.100.1638.G, left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)</i>			
1638 .G. DVCON*	Tutu Ali	Variation of Condition 4 of Permission 6.100.1638.PA to allow extension of opening times to 02.00am – 57 High Street. (previously 17.00 to 23.30 daily).	Object – the proposed extension of opening times, to 02.00am would be detrimental to amenity. (Note – the Council would not object to an extension of opening hours until 12.30am)

(Councillor A Wright returned to the Council Chamber.)

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

** Item for determination by Planning Committee

9661 ITEM 6a – PLANNING ENFORCEMENTS

RESOLVED: To receive and note the following -

- i) Confidential papers – see unpublished minutes.

9662 ITEM 6b – WITHDRAWN APPLICATION

RESOLVED: - To receive and note the following – 6.100.2475. FULMAJ - Erection of 15 dwellings with associated internal roads and vehicular accesses (site area 0.65ha). – Somerley, 38 Boroughbridge Road & Land to the West of 12 Alexandra Grove, Blind Lane.

9663 ITEM 6c – NORTH YORKSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK SUBMISSION STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

Ref - letter dated 6 January 2006 from Senior Minerals and Waste Policy Officer, NYCC.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

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9664 ITEM 7 – HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE

- a) 6.100.1685.H.FULMAJ – Substitution of 133 house type (plot numbers 1-12 and 14-134) from application No. 6.100.1685.G.REMMAJ – Former Nursery Site off Halfpenny Lane.
- b) 6.100.1909.B.FUL – Demolition of detached dwelling and erection of 5 dwellings with new vehicular access (site area 0.16ha) – 1 Wetherby Road. – APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.

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

9665 ITEM 8 – STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON ONE NEW PRIMARY CARE TRUST (PCT) FOR NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

Ref – letter dated 14 December 2005 from Chief Executives of Craven, Harrogate and Rural District PCT/Acting Chief Executive Selby and York PCT, Hambleton and Richmond PCT and Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale PCT.

RESOLVED: To respond to the Chief Executives, of the above PCT's, expressing the Town Council's objection to the proposed, merged PCT for North Yorkshire and York, on the grounds that the resulting body will be too large to be adequately in touch with and respond to the large geographic area and size of population served. The Council considers that all PCT's should be as small as practicably possible, to ensure they are responsive to and understanding of their localities needs.

9666 ITEM 8b– STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN ENGLISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Ref - The Future – letter dated 15 December 2005 from Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

9667 ITEM 8c – REVIEW OF CONTRACTED BUS SERVICES

Ref - letter dated 22 December 2005 from Public Transport Manager, NYCC.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

9668 ITEM 9a – CONYNGHAM HALL CAR PARK

Ref – verbal report by Councillor K Hawkins, following councillors second site visit with J Dobinson, HBC on 8 December 2005.

RESOLVED: To receive and note verbal report of Councillor Hawkins.

Note – Information on possible options, to address issues of anti-social behaviour, awaited from J Dobinson.

9669 ITEM 9b – MAYORAL POINTS SYSTEM

Ref – report by the Mayoral Points Working Group, presented by Councillor K Hawkins

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Mayoral Points Scheme, devised by the Mayoral Points Working Group, be adopted and backdated to 7 May 1999.
- b) That the Mayoral Points Working Group be disbanded, with effect from 16 January 2006.

9670 ITEM 10 – RENAISSANCE MARKET TOWN INITIATIVE (RMT)

Ref - To consider the following projects, as identified in the RMT Delivery Plan, 2005 (see Minute 9630).

RESOLVED: To submit the following comments to the Chair of the RMT Group and Head of Economic Development, HBC.

- i) KN3, Town Manager – Whilst the Town Council supports the establishment of the post of Town Manager, in principle, it considers that the associated matters of accountability, chain of command, strategic and/or janitorial role must be agreed, between all interested parties, to ensure the post is effective.
- ii) KN4, Improving Shop Fronts – The Council considers that the top priority should be to secure occupation of vacant retail premises, to enhance the visual and retail attraction of the Town.
- iii) KN5, Medium Sized Supermarket – The Council supports the upgrade of the existing food retail facility, at the Co-op site, and the introduction of a quality, non-food, retail attraction in the Town Centre. (The Council considers that a supermarket in the Town Centre would be detrimental to existing retail provision).

(Councillor A Wright voted against the Council's comments in iii) above.)

9671 ITEM 10b – TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER RMT MATTERS

Councillor R Hall advised that the Interim Steering Group met on 12 January 2006 and considered the comments of the Council on the draft RMT Group constitution, further to which amendments had been made (details to be supplied). (See Minute 9648).

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

9672 ITEM 11 – TOWN CLERK AS RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Ref – verbal report of Clerk.

RESOLVED: That, as a result of the imminent change in Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Knaresborough Town Council, to agree the change in signatory, from Mrs Emily MacDowell (current Clerk and RFO) to Mrs Nicola Kuehn (new Clerk and RFO), with effect from 10 February 2006, to the following bank accounts:

1. Knaresborough Town Council - Current Account and Capital Reserve Account, held at the NATWEST Bank, Knaresborough Branch.
2. Knaresborough Town Council – Jubilee Pavilion Fund, held at HSBC, Knaresborough Branch.
3. Knaresborough Town Council – Mayor’s Fund Raising Account, held at HSBC, Knaresborough Branch.

9673 ITEM 12 – PROPOSED MERGER OF MANOR AND CASTLE SCHOOLS

Ref – Report by North Yorkshire County Council Education Service to Corporate Director’s Meeting with Executive Members, 13 January 2006.

(Councillors J Jackson and C Willoughby declared a prejudicial interest, in Item 12, left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)

RESOLVED: That the Town Council contact the Local Education Authority (NYCC) and Castle and Manor Schools to enquire why a number of pupils within their catchment area do not attend those schools and what measures can be taken, to address this issue.

(Councillors J Jackson and C Willoughby returned to the Council Chamber.)

9674 ITEM 13– KTC BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2006/07

RESOLVED: That the Town Council agree a budget for 2006/07, as detailed on the paper attached, and submit a request, to Harrogate Borough Council, for a precept of £79,093 in 2006/07.

9675 ITEM 14 – TO CONSIDER ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT, SCHEDULE 280.

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment, amounting to £5,598.13 as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No. 280 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).

9676 ITEM 15 – TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED: To receive and note the following documents:

- a) EU “Inforegio News” Newsletter No. 140, November 2005.
- b) Clerks & Councils Direct 2006 – Councils suppliers Guide & Year Book.
- c) Clerks & Councils Direct, Issue 43, January 2006.
- d) Member Training 2005/06 – Papers supplied by Councillor K Hawkins. (*ca*)

9677 ITEM 16 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- a) Grant to Links Youth Club (purchase of musical instruments) – letter of thanks received, 13 January 2006.
- b) Gift to former Clerk, A. Benton, - letter of thanks received, 16 January 2006.
- c) Yorkshire and Humber Regional Spatial Strategy – briefing sessions, January – February 2006.
- d) Update of Councillors contact details – list circulated to all councillors present.
- e) Appointment of New Clerk – To note current Clerk leaving 27 January 2006. New Clerk, Mrs Nicola Kuehn, to be in post from 10 February 2006. Best wishes of current Clerk conveyed to all councillors.
- f) Bebra Gardens – Councillor D Smith reported works undertaken to trees at Brewerton Street entrance.
- g) Member Training – circulation of notes under Item 15 d highlighted by Councillor K Hawkins.
- h) Stock Well – Water leak at York Place now repaired and water flow to the Stock Well continues. Councillor A Wright continues to monitor.
- i) Knaresborough in Bloom – meeting at 7.30pm on 17 January 2006, Knaresborough House.
- j) RMT Community Conference, 21 January 2006.
- k) Traffic signal/monitoring – enquiry regarding item installed at Stockwell Road bridge.

The Meeting closed at 9.28pm