

REPORT OF MEETINGS OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH
ON MONDAY 20 JUNE 2005

7.00 pm (Council Chamber) – Presentation – Harrogate Festival & Knaresborough Chamber of Trade re Knaresborough Christmas Market.

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

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

Late Arrivals: *J Smith 7.22pm

Early Departures: None

Apologies were received from Councillor R J Pearson (holiday).

M Gibson, Knaresborough Chamber of Trade gave a summary of the current position re. organisation of the Edwardian Christmas Market. It is recognised that the scale of the Market can no longer be managed, with the limited resources available to the Chamber. A search for other resource options has led to a partnership with the Harrogate Festival.

P Blackburn, Chairman of Harrogate Festival outlined the work of the organisation, across the District. Mr Culver-Dodds explained the Festival's proposals to develop and enhance the Knaresborough Edwardian Christmas Market (December) and Spring Market (May) utilising a range of local art and music attractions.

The Festival aims to provide a quality attraction, for residents and visitors, and capitalise on the unique features of Knaresborough. A single weekend event (2-4 December 2005) is proposed, to replace the former two Sunday markets. Initial proposals include traffic management to maximise movement for pedestrians and access by public transport. The economic benefits to the Town were highlighted.

Mr Culver-Dodds sought to clarify the position with regard to charity stalls, at the Market, and emphasised they were welcome subject to their quality matching that which the Festival sought to attract.

A number of questions and answers followed relating to charity stalls, costs, use of profits, length of event, and publicity.

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COUNCIL MEETING
7.30 PM

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

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

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

9281 **ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor R J Pearson (holiday).

9282 **ITEM 2 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Note: Interests are personal, unless indicated otherwise.

Councillor R Aspin	Item 11(i) - Member of RMT Town Team Item 9a – Member of Performance Area Committee Item 10c – 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. Chair of Area No. 2 Development Control Committee Item 11(i) - Member of RMT Town Team Item 10d – Allocated HBC member budget to Cemetery Wall extension.
Councillor M Smith	Item 10c – Member of Knaresborough in Bloom Item 6 – Prejudicial Interest re. 6.100.2211.A.FUL**
Councillor P Godsell	Item 10b – Member of Knaresborough Community Centre Committee
Councillor D Smith	Member of Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) – will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information. Item 10d – Allocated HBC member budget to Cemetery Wall extension.
Councillor K Hawkins	Member of Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) – will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information. Item 11(i) - Member of RMT Town Team

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Councillor J Cooke	Item 11(i) - Member of RMT Town Team
Councillor C Willoughby	Item 6 - County Matters – Employee of NYCC Item 10c – Member of Knaresborough in Bloom
Councillor P Guest	Item 10c – Member of Knaresborough in Bloom Item 11(i) - Member of RMT Town Team Item 13 – Related to one of the applicants
Councillor J E E Jackson	Item 6 - County Matters – Employee of NYCC

9283 ITEMS 3 and 3a - PRESENTATION BY HARROGATE FESTIVAL AND KNARESBOROUGH CHAMBER OF TRADE RE KNARESBOROUGH CHRISTMAS MARKET.

RESOLVED: i) Suspend Standing Orders to enable questions and answers with Mr W Culver-Dodds, Mr Gibson and Mr Bull.

A number of questions, concerns and issues, relating to the Market, were raised and responded to.

RESOLVED:

- ii) That the Town Council give a cautious welcome to the transfer of the Edwardian Christmas Market to the North Yorkshire Cultural Events and wish the new organisers well. The Council asks that NYCE reconsider the position of charity stall holders, with a view to their inclusion and participation in future Christmas Markets.
- iii) That the thanks of KTC be conveyed to representatives of NYCE and Knaresborough Chamber of Trade for their presentation.

(Standing Orders reinstated)

(Note: Meeting suspended for 10 minutes, 8.00-8.10pm, to allow Members to view plans relating to planning applications noted in 6).

9284 ITEM 4 – MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6 JUNE 2005

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 June 2005 be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

9285 ITEM 5 – KTC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Mrs A Farmer, Knaresborough Civic Society re

- a) Planning Application 6.100.108.S.FUL - Da Mario's 15 Waterside; and
- b) Proposed resurfacing of Green Dragon Yard (Item 10a).

(Minute No. 9285 Cont'd)

- a) **Planning Application 6.100.108.S.FUL** – Mrs Farmer, on behalf of the Civic Society, expressed a number of objections to the proposed development. The Conservation Area status of the application site, ground stability, impact on neighbouring properties and traffic generation are all factors that the Society consider would be detrimentally affected.

RESOLVED: Object to Planning Application 6.100.108.S.FUL:- on the following grounds;

- i) Loss of internationally recognised view of value, (River Nidd the Viaduct and High Bridge).
- ii) That the design and siting of the proposed residential units are inappropriate in this Conservation Area.

b) Proposed resurfacing Green Dragon Yard (Item 10a).

Mrs Farmer highlighted the prominent position but poor appearance of the road surface at Green Dragon Yard and requested that the Town Council consider favourably the request for contributory funding.

A number of questions, comments and answers followed relating to access for service provision, re-instatement post works and other yards in the Town.

- RESOLVED:**
- i) That KTC make a grant of £1,000, from the Capital Projects Budget, towards resurfacing Green Dragon Yard.
 - ii) That HBC be requested to consider resurfacing of other yards in Knaresborough such as Park Place.
 - iii) That the Clerk enquire if cobblestones removed from the Market Place are still available and could be utilised at Green Dragon Yard.

9286 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>
108.S.FUL**	Mr Leo Campagna	Conversion and extension of existing restaurant to form 1 dwelling, demolition of existing cottage and erection of 3 no. detached dwellings (revised scheme, site area 0.1ha) – Da Mario Restaurant, 15 Waterside.	Object: i) Loss of internationally recognised view of value, (River Nidd, the Viaduct and High Bridge). ii) That the design and siting of the proposed residential units are inappropriate in this Conservation Area.

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(Councillor A Wright declared a personal interest in planning application 172.B.FUL – knows the applicant)

172.B.FUL*	Mr & Mrs Watkins	Erection of rear conservatory – 1 St Margaret’s Gardens.	No Objections.
818.A.FUL*	Mr & Mrs P Ellithorne	Erection of single storey side and rear extensions – 19 Widdale Road.	No Objections.
878.Q.FUL*	Mr W Nelson	Erection of rear conservatory – The Mearns, York Road.	No Objections.
1491.O.FUL**	Britannia Developments	Erection of 7 dwellings (site area 0.29ha) – Land between 62 and 80 Boroughbridge Road, Knaresborough.	Object on the grounds that the site development potential of the application site should be considered in conjunction with the neighbouring area and that this proposed development would be “short-term”.
1491.P.FUL**	Britannia Developments	Erection of 4 detached dwellings (site area 0.29ha) – Land between 62 and 80 Boroughbridge Road, Knaresborough.	Object on the grounds that the site development potential of the application site should be considered in conjunction with the neighbouring area and that this proposed development would be “short-term”.
1575.B.LB*	Mr P Robinson	Listed Building application for the erection and alteration of stone boundary walls and railings to form new parking bay, extension to existing boundary wall with railings, formation of openings in boundary walls to form access drive to No. 26 - 16-22 & 26 Bond End.	No Objections.
1614.AQ.FUL*	Next Group Plc	Deletion of condition No. 3 of planning permission 6.100.1614.AO.FUL to allow windows at first floor level – Unit 1B Next, St James Retail Business & Industrial Park.	No Objections
1894.A.FUL*	Mr & Mrs J Dry	Erection of single storey side extension to replace existing conservatory – 18 St Robert’s Road.	No Objections

(Councillor M Smith declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 2211.A.FUL, left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)

2211.A.FUL**	Mr & Mrs Hooton	Retention of siting of static caravan used as dwelling for one gypsy family and associated hard-standing (site area 0.09ha) – Land comprising part of OS field No. 5710 Cass Lane.	Object: The proposed development would be in the Green Belt and therefore contrary to policy and set an unwelcome precedent for further such development.
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(Councillor M Smith returned to the Council Chamber.)

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2446.FUL*	Mr W Scott	Erection of detached garden room – Candy Cottage, 35 Abbey Road.	No Objections
2447.FUL*	Mr Ramskill	Erection of 1 rear dormer and replacement detached garage – 33 St Margaret’s Road.	No Objections
2448 FUL*	Ms S Taylor-Bradley	Erection of single storey rear extension – 27 Park Row.	No Objections
2449.FULMAJ**	Samuel Smith Brewery (Tadcaster)	Erection of 10 dwellings to replace existing garages and storage buildings (site area 0.074ha) – Meadley Square, Whiteleys Yard.	No Objections
2450.FUL*	Mr & Mrs Harmer	Erection of lobby/utility side extension with first floor accommodation in roof space – 9 Lunedale Avenue.	No Objections
2451.ADV**	The Woodlands Trust	Retention of 1 freestanding information sign – Land at Grid Ref 432969/458416, Nidd Gorge Woodland, Ripley Road.	KTC supports this application.
2452.FUL*	Mr Cochrane	Erection of rear conservatory – Montrose, Ripley Road.	No Objections
County Matters	NYCC	Proposed new frontage to library and rear extension at Knaresborough Library, Market Place.	Object: The proposed frontage to the library is considered to be of a poor visual quality and inappropriate in this historic Market Place. The Council is also concerned that the proposal will result in the loss of a valuable community display area.

* Item for determination by Head of Planning Services or Head of Planning Services/Chairman of Area 2 DC Committee.

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9287 ITEM 7a – PLANNING ENFORCEMENTS

RESOLVED: i) To receive and note (See Unpublished Minute).

9288 ITEM 7b – TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

(i) 6.100.48.F.FUL – Formation of a two bay cricket practice area with synthetic playing surface and 4.2 metre high frames and netting – Knaresborough Cricket Club, Aspin Lane - APPEAL ALLOWED.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

9289 ITEM 8 - OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK HBC PLANNING NO. 2 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE – TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2005 – 4.00PM AT CONYNGHAM HALL, KNARESBOROUGH

- a) 6.100.78.D.FUL – Erection of 2 semi-detached dwellings - Land between 25 and 19 Park Row
- b) 6.100.819.A.OUTMAJ – Outline application for the erection of 23 dwellings – 1 Chain Lane.
- c) 6.100.1629.G.LB – Listed building application for the demolition of detached outbuilding 4/6 High Bond End.
- d) 6.100.1629.H.FUL – Erection of 1 pair of semi detached dwellings, 4/6 High Bond End.

RESOLVED: Councillor A Wright to attend the above meeting with reference to planning application 6.100.1629.H.FUL.

9290 ITEM 9a - PROPOSED PERFORMANCE AREA AND CONSERVATION PLAN – KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE

Ref – letter dated 1st June 2005 from Head of Museums and Arts.

RESOLVED: That all available members of the Performance Area Committee attend a meeting with C Evans, Head of Museums, to review archaeological information relating to the Castle.

9291 ITEM 9b - RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL MAYOR MAKING -19 MAY 2005

Ref – letter dated 6 June 2005 from Chief Administrator, The George A Moore Foundation.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

ITEM 10a - GREEN DRAGON YARD – See Minute 9285b)

9292 ITEM 10b - KING GEORGE V FIELD – PROPOSED PITCH IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLVED: Not to pursue an application for grant funding, for pitch improvements at King George V Field, on the understanding that HBC are not to fund the revenue implications of an upgraded pitch. It is noted that HBC fund all the pitches in Harrogate and it is considered that they should fund at least one such pitch in Knaresborough.

9293 ITEM 10c – KNIGHT ON A CHARGER (Ref. Minute 9268)

RESOLVED: (i) Contact HBC to advise that KTC will accept ownership and responsibility for the Knight on a Charger, and enquire if this is acceptable to the Borough Council.

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- (ii) Further to (i) above, ask Knaresborough in Bloom for advice on the location, cost and extent of repairs required and future security of the Charger.

9294 ITEM 10d – KNARESBOROUGH CEMETERY WALL EXTENSION
(Ref. Schedule of Accounts 269, 6 June 2005)

RESOLVED: Defer, pending response from Head of Parks, HBC.

9295 ITEM 11 - RENAISSANCE MARKET TOWN INITIATIVE

Note: Invitation to members of the Town Team to attend an RMT workshop at the Great Yorkshire Show, July 2005.

9296 ITEM 12 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PER SCHEDULE NO. 270

RESOLVED: That with the exception of invoice no. 29 (HBC – Cemetery Wall), payment of which to be deferred, the accounts for payment amounting to £3,067.54 as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No. 270 be authorised for payment and the Clerk be authorised to sign the cheques on the Council's account in settlement of the payments concerned (*Councillors A Wright and J Smith signatories*).

9297 ITEM 13 - APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES

Justices Licences

- (i) "Thresher", 48 High Street – Transfer of Justices Licence from Mr M A Britt and Ms C Kitching to Julie Stephen.

RESOLVED: No objections.

9298 ITEM 14 – DOCUMENTS RECEIVED

The Chair reported that the following documents had been received and were available for inspection in the Clerk's Office:

- a) E.U. "Inforegio" booklet No. 16, May 2005.
- b) "The Clerk" – Journal of the Society of Local Council Clerks, May 2005.
- c) Pointers to Good Practice – A Guide for Town and Parish Councils.

RESOLVED: To receive and note the above documents.

9299 ITEM 15 – INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- a) Service of Remembrance to celebrate 60th Anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day, 10 July 2005.

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- b) Special Choral Evensong, St John's Church, Sunday 17 July 2005 at 3.00 pm – to mark the retirement of Canon (Tony) Betts.
- c) KTC Employment Committee – meeting 4 July 2005 deferred. Clerk to advise of new date.
- d) 40th Bed Race – success of the event noted and support expressed to Knaresborough Lions.
- e) 21 June 2005 at 7.30 pm –Knaresborough in Bloom meeting.
- f) King James's School – tour of new hall – thanks to M Laycock, Business Manager.

The Meeting closed at 9.43 pm