

REPORT OF MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH
ON MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2005

7.00pm (Council Chamber) – Presentation – Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) for Harrogate and Knaresborough by Mr I Fielding, Assistant Director, Waste Management, North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC).

Mr Fielding gave a summary of the background to the development of policy relating to the provision of HWRC's in North Yorkshire. Whilst NYCC recognised the desire for a HWRC facility in Knaresborough, there was at present no policy support for prioritisation of this proposal. Under new policy criteria Knaresborough is and will be served by facilities in Harrogate: (Stonefall and proposed site in the west of Harrogate). (95% of residents within 20 minutes drive). Provision of a HWRC in Knaresborough is currently a category 3 priority - recognition of local demand, for which there are no funds currently available, with provision as and when resources allow.

A number of questions followed regarding provision of facilities in smaller settlements in North Yorkshire, capital and revenue funding, previous consultancy work and traffic congestion/site access to Stonefall HWRC.

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

Councillors J Cooke, P Guest, H Lyon, C Willoughby, J Jackson, J Smith, D Smith, M Smith, P Godsell, and A Wright.

Early Departures: None

9570 **ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors R Hall (holiday), B Hallam (work commitment), K Hawkins (unwell), J Jackson (family commitment).

9571 **ITEM 2 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Note: Interests are personal, unless indicated otherwise.

Councillor M Smith	Planning application 1686.E - prejudicial
Councillor J Smith	Member of Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) – will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information.
Councillor D Smith	Member of HBC – will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information.
Councillor A. Wright	Item 7i – mother has an allotment.
Councillor C Willoughby	Planning application, 523, Knaresborough Library – employee of NYCC.

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Councillor P Guest Item 9 - member of RMT, Interim Steering Group.

Councillor R Aspin Item 9 - member of the RMT Town Team.

9572 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7 NOVEMBER 2005

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 November 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9573 ITEM 8a – HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES FOR HARROGATE AND KNARESBOROUGH

- RESOLVED:**
1. To suspend Standing Orders, to enable all persons present to speak.
 2. To re-iterate the Town Council's firm commitment to the provision of a HWRC in Knaresborough and ask that North Yorkshire County Council progress this as soon as possible.
 3. To reinstate Standing Orders.

9574 ITEM 4i and 4ii - OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

- i) County Councillor R Hall - NYCC Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED: Defer to a future meeting, in Councillor Hall's absence.

9575 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>
1078.A.FUL*	Dr Amin & Mrs Hicks	Erection of replacement rear conservatory – 25 Scotton Drive.	No objections
1145.B.FUL*	Mr & Mrs S Lee	Erection of rear conservatory – 8 St Margaret's Gardens.	No objections
<i>Councillor M Smith declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 1686.E. FUL, left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.</i>			
1686.E.FUL*	Mr & Mrs Pickering	Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension – Ridgefield Cottage, Forest Moor Road.	Object – the proposed extensions would be an unwarranted intrusion into the Green Belt.

Councillor M Smith returned to the Council Chamber.

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2434.A.FUL*	Mr L Andrew	Erection of two storey side extension and single storey front extension (revised scheme) – 15 Farndale Road.	No objections
2461.ADV*	Enterprise Inns	Display of 2 sets of wall mounted letters, 1 externally illuminated hanging sign, 2 fascia signs and seven floodlights, on front, rear and side elevations – The Old Royal Oak, Market Place.	No objections
2461.A.LB*	Enterprise Inns	Listed Building application for the display of 2 sets of wall mounted letters, 1 externally illuminated hanging sign, 2 fascia signs and seven floodlights, on front, side and rear elevations - The Old Royal Oak, Market Place.	No objections
2475.FULMAJ**	The Estate of the Late Winifred Jacob Smith	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.	Submit the following comments – The two dwellings at plots 4 and 5 should be accessed from Boroughbridge Road, in recognition that Blind Lane is a dangerous access route of narrow width and limited visibility. The Council objects to the pitched roof of the double garages, at the rear of the Alexandra Grove site, as these will be of a height and scale that detrimentally impacts upon the light to adjacent properties.
2476.FUL**	Allan Proctor	Erection of 1 detached dwelling including new vehicular access (site area 0.02ha) – 9 Stockwell Grove.	No objections
<u>523</u> County Matters	NYCC	Proposed erection of new frontage and lift extension at Knaresborough Library, Market Place, Knaresborough.	Object – the proposed frontage is inappropriate, by reason of its design and materials, and does not blend with the historic market place and Conservation Area in which it is situated.

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

** Item for determination by Planning Committee.

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9576 ITEM 6a – PLANNING ENFORCEMENTS

- i) Report of investigation - 05/00496/PR15 – 21 Crag Lane

RESOLVED: To receive and note

9577 ITEM 6b – NOTICE OF APPEAL

Ref - S & A Abel re HBC refusal of planning permission. 6.100.2420.FULMAJ – Conversion of outbuildings, including demolition, to form 12 dwellings, and erection of 4 associated garage blocks (site area 0.44ha) – Manse Farm, York Road. *Note: KTC comments – “No objections”.*

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

9578 ITEM 6c – TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

Ref - Order No. 53/2005 – Woodside Cottage, 1 Boroughbridge Road letter dated 2 November 2005 from Solicitor to the Council.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

9579 ITEM 7a – KNARESBOROUGH LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE

Ref - Letter dated 28 October 2005 from Service Head, Operations and Delivery, NYCC.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

9580 ITEM 7b – COMMUNITY RESOUCE CENTRE

Ref - letter received 1 November 2005 from Corporate Director, NYCC

RESOLVED: To respond to the Corporate Director, NYCC commenting that wider public consultation, on the detailed proposals for refurbishment of the Library, including the frontage, should have been undertaken, prior to its temporary closure.

9581 ITEM 7c – REVISED CAR PARKING CHARGES AT HARROGATE HOSPITAL

Ref - letter dated 31 October 2005 from Chairman of Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

9582 ITEM 7d – FARMERS MARKETS

Ref - letter dated 1 November 2005 from Senior Estates Surveyor, HBC.

RESOLVED: To enquire if Northern Dales Farmers Markets Ltd or Yorkshire Ridings Produce would be prepared to arrange a Farmers Market in Knaresborough.

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9583 ITEM 7e – UPGRADE OF FOOTPATH TO BRIDLEWAY AT BILTON LANE, HARROGTE

Ref - letter dated 2 November 2005 from Legal Events Officer, NYCC.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

9584 ITEM 7f – PROPOSED TREE PLANTING AT FOX WOOD, KNARESBOROUGH

Ref - letter dated 3 November 2005 from Arboricultural Manager, HBC.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

9585 ITEM 7g – NYCC AREA COMMITTEE FOR HARROGATE DISTRICT

Ref - letter dated 8 November from Head of Committee Services.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

9586 ITEM 7h – PUBLIC PAYPHONE, 01423 862495 (ADJACENT WORLD'S END PH)

Ref - letter dated 10 November 2005 from BT Payphones.

RESOLVED: To convey the Council's appreciation for retention of the payphone and reiterate its previous views in support of the long standing retention of the payphone.

9587 ITEM 7i – KNARESBOROUGH ALLOTMENTS

Ref – Grant Application for Improved Water Supply – letter dated 11 November 2005 from Secretary, Knaresborough Allotments Self Help Scheme.

RESOLVED: To ask Councillor P Guest, acting on behalf of the Council, to liaise with the Secretary of the Knaresborough Allotments Self Help Scheme, on details of the proposed scheme, and report back to a future meeting of the Council.

ITEM 8a – HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES FOR HARROGATE AND KNARESBOROUGH

See minute 9573.

9588 ITEM 8b – KTC INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS, 2005/06

Ref - letter dated 25 October 2005 from Yorkshire Audit.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

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9589 ITEM 8c – TREES, VIEW FROM CASTLE TOP

Ref – Report of Councillor R Pearson re site meeting held 14 October 2005 with P Casey (Arboricultural Manager) and P Kilburn (Head of Parks and Open Spaces) HBC.

RESOLVED: To inform HBC that the Council agree in principle that remedial tree works are required to retain and restore important views in and of the Town, subject to the Council being consulted on detailed proposals for works, as these become available.

9590 ITEM 8d - HBC POLICY ON TREES

Ref - Environment Scrutiny Committee - Re Minute 8446 item 6e (ii) KTC Planning & General Purposes Committee 8 March 2004

RESOLVED: That Councillor R Pearson attend the forthcoming meeting of the HBC Environment Scrutiny Committee, on 5 December 2005, as the Town Council's representative, and report back to a future meeting of the Committee.

9591 ITEM 8e - NHS PRIMARY CARE TRUST – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Ref - Councillors to report on Consultation Meeting (15 November 2005) and document.

RESOLVED: To receive and note the verbal report by Councillors P Godsell and H Lyon.

9592 ITEM 8f – KNARESBOROUGH TOWN CRIER

Ref – Proposed revision to terms of appointment.

RESOLVED: To defer consideration, to the next meeting of the Council, to enable submission, and consideration, of a more detailed report.

9592 ITEM 8g – KTC OFFICES AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE – HBC PROPOSED MANAGEMENT AND TENANCY AGREEMENT.

RESOLVED: To consider matter in confidential session – see unpublished minutes.

9593 ITEM 8h – MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE KTC EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Ref – Report by the Chair of the Committee, Councillor Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To consider matter in confidential session – see unpublished minutes.

9594 ITEM 9 – RENAISSANCE MARKET TOWN INITIATIVE (RMT)

a) Ref – Clerk's report on Sponsor Group meeting held 15 October 2005

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RESOLVED: To receive and note the Clerk's verbal report that the Town Council will be consulted on the draft constitution of the phase II RMT Town Team/KRP body, in the next two – three weeks.

b) Note – no other RMT matters to report.

9595 ITEM 10 – 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.

9596 ITEM 11 – SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT, No. 278

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment, amounting to £3,479.78, as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No. 2787 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). *Note: Amended schedule, correcting errors on items 91 and 93, circulated at meeting.*

9597 ITEM 12 – TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED: To receive and note the following documents:

- a) The Clerk – The Journal of the Society of Local Council Clerks – November 2005.
- b) Clerks and Councils Direct, Issue 42, November 2005.
- c) NYCC Area Committee, Thursday 17 November 2005 at 9.30 am - The Duchy Room, Cairn Hotel.
- d) Knaresborough Regeneration Partnership – minutes of meeting held 15 September 2005 and letter dated 26 October 2005 from Head of Economic Development, HBC.
- e) Knaresborough Community & Police Group – Minutes of 50th Meeting, Tuesday 13 September 2005. (*Note: next meeting Tuesday 29 November, 7.30pm at King James's School*)
- f) Nidd Gorge Local Heritage Initiative Update on Project – e-mail received 10 November 2005.

9598 ITEM 13 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- a) HBC District Development Sub-Committee – 24 November 2005.
- b) Offer of 3 pencil sketches showing views of Knaresborough, by Councillor M Smith
- c) Free flow of waster from the Stock Well - being reviewed by Councillor A Wright and Mr J Clapham, HBC (may link with broken water pipe in York Place).
- d) Knaresborough in Bloom certificates, for display in the Council Chamber, presented to the Mayor by Councillor C Willoughby.
- e) Locked access to side entrance of Knaresborough House, reported by Councillor P Godsell.
- f) Faulty light operation, at front elevation of Knaresborough House, reported by Councillor R Aspin.

The meeting moved in to confidential session, to consider agenda items 8g and 8h. See unpublished minutes.

The Meeting closed at 9.52pm