

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2006 AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE KNARESBOROUGH**

7.00 pm - Presentation by Mr P Atkinson Acquisitions Manager of Lidl UK

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

Councillors: J Cooke, R Hall, K Hawkins, H Lyon, J Jackson,
R Pearson, D Smith, J Smith, M Smith, C Willoughby & A Wright.

Mr Philip Atkinson informed Councillors that there were 3 areas that he would like to cover:-

1, Background of Lidl, 2, Update of Application, 3, Detail of Application.
1, Lidl has 400 stores in the UK, 30 in the Yorkshire and Lincolnshire region. They stock high quality products at discounted prices, with a limited product range. They have no share holders so profits are pumped back into the business. 2, Lidl have withdrawn their original application and have had a consultation period over the summer, they are at present making changes to the plans.

3, The new design is far more traditional, allowing a bigger gap with neighbouring properties. An acoustic fence will help to reduce noise. They are planning to put seating beneath the trees with a Tree Preservation Order, for the public. They plan to put in a pedestrian crossing on York Road and are considering moving the bus stop and making a bus lay-by.

Members of the Council had the opportunity to question Mr Atkinson in more detail. Queries were raised concerning:- the roof height, the fact that it was still an out of town supermarket, access to the site and possible future extensions.

The Mayor thanked Mr Atkinson, on behalf of the Council, for his informative presentation.

7.30 pm – Council Meeting: Present: Chair: Councillor P Guest (Mayor)

Councillors: J Cooke, R Hall, K Hawkins, H Lyon, J Jackson, R Pearson, D Smith,
J Smith, M Smith, C Willoughby & A Wright.

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

9958 ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Councillors R Aspin, P Godsell & B Hallam.

9959 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor P Guest Item 10d – Concerns myself the Mayor.
Item 18c – Friend of Bebra Gardens

Councillor J Cooke Item 7di – I live along Halfpenny Lane
Item 7e – I work for the BBC
Item 5 – Personal friend lives next door to site
Items 8a and b – Prejudicial

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Councillor K Hawkins	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Item 7di – I live along Halfpenny Lane Item 7e – Partner works for the BBC Item 5 – Personal friend lives next door to site Items 8a and b – Prejudicial
Councillor C Willoughby	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information Item 8c – HBC Planning Application for Conyngham Hall Item 9f - Prejudicial Item 10c – Liberal Democrat Focus Item 18c – Friend of Bebra Gardens Item 19 – My husband.
Councillor J Jackson	Item 9f – Prejudicial Item 13 – Business acquaintance
Councillor A Wright	Item 9f – Daughter at School
Councillor M Smith	Item 7ci - Prejudicial Item 13 - Prejudicial
Councillor J Smith	Item 13 - Prejudicial
Councillor D Smith	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information Item 13 - Prejudicial

9960 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9 OCTOBER 2006

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 October 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9961 ITEM 4 – KTC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

None received.

9962 ITEM 5 – MATTERS ARISING FROM PRESENTATION

RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes to HBC stating that KTC welcome an additional supermarket in Knaresborough, but would prefer it in the centre of town, we need something that serves the local people.

9963 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>
06/04853/LB 1038.H*	Mr J Broadbent	Listed building application for the formation of internal wall with door to first floor and installation of internal door to ground floor – The Old Dye House, Waterside.	No Objections
06/04945/FUL MAJ 116.O**	Wharfedale Homes Ltd.	Erection of 9 office units, 1 workshop and associated parking (Revised Scheme) – Former Greenbank Transport Depot, Manse Lane.	No Objections

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06/04999/FUL 1227.E*	Knaresborough Players	Erection of two storey rear extension, with storage in roof space – The Frazer Theatre, High Street.	No Objections
06/04958/FUL 1614.AV*	St James Securities Ventures Ltd and Mill Garages Ltd	Erection of car presentation building and associated car wash, parking, access and fencing – Land at Grid Ref. 436646/456560 Grimbald Crag Close, St James Retail, Business and Industrial Park.	No Objections
06/05032/FUL 2474.C*	Mr & Mrs J M H and J K Turner	Erection of two storey, single storey and first floor side extensions and 1 front and 2 rear dormer windows (Revised Scheme) – Roughstones, Forest Moor Road.	Object on grounds that extension would encroach on Green Belt area.
06/0556/FUL 2528.A*	Mr & Mrs Connolly	Erection of two storey and single rear extension – 24 Appleby Avenue.	No Objections
06/04794/FUL 2538.FUL*	S Wood	Erection of single storey side extension – 15 Bilsdale Grove.	Object on grounds over intensification of site & adverse affect on neighbour.

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

** Item for determination by Planning Committee

9964 ITEM 7 - PLANNING MATTERS & CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Planning Enforcements** - (i) Confidential Papers (*see unpublished minutes*)
(ii) Report of Investigations:-
- 06/00530/PR15 – 10 Brewerton Street.
 - 06/00517/PR15 – 6-8 Bond End.
 - 06/00524/PR15 – 35 Blair Park.
 - 06/00540/PR15 – Knaresborough Castle and Grounds
Castle Yard.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note.

- b) To note the following **WITHDRAWN** planning application:
- i) 6.100.1928.A.REWMAJ – Renewal of unimplemented permission 6.100.1928.FUL to extend golf course on to adjoining agricultural land – Harrogate Golf Club Ltd.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note.

- c) **Notice of New Appeal** re HBC's Refusal of Planning Permission
- i) 6.100.2211.B.FUL and 04/00245/PR15 – Land comprising part of OS Field No. 5710 Cass Lane – Mr & Mrs Hooton. (*KTC comments: Object on the same grounds as previously submitted for planning application 6.100.211.A; - The proposed development would be in the Green Belt and therefore contrary to policy and set an unwelcome precedent for further such development.*)

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Department of Environment and reiterate what KTC have previously said.

(Councillor M Smith declared a prejudicial interest in the above and left the Council Chamber for the duration, the Council's subsequent discussion and voting thereon).

- d) **Notice of Appeals** re HBC's Refusal of Planning Permission
- i) 6.100.2489.A.FUL – Erection of three dwellings and altered vehicular access (site area 0.061ha) (Revised Scheme) – Mr R Edwards, The Glen, Halfpenny Lane. (*KTC comments: KTC Object on grounds – gross over intensification of a small site, adverse traffic problems.*)
- ii) 6.100.2522.TPO – Felling of one Silver Birch within Area 1 of Tree Preservation Order 12/1990 – Mr D Collins, 68 Appleby Avenue. (*KTC comments: KTC object unless Arboricultural officer can replace tree with alternative appropriate tree.*)

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- iii) 6.100.2521.TPO – Felling of one Silver Birch within Area 1 of Tree Preservation 12/1990 – Mrs T Tait, 60 Appleby Avenue. (*KTC comments: KTC object unless Arboricultural officer can replace tree with alternative appropriate tree.*)
- iv) 6.100.874.F.FUL – Installation of replacement windows, alterations to front bay window and erection of 0.9m high railing to front. Birthplace Ltd, The Mitre Hotel, Station Road. (*KTC comments: No Objections*)
- v) 6.100.874.G.FUL – Erection of garden room with hard and soft landscaping to include 1.1m high metal railings and erection of replacement single storey rear extension - Birthplace Ltd, The Mitre Hotel, Station Road. (*KTC comments: KTC object only to the plans for a conservatory on the grounds: - Local residents amenity and the impact it could have in neighbouring area in terms of noise and light. KTC have no objections for the rest of the planning application.*)

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note.

Planning Communication

- e) O2 Knaresborough ATE, Park Row, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, HG5 OBJ – letter dated 4 October 2006 from GVA Grimley, International Property Advisers. NGW Information sheets available for inspection from the Clerk's Office.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Company and inform them that in principle KTC have no objections.

9965 ITEM 8(a-d) - HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Opportunity to Speak – Tuesday 24 October 2006 at 2.00pm Crescent Gardens, Harrogate.

None Received for Knaresborough.

RESOLVED: That as there is nothing that affects Knaresborough no Councillor will attend. (*Councillors Cooke and Hawkins declared a prejudicial interest in the above and left the Council Chamber for the duration, the Council's subsequent discussion and voting thereon.*)

9966 ITEM 9 – COMMUNICATIONS AND MATTERS ARISING

- a) Proposed Road Closure –dated e-mail 11 August 2006 from Senior Engineer, Traffic Management, HBC.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contacts HBC stating that KTC have no objections.

- b) Financial Support to Knaresborough Band – letter dated 22 September 2006 from Chairman, Knaresborough Silver Band.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Willoughby and Hawkins speak to Mr C Wake to find out exactly what the Silver Band requires.

- c) North Yorkshire County Council Employment Training Services – letter dated 25 September 2006 from PS Plus Project Manager, NYCC.

RESOLVED: i) That the Clerk send a letter of thanks to NYCC.

ii) That the Clerk copy the above letter to the Nidd Gorge Conservation Society (Mr K Wilkinson) and Knaresborough in Bloom stating that KTC are considering paying for a days labour if they can come up with a good scheme. (state that letter has gone to both groups)

- d) North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Core Strategy Strategic Spatial Options and Site Allocations Policies Document Public Consultation Exercise – letter dated 29 September 2006 from Senior Minerals and Waste Policy Officer, NYCC CD Rom available for inspection at Clerk's Office.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note.

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- e) Village Road Safety Schemes 2007-2008 – letter dated 29 September 2006 from Head of Transport, HBC.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note.

- f) Merger of Manor Infant and Castle C of E Junior Schools, Knaresborough – letter dated 2 October 2006 from Governor Support and Communications Manager, NYCC.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note.

(Councillors Jackson and Willoughby declared a prejudicial interest in the above and left the Council Chamber for the duration, the Council's subsequent discussion and voting thereon).

- g) Launch of New Policies for Open Spaces and Village Halls – letter dated 10 October 2006 from Systems & Information Officer, HBC

RESOLVED: That Councillor Hawkins attends the meeting on 1 November 2006 in Ripon.

- h) Trial of junk mail bins – letter dated 11 October 2006 from Technical Manager, HBC.

Councillor Cooke has tried unsuccessfully to get hold of the Technical Manager from HBC, with queries re the above letter. The signage for the public needs to be clear, and there are concerns over how often the bins will be emptied.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Cooke will contact the Technical Manager, raising the above concerns, and report back to KTC.

- i) Knaresborough House Works – letter dated 12 October 2006 from Chief Facilities Manager, HBC.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note.

9967 ITEM 10 - TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUESTED ITEMS

- a) Parking at Chapel Street and Fisher Street (Minute No. 9957c)

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact HBC to state that KTC support and accept this. They would like to see this in place as soon as possible, with a view to Christmas and the traders.

- b) 800 Years of Knaresborough Markets (Minute No. 9957 b) – To consider options received from Mr W Culver-Dodds.

Councillors voted for the different items suggested by Mr Culver Dodds.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Mr W Culver – Dodds

- i) requesting that all advertising states clearly that the Market in Knaresborough is celebrating 800 years.
- ii) informing him that KTC voted for the option of the Wishing Tree.

- c) Liberal Democrat Focus – Councillor A Wright to report.

- d) Mayoral Capacity – Councillor A Wright to report.

RESOLVED: That both of these items be taken at the end of the meeting.

9968 ITEM 11 – KNARESBOROUGH CASTLE CONSERVATION PLAN

To consider Atkins Ltd's request for a statement following the presentation 9.10.06.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Atkins with the following statement from KTC, including 4 policies and 1 suggestion:-

- 1) It is our opinion that this is a park for the residents of Knaresborough with a historic building in it.
- 2) That the footpaths at present are not suitable, some being closed and others being of the wrong material.
- 3) That KTC have a policy wanting a Performance Pavilion there.
- 4) That the issue of the tree problem was addressed at the Annual Town meeting when it was agreed to reduce the massing in that vicinity.
- 5) That KTC put forward the suggestion of an attractive footbridge from the Castle top to Bebra Gardens.

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9969 ITEM 12 – REPROTS / RECOMMENDATIONS / MATTERS ARISING.

- a) Report of Employment Committee meeting held 10 October 2006 (confidential papers to be circulated to members by Chair of committee).

This item to be taken in confidential session at the end of the meeting.

9970 ITEM 13 - DVD VIDEO TO PROMOTE KNARESBOROUGH

letter dated 18 August 2006 (consideration of this item deferred from Council Meetings of 14 and 30 August (Minutes 9909 and 9911(f) refer)

RESOLVED: That KTC decline the offer, as they do not think it will benefit Knaresborough any more than the website does already.

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

9971 ITEM 14 - DRAFT KTC NEWSLETTER no 6

The Clerk informed Councillors that a draft newsletter had been started, and that there was space on page 2 for items of news. The Clerk asked Councillors for ideas.

RESOLVED: That the market's celebration of 800 years be included as an item.

9972 ITEM 15 - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND CAROLS 24 NOVEMBER 2006

Councillors help requested via a work group.

The Clerk invited the Councillors to help with the organising of road closures for this event, something the police have done in the past.

RESOLVED: That the Christmas Lights Working Group help with this.

9973 ITEM 16 - TOWN CRIERS COSTUME

Councillor M Smith reported to Councillors that she had received 3 quotes for the Town Criers costume.

1) £750 from 'Homburgs' Leeds, 2) £670 from 'Cloth Performance' in York, 3) £252 from 'A Stitch in Time' in Harrogate. The lady from 'A Stitch in Time' can start immediately.

RESOLVED: That KTC agree to a grant for a new costume for the Town Crier with the quote from 'A Stitch in Time' in Harrogate.

9974 ITEM 17 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payments, amounting to £2,605.17 as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No.298 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).

9975 ITEM 18 - TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

- a) Inforegio Booklet No. 20, September 2006.
b) Harrogate & District Access Group – Minutes of Quarterly meeting held 14 September 2006.
c) Bebra Gardens – Minutes of the meeting held 6 July 2006.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note the above documents.

9976 ITEM 15 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE

(a) "Engaging with the Gorge" – Presentation by Mr A Willoughby at 7.00pm on Monday 6 November 2006, prior to Council Meeting at 7.30pm.

b) The Clerk gave Councillors the message from Councillor Aspin that there would be no Horseshoefields Bridge meeting on 27.10.06, this will now take place in November as there is nothing further to report.

c) The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Parish Consultation meeting was on Wednesday 25.10.06.

d) The Clerk put forward a request from Paul Darley that any help with the Poppy Appeal would be gratefully received. The selling places are - Market Place from 6-10 November and Co-op 28 October to 10 November. Paul's Number is 867793.

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- e) The Clerk informed Councillors that a Heritage Lottery Fund and Awards to All workshop is on Tuesday 31 October 2006 3-5pm or 6-8pm.
- f) The Clerk informed Councillors that NYCC's Budget Consultation meeting venue has changed. It is now at the Cairn Hotel Harrogate on 13.11.06.
- g) The Clerk informed Councillors that a CD has arrived listing oil paintings in Public Ownership in North Yorkshire.
- h) Councillor D Smith reported that a lot of the signs in Knaresborough are covered in algae.
- i) Councillor Hawkins told Councillors that he had raised the query of the Licensing Act at an HBC meeting but didn't get anywhere with it. He requested that the letter the Clerk had received from Sergeant Crocker be on the next agenda (6.11.06).
- j) Councillor D Smith told Councillors how she had also raised the issue of Licensing at a YLCA meeting. Apparently under old law Parish Councils and the Police were consulted, but not under the new law. The secretary reported that they have received a lot of complaints about this already.
- k) Councillor Pearson told Councillors that he had received a suggestion that a seat be removed from the Market Place to make room for a seated statue of Blind Jack.
- l) Councillor Jackson reported that Aspin Lane has finally been resurfaced. However the Council have done a poor job, the surface is so thin you can see the road lines underneath. (Item requested for next agenda 6.11.06).
- m) Councillor Willoughby told Councillors of a new website she had found with photos of every listed building in England. 'www.imagesofengland.org.uk'
- n) Councillor Hall told Councillors that he was meeting Ray Wade from HBC this week re the cobbles in Green Dragon Yard.
- o) Councillor Guest advised Councillors to view the lovely mosaic, which is at the Barbican Gate.

9967 ITEM 10 - TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUESTED ITEMS

- c) Liberal Democrat Focus – Councillor A Wright to report.
Councillors Wright and J Smith reported on the Liberal Democrat Focus leaflet that contained wording that they objected to. The wording 'Liberal Democrat controlled Knaresborough Town Council' was reported as being wrong as the Council have always worked together as a political group. The fact that Horseshoe Fields Bridge was mentioned at all shocked several Councillors as it was reported that all Councillors had previously agreed not to use this item for party political gain.

RESOLVED: To move to next business.

- d) Mayoral Capacity – Councillor A Wright to report.

RESOLVED: That this item be taken at the next Council meeting on 6 November 2006.

Meeting closed at 10.20 pm.