

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT
KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH ON MONDAY 24 AUGUST 2009**

PRESENT **Chair:** Councillor M Clemmitt (Mayor)

Councillors: R Archibald, J Batt, J Burdett, P Godsell, R Hall, J Hawkins, K Hawkins, B Holbrook, L Powell, J Walton, A Willoughby, and C Willoughby.

ALSO PRESENT

Late Arrivals: Councillor J Burdett (7.55pm)

Early departures: none

C 09/167 ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors B Asquith and L Lever.

C 09/168 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor K Hawkins	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at Harrogate Borough Council in the light of any new information Item 6 - planning 1071F and G – has an account at the financial institution. Item 8d – friendly with several members of the silver band
Councillor J Hawkins	Item 8d – friendly with several members of the silver band
Councillor J Batt	Items 8c – Member of NYCC
Councillor A Willoughby	Item 5b – Vice Chair of Renaissance Knaresborough Item 8c – Vice Chair of Knaresborough Nidd Gorge and Committee Member of Harrogate Group Ramblers Association
Councillor C Willoughby	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at Harrogate Borough Council in the light of any new information
Councillor P Godsell	Item 8a – Husband works for the bus company Item 8d – knows several members of the silver band
Councillor R Hall	Item 5b – Treasurer of Renaissance Knaresborough
Councillor M Clemmitt	Item 6 - planning 1071F and G – has an account at the financial institution Item 8d – knows several members of the silver band

C 09/153 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 August 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

C 09/169 ITEM 4 – KTC PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

Mr R Cummins/Mr E Hamer, – re item 8b) HBC policy - health hazard to general public

Mr Hamer and Mr Cummins informed Councillors that there were several issues they wanted to raise.

- Health Hazard – the main problems arising from the over grown weeds were the constant threat of flies and even vermin (a rat had been spotted). The weeds made it difficult even for responsible dog owners to clear up after their animals.
- Safety – a lady had been recently attacked and her bag snatched. The weeds were short at this point and her attacker was seen. If the weeds were at present height, things could have been a lot worse.
- Visitor Impression – remarks are constantly made on the beauty of Knaresborough town. The walks are popular with visitors, but they would feel very different if they had seen the weeds full height.
- Conservation – this requires management, and can enhance an area. However this area, with the weeds, flies and vermin is unsafe and an unsightly mess.

Councillor Jean Burdett was thanked for her efforts in visiting the area and for her discussions with HBC, resulting in the grass being cut earlier than HBC had planned..

The Chair moved to Item 8b

Councillor J Batt commented on the fact that it was a public open space, but that it wasn't an open space if the public couldn't get to it.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to HBC pointing out that due to this patch of land being in close proximity to houses, KTC feels that the grass should be cut at a minimum 2 - 3 times every year.

(Unanimous)

The Chair thanked both Mr Cummins and Mr Hamer for their time.

C 09/170 ITEM 5 – BUSINESS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

- a) Consideration of any other matters relating to the Farmers' Market Agreement (which have not come to this meeting as a recommendation from the Community Services Committee)

It was agreed that the first Farmers Market had been a great success all round.

Councillor A Willoughby made members aware that the next market will remain trading until 2pm.

RESOLVED that this item no longer needs to appear on the agenda.

(Unanimous)

- b) Waterside Shared Surface Consultation Proposals – letter dated 14 August 2009 from the Principal Projects Officer, HBC, together with attachments

The Chair explained that this item is on the agenda again as HBC had not made it clear previously that they would like KTC to state whether they approved of the proposals for Waterside or not.

RESOLVED that KTC are in favour of the proposals at Waterside.

(Unanimous)

- c) Harrogate Local Development Framework – Site and Policies Development – letter dated 7 July 2009 from Principal Planner, HBC (deferred from Council meeting on 3 August 2009)

Councillors felt unclear as to whether an answer was required by HBC or whether this was just for information.

RESOLVED To receive and note

(Unanimous)

(Councillor J Burdett arrived 7.55pm)

- d) Consideration of Agenda items for the Parish Consultation Meeting 2009/10 to be held at 6pm on Wednesday 16 September in the Council Chamber, Knaresborough House.

Councillor A Willoughby suggested that KTC did not ask questions this year, but formed discussion points, in the hope that this would be more productive and encourage a better partnership between the two councils. He handed out a sheet with topics on, that he thought should be covered at the Parish Consultation Meeting (see attached).

- RESOLVED:** i) that KTC send Councillor A Willoughby's leaflet with points for discussion, explaining that KTC are trying a different approach to encourage enhanced partnership and better co-operation between the two councils.
ii) that the Clerk allocate a member of KTC staff to clerk the Parish Consultation Meeting.
(Unanimous)

C 09/171 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>Reference</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Details of Application</u>	<u>KTC Comment</u>
09/03024/FUL 155.X*	Styles and Wood	Installation of 2 refrigeration compressor units within enclosure to north elevation, and roller shutter doors and new windows to shop front on south elevation - Co Operative Retail, Chain Lane	No Objections
09/03150/FUL 217.E*	Ampleforth Abbey Trustees	Erection of detached wooden gazebo - St Marys Roman Catholic Junior School, Tentergate Road	No Objections
<i>Councillor Godsell at this point declared a personal interest in application 217.E above as her grandson attends the school</i>			
09/02914/FUL 903.A*	Mr Charles Baker	Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation and erection of single storey side and rear extension - 45 Inman Grove	No Objections
09/02955/FUL 1071.F*	Mr Richard Yeates	Installation of ATM to front elevation - 1 Market Place	KTC Object to this application as it is inappropriate in a listed building. <i>(Unanimous)</i>
09/02955/FUL 1071.G*	Mr Richard Yeates	Listed Building application for the installation of ATM, fascia sign and hanging sign to front elevation. 1 Market Place.	KTC Object to this application as it is inappropriate in a listed building. <i>(Unanimous)</i>
09/02832/FUL 1179.A*	Mrs Zoe Wilson	Erection of two storey side extension - 4 Grimbald Way	No Objections
09/02473/FUL 1322.O*	Thistle Hill Care Centre	Erection of garden shed and greenhouse - Thistle Hill Nursing Home, Thistle Hill	No Objections
09/03037/FUL 2073.A*	Mr Martin Petch	Erection of 2 storey side extension and formation hard standing to front - Ashcroft, 2 Princess Drive	No Objections
09/03028/FUL 2511.B*	Mr A Jackson	Erection of single storey side extension - 63 Briggate	KTC object to this extension. It will have an over dominant aspect and be detrimental to the amenity of the street scene because it will be set so far forward compared to the terrace of four houses to which it is adjacent. <i>(Unanimous)</i>

09/02884/FUL 2721*	Mr Jared Perry	Erection of rear conservatory - 25 Inman Grove	No Objections
09/03058/FUL 2722*	Mrs Michelle Ryder	Alterations to vehicular access to include the dropping of the kerb - 82 Briggate	No Objections
09/03317/FUL 2723*	Mr & Mrs R Collier	Erection of single storey side extension – 17 Stockwell Place	No Objections

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

** Item for determination by Planning Committee

C 09/172 ITEM 7 - PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Planning Enforcements** (i) Confidential Papers: (2) (*see unpublished minutes*)

(ii) Reports of Investigation(s):

- Case No. 09/00396/TREES – Low Bridge Park, Abbey Road

RESOLVED: To receive and note

(*Unanimous*)

b) To note the following applications **approved** by HBC (subject to conditions) **contrary to KTC's observations:**

- i) 6.100.1921.C.FUL – Erection of single storey front and rear extension and first floor side extension (Revised Scheme) – 9 Appleby Grove
- ii) 6.100.2581.A.FUL – Erection of two storey rear extension and replacement conservatory to rear – 16 Chadwick Park
- iii) 6.100.2716.FUL – Erection of single storey side extension and pitched roof over detached garage – 14 Abbey Road
- iv) 6.100.1491.T.FUL – Erection of two storey front extension and single storey rear extension (Revised Scheme) – 68 Boroughbridge Road

RESOLVED: To receive and note

(*Unanimous*)

c) To note the following **appeal** that was **dismissed** by The Planning Inspectorate:

- i) 6.100.2401.F.FUL – Erection of detached dwelling, detached garage, formation of new vehicular access and removal of 10 fruit trees within Knaresborough Conservation area (site area 0.07ha) (revised scheme) Land to the rear of 1 Boroughbridge Road.

RESOLVED: To receive and note

(*Unanimous*)

d) To note date of next **HBC Planning Committee** - Tuesday 1 September 2009 at 2.00pm, Crescent Gardens, Harrogate

RESOLVED: To receive and note

(*Unanimous*)

C 09/173 ITEM 8 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Traffic congestion and pollution at Bond End – letter dated 10 August 2009 received from Mrs Andrea Tennant

RESOLVED that KTC thank Mrs Tennant for a copy of her letter, stating that KTC are aware of the problems at Bond End and that we will endeavour to do all possible to bring pressure on the relevant parties to bring about change. (Unanimous)

- b) ‘Harrogate Borough Council Policy could cause a health hazard to the general public’ – email received on 30 July 2009 from Eric Hamer and article from Knaresborough Post on 24 July 2009

See resolution number C09/169

- c) Local Transport Plan – Parish Council’s view on Highways and Transportation Service – Letter dated August 2009 received from Corporate Director, NYCC, together with copies of two questionnaires

The Clerk made Members aware of the deadline of 30 September 2009.

RESOLVED that Councillors complete the questionnaires individually, and return them to the Clerk for posting.

(Unanimous)

- d) Requests for 2009/10 Grant Funding:

i) Knaresborough Silver Band – (*application, accompanying statement, audited accounts for year ended 31 December 2008 and minutes of AGM held 23 February 2009 all attached*)

Members felt that the Silver Band had not provided all the information required for them to make a decision about a grant.

RESOLVED that the Clerk ask the silver band to **complete** the grant application form, paying special attention to points C, D and E.

- e) Grazing Land at Conyngham Hall – letter dated 12 August 2009 from Arboricultural Manager HBC
(*Councillor A Willoughby to report*)

Councillor K Hawkins queried why this had come to Council when it should have gone to committee. Councillor A Willoughby explained that he wanted Council to see the reply as well as the committee.

RESOLVED That this item is discussed at Footpaths Committee meeting and then brought back to Council.

- f) Traffic Signals at Halfpenny Lane – email dated 18 August 2009 from Chief Engineer (Traffic) Harrogate Borough Council

RESOLVED i) The KTC support the retention of permanent signals at Halfpenny Lane.

(Unanimous)

C 09/174 ITEM 9 – REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

- a) To approve the recommendations of KTC Community Services Committee meeting held 10 August 2009

Councillor K Hawkins asked for the recommendation CSC09/72eii to be taken separately so that his objection could be noted.

RESOLVED: i) that with exception of *CSC09/72eii* all recommendations be approved.

At this point Councillor K Hawkins stated his objection, making members aware of the previous problems that arose from skate equipment on King George V playing field.

- following Councillor Hawkins objection it was further :-

RESOLVED: that the recommendation numbered CSC 09/72eii be approved.

C 09/175 ITEM 10 - REPORTS FROM THE CLERK

None

C09/176 ITEM 11 - OTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

a) Motion from Councillor K Hawkins: -

That KTC notes recent meeting held with HBC re the future management of Knaresborough Community Centre.

It was agreed that this would be dealt with in confidential session at the end of the meeting.

C 09/177 ITEM 12 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- a) Councillor A Willoughby reported that the rugby club at Hay-a-Park has a new fence in a rectangle on the playing field, done in conjunction with HBC, but totally ignoring the footpath that goes across the field.
- b) Councillor J Batt informed members that he had been in meetings with Councillor Hoult trying to persuade the bus company to continue to provide a service in the evenings to the estates in Knaresborough.
- c) Councillor C Willoughby said that she had also been to a scrutiny meeting at HBC and understood that the bus company were trying to eliminate 2 buses from Starbeck. She pointed out that parts of Harrogate were also suffering as a result.
- d) Councillor J Hawkins reported that Halfpenny Lane was resurfaced on Saturday, but because the no parking signs were ignored, the work men had to come back on Sunday to fill-in where the cars had been parked.
- e) Councillor R Hall informed councillors that during FEVA events he had been made aware of the fact that the wall at the back of Knaresborough House was quite an obstacle, and that it would be better if there were a gap in the middle. He asked for it to be an agenda item at a future council meeting.
- f) The Mayor informed Council that she and the Mayoress had attended many FEVA events over the past week and that they had been absolutely brilliant. All had remarked on how lovely it was to see the Mayor and Mayoress in attendance. There was a great atmosphere throughout and our thanks must go to all who are involved with the organising of FEVA.
- g) The Clerk informed members that it was the Knaresborough in Bloom awards evening on 18th September at 7.30pm at Knaresborough House.
- h) The Clerk reported that there were to be 7pm presentations at council meetings:-
14th September – presentation on recycling and 5th October – presentation on Flaxby Country Resort.
- i) The Clerk made members aware that the work on Park Square was to start shortly.
- j) The Clerk informed members that the interviews had proved successful and that the panel had selected a Sarah Greaves as the new Office Assistant and that she would be starting work at the beginning of September.

C 09/178 ITEM 13 – TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

- a) North Yorkshire County Council Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for April 2008 – March 2009
- b) Newsletter of Rural Action Yorkshire – Country Air, Summer 2009

RESOLVED: To receive and note all the above

(Unanimous)

The Chair moved back to item 11 – OTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following items pertaining to the Farmers Market be dealt with in Private Session, and subject to the provisions of Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended), the meeting be not open to members of the public.

C 09/179 SEE UNPUBLISHED MINUTE

Return to Public Session

Meeting ended at 9.30pm