

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2007 AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH**

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

**Councillors:** B Asquith, J Brankin, J Burdett, M Clemmitt, P Godsell, R Hall, K Hawkins, L Powell, P Pye, A Willoughby and C Willoughby

**Late Arrivals:** R Archibald 8.50

**Early Departures:** None

**144 ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors J Hawkins and L Yorke Davies.

**145 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor K Hawkins	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Item 6 – Knows Councillor B Asquith
Councillor M Clemmitt	Item 6c – Knows Sculptor Item 15a - Employed by Harrogate District Foundation Trust Item 15c – Member of Town Twinning Item 15d – Friend of Bebra Gardens
Councillor J Brankin	Item 6c – Knows Sculptor
Councillor P Pye	Item 6c – Knows B Asquith
Councillor A Willoughby	Items 4 – Member of Pedestrian Association Item 6c – Member of new Blind Jack Group Item 10 – Member of Ramblers Association, Renaissance Knaresborough and Nidd Gorge Conservation Group Item 15b – Member of Renaissance Knaresborough Item 15d Chair of Friends of Bebra Gardens
Councillor C Willoughby	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information Item 6c – Knows the Sculptor Item 15d Friend of Bebra Gardens Items 4 and 5 - Prejudicial
Councillor B Asquith	Item 6c - Prejudicial
Councillor L Powell	Item 6c – Knows Sculptor
Councillor R Hall	Item 6b – Prejudicial
Councillor P Godsell	Item 6c – Knows Sculptor Item 15c – Member of Town Twinning Item 7 - Planning Application 326b – Prejudicial

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Councillor J Burdett	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Item 6c – Knows Sculptor
Councillor P Guest	Item 6c – Knows Sculptor Item 15b – Member of Renaissance Knaresborough Item 15d – Friend of Bebra Gardens

#### 146 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a) **Minutes** of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29 August 2007.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held 29 August 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

b) **Minutes** of the Council Meeting held on Monday 10 September 2007.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held 10 September 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 147 ITEM 4 – PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION.

(a) Mr A Wright – re Trees on Hambleton Grove

*(Having declared a prejudicial interest in the above item (4a) and item 5 below Councillor C Willoughby left the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)*

Mr Wright told Councillors that 20/23 residents had supported keeping the trees, (including those with a tree outside) and having the footpaths repaired. The trees are healthy and residents brought their houses with trees outside. Mick Keating from HBC had said that the footpaths could be laid without a problem. The report from HBC was inaccurate and misleading, it states the footpath is 0.75m when in fact the correct measurement is 0.95m, (this fact was backed up by a Councillor). The width of the pavement is 0.95m and is in fact wider than Whincup Avenue, Park Road, Traffic lights on Gracious Street and the footpath by the Market.

#### ITEM 5 - MATTERS ARISING FROM PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contacts Tim Richards and requests an urgent meeting, the decision that HBC have made was based on a report that is flawed and inaccurate.

- The measurement of the pavement is inaccurate; HBC measurement is 0.75m when in fact the correct measurement is 0.95m.
- The percentage figure of 50% is misleading as the report is only talking about 2 residents.
- There is nothing in the survey to support the fact that ‘the overall majority of residents have accepted the trees have to be removed on Health & Safety grounds’.

*(Councillor C Willoughby returned to the chamber)*

(b) Mr R Aspin – re Horseshoe Fields Bridge (Item 10a).

Mr Aspin told Councillors that he had been in regular contact with the army. The army had said that Knaresborough would be the first project they took and that they would be in a position to give him an answer about commencing work in April 2008 within 6 – 8 weeks. Mr Aspin could understand that KTC would want to go head with a part restoration to secure funding, but would it not be better to wait for 6-8 weeks when a full restoration was possible and which would save money in the long run.

Item 10 to be taken in confidential session at the end of the meeting.

**148 ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING FROM PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION**

see minute number 147(a)

**149 ITEM 6 BUSINESS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

(a) **Funding for Thistle Hill Project** – To consider letter dated 17 September 2007 from Development Officer, Knarborough Celtic Football Club, plus grant application form.

**RESOLVED:** To defer this until the next meeting and request that the Clerk pushes HBC into making a decision – state that KTC would make a substantial loan.

(b) **Knarborough Christmas Market** – To consider letter dated 11 May 2007 from Knarborough Christmas Markets Committee and Council resolution 17(f) of 23 May 2007.

*(Having declared a prejudicial interest in the above item (6b) Councillor R Hall left the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)*

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contacts Malcolm Jennings stating:-

- KTC will be holding an event on 30 November to coincide with the Market weekend.
- KTC like the idea of a fairground in Fisher Street Car park, but that it is subject to sensitive issues, that it is not operated before the Friday evening light switch on (30.11.07) or before Sunday morning services finish at the various churches (2.12.07).
- That KTC would give £1,000 towards the Knarborough Christmas Market.
- That Malcolm Jennings would be invited to the next Christmas Events working group meeting.

*(Councillor R Hall returned to the chamber)*

(c) **Blind Jack Statue** – **To consider letter dated 17 September 2007 from Mrs A Farmer, Chair of Blind Jack Working Group.**

*(Having declared a prejudicial interest in the above item (6c) Councillor B Asquith left the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)*

**RESOLVED:** i) That the committee continues but as an independent body (independent of KTC).

ii) That KTC continues to appoint Town Council members to it.

*(Councillor B Asquith returned to the chamber)*

**150 ITEM 7 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Details of Application</u>	<u>Observations</u>
07/04708/FUL 362.B**	Mr D Smith	Erection of 6 flats with detached bin and cycle store (Site Area 0.05ha) – Elephant and Castle Yard, High Street.	KTC object on the grounds:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• restricted and dangerous access</li> <li>• loss of industrial unit.</li> </ul>
07/04461/FUL 489.B*	Mr John Nixon	Erection of two storey side extension – 29 Dentdale Drive.	No Objections
07/04217/AD V 654.E*	Mr Arosh Ali	Display of 1 externally illuminated fascia sign to front elevation. – 38 High Street.	No Objections

*(Having declared a prejudicial interest in the above item planning application 362.B Councillor P Godsell left the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)*

*(Councillor Archibald arrived 8.45pm)*

07/04568/FUL 1858.A*	Mrs Raistrick	Erection of rear conservatory – 1 Rievaulx Court.	No Objections
07/04572/FUL MAJ 2312.L*	Rok Developments Ltd & St James Securities Ventures Ltd.	Erection of 3 two storey office buildings (Use Class Bi – Business) with associated car park, compressor compound, bin stores and hard and soft landscaping – Land at grid reference 436601, 456345 Grimbald Crag Close.	No Objections – KTC welcome this development

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

\*\* Item for determination by Planning Committee

## 151 ITEM 8 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Planning Enforcements** – (i) Confidential Papers (*item taken at the end of the meeting in confidential session*)

(ii) Report of Investigations:

- 07/00377/PR15 – 17 Bransdale Grove
- 07/00384/PR15 – 1 Farndale Road
- 07/00380/PR15 – 8 Flaxdale Close
- 07/00381/PR15 – 21 Flaxdale Close
- 07/00379/PR15 – 2 Flaxdale Close
- 07/00383/PR15 – 2 Cragdale Rise
- 07/00378/PR15 – 40 Bransdale Grove

**RESOLVED:** To receive & note.

b) To note the following **WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS:**

(i) 6.100.1922.A.FUL – Erection of two detached dwellings and formation of new vehicular access (site area 0.15ha) – Gateshill, Ripley Road.

(ii) 6.100.2575.A.FUL – Erection of detached stable block with formation of hardstanding (Revised Scheme) – Land at Grid Reference 435039 456685 Briggate.

iii) 6.100.2606.FUL – Erection of 3 terraced dwellings and 5 flats (Site Area 0.1ha) – Eddystone, King James Road.

**RESOLVED:** To receive & note.

c) **Harrogate District Local Development Framework:**

i) Consultation on the Core Strategy DPD: Submission Draft (7 September to 19 October 2007) – letter received 6 September 2007 from Head of Planning Services, HBC.

ii) Consultation on the Draft Homes for Local People SPD (7 September to 19 October 2007) – letter received 6 September 2007 from Head of Planning Services, HBC.

iii) Correction to Appendix 3 of Development Control Policies DPD Issues and Options Consultation Report: Affordable Housing – letter dated 13 September 2007 from the Planning Policy Manager, HBC.

**RESOLVED:** To receive & note.

d) **To note applications approved by HBC (subject to conditions) contrary to KTC observations:**

- i) 6.100.597.B.OUT – Outline application for erection of 2 detached dwellings with access and layout considered (Site Area 0.14ha) – Hillside, Slingsby Avenue. (*Note: KTC object on the grounds of over-intensive, possibly tandem development.*)
- ii) 6.100.2007.B.FUL – Erection of 3 terraced dwellings and attached bin store (Site Area 0.04ha) (Revised Scheme) – Land between 10-14 Brewton Street. (*Note: KTC object on the grounds that 3 dwellings on this site would be over-intensive and would largely obscure the view of Holy Trinity Church and steeple.*)
- iii) 6.100.2309.B.OUT – Outline application for the erection of two storey clubhouse and changing facility with layout considered (site area 0.01ha) (Revised Scheme) – Land comprising OS Field 2769 – Hay-a-Park Lane. (*Note: KTC supports this development but objects to the application as submitted, for the following reasons.*)
  - 1. Positioning the club house, car park and entrance at the eastern end of the site will result in maximum intrusion into the countryside.
  - 2. Positioning the club house at the eastern end of the site also leads to increased traffic having a detrimental effect on a greater length of Hay-a-Park Lane, which is a narrow single-track road.
  - 3. The Town Council would suggest that the club house etc. is positioned at the Knaresborough end of the site instead.
- iv) 6.100.2597.TPO – Felling of 1 cherry Tree within area A1 of Tree Preservation Order 12/1990 – 190 Appleby Walk. (*Note: KTC object on the grounds of deforestation (houses with TPOs were a feature of the whole estate.)*)

**RESOLVED:** To receive & note.

**152 ITEM 9 - HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Opportunity to Speak – Tuesday 25 September 2007 at 2.00pm Crescent Gardens, Harrogate.**

It was noted that the following applications relating to Knaresborough were to be heard at the above meeting. Councillor A Willoughby will attend on behalf of Knaresborough Town Council to speak about the following three applications.

- (a) 6.100.501.AC.CO.U – Change of use from office and general industry (Use Class B1, B2 and B8) to indoor activity and play area (Use Class D2 – Leisure) (Revised Scheme) – GSPK Electronics Ltd, Manse Lane.

**RESOLVED:** The Chair Councillor P Guest ruled that in accordance with Standing Orders (2.9e (ii)) there was sufficient new information to reverse the decision that KTC made previously on item 9a 6.100.501.AC.CO.U.

‘In the light of new information concerns about the suitability of the site for this purpose arose.

- The proximity of the stream, and the river.
  - The hazardous materials.
  - The fact that it is an industrial area.
  - The building was incorrectly identified on the plans.
- (b) 6.100.2560.CON – Conservation area application for the demolition of bungalow – The Bungalow, Spitalcroft. Calcutt.
  - (c) 6.100.2560.A.FUL – Erection of replacement dwelling (Site Area 0.17ha) – The Bungalow, Spitalcroft, Calcutt.

**153 ITEM 10 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Horseshoe Fields Bridge – letter dated 6 September 2007 from Head of Parks and Open Spaces, HBC and copy of Councillor Guest's response dated 17 September 2007.

*(Item taken in Confidential Session at the end of the meeting.)*

**154 ITEM 11 – REPORTS FROM THE CLERK**

(a) **Glass cabinet on first floor landing at Knaresborough House** – to consider alarming.

The Clerk told Councillors that HBC had advised her to have the cabinet alarmed in view of the recent stolen painting from Knaresborough House. Councillors were provided with a quote that HBC had obtained.

**RESOLVED:** i) That we do not go ahead with the alarm system.  
ii) That the Clerk looks at what is in the cabinet and moves certain items to a safe place.  
iii) That the Clerk reports to KTC after looking at previous minutes.

(b) **Meeting of Emergency Working Group held 17 September 2007.**

The Clerk informed members that a meeting of the above had taken place with a poor turn out. It was vital to encourage members of KTC and Knaresborough residents to volunteer for help if there ever was an emergency in this town. Councillor J Burdett offered her help and it was agreed to invite her to the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To receive & note.

(c) Office Workload

The Clerk informed members that the office is inundated with work at the moment and seem to be continually running at a backlog.

**155 ITEM 12 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PER SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS 319**

**RESOLVED:** That the accounts for payments, amounting to £7,569.68 as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No.319 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 Godsell and Hall signatories*).

**156 ITEM 13 – OTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS**

None received.

**157 ITEM 14 INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

- a) Councillor J Brankin reminded members that the HBC training event is this Wednesday. The Clerk told Councillors that 7 places had been reserved for KTC members. It starts at 6.30 on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> at Crescent Gardens, Harrogate.
- b) Councillor J Brankin informed Councillors that the Knaresborough Post had an article about a farmer in Goldsborough who has a planning application for a waste exchange site. There are worries about the river, pollution and flooding. The Mayor pointed out that this actually comes under Goldsborough and the contact was Alan Walgate.
- c) Councillor J Brankin complained that Knaresborough House was freezing and requested that the Clerk contact HBC to ask for the heating to be turned on as several Councillors had conditions that were affected by the cold.
- d) The Clerk told Councillors that the arrangements for Remembrance Day were being handed out.

**158 ITEM 15 - RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS**

- (a) The Clerk – Journal of the Society of Local Council Clerks – September 2007.
- (b) Clerks and Councils Direct, Issue 53, September 2007.
- (c) White Rose Update – August 2007.
- (d) North Yorkshire Crown Prosecution Service Annual Update 2007.
- (e) NALC – Building the future of Local Communities – NALC Conference & Exhibition to be held at Bournemouth International Centre, 5 – 7 October 2007.
- (f) YLCA Supporting Larger Councils – Forum to be held at The Grove, Stockingate, South Kirkby, Thursday 8 November 2007, 10am – 3.30pm. To be e-mailed to all individual Councillors).
- (g) YLCA Assembly Digest Issue 7- July/August 2007.
- (h) Harrogate CVS and Ripon CVS Joint Monthly Mailing.

**RESOLVED:** To receive & note.

The Chair moved that KTC move into Confidential Session.

Item 10 (*see unpublished minutes*)

Item 8a (*see unpublished minutes*)

**Meeting ended at 9.50pm**