

**REPORT OF A MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH**  
**ON THURSDAY 25 MAY 2006**

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

**Councillors:** K Hawkins, P Godsell, J Jackson, H Lyon, D Smith, M Smith,  
C Willoughby and A Wright.

**Late Arrivals:** None                      **Early Departures:** None

*The Mayor began by welcoming everybody to the meeting.*

**9814    ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors R Aspin, R Hall and J Smith (other meetings), Councillor R Pearson (work commitments), Councillor J Cooke (function on Mayor's behalf)

**9815    ITEM 2 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Note: Interests are personal, unless indicated otherwise.

Councillor P Guest	Item 6a (i) – Prejudicial Planning Enforcement Case No 06/00207/PR15 Item 10a – Member of Performance Area Committee Item 10b – Member of Performance Area Committee Item 12 - Member of RMT Item 13 – Prejudicial Schedule of Accounts Item 15 – Member of Town Twinning
Councillor D Smith	Member of HBC - will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information. Item 12 – Member of RMT Item 15 Member of Town Twinning
Councillor J Jackson	Item 4 – Prejudicial Item 7a(i) – Prejudicial Item 7a(ii) - Prejudicial Item 5 – Planning Application 324
Councillor C Willoughby	Member of HBC - will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information. Item 4 – Prejudicial Item 5 – Planning Application 324 (Employee of NYCC) Item 7a(i) – Prejudicial Item 7a(ii) - Prejudicial
Councillor P Godsell	Item 7b – Community Centre Committee Member Item 7d – Community Centre Committee Member Item 7e - Community Centre Committee Member
Councillor K Hawkins	Member of HBC - will reconsider any same item at HBC, in the light of any new information. Item 4a – Governor at Meadowside Item 7a - Governor at Meadowside Item 7b – Community Centre Committee Member Item 7d – Community Centre Committee Member Item 7e - Community Centre Committee Member

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Councillor A Wright

Item 4a – Daughter attends Castle School  
Item 7a(i) – Daughter attends Castle School  
Item 7a(ii) – Daughter attends Castle School

**9816 ITEM 3a - MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 8 MAY 2006**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 May 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, with the amendment of Declaration of Interest for Councillor P Godsell (should have read 8b and not 8a).

**ITEM 3b – MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD 3 APRIL 2006**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting be deferred until the next Council meeting 5 June 2006.

**ITEM 3c – MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF KTC HELD 12 MAY 2006**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12 May 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

**9817 ITEM 4 – OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK RE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF MANOR INFANTS & CASTLE SCHOOLS.**

*(Councillors Jackson and Willoughby declared a prejudicial interest in the below item, left the Chamber and took no part in the voting or discussion thereon)*

Mrs M Richardson an ex head recommended that the schools be amalgamated but on both sites for a number of reasons, most importantly for safety of the children.

**RESOLVED:** a) *To suspend Standing Orders for NYCC to give information.*

Ms B Jones from NYCC Education explained the proposals to amalgamate both schools on the Castle Site. She also informed KTC of the plans to build a Sure Start Children's Centre on one of the school sites. According to figures from NYCC 75 letters about the amalgamation were received, 60 were in favour of the amalgamation, 12 were not and 3 could not be distinguished.

**RESOLVED:** b) *To suspend Standing Orders for Councillors and Parents to question NYCC.*

Councillors questioned NYCC over school buildings, capacity, safety, grounds, and the petition collected at Manor Infants that NYCC had not mentioned, that contained 277 names, (in favour of amalgamation but on 2 sites)

**RESOLVED:** c) *To write to The Schools Organisation Committee and request that both school buildings be retained. KTC agree to the possible amalgamation providing both sites are retained.*

Recorded Vote:

**For :-**

**Against :-**

Councillor P Guest  
Councillor D Smith  
Councillor M Smith  
Councillor A Wright  
Councillor H Lyon  
Councillor K Hawkins

**Total For – 6**

**Total Against – 0**

**RESOLVED:** d) *That KTC welcome a Sure Start Children's Centre in Knaresborough and urge NYCC to find a suitable site for it.*

*(Councillors Jackson and Willoughby returned to the Chamber)*

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9818 **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

<b><u>Ref</u></b>	<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	<b><u>Details of Application</u></b>	<b><u>Observations</u></b>
780.M.FUL *	Anthony Ian Young	Conversion of ground floor retail unit to form 1 flat (site area 0.005ha) – 19 Bond End.	No objections.
780.N.FUL*	Anthony Ian Young	Listed building application for the conversion of ground floor retail unit to form 1 dwelling, with external alterations to include the replacement of shop front to 2 windows and double door with single door, removal of flue, installation of 1 door and window, rendering of front elevation and internal alterations to include the installation of 4 doors, 3 walls and replacement staircase – 19 Bond End.	No objections.
975.B.FUL*	Klaentschi & Klaentschi	Erection of attached garage to rear with living accommodation over – 2 Park Grove.	No objections.
1091.F.FUL *	Mr & Mrs Denton	Erection of conservatory to rear – 49 Kirkgate	Object - out of character in conservation area.
1155.D.FUL *	Mr & Mrs Macjannette	Erection of extension to detached garage with office over and removal of 4 conifer trees within Knaresborough Conservation area – Larchfield, Abbey Road.	No objections.
1234.A.FUL *	Mr and Mrs D Finnie	Erection of rear conservatory – 13 Bransdale Grove.	No objections.
1322.K.FUL *	Barchester Healthcare	Erection of single storey side extension, front canopy and installation of replacement door to front elevation – Thistle Hill Nursing Home, Thistle Hill.	No objections.
1636.A.FUL *	Mr & Mrs Mayer	Erection of single storey side and rear extensions and covered entrance to front – Rydale House, 5 Princess Drive.	No objections.
1643.C.FUL *	Mr & Mrs E Lynch	Erection of single storey side extension and retention of pedestrian access – Hylands, 10B Boroughbridge Road.	No objections.
1685.J.DVC MAJ*	Barratt Homes (York)	Variation of Condition no. of Planning Permission 6.100.1685.H.FULMAJ to allow UPVC windows (amended to include the whole site) – Former Nursery Site, off Halfpenny Lane.	No objections.
1823.B.TPO *	Mr M Cosgrove	Felling and dead-wooding of Sycamore, Ash, Willow and Elderberry Trees within group G1 of tree preservation order 1/1959 – Riverdale Spital Croft.	No objections.
2010.A.FUL *	Mr & Mrs A Cook	Erection of two-storey side extension – 2 St Roberts Gardens.	No objections.
2042.F.FUL *	Mr M Hassall	Conversion of triple garage to form bungalow (site area 0.008ha) – 32 Windsor Lane.	Object – not in keeping with area, tandem development, narrow road unsuitable for extra traffic.
2175.B.FUL *	Mr I S Lambley	Erection of side conservatory – 35 Blair Park	No objections.
2490.A.FUL *	Mr and Mrs G Webb	Erection of single storey side and rear extension (revised scheme) – 24 Ethel Crescent	No objections.
2491.A.FUL *	Mr and Mrs A Fleming	Erection of two storey rear and single storey side extension (Revised Scheme) – 5 Aspin Way	No objections.
2504.FUL*	Mr & Mrs G Smith	Erection of two-storey rear extension – 6 Park Way.	No objections.
2505.FUL*	Mr & Mrs Martin	Erection of conservatory to rear – 4B Blair Park.	No objections.
2506.FUL*	Mr G Paxton	Erection of conservatory to rear – 19 Birkdale Avenue.	No objections.
2507.FUL*	Mr & Mrs Foster	Erection of two-storey side extension and detached garage – 52 Pasture Crescent	No objections.
<b><u>County Matters 324</u></b>	NYCC	Proposed construction of a synthetic all weather pitch at Knaresborough King James's School – King James Road.	No objections.

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

\*\* Item for determination by Planning Cttee.

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**9819 ITEM 6 - PLANNING MATTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

*(The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in the below item, left the Chamber and took no part in the voting or discussion thereon)*

**RESOLVED:** *That Councillor P Godsell take the Chair.*

- a) Planning Enforcements -
  - (i) Confidential Papers –see Unpublished Minutes
  - (ii) Report of Investigations:
    - i) 06/00183/PR15 – Hylands 10b Boroughbridge Road.
    - ii) 06/00173/PR15 – Raw Gap.

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note.

*(The Mayor returned to the Chamber and took the Chair)*

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note items b to g with exception of 6e and 6f.

*Councillor A Wright left the Chamber in protest at the way the meeting was being conducted.*

b) Notice of Appeal re HBC's Refusal of Planning Permission

- i) 6.100.133.F.OUT – Outline application for the erection of 1 dwelling, with siting and access considered (Revised Scheme) (Site Area 0.05 ha) – The Pines, 11 Wetherby Road.*(Note: KTC comments: "No objections")*.
  - (ii) 6.100.88.B.FUL – Erection of rear dormer extension (revised scheme) – 29 Scotton Drive.*(Note: KTC comments: "No objections")*.
  - (iii) 6.100.1331.F.FUL – Erection of first floor side extension for form 1 flat, pitched roof over existing flat roof and replacement of external staircase, formation of new window and door and hard landscaping (Revised Scheme) (Site Area 0.06 ha)–Former Dental Clinic, Chain Lane. *(Note: KTC comments: "No objections")*.
- c) To note the following **WITHDRAWN** planning applications:
- (i) 6.100.888.C.OUT – Outline application for the erection of one detached dwelling with access considered (Site Area 0.07ha) – Land to the East of Gracegarth, Wetherby Rd.
  - (ii) 6.100.208.B.FUL – Erection of detached dwelling and one pair of semi-detached dwellings, formation of access and associated hard and soft landscaping (Site Area 0.08 ha) – 13 Stockwell Rd.
- d) Tree Preservation Order No. 27, 2006 - Land at Grid Ref. 435289/456157, Crag Top, Abbey Rd. – to note that the Order took effect, on a provisional basis, wef from 8/5/06.
- e) To note the following decisions by HBC to grant planning permission, subject to conditions, contrary to KTC's observations:
- (i) 6.100.571.A FUL – Erection of replacement shop front – 34 High Street.*(KTC object – going against planning guidelines from HBC. Guidelines say:-*
    - a) *Use timber, not aluminium, Lloyds propose white aluminium.*
    - b) *Always have the door set back from the front of the shop, Lloyds propose a doorway flush with the front.)*
  - (ii) 6.100.1159.E.FUL–Erection of two-storey rear extension with single storey link–40 High Street.*(KTC objects on the grounds that there is a lack of architectural features on a listed building and in a conservation area).*

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- (iii) 6.100.1159.F.LB – Listed building application for the erection of two storey rear extension with single storey link – 40 High Street. (*KTC objects on the grounds that there is a lack of architectural features on a listed building and in a conservation area.*)
- (iv) 6.100.1629.J.LB – Listed building application for the conversion of two dwellings into one dwelling with the removal of 3 internal walls, formation of 2 internal walls, 6 openings and blocking up of 2 doorways – 4/6 High Bond End. (*KTC object: 1 large building would be less visually attractive than the present cottages.*)
- (v) 6.100.2434.B.FUL – Erection of two storey side and single storey front extensions (Revised Scheme) – 15 Farndale Rd. (*KTC object: Would result in loss of amenity for neighbours.*)
- (vi) 6.100.1909.C.FUL – Demolition of detached dwelling and erection of 4 dwellings (2 x 3 bed and 2 x 4 bed) with new vehicular access (Revised Scheme) (Site Area 0.16 ha) – 1 Wetherby Rd. (*KTC objected on the grounds that the proposal is over-intensive and concerns over the proposed access onto Wetherby Rd.*)
- (vii) 6.100.2472.A.FUL – Erection of single storey side and rear extensions (Revised Scheme) – 16 Tentergate Gardens (*KTC objected on the grounds that this would constitute an unattractive long solid wall.*)

**RESOLVED:** To Receive & Note

*Councillor Wright returned to the Chamber and asked that it be recorded that in his opinion the meeting was being conducted illegally. He then left the meeting and said he would return for the items to be taken in confidential session.*

- f) Raw Gap Barrier Fence
  - i) Letter dated 18 April 2006 from Mr T A Green.
  - ii) Letter dated 1 May 2006 from Mrs R Doble.

**RESOLVED:** To write to network Rail and ask that in future they would consult the Town Council.

- g) Appeal Hearing re. HBC's refusal of Planning Application 6.100.643.D.FUL – Demolition of existing Bungalow and erection of 1 pair of semi-detached dwellings and 3 terraced houses, and formation of new vehicular access (revised scheme, site area 0.13 ha) – 22 Belmont Ave. – to note hearing to be held on 27 June 2006 at 10.00 am at the Conference Room, Dept. of Development Services, HBC, Knapping Mount. (*Note KTC did not object.*)

**9820 ITEM 7 - COMMUNICATIONS AND MATTERS ARISING**

- a) (i) Manor Infants' and the Proposed Children's Centre – copy of letter dated 12 May 2006 sent to County Councillor R Hall from Margaret Richardson.
- (ii) Proposed Merger of Manor Infant and Castle CE Junior School – letter dated 15 May 2006 from Governor Support & Communications Manager, NYCC.

*See resolution number 9817*

- b) Complaints of Flooding from Knaresborough Community Centre Car Park – letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2006 from Senior Engineer, Highways (Land Drainage) HBC.

**RESOLVED:** To write to HBC informing them that it is their responsibility and ask them to sort it out as soon as possible.

- c) Harrogate District Conservation Grant Scheme 2006/07 – letter dated 5 May 2006 from Chief Planner (Forward Planning), HBC.

**RESOLVED:** To Receive & Note

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- d) Proposed Pitch Improvements at King George V Field, Knaresborough – letter dated 2 May 2006 from Chief Executive, HBC.

**RESOLVED:** To write to HBC and ask for clarification of their letter as we do not understand it, and to point out that KTC want a proper contract between HBC and KTC so that we know exactly what we are agreeing to, with identified costs on the basis of what was agreed in principle.

- e) To consider verbal request from Dave Ramshaw, Knaresborough Community Centre, to use King George V Playing Field from 12 pm – 5 pm on Sunday 27 August 2006 for a Family Fun Day.

**RESOLVED:** To agree to this, but let them know that KTC expect them to repair any damage & also to contact HBC re any permission they need, public liability etc.

- f) Re-Use of Cobbles from Market Place – letter dated 16 May 2006 from Director of Development Services, HBC.

**RESOLVED:** To defer discussion until the next meeting 5 June 2006.

- g) Street Naming – Development off Halfpenny Lane – letter dated 17 May 2006 from Chief Engineer (Transport), HBC.

**RESOLVED:** To write to HBC re – KTC does not support the proposed naming scheme on the grounds that it has no apparent connection to the area. KTC would prefer to see street names that have some relevance to this historic town in general or to the area of the new development in particular.

**9821** **ITEM – 8 ALEXANDER HOUSE** – to note availability of a copy of a Consultation Paper dated 28 March 2006 submitted to the meeting of the Craven, Harrogate & Rural District PCT Board by the Director, Mental Health Directorate

**RESOLVED:** To defer this to the meeting on 5 June 2006 when there will be a presentation.

**9822** **ITEM 9 – ANNUAL CONSULTATION MEETING WITH HBC** – to note proposed date – Wednesday 13 September 2006 – 8 pm at Ripon Town Hall.

**RESOLVED:** To Receive & Note

**9823** **ITEM 10 – REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS/MATERS ARISING**

- a) Conservation Plan for Knaresborough Castle – Meeting of Project Monitoring Panel held 11 May 2006 – Councillor A Wright to report.  
b) Report of meeting of KTC Performance Area Committee held 8 May 2006.

**RESOLVED:** To move these items to the end of the meeting to be taken in confidential session.

**9824** See Unpublished Minutes

**9825** **ITEM 11 – KTC NEWSLETTER**

**RESOLVED:** To resume production of a KTC newsletter.

**9826** **ITEM 12 – RENAISSANCE MARKET TOWN INITIATIVE**

- a) Renaissance Knaresborough - Minutes of meeting held 25 April 2006  
b) Built Environment Theme Group Report to Executive March 2006  
c) To consider any other RMT matters.

**RESOLVED:** To Receive & Note.

*(The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in the below item, left the Chamber and took no part in the voting or discussion thereon)*

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor P Godsell take the Chair.

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**9827 ITEM 13 – TO CONSIDER SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS NO. 288**

**RESOLVED:** That the accounts for payments, amounting to £5021.25 as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No.288 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 D Smith & A Wright signatories).

*(The Mayor returned to the Chamber and took the Chair)*

**9828 ITEM 14 – DOCUMENTS RECEIVED**

- a) Inforegio - Newsletters March and April 2006.
- b) YLCA – White Rose Update April 2006 (*ca*).
- c) YLCA – Advice Note Number 007 (*ca*)
- d) YLCA – Minutes of Joint Executive Committee held 22 April 2006.
- e) YLCA – details of a Joint Training Conference for Parish and Town Councillors and Clerks To be held 29 September – 1 October 2006 at Royal Hotel, Scarborough (cost £283)
- f) York & North Yorkshire Playing Field Association Newsletter Spring 2006.
- g) Bilton Conservation Group Newsletter April 2006.
- h) “The Clerk” – May 2006.

**RESOLVED:** To Receive & Note

**9829 ITEM 15 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

- a) Town Twinning Reception for visitors from Bebra – Friday 9 June 2006 – 7.30 pm at Knaresborough Cricket Club, Aspin Lane – all Councillors invited (please reply to Mrs Rosita Moore – Tel. 864842).
- b) NYCE firework display at Conyngnam Hall. Organisers did not inform tenants of land. Complaints from tenants who had stock & property damage. (Councillor D Smith)
- c) CCTV Committee Meeting on 13 June (Councillor Jackson)
- d) Plan the Future with us – housing development paper – request for it to go on agenda for 5 June 2006. Public meetings planned for Harrogate & Ripon, not Knaresborough. (Councillor Hawkins)

**The Meeting closed at 9.43 pm.**