

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 2006 AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE KNARESBOROUGH**

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

Councillors: J Cooke, P Godsell, R Hall, K Hawkins, B Hallam, J Jackson, H Lyon,
D Smith, J Smith, M Smith, C Willoughby and A Wright.

Late arrivals: None

Early Departures: J Jackson (9pm)

9905 ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Councillors R Aspin, & B Pearson

9906 ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Councillor P Guest Item 10d – Member of Performance Area Committee

Councillor J Smith Item 7f - Prejudicial
Item 10d - Member of Performance Area Committee
Item 10c - Member of Horseshoe Fields Bridge Committee

Councillor D Smith Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of
any new information.
Item 7f - Prejudicial

Councillor M Smith Item 5 – Prejudicial – Planning Application 1686

Councillor J Jackson Item 7f – Business Acquaintance

Councillor C Willoughby Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of
any new information.
Item 12c Prejudicial
Item 13a – Employed by NYCC

Councillor K Hawkins Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of
any new information.
Item 4 – Opportunity to speak (Dealing with Mr Butler & met
with applicant re Jacob Smith Park)

Councillor J Cooke Item 4 – Opportunity to speak (partner dealing with Mr Butler & met
with applicant re Jacob Smith Park)

9907 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 AUGUST 2006

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 14 August 2006 be approved as a
correct record and signed by the Chair.

9908 ITEM 4 – OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

- a) Mr A Butler (re Item 5 Planning Application 2475).
Mr Butler told Councillors that his main concern was for pedestrian access in Blind Lane as it is only 2.8 metres across. He felt the applicant had not addressed this issue at all. Mr Butler felt that a better solution would be to link Blind Lane to Boroughbridge Road. In a letter from an HBC Planning Officer in 2000 Mr Butler quoted 'Blind Lane is unsuitable to serve any new development, it is considered that any application that proposes access from Blind Lane would be recommended for refusal'.
Councillors were able to question Mr Butler as to whether he was objecting purely on traffic safety issues.

RESOLVED: i) That KTC welcome affordable housing.
ii) That KTC have severe traffic concerns. The additional traffic application is rejected. KTC would like to see in place a new design with all traffic going out into Boroughbridge Road.

- b) Mr T Maude (re Item 10 (d) - Knaresborough Castle Performance Pavilion)

Mr Maude told Councillors that he would like answers to the following questions.

1. The total cost of the Conservation Plan.
- 2 The total contribution of English Heritage
- 3 The method of consultation with residents.
4. Whether the poor state of the castle would be taken into consideration.
5. Whether the loss of access to the moat be included

Councillors were able to question Mr Maude. Councillor Wright provided answers to some of the questions. Councillor Willoughby said that English Heritage were holding an open day at the Court House Museum at the Castle Top, on 9 – 10 September from 11am – 4pm, for the residents to go along & give ideas on what they want.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

9909 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>
06/03835/FUL 500.A*	Margaret Ballance	Erection of rear conservatory to garage – 6 Coronation Terrace.	No Objections
06/03302/FUL 693.H*	Mr & Mrs Cawkwell	Conversion of outbuilding to form one detached bungalow and installation of new package treatment plant (Site Area 0.08ha) – Thistle Hill Farm, Thistle Hill.	No Objections
06/03668/FUL 736.A*	Chris Perry	Retention of 1.8m high boundary fence with 1 vehicular access gate – 42A Aspin Park Road.	No Objections

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06/3949/TPO 1322.M*	Mr & Mrs Harris	Crown lift, clean and reduction of 1 Sycamore Tree, within woodland W1 of Tree Preservation Order 25/2002 – The Gate House, Thistle Hill Nursing Home, Thistle Hill.	No Objections
06/03848/FUL 1686.F*	Mr & Mrs Pickering	Erection of two-storey side extension (revised scheme) – Ridgefield Cottage, Forest Moor Road.	Object as in Green Belt area.
<i>(Councillor M Smith declared a prejudicial interest in the item above (1686), left the Council Chamber for the duration, the Council's subsequent discussion & voting thereon.)</i>			
06/03829/RE WMAJ 1928.A*	Harrogate Golf Club Ltd.	Renewal of unimplemented permission 6.100.1928.FUL to extend golf course on to adjoining agricultural land – Land to the East of Harrogate Golf Course, Forest Lane Head	No Objections - Comment 'configuration of holes on South side of railway line are such that golfers are encouraged to use existing stone bridge rather than cut across railway lines.
06/03390/FUL 1931.I*	Mrs G Williams	Erection of single storey side extension to store – House in the Rock, 8 Crag Lane.	No Objections
06/03817/FUL 2426.A*	Mr N C Wheeler	Erection of rear conservatory (revised scheme) – 44 Boroughbridge Road.	No Objections
06/03504/FUL MAJ 2475.A**	The Estate of the Late Winifred Jacob Smith	Erection of 17 dwellings with associated internal roads & vehicular accesses (site area 0.659ha) (Revised Scheme) – Somerley, 38 Boroughbridge Road & Land to the West of 12 Alexandra Grove, Blind Lane.	Object – see above item no 4a) resolution no. 9908.
06/4071/FUL 2491.B*	Mr & Mrs A Fleming	Erection of single storey side & rear extensions & installation of bay window to front (revised scheme) – 5 Aspin Way.	No Objections
06/03738/FUL 2514.A*	Mr & Mrs Meikel	Erection of 1 side and 1 rear dormer window (revised scheme) – 9 The Avenue.	No Objections
06/03764/FUL 2515.A*	Mr M Carr	Erection of first floor side extension over garage & single storey rear extension (revised scheme) – 29 Rievaulx Avenue.	No Objections
06/03847/FUL 2529*	Mrs Bilton	Erection of two storey side extension to form 'granny annexe' – 15 St Margaret's Gardens.	No Objections but KTC wish to see the following condition attached 'That it is not allowed to be converted to form a separate building in the future'
06/03853/FUL 2530*	Mr R Browne	Erection of single storey rear extension – 5 St Roberts Road.	No Objections
06/03721/FUL 2531*	Mr Rostron	Erection of conservatory to side 38 Park Way	No Objections
06/03740/FUL 2532*	Mr S Sowerby and Mrs A Sowerby	Formation of vehicular access – 15 Stockwell Road.	No Objections
06/03682/CO U 2533*	The Principle Practice	Change of use to first & second floor dwelling (Use Class C3–Dwellings) to form additional office accommodation (Use Class A2–Professional Services) The Equilibra Centre, 6 Victoria Avenue.	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.

9910 ITEM 6 - PLANNING MATTERS & CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Planning Enforcements** - (i) Confidential Papers (see unpublished minute)
(ii) Report of Investigations:
- 06/00393/PR15 – 06/00401/PR15 25 Tentergate Lane, Bankhead, 8 & 9 Coverdale Drive, 27, 29, 33 & 35 Woodpark Drive, Glydene, High Bond End.
 - 06/00419/PR15 – 115 High Street

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

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

- (i) 6.100.2502.FUL – Erection of single storey rear extension with living accommodation in roof space – Mr & Mrs S Cale, 7 St Robert's Gardens. (*KTC comments: No objections*).

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

- c) **Town and Country Planning (Trees Regulations) 1999** – Tree Preservation Order No. 55/2006 – York Road Nurseries, York Road – Notice of Provisional Order dated 9/8/2006.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

d) **Correspondence**

- i) Town and Country Planning Act – Planning Applications for Knaresborough – letter dated 10 August 2006 from Chief Planner Development Control, HBC.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

e) **The North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Adopted**

- Statement of Community Involvement** – letter dated 21 August 2006 from Senior Minerals & Waste Policy Officer, NYCC.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

f) **Planning Application 06/03459 – (6.100.1447.B) Proposal for Lidl Food Store, Strikes Garden Centre Site, York Road:**

- i) Letter dated 17 August 2006, from Mr D Mitchell (available at meeting).

To note Lidl Open Day – Thursday 31 August 2006 at Knaresborough House 1pm until 6pm.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

9911 ITEM 7 – COMMUNICATIONS & MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Green Dragon Yard, Knaresborough – letter dated 10 August 2006 from Head of Transport, HBC.

RESOLVED: i) That the Clerk write back to HBC (Pat Fitzgerald) requesting HBC to answer the comments about overall standards & then relay the cobbles complete.

- ii) That Councillor Hall represents KTC at the meeting with the contractor that is mentioned in the above letter.

- (b) Knaresborough House – Assembly Hall Improvement Works – letter dated 10 August 2006 from Chief Facilities Manager, HBC.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write back to HBC stating that KTC object very strongly to the proposed lighting, & would like something more in keeping with the building. KTC would also like to be consulted in the future.

- (c) Knaresborough House Heating Improvements – letter dated 14 August 2006 from Principal Facilities Manager, HBC.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

- (d) Fraser Teal Renaissance Bursary Awards – Fact sheet received 11 August 2006 from Yorkshire Forward.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

- (e) Improving Access to Council Homes – letter dated 14 August 2006 from Housing Policy & Strategy Officer, HBC.

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RESOLVED: That the Clerk write a letter to HBC stating that KTC suggest that the proposed accommodation be designated for couples over 45 & not an all age group.

- (f) Presentation at Council Meeting on 14 August 2006 – letter dated 18 August 2006 from Phillip Allott, Allott & Associates Ltd.

RESOLVED: To defer until first meeting in October.

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

9912 ITEM 8 – TO CONSIDER ROUTING OF ROADS & TRAFFIC

Councillor J Smith reported on the fact that the traffic in Knaresborough is getting gradually heavier, & that the Northern bypass was needed. It would benefit the town considerably if the A59 was declassified & the High Street was laid out in a different way to be more pedestrian friendly.

RESOLVED: i) To defer this item for a month so Councillors can study the reports before making a decision.

ii) That the Clerk contacts NYCC to request a copy of the plans for the by-pass.

iii) That the Clerk obtains the latest traffic study for Knaresborough from HBC.

9913 ITEM 9 PARISH CONSULTATION MEETING

RESOLVED: i) That the Clerk forwards the names of Councillors attending the above meeting, & their questions (see Minutes from meeting 14 August 2006 minute number 9913a).

ii) That the Clerk enquires whether the Mayor can sit in on the earlier Ripon meeting.

9914 ITEM 10 REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) Signage in Knaresborough – Councillor A Wright to report.

Councillor A Wright brought to the attention of other Councillors signs around Knaresborough that are confusing. One sign saying that 'da Marios is open' and another saying that 'The Mitre is open', when both are closed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes to the owners of da Marios & The Mitre asking them to remove the signs.

- (b) Blind Jack Statue Working Group – Councillors to report.

Councillor C Willoughby gave a report on the first meeting of the group, the Chair being Mrs A Farmer. They have received a macquette of a standing Blind Jack & have decided to ask Barbara Asquith to do a macquette of a sitting Blind Jack to compare.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note.

- (c) Horseshoe Fields Bridge Committee – Councillors to report.

Councillor J Smith reported on the first meeting of the committee, Councillor Aspin is the Chair, Councillor J Smith the secretary. A great deal of work has already been done by Councillor Aspin, the army & Keith Wilkinson.

RESOLVED: To defer this until the end of the meeting – to be held in confidential session.

- (d) Knaresborough Castle Performance Pavilion – To note:

i) E-mail correspondence between Councillor Wright (KTC) and Head of Leisure, Museums and Arts, HBC.

ii) E-mail dated 18 August 2006 from Head of Museums and Arts, HBC.

iii) Letter dated 21 August 2006 from Head of Leisure, Museums and Arts, HBC.

(See Resolution no 9908b)

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9915 ITEM 11 – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payments, amounting to £5,297.60 as detailed on Schedule of Accounts No.295 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).

9916 ITEM 12 – DOCUMENTS RECEIVED

- (a) Local Environmental Quality – A Town and Parish Council Guide received 10 August 2006 from Minister for Local Environmental quality and Chief Executive ENCAMS.
- (b) Affordable Rural Housing – Seminar for Landowners – CLA Yorkshire to present a free seminar on Tuesday 10 October 2006 – please advise any local landowners/agents who may be interested to contact Miss K Prajapati, rural Housing Enabler, HBC or e-mail Khyati.prajapati@harrogate.gov.uk
- (c) Holy Trinity Church – letter dated 17 August 2006 from Churchwarden, Holy Trinity Church, thanking KTC for grant which has released £29,000 from Yorkshire Churches Historical Trust, under the Landfill Tax Scheme.
- (d) “Holding” letters from HBC explaining delays in reply (due to absence on sick leave of The Head of Parks & Open Spaces:) re:
 - (i) Jacob Smith Park.
 - (ii) Proposed Pitch Improvements at King George V Field.
- (e) Ripon Cathedral Development Campaign – Preserving, Protecting, Promoting the Future of Ripon Cathedral, Summer 2006 Newsletter.
- (f) Details of “It’s Your Community” awards (up to £1,000) available from The Conservation Foundation and O₂.

RESOLVED: To Receive & Note

9917 ITEM 13 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- a) Councillor Wright – attended a Standards Training Board Meeting for Sub Committees & Committees with Councillor Hawkins & warned all Councillors to be extra careful when they are declaring interests.
- b) Councillor Hallam saw Jacob Smith Park on Tyne Tees television & said that the report gave a lovely impression of the park.
- c) Councillor Willoughby reminded Councillors that the awards evening for Knaresborough in Bloom was Friday 1st September at 7.30pm at Knaresborough House.

Item taken in confidential session – (see Resolution number 9914c & unpublished minutes).

Meeting closed at 9.32 pm.