

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY  
7 APRIL 2008 AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH.**

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

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

**Late Arrivals:** C Willoughby 7.50pm

**Early departures:** none

**354    ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors R Archibald, J Brankin, J Hawkins, K Hawkins and L Yorke-Davies.

**355    ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All declarations are personal, unless otherwise stated.

Item 9b (iii) - Councillors R Hall, J Burdett, M Clemmitt, P Guest, P Godsell and P Pye all declared that they had dispensation to speak on this item (such dispensation valid until 19 March 2012.)

Councillor P Guest	Item 9b(i) - Prejudicial Item 9b(ii) - Prejudicial Item 6 – Planning applications 2650 and 2651 Prejudicial Item 10(a) – Christmas Lights Committee Member
Councillor M Clemmitt	Item 9b(ii) - Prejudicial
Councillor A Willoughby	Item 6 – Planning application 2651 Prejudicial Item 7b(ii) – Committee Member of Harrogate Group of Ramblers Item 9(a) – Member of Blind Jack Statue Working Group Item 9b(i) - Prejudicial Item 9b(ii) - Prejudicial Item 9b (iii) - Prejudicial
Councillor B Asquith	Item 6 – Planning application 2651 – Knows artist Item 9(a) - Prejudicial Item 9b(iii) - Prejudicial Item 10(a) – Christmas Lights Committee Member
Councillor R Hall	Item 6 – Planning application 2651 – Member of Renaissance Knaresborough Item 10(a) - Member of Christmas Lights Working Group
Councillor L Powell	Items 9(a) and 9b(iii) – Prejudicial Item 10(a) – Christmas Lights Committee Member
Councillor J Burdett	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information

**356 ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held 26 March 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**357 ITEM 4 – KTC PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION****a) Mr T Maude re 9a – Blind Jack Statue –**

Mr Maude gave KTC an update of finances:- Balance as at 7.4.08 just over £6,000 (this includes pledges of over £1,000), the committee have 15 charity applications in the system. The committee have worked incredibly hard to move this forward. HBC have ordered the seat to be fitted in the next few weeks, they have also said they could also provide information in blocking on paving in front or round the seat. The committee had received a letter of support from King James's school. Several questions were then asked by Councillors.

*(Councillors B Asquith, L Powell and A Willoughby declared a prejudicial interest in the item below (9biii), left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)*

*(Councillor C Willoughby arrived at 7.50pm and declared interests in the following items:- Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Prejudicial Interest in items 9a, 9b(i), 9b(ii), and 9b(iii).*

*(Having declared a prejudicial interest in item 9b(iii) Councillor C Willoughby left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)*

**ITEM 9 – CORRESPONDENCE b) (iii) Application for Grant Funding Blind Jack Statue**

**RESOLVED:** That KTC give a grant of £5,000 to Blind Jack Statue Committee.

**(Unanimous)**

**358 ITEM 5 - BUSINESS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

None – move to next business.

**359 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>
08/00417/LB* 6.100.1067.N	Marshall Hawkrigde	Listed Building application for various external alterations including installation of 1 window and replacement of 1 window to rear elevation and various internal alterations including the removal of 2 walls and 1 door – Mill House, 5 Castle Mills	Object to change and appearance to historic building for no apparent reason.
08/01212/FUL* 6.100.2084.B	Mr P Temple	Erection of first floor side extension with balcony to rear and installation of rooflight to front elevation – 6 St. Roberts Road	No objections.
08/01241/FUL* 6.100.2388.A	Mr and Mrs B McGeough	Conversion of loft to form additional living accommodation and installation of 1 front dormer window and 2 rear dormer windows – 1 Appleby Green	No objections.

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08/01385/FUL* 6.100.2618.B	Mr and Mrs Ross	Erection of rear porch and rear conservatory – 17 Chadwick Park	Object – Increase in size of footprint in Green Belt.
08/01109/FUL* 6.100.2649	James Robert Wright	Retention of hardstanding for car parking – Land at Grid Ref. 435160 456455 Abbey Road	Object – Inappropriate intrusion into Green Belt land. Increase in domestic curtilage, lack of public amenity. <b>(Unanimous)</b>

*(Having declared a prejudicial interest in planning applications 2650 and 2651, Councillor P Guest left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon, Councillor J Burdett took the chair for these two applications.)*

08/01101/FUL* 6.100.2650	Methodist Ministers Housing Society	Erection of single storey rear extension and shed and replacement rear fencing – 7 Fossdale Close	No objection.
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*(Having declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 2651, Councillor A Willoughby left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)*

08/01396/FUL* 6.100.2651	Renaissance Knaresborough	Installation of 2 painted panels to front elevation – 5 and 7 Briggate	Object – should be seasonal, not on listed buildings and not in Conservation Area.
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*(Councillors A Willoughby and P Guest returned to the Council Chamber and Councillor P Guest resumed the Chair)*

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

\*\* Item for determination by Planning Committee

### **360 ITEM 7 - PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) **Planning Enforcements** (i) Confidential Papers *(item taken in confidential session)*  
(ii) Report of Investigation: Case No. 08/00073/PR15 – 15 Castlegate

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note.

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

- (i) 6.100.208.E.FUL – Erection of detached dwelling and formation of vehicular access (Site Area 0.08 ha) (Revised Scheme) – 13 Stockwell Road.
- (ii) 6.108.42.FULMAJ – Erection of club house and tractor store, formation of 7 rugby Pitches and two vehicular accesses with associated car and coach parking and soft landscaping – Land at Grid Ref. 435262 455048 Knaresborough.

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note.

### **361 ITEM 8 - HBC PLANNING COMMITTEE - Opportunity to Speak –Tuesday 8 April 2008 at 2.00pm Crescent Gardens, Harrogate.**

**RESOLVED:** That details of the above meeting, at which the following applications relating to Knaresborough are to be heard, be received and noted. (No Councillor from KTC to attend).

- a) 6.100.788.H.FUL – Redevelopment of public house and erection of extensions to form 9 apartments and erection of 2 retail units. - The Station Hotel, 19 Finkle Street.
- b) 6.100.788.I.FUL – Conservation Area app for demolition of workshop/garage and rear section of public house. – The Station Hotel, 19 Finkle Street.

- c) 6.100.1366.F.FUL – Erection of ground floor and first floor side extensions. – New Row Cottage, High Bond End.
- d) 6.100.2646.OUT - Outline application for erection of 2 pairs of semi-detached dwellings. – 40 Hambleton Grove.

### 362 ITEM 9 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Blind Jack Statue: Application for Dispensation – letter dated 20 March 2008 from Legal Dept., HBC.

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note.

- b) Applications for Grant Funding:

- (i) Knaresborough in Bloom

*(Councillors C Willoughby, A Willoughby and P Guest declared a prejudicial interest in items 9b(i) and 9b(ii) left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon, Councillor J Burdett took the chair for these items.)*

**RESOLVED:** That KTC give Knaresborough in Bloom a grant of £1,500.

**(Unanimous)**

- (ii) Friends of Bebra Gardens

*(Councillors M Clemmitt declared a prejudicial interest in item 9b(ii), left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)*

**RESOLVED:** That KTC give Friends of Bebra gardens a grant of £500

*(Councillors C Willoughby, A Willoughby, P Guest and M Clemmitt returned to the Chamber; Councillor P Guest resumed the Chair).*

- (iii) Blind Jack Statue (*see minute number 357*)

- c) Winter Maintenance Review – letter dated 3 March 2008 from NYCC.

**RESOLVED:** (i) Clerk to e-mail NYCC stating that Knaresborough Town Council do not want to see any reduction in winter gritting, and ask them to follow HBC gritting policy and grit roads in the evening not in the morning.

(ii) To seek more details about the Winter Maintenance Road show.

### 363 ITEM 10 - REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

- a) Report of meeting of Christmas Lights Working Group held 20 March 2008.

*The Clerk pointed out that although the minutes stated that KTC had not written a letter of thanks to the Chamber for their contribution towards the Christmas Lights, this was in fact incorrect. KTC wrote a letter of thanks on 18 January 2008, with a copy to Mr Darley.*

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note the Minutes.

### 364 ITEM 11 – REPORTS FROM THE CLERK

- a) Staff Lieu Hours

*The Clerk reported that the lieu hours up to 7 April were as follows:-  
Clerk 24 hours, Deputy Clerk 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours, Admin Assistant 0.*

- b) Changes to Contributions - NYCC Pension Scheme – The Clerk reported that with effect from 1 April 2008 the employer's contribution rate would rise from 18.4% to 19.6%. The employees' contribution rate would also increase.

*(Councillor C Willoughby declared a prejudicial interest in item 11b, left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)*

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note.

**365 ITEM 12 - OTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS**

None received

**366 ITEM 13 – INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

- a) Councillor P Guest – Christmas Lights Committee Meeting - Wednesday 9 April at 2 pm.  
 b) Councillor P Guest - to date 3,395 petitions against proposed Post Office closures.  
 Councillor Guest requested that a record of thanks go to Knaresborough Post for the way they publicised the appeal and to County Councillor Hall for his efforts.  
 c) Councillor P Guest reported that he recently went to protest against the planned police charges.  
 d) Councillor P Guest reported that NYCC are investigating putting artwork up in library.  
 e) Councillor M Clemmitt – Appeal for host families (40 guests) for Bed Race weekend 14 June 2008  
 f) Councillor A Willoughby - Trees on Hambleton Grove - pavement tarmac has been replaced.  
 g) Councillor A Willoughby - Domain name (on headed paper) for KTC no longer works.  
*The Clerk stated that it was being investigated.*  
 h) Councillor C Willoughby Knaresborough in Bloom – Spring judging and presentation went well. A volunteer kindly provided the table curtains in the Chamber - thanks to be conveyed from KTC.  
 i) Councillor L Powell – Quiz Night (Lib Dem)- 19 April, 7.30pm Cricket Club.  
 j) Councillors L Powell and P Godsell reported that litter is a problem in Knaresborough particularly approaches to Knaresborough and along the railway line.  
*(although Councillor A Willoughby reported that the judges for KIB commented on Knaresborough being litter free!!)*  
 l) Councillor P Godsell - Frazer Theatre fund raiser Diamond and Tiara Ball, 26 April King James's school tickets £25.

**367 ITEM 14 - TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS**

- a) Harrogate and Ripon Councils for Voluntary Services – news and events letters.

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note.

**Meeting ended at 9.00 pm**