

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT  
KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH ON MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2008**

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

**Councillors:** B Archibald, B Asquith, J Burdett, M Clemmitt, K Hawkins, J Hawkins, B Holbrook,  
L Powell, S St John-Jones, J Walton, A Willoughby, C Willoughby and L Yorke-Davies.

**Late Arrivals:** none

**Early departures:** none

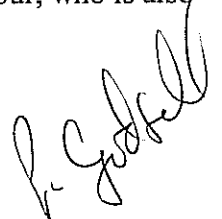
**559    ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor R Hall.

**560    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 8a – attended public meeting. Item 6 – Planning application 2683 – knows architect Item 6 – Planning application 2401 – Prejudicial Item 7c (i) - Prejudicial
Councillor J Hawkins	Item 6 – Planning application 2401 - Prejudicial Item 7c (i) - Prejudicial Item 11 - Prejudicial Item 9a – Member of Transport Forum Item 14f – Member of Town Twinning
Councillor A Willoughby	Item 7c (i) - Prejudicial
Councillor C Willoughby	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information Item 7c (i) - Prejudicial
Councillor J Walton	Item 12a – Member of Chamber of Trade
Councillor J Burdett	Member of HBC – will consider any same item at HBC in the light of any new information. Items 14b, e and f – Member of Committee/Group
Councillor M Clemmitt	Item 14f – Chair of Town Twinning Item 6 – Planning application 2401 – knows writer of letter
Councillor P Godsell	Item 6 – Planning application 272.T – Son-in-law works for Manse Masterdor Ltd. Item 6 – Planning application 2401G - knows neighbour, who is also writer of letter Item 7c (i) – knows neighbour of applicant Item 9a – husband works for Bus Company Item 14f – Member of Town Twinning



## Item 11 – Prejudicial

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held 6 October 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the following amendment to Item 6, Planning application 2683 which should read:

“Knaresborough Town Council object to residential use of this site which has been an important community facility. We oppose additional residential development on Waterside as this is an important amenity area for residents and visitors to the town”.

**562 ITEM 4 – KTC PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION**

a) County Councillor R Hall re Item 12b) – Proposed Waste Transfer Station at Bar Lane

Councillor Hall outlined the reasons for his opposition to the proposed site and called upon the Town Council to write a further letter outlining their concerns in order to keep the pressure on to prevent this site being converted from a leisure facility to industrial use.

*(Move to Item 12b)*

**563 ITEM 12(b) - PROPOSED WASTE TRANSFER STATION**

Following Councillor Hall’s address to Council it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk be instructed to write a letter to North Yorkshire County Council, with copies sent to NYCC’s Area Committee and Scriven Parish Council, making the following points:-

Following a recent packed public meeting organised by the Bar Lane Action Group, Knaresborough Town Council wishes to reiterate its total opposition to the proposed use of the Bar Lane site as a waste transfer station for the following reasons:

- Proximity of the site to a residential area
- Increased traffic at Bond End – already a notorious congestion spot and one of three high pollution black spots in the district
- The proposed site fails the selection criteria
- Possible adverse impact on the nearby SSSI
- Noise and pollution – only 800m from Meadowside Primary School
- Greenfield site

The Council is not opposed to a waste transfer station in principle and believes that alternative sites with good access to the A59/A1 offer a much more sensible solution.

Councillor K Hawkins reported that he hoped to attend the NYCC Area Committee meeting to be held on Thursday 30 October at 9.30 am at the Cairn Hotel, where an item relating to this matter was on the agenda.

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**564 ITEM 5 – BUSINESS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

- a) To consider the Provision of Entrances to Jacob Smith Park – report relating to results of consultation exercises received from HBC. Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to HBC expressing KTC's wish to retain the vehicular access as a pedestrian entrance, i.e. to have 3 entrances to Jacob Smith Park, on safety grounds for ease of exit. KTC suggest a pedestrian entrance be made adjacent to or incorporated in the vehicular access ("kissing gate" type of design).

**565 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>
08/04363/FUL 05.V*	The Co-operative Group	Siting of 2 air conditioning units and erection of 2.2m high enclosures – Yorkshire Co-operative Ltd., Chain Lane.	No Objections
08/04748/FUL 239.D*	Mr Andrew Bull	Conversion of first and second floor offices to form 1 dwelling (Site Area 0.008ha) – 26 High Street.	No Objections
08/04802/FUL 272.T*	Manse Masterdor Ltd	Retention of air conditioning unit to south elevation – Manse Masterdor Ltd., Hambleton Grove	No Objections
08/04600/LB 277.H*	Scottish & Newcastle Pub Enterprises	Listed building application for the display of externally illuminated signwritten letter and logo, one hanging sign, one brass menu case, two amenity boards and one chalk board and the installation of two lanterns and upward facing flood lights to front elevation – Harts Horn Hotel, 4 Silver Street.	No Objections
08/04185/FUL 1282.A*	Mr and Mrs A Riddell	Formation of first floor, erection of front porch and installation of 4 solar panels to rear – West View Lodge, 6 Crag Lane.	Object on the grounds of visual intrusion as this will spoil some views.
08/04604/TPO 1387.Y*	Mr Hart	Felling of 1 Lime tree in group G7 of Tree Preservation Order 05/2008 – 1 Appleby Avenue.	No Objections
08/03713/FUL 2228.A*	Mr Barry Tinkler	Retention of garden shed – 39 The Paddock.	Object as this will be visually intrusive
08/04506/DVCON 2401.G*	Mr and Mrs R Robinson and Mr & Mrs P Robinson	Deletion of Condition 9 of planning permission 6.100.2401.F.FUL to allow demolition of wall and formation of new vehicular access prior to completion of the new dwelling – Land to the rear of 1 Boroughbridge Road.	Object. Condition 9 was made for a good reason and nothing has changed. Removal of that Condition would add to the traffic problems at the Bond End junction. <b>(unanimous)</b>

*(letter of objection received from  
Mr S Jones)*

(Having declared a prejudicial in the above planning application (2401G) Councillors J and K Hawkins left the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

08/03431/FULMAJ 2475.C**	The Estate of the Late Winifred Jacob Smith	Erection of 14 dwellings including 7 affordable units and formation of road from Boroughbridge Road and Blind Lane - Somerley 38 Boroughbridge Road.	No Objections
08/04316/FUL 2551.A**	Mr Ian Homes	Erection of 2 flats (Site Area 0.03 ha) – 41 Stockwell Drive.	No Objections
08/04800/PDUCO 2678.A*	Mr David Shaw	Conversion of garage to workshop and installation of windows to replace door – 5 Sovereign Fold.	Object as this could set a precedent.
08/04512/FUL 2683 *	F C Enhancements Ltd	Conversion of café premises and function room to form 5 dwellings and formation of pedestrian access - Former Café Premises West of 2 Waterside ( <i>amended application</i> ).	Object to the amended plans for residential use of this café and function room. KTC oppose this residential development on Waterside as this is an important amenity area for residents and visitors to the town. Allowing the conversion of cafes here would destroy this special part of Knaresborough.
08/04056/RG3 2685**	Harrogate Borough Council	Erection of single storey rear extension – 4 Hawthorn Avenue.	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

## 566 ITEM 7 - PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Planning Enforcements** – (i) Confidential Papers - (*See Unpublished minutes*)

(ii) Report of Investigations:-

- 08//003229/PR16 – Hay A Park Residential Development,  
Halfpenny Lane
- 08/00451/PR15 – 16 Tentergate Gardens
- 08/000459/PR15 - Land Adjacent to Tarran Barn at  
Grid Reference 436133458 – Bar Lane
- 08/00477/PR15 – 21 Kings Road
- 08/00475/PR15 – 8 Dentdale Drive
- 08/00470/PR15 - 51A Abbey Road

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note

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

i) 6.100.2560.E.CON – Conservation area application for demolition of bungalow – The Bungalow, Spitalcroft, Calcutt. (KTC comments: *KTC object to this application because there is not an acceptable alternative in its place.*)

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note

- c) To note the following **APPEAL DECISION** re HBC's refusal of planning permission:
- i) Appeal reference number APP/E2734/A/07/2051124/NWF – Council Ref. No. 6.100.1866 - Change of use of land to form domestic curtilage - Fawley, Ripley Road - **appeal allowed** in part, and part costs awarded to applicant – *papers available in Clerk's office.*

*(Having declared a prejudicial interest in item 7c (i) Councillors K Hawkins, J Hawkins, A Willoughby and C Willoughby left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).*

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note.

## **567 ITEM 8 – CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Application for Funding from Bar Lane Action Group.

**RESOLVED:** That a grant of £200 be made to the Bar Lane Action Group.

- b) Knaresborough Railway Viaduct – e-mail dated 17 October 2008 from Network Rail

Councillor Asquith suggested that the railway gates could be closed at night to prevent people gaining access to the viaduct. Following discussion of this it was felt that expert advice was needed on this complicated issue and it was

**RESOLVED:** That prior to any further discussion taking place on this matter the Clerk write to Chris McGonigle seeking clarification about the possibility of closing the railway gates at night.

## **568 ITEM 9 – REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**

- a) Report on the Harrogate and District Transport Forum by Councillor June Hawkins - Meeting 8 October 2008.

Councillor J Hawkins reported on the above meeting which had been poorly attended with no Officers from either HBC or NYCC present.

**RESOLVED:** (i) That the report be received and noted.

- (ii) That the Clerk write to the appropriate HBC Cabinet Member (Don Mackenzie) with copies to Ian Galloway (Forum Chairman) and NYCC expressing concern at the lack of attendance and commitment on the part of HBC and NYCC.

- b) Report of Community Services Committee held 13 October 2008

**RESOLVED:** (i) That the recommendations of the Committee be accepted but that consideration of the amount to be allocated in respect of refurbishment/replacement of Christmas lights be considered as part of the budget setting process.

- (ii) That the following Councillors act as marshals at the Town Council Carol Service to be held 5 December 2008 at 7 pm in the Market Place:

4pm onwards: Councillors L Yorke-Davies and A Willoughby, plus  
6pm onwards: Councillors M Clemmitt, B Archibald, C Willoughby  
and B Asquith

**569 ITEM 10 - REPORTS FROM THE CLERK**

- a) To request a volunteer Town Council representative to take over from Mrs Jean Dunn on Spa Baths Charity – (*this involves 2 meetings per year and the appointment is until 17 January 2013- further information is available from the Clerk's office*).

The Chair reported that this item had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

**570 ITEM 11 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED:** That payments, amounting to £22,495.02 as detailed on the payment schedule 340 be received and noted.

*(Having declared a prejudicial interest in item 11 Councillors P Godsell, J Hawkins, M Clemmitt and C Willoughby left the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon). (Councillor A Willoughby took the Chair for this item)*

**571 ITEM 12 – OTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS**

- a) To consider Map displays – Proposer: Councillor A Willoughby seconded by Councillor C Willoughby

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk be instructed to contact Chamber of Trade and negotiate some way of improving the map displays in the cases around the town as these are very untidy and have been for some time."

- b) Proposed Waste Transfer Station - *See Minute 563*  
c) Start Times of Meetings of Knaresborough Town Council: Proposer: Councillor K Hawkins seconded by Councillor A Willoughby

"Knaresborough Town Council meetings shall ordinarily start at 7pm. In the event of a presentation being made prior to the meeting this shall ordinarily start at 7pm with the Council meeting starting at 7.30pm. This shall also apply to Committees of the Council unless the Committee determines otherwise".

After discussion Councillor K Hawkins withdrew this motion. **The 7.30 pm start time therefore remains.**

**572 ITEM 13 - INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

- a) To note closure of Low Bridge for repairs from Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2008. Plans in Chamber or on notice boards show diversion and pedestrian access.  
b) To note date change for The Royal British Legion Poppy Supper, was 5 November, now moved to 12 November 2008 7.30pm at the Working Men's Club, invite to all Councillors.

It was noted that Items 13a) and b) should have been in Item 10 'Reports from Clerk'

- c) Councillor J Walton – HBC are willing to give a talk on recycling.
- d) Councillor B Archibald – item re. Pedestrian Access on Ripley Road into town should have been on the agenda.
- e) Councillor A Willoughby – HBC Planning Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November will consider the application re Waterside (2683). Councillor Willoughby intends to speak at this meeting.
- f) Councillor M Clemmitt – Celebration of 40 years of Town Twinning will take place next year.
- g) Councillor K Hawkins – Dispensations re. Blind Jack Statue for Councillors Powell, St John-Jones and Walton have now been granted by the Standards Committee.

**573 ITEM 14 – TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS**

- a) North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service – Corporate Report.
- b) Harrogate & Area Council for Voluntary Service and Ripon CVS newsletter and mailings for October 2008.
- c) North Yorkshire and York NHS PCT – Living Well with Cancer, Saturday 1 November 10.00am until 3.00pm at Pavilions of Harrogate.
- d) Meet the Funder Harrogate & District – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008 11.45am until 4.00pm at King James's School.
- e) Harrogate & District Access Group – Minutes of quarterly Meeting held 25 September 2008.
- f) Minutes of Town Twinning Committee Meeting held 10 September 2008.

**RESOLVED:** Receive and note.

Meeting ended at 9.30pm

