MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, KNARESBOROUGH, ON Monday 04 June 2018

PRESENT: Chair: The Mayor – Councillor Phil Ireland

Councillors: M Clemmitt, J Gair, D Goode, H Gostlow, T Hunter,

P Ireland, S Mearns, A Willoughby, C Willoughby,

M Wood and A Wright.

Staff Present: The Acting Clerk and Deputy Clerk

Also Present: A resident

Late Arrivals: S Mearns Early Departures: None

18/011 ITEM 1 – To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting

Apologies were received from Councillor E Darling. Councillor S Mearns had notified the office that she may arrive late due to a prior meeting.

18/012 ITEM 2 – Councillors' Disclosure of an Interest - none

18/013 - ITEM 3a - KTC Public Speaking Session - none

ITEM 3b - KTC Open Forum

A resident spoke to Council about the congestion on Bar Lane due to housing development work and the negative effect this is having to business in the area, particularly access to Park Nurseries. The resident mentioned he had contacted County Councillor Z Metcalfe about the issue and asked if KTC could keep up the dialogue to ensure minimum disruption.

Councillor S Mearns arrived for the meeting.

18/014 - <u>ITEM 4 - Planning</u>

4.1 To consider the following Planning Applications relating to Knaresborough and make such observations as may be appropriate:

Ref:	Details of Application:	KTC Comments:
18/01360/FUL	Demolition of garage/utility room; Erection of orangery. The Rise, 25 Princess Avenue, HG5 0AW.	No objections
18/01527/FUL	Erection of first floor extension; removal of 1 no. dormer; reroofing. 2 St Roberts Road, HG5 8EQ.	No objections
18/01607/LB	Demolition of outbuildings; Erection of single-storey extension; Formation of 1 no.	No objections

	rooflight; Alterations to fenestration; Removal of internal walls and ceiling; Removal and replacement of fireplace; Reinstatement of fireplace; Associated minor and structural works. 8 Brewerton Street, HG5 8AZ.	
18/01662/FUL	Construction of front porch over existing front door. Badger Hill, Dropping Well Farmhouse, Harrogate Road to Dropping Well Farm, HG5 8DP.	No objections
18/01753/FUL	Erection of single storey extension (revised scheme). 4 York Lane, HG5 0AJ.	No objections
18/01827/FUL	Erection of single storey extension; installation of balustrades, footpath link and stairs; conversion of first floor of annexe to provide additional accommodation; alterations to garage access and formation of fenestration annexe; alterations to driveway and landscaping; installation of 2 no. dormer extension to annexe. Abbey Cottage, 49 Abbey Road, HG5 8HX.	No objections
18/01957/FUL	Demolition of conservatory and detached garage; erection of two storey extension and detached garage. 25 Woodpark Drive, HG5 9DN.	No objections
18/02004/FUL	Erection of two dwellings with formation of vehicular access and landscaping. Netherlands, Abbey Road, HG5 8HY.	See full detail below
18/02005/FUL	Demolition of garage. Erection of 1 two- storey extension. Erection of 1 single- storey extension. 22 Princess Drive, HG5 0AG.	No objections

18/02004/FUL:

RESOLVED: Knaresborough Town Council objects to this application as it will lead to ten extra residential bedrooms, and therefore more traffic, along a road used mainly for recreational activities within the conservation area.

Knaresborough Town Council objects to this application to build two large houses and double garages. Building these houses and garages would have serious adverse effects on public amenity, reduce public enjoyment of this lane, lead to a loss of openness of the site, lead to a loss of valuable trees, and would harm the character and appearance of the conservation area.

Abbey Road is a highly valued local recreation resource, a semi-rural lane, enjoyed by many pedestrians, runners, cyclists and horse riders. The recreational use is enhanced by a network of several footpaths and a bridleway that links with the road. The proposed development will result in a significant change of character to the local environment due to over development and inappropriate development of this part of Abbey Road. The development will result in a major loss of open space, adversely impacting on the look and feel of the area, which was identified by the planning inspector when adjudicating on the Aspin Estate development as providing a green buffer between the estate and Abbey Road. This proposal for large houses and garages would diminish the balance between pedestrian and motorised use of the road, so harming the recreational use.

There are existing problems with traffic congestion at the junction with Wetherby Road, with traffic turning into Abbey Road conflicting with traffic queuing at the traffic lights at the bridge. These houses and garages would increase this problem, and any road widening to alleviate this would harm the character and appearance of the conservation area. This proposal for an additional two large houses and garages would also harm the setting of the nearby Scheduled Monument and listed building, St Robert's Cave. This application does not provide any affordable homes to house local people.

The proposal is contrary to policy HD3 of the Harrogate District local plan, Feb 2001.

"DEVELOPMENT WHICH HAS AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF A CONSERVATION AREA WILL NOT BE PERMITTED AND THIS INCLUDES... C) PROPOSALS INVOLVING THE LOSS OF OPEN SPACE" The Knaresborough Conservation Area Character Appraisal, Dec 2008 includes..... 13 -G Abbey Road 13.17 "From Netherlands and Abbey Mill the rural area continues to Grimbald Bridge." Appendix B "key issues raised @ consultation" sixth bullet point - the retention and enhancement of Green Spaces.

4.2 Planning Enforcement:

Case No. 18/00262/PR15 96 High Street, Knaresborough Skip and adverse condition of site.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

4.3 Notice of Appeal:

Appeal Ref.

a) APP/HH/1705 - 18/00016/NREMAP

Appeal against No High Hedge Remedial Notice Issued. 12 Appleby Avenue, HG5 9LZ. For Information Only.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

b) APP/E2734/W/18/3198871 - 18/00026/NREFPP

Appeal against HBC refusal on planning permission.

Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of block of 12 apartments with new access and parking areas.

Long Cottage, 1 Tentergate Road, HG5 9BG

KTC comments: Knaresborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is an over intensive use of the land, the proposed development is inappropriate to the street scene and it will have an adverse impact on the highway (27/11/2017)

RESOLVED: To write to the appeal to object again using the wording as above.

18/015 ITEM 5 - To consider the following correspondence

5.1 To consider sending a representative from KTC to the Single Plastic Use Meeting held at The Civic Centre, Harrogate on Wednesday 6 June at 2.00pm.

Councillor D Goode volunteered to attend the meeting.

5.2 To consider appointing a representative from KTC to the Harrogate Congestion Engagement Group (To note the first meeting: Tuesday 5 June 9.30am at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate).

RESOLVED: That Councillor A Willoughby will be lead representative for KTC with Councillor D Goode as deputy, Councillor D Goode to attend the first meeting on 5 June.

5.3 To consider sending up to 2 representatives from KTC to the Parish Consultation Meeting, Thursday 28 June, 6pm at the Darley Memorial Hall.

RESOLVED: That KTC will not be sending a representative to the meeting as KTC has 4 members sitting on Harrogate Borough Council including 1 cabinet member and this would allow other Parish Councils to have more time at the Consultation meeting.

5.4 To consider the request for items to be considered at the Parish Consultation meeting (see 5.3 above). Requests to be submitted no later than Friday 8 June 2018.

RESOLVED: That KTC will submit the following items to be considered at the Parish Consultation meeting:

- Is HBC committed to funding the elements of Christmas Lights Funding as it has traditionally done?
- Business Rate Retention: With 100% retention for 12 months, in terms of this
 additional funding available have any spending decisions been made that would
 support improvements to the local economy?
- Will there be a repeat of the District Improvement Fund in the coming year?

18/016 - Item 6 - Information Exchange

- Councillor Clemmitt reminded members that it is the Bebra reception on Friday 8 June.
- Councillor A Willoughby updated members with progress on the Performance Pavilion and the expectation that a report will be presented to the relevant HBC Cabinet Member.
- ➤ Councillor Mearns reported that the Renaissance Knaresborough Cliff Lift project was continuing to gain traction.
- Councillor C Willoughby informed members that the Castle working group had been moving forward with the Lighting project and the specialist consultant working with the group would like to present to Council at the next meeting.
- Councillor A Wright expressed his concern over the number of banks closing and empty shops in the Town and queried with the Chair how to have such topics included on a future agenda.

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm	
Signed by the Mayor	
Councillor P Ireland:	