

The Meeting of Desborough Town Council held at The Library, High Street, Desborough

On Thursday 21 June 2018

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Holmes (Chairman), J Read, J Taylor, S Draycott, C Archer, B Keys, I James, L Burnham, S Stroud, B McElhinney.

Also in Attendance: Members of the public.

075/18	<p>Chairman's Welcome and Announcements: The Chairman's announcements included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Town Clerk, James McKechnie has left the employment of Desborough Town Council by mutual agreement. - Becky Jones, Admin Assistant, has tendered her resignation and leaves at the end of June She is now using her holiday entitlement until the end of the month. - The recruitment process for a new Town Clerk is now underway. - KBC have issued consultation regarding the Unitary Authorities. There is a consultation website and the councillors have received documents from KBC. - An invitation has been received from The Order of St John to attend their Civic Service in Northampton on Wednesday 18 July at 7pm, if anyone wishes to attend. - Other invites had been received from Rowell Fair and Civic Service which had been attended by the Chairman, and Kettering Civic Service.
076/18	<p>To receive apologies for absence- RESOLVED: The apologies for Cllr P Sawford was accepted.</p>
077/18	<p>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th May 2018. RESOLVED: The minutes were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
078/18	<p>To receive declarations of interest under the Councils Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda: Planning applications: Cllrs S Draycott –KET/2018/0217, Cllr B Keys – KET/2018/0313, Grant applications: Cllrs: L Burnham – DTJFC, G Holmes – Men's Shed.</p>
079/18	<p>To receive a report from the local Police Support Officer: Due to training and work pressures, no one was available to attend the meeting this month.</p>
080/18	<p>Representations from Members of the Public: <i>(Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included on the agenda. The session will last for a maximum of 30 minutes. Any individual members of the public may only speak once lasting a maximum of 3 minutes. Representations shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate. Members of the public should address the chairman of the meeting, who may direct that a written or oral response be given).</i></p> <p>Pamela Goodman read out her Annual Report of Desborough Towns Lands Charity and Loakes Charity – attached <i>(Appendix A)</i>.</p> <p>Daniel Howes of Eckland Lodge Business Park spoke of the recent Open Evening at Eckland Lodge where the new Lincoln Building was officially opened. He extended an invitation to those Councillors who had not been able to attend previously. Please contact Leigh Parkin on 01536 762300.</p> <p>Simon King Chairman of Desborough Town Welfare Committee read out a history of the Committee – attached – <i>(Appendix B)</i>.</p> <p>Jo Watson spoke of Desborough Twinning Society – see attached report. <i>(Appendix C)</i>.</p>
081/18	<p>To receive a report from County Councillor: Apologies were received from Cllr Matthews who was unable to attend the meeting. He had however sent in a short report regarding the Library and the ANPR Speed Cameras – attached. <i>(Appendix D)</i>.</p>
082/18	<p>To receive reports from Borough Councillors: Apologies were received from Cllr Dearing. Apologies were received from Cllr Tebbutt but he had submitted a short report – attached. <i>(Appendix E)</i>.</p>

	<p>Cllr Soames reported that Birchfield Springs Trout Farm have breached the Enforcement Order served by KBC many times, and as there is enough evidence they are to prosecute. The case is expected to be heard sometime in July. This information was received very favourably by all in the room. Cllr Soames also reported that there is to be an A6 Towns Forum Meeting at the council chamber in Kettering next Wednesday 27th at 7pm and all DTC Councillors are entitled to attend. The main item for discussion will be The Consultation on the Unitary Authority.</p>
083/18	<p>To discuss the Pocket Park and resolve payments to suppliers: Rachel Bosworth gave a report on the history of the Pocket Park. Funding was made available to them by DTC last year for clearing a 2nd pond that was heavily silted. The approximate cost was £7,000 to £8,000 plus VAT. However, they were subsequently told by the TC not to go any further as a licence was needed, but it wasn't applied for and the work wasn't done. Rachel is asking on behalf of Pocket Park for that funding to be available this year, but the costings will have to be redone etc. The Restoration Project papers are available to the Council. Other payment requests were £255.24 to repair the dipping platform, and a £220 shortfall in their fundraising efforts for picnic benches. There will also be a further amount needed for installing the picnic benches. The Chair explained that as a Council we are VAT exempt, so it would be best for Rachel to send in a letter and DTC will then deal with raising an order etc. Rachel thanked Cllr Taylor and Cllr Archer for joining their committee.</p> <p>It was AGREED by Council that Rachel submits a letter for the total figure for the July meeting, so that it can be added to the agenda as a payment.</p>
084/18	<p>To consider and resolve community grant application under the grant scheme.</p> <p>Desborough Men's Shed Gary Berridge explained that they are trying to finance themselves by making and reselling articles etc, although they do receive some funding from other Trusts. However the rent for the two sheds are £400 and £250 pcm, and there is a shortfall each month after taking membership fees into account. RESOLVED to award a grant of £4000. Proposed by Cllr Burnham and seconded by Cllr Taylor.</p> <p>Desborough Youth Club Jude Campbell explained that she would like to setup Crafting and Sewing sessions and has done this previously using her own sewing machine which isn't ideal. She needs to buy two sewing machines at an approximate cost of £220 each, and materials. The machines are operated by a hand switch which gives more control for the person using it rather than use the pedal. RESOLVED to award a grant of £500. Proposed by Cllr Holmes, seconded by Cllr Read.</p> <p>Desborough Town Junior Football Club The Chairman read the application out which had been submitted under the previous administration, but hadn't been considered. The major expense of £2000 pitch hire fees at the Leisure Centre that they have to use during the winter months. RESOLVED to award a grant of £500. Proposed by Cllr McElhinney, seconded by Cllr Taylor.</p>
085/18	<p>To receive an update from the Rothwell North Working Party: Cllr Burnham submitted a report – attached (<i>Appendix F</i>).</p> <p>Cllr Burnham also spoke of the petition that is currently being circulated and urged all residents to sign as 2500 signatures are required for it to be heard by the Borough Council. Petition forms were available at the meeting should anyone wish to take one away with them.</p>
086/18	<p>To discuss the current situation and future of Desborough Library: Cllr Holmes explained that there has been an enormous amount of work done into producing the Stage 2 document. The deadline is midday on Monday 25 June, and there is still some work to do over the weekend. It is a paper exercise to get us to the next stage. Last year the previous council administration put £120,000 in the budget, which allows us to lease the building in the short term. We need the building to be known more as a Community Hub, and to raise revenue by diversifying the use of the building, but we will need the support from the residents of the town to help us keep it open. Cllr Keys stated that with the population of Desborough</p>

	<p>being the 8th largest population in the county, it was scandalous that Desborough Library was down for closure.</p> <p>Thanks were extended to Paula Holmes for her sterling work in producing the document. Cllr McElhinney and Paula have been invited to a meeting at KBC on Friday 22 June to discuss the possibility of KBC buying the building.</p> <p>There is to be a Judicial Review which was instigated by Desborough, and is due to be heard in Birmingham in the last week in July, and it would be good as many people as possible attend. Borough Cllr Soames said that he has an agreement in principle with KBC to pay rent for the KBC service desk facility, which will provide another income stream.</p>
087/18	<p>To consider ANPR Speed Cameras on Rothwell Road: The Chair stated that speeding is an ongoing problem for residents. A Feasibility Study had been done last year but both options (roundabouts at Gold Street and Lower Street or road narrowing / chicanes etc) were cost prohibitive.</p> <p>Kevin O'Brien reminded everyone that the Speedwatch campaign starts on 21 July and volunteers are always welcome and the training will be on Sat 14 July. Please contact him for more details.</p> <p>A resident told the meeting that contractors have now been appointed to complete the work on the double yellow lines on Pioneer Avenue and other areas in the town. He will keep the council informed of progress.</p> <p>There was a proposal to fund an ANPR camera on Rothwell Road at a cost of £10,450 + VAT for a 5 yr. package including maintenance, plus an installation cost of £300. It is all police managed, and all info goes to a terminal in a police station. This type of system will not result in prosecutions, and it was felt that some people regard the receipt of a letter as a badge of honour.</p> <p>It was decided that further work needs to be done at looking at costings for a system that will lead to prosecutions and points on licences.</p>
088/18	<p>To consider and resolve a Citizen Certificate Programme: An email had been received as a suggestion that a good deed done by a citizen in Desborough should be recognised. Jo Watson suggested that it should be on a regular basis which could then lead to an annual Pride of Desborough event.</p> <p>Following some discussion it was decided that a working group be set up and. Cllr J Taylor and Jo Watson volunteered to work on it and bring to the next meeting.</p>
089/18	<p>To consider and resolve Council Engagement methods: Suggestions had been put forward on the way that the public can engage with the Councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A survey of what people want in the town. • Via the The Youth Council to engage with younger residents in the town • A rota for councillors to be available prior to the monthly council meetings which could run for a 3 month trial period. <p>The Town Council books will be open and available for scrutiny from 22nd June for the statutory period of 10 working days until 27 July. As we do not have admin support on this occasion please contact a councillor with your request to look at the books and it will be accommodated.</p> <p>As an aside – the new Town Clerk (when recruited) will be office based.</p>
090/18	<p>To receive an update from Desborough Community Groups:</p> <p>Desborough and District Twinning Committee - Jo Watson reported that there are many fundraising events throughout the year. In October there will be 35 visitors from Esch in Holland and in November (Gala weekend) there are visitors from France. Offers of accommodation for them are always gratefully received.</p> <p>Men's Shed - Gary Berridge said that they are going from strength to strength, and recently received some donated machinery which was accepted with open arms. Helping with the Carnival Queens float, and having a stall selling bird boxes, hedgehog houses, and bat boxes that members have made.</p> <p>Desborough in Bloom - Paula Holmes reported The East Midlands in Bloom judging day is Thursday 5 July at 2pm. Meeting at the Fire Station, then on to Revive, up to the little garden on Gladstone Street, down Buckle Street to the Pocket Park, up Lower Street, back onto High Street. We desperately need help with watering all the pots and tubs etc, so if anyone can help we would appreciate it. If you can weed, pick up litter etc, and want to help please let us know.</p>

091/18	<p>Financial: Finance Report and approve the Accounts for Payment: The Finance Report had been sent to all councillors prior to the meeting – attached (<i>Appendix G</i>). RESOLVED: The payments shown in Appendix G were unanimously APPROVED.</p>
092/18	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. To receive and note the Planning Report: The report had been circulated to all councillors in advance of the meeting - attached (<i>Appendix H</i>).</p> <p>b. To consider Planning Applications:</p> <p>KET/2018/0366 – Mr Hindle & Ms A Trystram – 10 Chestnut Drive, Desborough – Full Application: First floor side extension – NO OBJECTION.</p> <p>KET/2018/ 0339 - Mr S Biddlecombe – 4 Ashford Lea, Desborough – Full Application: Two storey side and single storey rear extension – NO OBJECTION.</p> <p>KET/2018/0325 – Travis Perkins - Bridge Building, Pipewell Road, Desborough – Full Application: Erect 4.5m high racking to rear of building – NO OBJECTION.</p> <p>KET/2018/0296 – BP Oil UK Ltd - Bear Way (land off), Desborough – Full Application: Petrol filling station and associated works – Some concerns regarding light and noise, but it appears that these have been addressed. NO OBJECTION.</p> <p>KET/2018/0357 - Britwind Limited - The Deer Farm, Stoke Albany Road, Desborough – Full Application: Replacement hub and blades of two wind turbines – NO OBJECTION.</p> <p>KET/2018/0313 - Mr P Wilson - 21 - 23 Church View Road, Desborough – Full Application - 2 no. dwellings – NO OBJECTION.</p> <p>KET/2018/0217 - Mr & Mrs T Clifton - Yaffle Crescent/Swift Close (land to the rear of), Desborough – Full Application: Change of use from amenity land to garden land and erection of boundary treatment – NO OBJECTION.</p> <p>KET/2018/0395 - Mrs S Baker - 44 Rushton Road (land adj), Desborough – Full Application: 3 no. dwellings – NO OBJECTION.</p>
093/18	<p>Employment Matters: Under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended), the press and public be excluded for the following item of business.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The exclusion of the press and public was APPROVED.</p>
094/18	<p>To agree the date of the next meeting: To be held on the third Thursday 19th July 2018</p>
<p>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20 PM</p>	

Chairman Date

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Desborough Town Council
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Dear Chairman & Councillors,

Desborough Town Lands Charity & Loakes Charity – No: 810328

I have represented Desborough Town Council, along with Cllr David Coe until his retirement and then with Cllr Robin Cutsforth, on the Desborough Town Lands Charity & Loakes Charity for around 16 years, possibly longer.

I was not invited to the annual Parish meeting in May and so I am here tonight to make my annual report.

Desborough Town Lands Charity and Loakes Charity committee meet once a year, notified by the secretary, Mrs Pauline Clarke, (Wife of the Rev Neil Clarke.) her telephone number is 01536 760667.

This year there was roughly £1200.00 to disburse. This was done as £1000 to Marlow House and £200.00 to the Town Welfare.

Not all rent was paid on time and so there will be more in the next round. The annual meeting date has been changed again for next year and will be held in MAY 2019.

Yours sincerely

Pamela Goodman

Appendix B

Desborough Town Welfare Committee Report June 2018

The Desborough Town Welfare Committee (TWC) was formed in 1954 for 'the relief of the sick, aged and needy' and the committee received donations, predominantly from the Desborough Charities Fete Committee, what we know now as the Carnival Committee.

Currently the committee receive donations predominantly from 4 sources; The Maude Elkington Charitable Trust, the Carnival Committee, a private donor and the Desborough Town Lands and Loakes' Charity.

Early records in some of the first minutes show how some in the town were given £1 per month to relieve their poverty.

Over the years the way that any money received by the committee was distributed changed but in more recent years single Desborough residents over 65 years or those over 75 and in a couple were given a £10 Co-op voucher at Christmas.

In 2015 members of the TWC and others personally distributed, by hand, around 400 vouchers to those who fulfilled the criteria and who had been made known to the committee.

There was no other selection criteria.

In 2017 the Co-op made the purchase and effective distribution of these vouchers impossible. The then committee, whose 3 officers had a combined voluntary service of around 100 years and were all circa 80 years of age were completely disillusioned by this and were set to wrap up the TWC at their AGM.

However, I felt that the continuation of the TWC said something good about Desborough and its people and offered my voluntary service to and for the continuation of the TWC.

At an EGM the purpose of and working of any potential new committee was discussed and it was agreed that the original purpose and ethos of the committee was as relevant today as it was more than 60 years ago.

And now for a few facts:

The population of Desborough in 2011 was 10697.

The national percentage of the population over the age of 70 years is currently 11.8%.

If the TWF was to be entirely inclusive and its distribution list comprehensive it would need to compile and maintain a list of all 'voucher eligible' Desborough residents. National statistics suggest that this would be around 1298 individuals. Nearly 1300 vouchers worth £13,000 would need to be purchased and distributed. This would have required an income of more than 230% of that which the TWC currently receive.

The new TWC was formed and reaffirmed the committee's original philosophy whilst accepting that the way that any money might be distributed had to change. This was in order for the TWC to continue rather than having to compile and maintain a register of all eligible recipients and have its entire fund holding wiped out and a debt of nearly £10,000 being incurred in the first year!

The committee has had the great pleasure of being of some assistance in the past year by giving to individuals and families affected by life changing accidents, illnesses or events such as devastating fire.

Applications for small individual grants are welcomed by the committee. Whilst we hope to have online application up and running soon, application forms can currently be obtained from The Secretary, Desborough Town Welfare Committee, 36 Leys Avenue, DESBOROUGH, NN14 2PY or by email at destownwelfare@gmail.com or via our Facebook page by searching 'Desborough Town Welfare Committee'.

And now on a personal note.

My late aunt Ella Gardiner was Chairman of the TWC for some years up to her death in 2002. Her sister, my aunt Vi Elkington was Chairman prior to that and my paternal grandfather Howard King preceded her. My mother took over the position of Secretary in around 1964 and held the post until very recently, serving the community for over 50 years and 'retiring' from this voluntary role at the AGM last year. Mum recalls taking parcels round the town to the elderly in my pram! Parcels were purchased from Desborough retailers.

As a child I spent many an hour near to Christmas delivering 'Welfare Vouchers' with Mum or my late Dad or both. Public duty and service was something that all my family appeared to do!

Neither I nor my Mum can remember anyone who has described the rational and equitable decision of the TWC as an 'astonishing decision' ever attending any of the publicised, open public AGM's over the last 50+ years.

If the TWC were to distribute the 'profits' it receives, i.e. the interest on its account, amongst the 1298+ residents, each would get just over 5p per year. Now, if you feel that administrating this every year and personally distributing it is for you and worthwhile then you probably have more time on your hands than I do!

I and the other members of the Desborough Town Welfare Committee will just keep on freely giving of our efforts and time for the benefit of our town and its people.

Simon King
Chairman
Desborough Town Welfare

- **Formed in 1954**
- **'For the relief of the sick, aged and needy'**
- **Receives donations from MECT, Carnival Committee, Private Donor, Town Lands and Loakes**
- **Current income circa £6k**
- **Used to give Co-op vouchers at Christmas**
- **Now gives individual grants**
- **Requests for application form made via Facebook (Desborough Town Welfare Committee) or email at destownwelfare@gmail.com**

Appendix C Desborough & District Twinning Association

I went to Hainburg au danau the weekend 16th and 17th June and participated in the election of the Presidium of the European Charter of Rural Towns.

Whilst there, I tentatively discussed what Brexit would mean for Desboroughs membership of the Charter and was assured that Desborough would still be involved with some possible funding changes.

DDTA look forward to greeting 35 guests from Esch in the Netherlands in October and are looking for offers of hosting from the people of Desborough and then, on the weekend of the Christmas Gala, we will be welcoming a smaller party from our twin town of Neuville de Poitou.

Joanne Watson 21 June 2018

Appendix D

County Councillor Report to Desborough Town Council on 21st June 2018

Apologies for not being able to attend this meeting, but I have taken the opportunity to report on two agenda items in which NCC has some operational responsibilities.

AGENDA ITEM 086/18 – DESBOROUGH LIBRARY

The process to transfer libraries to independent status is still “muddling along” as NCC cannot complete the closure programme until the legal challenges are RESOLVED. Inevitably this has resulted in delays for redundancy programmes for library staff and in the target dates for transferring library buildings into independent operations.

It is essential, during this period of uncertainty, that communities meet the NCC deadlines for delivering [their] plans to take libraries into community management.

AGENDA ITEM 087/18 – ANPR SPEED CAMERAS [ROTHWELL ROAD]

There are no current plans, that I can identify, for NCC to re-instate the [yellow] fixed speed cameras, nor to install any different ANPR cameras on county highways. NCC continues to co-operate with the police in a programme of targeting known speed blackspots with mobile camera vans.

Many of the county’s parishes use some form of Vehicle Activated Speed [VAS] cameras to “shame” drivers into slowing down, but these devices do not record vehicle registrations, so do not lead to prosecutions. Some parishes have considered purchasing ANPR cameras but then accepted that they could not afford the initial purchase and maintenance costs.

Cllr Allan Matthews - 21st June 2018

Appendix E

Report from Borough Councillor Tebbutt

I am pleased to report that, at its meeting on June 6th the KBC Planning Policy Committee agreed the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan-Housing Allocations Background Paper and the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan - Draft Plan for Consultation. This documentation will be supplied to DTC shortly. A consultation event for members of the Public to attend has been arranged at Marlow House on Wednesday July 11th between 3pm and 8pm, additionally consultation has begun today on the future shape on local government in our area, media releases have been issued and Town Councils will be contacted.

Cllr Mike Tebbutt

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Appendix F

Subject: Re:RNWP

From: Linda Burnham

Date: Thursday, 21 June 2018, 12:40

Rothwell North Working Party have been engaged with other supporters in collecting signatures for presentation to Kettering Borough Council.

Supporters took the protest to the roadside on Saturday 16th of July holding banners with Link Road First. Motorists were overwhelmingly supportive in their reaction to the protest.

Petitions have been placed in shops and other premises in Rothwell and Desborough to enable as many people as possible to see the wording and decide whether to sign.

Many hundreds of signatures have already been gained, but more are needed to trigger the opportunity to present the petition to the Borough Council.

A number of supporters have been going door to door to explain the reasons for the petition with the vast majority of people being happy to lend support.

It is hoped to have other locations where supporters will be explaining to residents what the issues are and hoping for further support.

The simple ask is that before the development begins that the link road is completed and ideally that it is moved from the current proposed location through the new housing to the north to skirt the development.



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FINANCIAL REPORT – 21st June 2018

Accounts for Payment: The Clerk recommends that the following payments be approved:

Payment By	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment
BACS	£1,883.08	Mrs R Jones	Salary, Holiday Pay, Overtime & Expenses (June 18)
DD	£57.67	Talk Talk Business	Telephone Line Rental / Broadband + calls (June 18)
BACS	£223.70	Kettering Borough Council	Councillor Pack Printing (New Councillor Packs)

Receipts:

Paid into	Amount	Received from	Reason for Payment
Barclays			
3/518	£43,496.38	HMRC	VAT Refund

Monthly Bank Reconciliation:

Desborough Town Council Bank Reconciliation 31st May 2018

Bank Accounts	Barclays Current A/C	Barclays Business Saver	Bank Reconciliation	31-May-18
Balance 1 Apr 17 per statement	£289,111.29	£19,150.06	Balance per Statement	£384,590.79
U/p Cheques	£0.00		U/presented	
Reconciled balance 1 Apr 17	£289,111.29			
Receipts	£113,496.38			
Payments	£18,016.88			
Closing Balance	£384,590.79	£19,150.06	Reconciled Balance	£384,590.79

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FULL COUNCIL PLANNING REPORT – 21st June 2018

The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or to be made at the meeting:

Planning Application to be considered at this meeting:

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KET/2018/0395 - Mrs S Baker - 44 Rushton Road (land adj), Desborough – Full Application: 3 no. dwellings

Notices of Approval received:

KBC has approved permission for the following applications:

KET/2018/0252 – Mr Veevers – 4 Bleaklow Close, Desborough – Full Application – Single storey side and rear extension

Notices of Appeal received:

KET/2017/0755 - Mr J Castledine - 14 Copelands Road, Desborough - Full Application – 1 no. bungalow with vehicular access for no. 14

Notices of Refused received:

KBC has refused permission for the following applications:

Withdrawn Applications: