

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 21st October 2010.

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr P Goodman (Chairman), Cllr D Soans (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M Tebbutt, Cllr A Matthews, Cllr D Coe, Cllr I Hollinshead, Cllr G Durward, Cllr D Bindley, Cllr P Malin, Cllr J Derbyshire, Cllr G Dixon

Clerk: Leigh Parkin

Also in attendance: Members of the public

<p>6840</p>	<p>Chairman’s announcements Cllr Goodman has attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/09/10 – Pocket Park Consultation Event/Fun Day • 21/09/10 – Sunset Walk for Lakelands Hospice, Corby • 25/09/10 – Helping Hands Day, Desborough Greenspace • 26/09/10 – Desborough Town Council Civic Service – St. Giles Church • 30/09/10 – NCALC Stand & Deliver • 02/10/10 – Pocket Park work day • 03/10/10 – Rushden Town Council Civic Service • 07/10/10 – Emergency Planning seminar, NCC • 08/10/10 – JAG meeting, Kettering Police Station • 11/10/10 – Councillor Training – Communication & Networking • 14/10/10 – Desborough Parish Poll • 18/10/10 – School Council, Havelock Junior School • 20/10/10 – Guiding Centenary bonfire & fireworks <p>Cllr Goodman thanked Revd Seaton-Burn and Revd Walker for preparing and leading an excellent Civic Service.</p> <p>Members of the School Council from Havelock Junior School will be invited to December’s Town Council meeting to observe.</p>
<p>6841</p>	<p>Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Dearing (work commitments). It was <u>RESOLVED</u> to approve the apologies for absence received.</p>
<p>6842</p>	<p>Declarations of Interest by Councillors Cllr Soans would not take part in any consideration of planning matters as he is on the Planning Committee at the Borough Council.</p>
<p>6843</p>	<p>Police Report No report was received. Crime figures and detection rates up to 30th September had previously been distributed to Councillors.</p>

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Representations from members of the public

Members of the public made the following points:

- Concern was raised that Tesco's is sponsoring the Desborough fireworks display.
- The question was raised as to who has the final say on the Tesco planning application and whether the Town Council are going to represent the residents of Desborough and say 'no' to this planning application.
- Concern was expressed about the Tesco plans shown at their recent consultation event in respect of residents parking for New Street and the provision of a petrol station.
- There is a buzz in the town because residents of Desborough were asked their opinion at the Parish Poll and they were given the opportunity to speak. There was a good turnout to the Parish Poll with 79% in favour of a supermarket at Magnetic Park.
- There is a view that the Parish Poll was too late however it had not been thought that the Sainsbury's planning application would have been turned down by the KBC Planning Committee.
- There is now an opportunity for the Town Council to represent the people of Desborough through the democratic process undertaken.
- The Chairman had been asked at the Parish meeting held in September if the Town Council would support the outcome of the Poll. It was noted that although the Chairman could not speak at that time on behalf of the Town Council she had said she would support any change in position.
- This is the time to show KBC what the Town wants and that it can pull together and be stronger.
- KBC continue to say that there is no financial viable way to develop the Lawrence Factory Site other than a supermarket. The Desborough Community Development Trust has recently spoken with a developer who is interested in the Site.
- Concern was raised that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required by KBC on the Lawrence Factory Site; therefore, there will be no noise assessment.
- The Desborough Urban Design Framework (UDF) 2004 is still current for the town Centre and has not been superseded by another document. The regeneration of the town should be guided by the UDF.
- A question was raised that if KBC's Planning Committee approve a planning application submitted by Tesco's can an appeal be made against this approval. It was identified that an objection can be raised which would then be considered at a judicial review.
- It was asked why Tesco's cannot move out to Magnetic Park.
- It is felt that Desborough town centre is dying as there is nowhere to park.
- An issue was raised as to how a supermarket at Magnetic Park will increase business in the town centre.
- Disappointment was expressed that Councillors are following a party political path and not the views of the public.
- The residents of the cottage on the Lawrence Factory Site stated that they had originally rented the cottage from a private landlord and at this time they were unaware that it may be demolished. They raised concern in respect of their

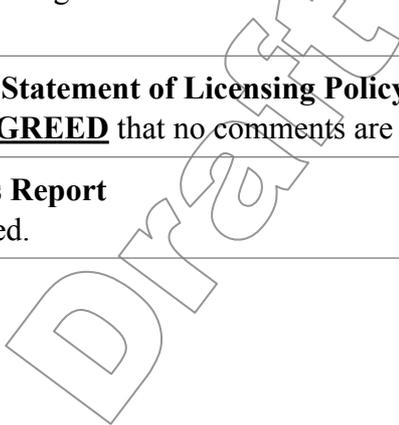
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<p>6845</p>	<p>Minutes of Town Council meeting held on 16 September 2010 The Minutes of the Town Council meeting on the above date were <u>unanimously approved</u> and signed as a true record of the meeting.</p>
<p>6846</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minute 6807/6826: Cllr Tebbutt continues to try and get a response from the Highways Agency. • Minute 6818.2/6826: It was confirmed at the Tenants Forum that there continues to be problems with the noise levels of the heat pumps. Temporary heating will be offered to the properties affected.
<p>6847</p>	<p>Parish Poll The outcome of the Parish Poll was discussed and noted. The Town Council <u>AGREED</u> that it should write to KBC recommending that the Head of Planning recognise the strength of opinion of the residents of Desborough and allow the development of a supermarket on Magnetic Park outlining the vote result.</p> <p>A discussion was held about the cost of the Parish Poll and how this is going to be met by the Town Council. It was <u>AGREED</u> that the Town Council will request KBC to defer the payment for the Parish Poll until the next financial year when a precept can be raised to cover the cost. If KBC do not agree to this request the Town Council's reserves will be considerably reduced and will be well below the recommended level of one year operating costs.</p>
<p>6848</p>	<p>Hawthorns Leisure Centre Cllr Soans fed back from the Working Group meetings held on 22nd September and 13th October. Financial information from KBC is still awaited. A meeting has also been held with Brooke House College with regard to the potential use of the Hawthorns leisure centre by this Football Academy based in Market Harborough.</p> <p>Concern was raised that work has stopped at the new leisure centre at the Grange. It was <u>AGREED</u> to write to Mr Hammond, Deputy Chief Executive at KBC, to find out why work has stopped on the new Leisure Centre Site, when work will recommence and the proposed date for completion.</p> <p>Mrs Paula Holmes spoke on behalf of the Desborough Community Development Trust (DCDT). The Trustees have offered to act as an umbrella organisation to enable the development of the Hawthorns project. They would also provide support and advice in the development of a business case, communication through the DCDT website and access to the Development Trusts Association. A member of DCDT is on the Hawthorns Working Group. The Town Council <u>AGREED</u> by a majority vote that the DCDT will act as an umbrella organisation to the Hawthorns project.</p> <p>Following the resignation of Cllr Durward from the Working Group. The following Town Councillors agreed to be members of the Working Group meetings: Cllr Soans (Chairman of the Working Group), Cllr Goodman, Cllr Coe, Cllr Derbyshire and Cllr Dixon. It was recognised that not all of the named Councillors will be able to attend every meeting.</p>

<p>6849</p>	<p>Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge It was <u>AGREED</u> to write to KBC requesting that The Hawthorns playing fields are included on KBC's list of recreation grounds that may meet the criteria for the award. Dunkirk Avenue recreation ground and Rushton Road play area are currently included on KBC's list.</p>
<p>6850</p>	<p>Notice Boards Desborough Community Development Trust (DCDT) has requested to put up additional notice boards around the Town. The Clerk has identified the following actions with regard to erecting new notice boards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written consent from the landowner is required; • Planning permission may also be required; • The Town Council's insurance only covers notice boards owned or managed by the Town Council. Separate public liability and 'all risks' damage insurance is recommended for any other notice boards erected within the town that do not come under the responsibility of the Town Council.
<p>6851</p>	<p>Website Development It was <u>AGREED</u> that the grant application for the development of a website for the Town Council be submitted to the Maud Elington Charitable Trust for consideration at their next meeting on 28th October 2010.</p> <p>In respect of Desborough Community Development Trust's request to put details of Town Council meetings and Councillors on their website it was <u>AGREED</u> there should be a hyper link between the websites once the Town Council website is developed.</p>
<p>6852</p>	<p>Station Road Office The Station Road office proposal presented to Councillors was <u>AGREED</u>. Prior to the purchase of a laptop the Clerk is to investigate whether KBC is prepared to provide a laptop for use by the Clerk. Cllr Dixon confirmed that he has a scanner, printer, copier that the Town Council can have.</p>
<p>6853</p>	<p>European Charter Cllr Goodman explained that Desborough is the only town in the Country to be involved in the Charter. The President of the Charter has requested to visit Desborough on Friday 14th January 2011 to meet representatives from the Twinning Association and Town Council.</p> <p>Next year's European Charter AGM is being held in Cashel, Southern Ireland.</p> <p>Cllr Goodman is looking to work with the Clerk to put together background information in respect of Twinning and the European Charter.</p>

<p>6854</p>	<p>The Definitive Map and Statement for Northamptonshire It was <u>AGREED</u> that the Clerk can sign the Licence issued by NCC to enable them to release copies of the parish centred map to the Town Council. The following questions were raised for the Clerk to clarify with NCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the Town Council purchase maps for the use of individual Councillors? • Can the map be displayed in the Library? • What size is the map will be sent? • Will a copy of the definitive map be available on the NCC website? • Can the Town Council put a copy of the parish centred map on their website?
<p>6855</p>	<p>Christmas Lights The Christmas lights lent to the Town Council by Mr & Mrs Holmes for the Christmas tree opposite the George pub have been tested and passed for use by KBC. The Town Council thanked Mr & Mrs Holmes for their support.</p> <p>The Clerk is to meet with Mr Parker from the Works Department at KBC once the current lights have been erected to look at developing a plan for the purchase of replacement lights taking into consideration the NCC Highways renewal of lampposts strategy.</p>
<p>6856</p>	<p>Licensing Act 2003: Statement of Licensing Policy (3 yearly review) The Town Council <u>AGREED</u> that no comments are required on this document.</p>
<p>6857</p>	<p>County Councillor's Report No report was received.</p>



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Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllr Dearing had provided a written report detailing that he had recently completed a survey of retailers in the town asking “whether they thought a supermarket out of town or a supermarket in town would best help the footfall for their business”. The results were as follows:

- 58% for a supermarket in town
- 35% for a supermarket out of town
- 7% did not know and had no preference

Cllr Dearing is also dealing with the following complaints from members of the public in respect of:

- The Parish Poll
- The walk through from Harborough Road through Linley Drive to Braybrooke Road;
- Lorries parking illegally, rubbish being dumped, dog mess not being binned and noise from children playing in a public area on the Grange.

Cllr Coe raised concern that he had written to the Evening Telegraph in respect of the Parish Poll and his letter had not been printed. He stated that he has always voted against a precept however this situation has now been imposed on the Town Council by ten unelected representatives.

Cllr Derbyshire has attended:

- 13/09/10 – Ward walkabouts with officers from KBC;
- 01/10/10 – Mayor’s parlour;
- 18/10/10 – Special meeting of the Licensing Committee.

Cllr Soans has attended:

- 23/09/10 & 04/10/10 – Kettering Old Grammar School Foundation;
- 12/10/10 – KBC Planning Committee;
- 04/10/10 – Protection for Rural England meeting;

Cllr Soans reminded Councillors about the forthcoming A6 Towns Forum to be held on 10th November 2010.

Cllr Tebbutt highlighted that he attended the following meeting:

- 13/10/10 – KBC Executive Committee

Cllr Tebbutt gave details of the report (Delivering Town Centres: Regeneration and Suite 16) presented to the Executive Committee identifying progress on the Lawrence Factory Site.

Cllr Malin left the meeting at 9.50pm

<p>6859</p> <p>6859.1</p> <p>6859.2</p> <p>6859.3</p> <p>6859.4</p> <p>6859.5</p> <p>6859.6</p> <p>6859.7</p> <p>6859.8</p>	<p>Clerk’s report</p> <p>The Service of Remembrance: It was AGREED that Cllr Goodman will be the Town Council representative to collect the wreath from the church entrance as the congregation retires.</p> <p>Great Bear Roundabout: Cllr Tebbutt reported that he has spoken to Mr B Coleman, Head of Environmental Care, KBC with regard to wild flower meadowing this roundabout through sequential seeding. It was AGREED not to pursue sponsorship of the roundabout through the NCC Counties Sponsored Roundabout Scheme until a response has been received from Mr Coleman.</p> <p>It was noted that the tree in the middle of the Grange roundabout looks as if it is dying.</p> <p>‘Have your Say’ - Northamptonshire Police and Police Authority consultation: It was AGREED that this should be placed on the agenda for December’s meeting following the consultation event being held on Wednesday 24 November, Montsaye Community College, Rothwell from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. It was noted that Councillors can respond individually to a short online survey at www.northantspolice.uk.</p> <p>Northamptonshire County Council Concessionary Travel: The Town Council noted the proposed changes and AGREED that it would prefer the concessionary travel to commence at 9.00am Monday to Friday and not 9.30am. This will allow members of the public to use the first bus to Market Harborough.</p> <p>Pocket Park: The recent Consultation Event/Fun Day and volunteer work days held in the Park were productive.</p> <p>Bulbs: KBC have delivered 400 daffodil and 200 snowdrop bulbs to Mr J Kemp who will organise for them to be planted.</p> <p>KBC Forward Plan and Work Programme September 2010: A copy of this document can be accessed: http://www.kettering.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?downloadID=1842&fileID=4370</p> <p>Correspondence File: This month’s file contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desborough Town Council Standing Orders • Monthly Parish Crime Report • NCALC Update (Sept-Oct 2010) • NCALC – Update e-mail • NCALC – Training Guide 2010 • Northampton General Hospital – NHS Foundation Trust Application & Consultation • Q Star FlashCam • Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Core Strategy Development Plan Document • A6 Towns Forum – Copy report & presentation updating members of the A6 Towns Forum on the environmental warden team including details of their responsibilities • kbh together magazine
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6860	Community reports																												
6860.1	Civic Society: A number of successful meetings have been held recently.																												
6860.2	Town Centre Partnership: Notices for Gala Night are currently being distributed. Councillors were requested to help putting up and taking down stalls on the day.																												
6860.3	Twining: The AGM is being held on Saturday 23 rd October 2010.																												
6860.4	Youth: A report received from Mr J Putt, Chairman of Desborough Youth Club Committee was read to the Town Council.																												
6861	Financial report																												
6861.1	<u>Quarter 2 Financial Report @ 30th September 2010:</u> The budget analysis report was noted.																												
6861.2	<p><u>Accounts for Payment:</u> The following payments were <u>APPROVED:</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No.</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Reason for Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>101134</td> <td>£35.00</td> <td>Vine Community Trust</td> <td>Hall Hire</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101135</td> <td>£555.84</td> <td>Mrs L Parkin</td> <td>Salary & Expenses (Oct 10)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101136</td> <td>£78.38</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI (Oct 10)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101137</td> <td>£10.00</td> <td>Parkwood Leisure Limited</td> <td>Hall Hire at Hawthorns Leisure Centre – Working Group 13.10.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101138</td> <td>£17.00</td> <td>RBL Poppy Appeal</td> <td>Remembrance Wreath donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101139</td> <td>£158.63</td> <td>BDO/LLP</td> <td>External Auditor’s Fee</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment	101134	£35.00	Vine Community Trust	Hall Hire	101135	£555.84	Mrs L Parkin	Salary & Expenses (Oct 10)	101136	£78.38	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (Oct 10)	101137	£10.00	Parkwood Leisure Limited	Hall Hire at Hawthorns Leisure Centre – Working Group 13.10.10	101138	£17.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Wreath donation	101139	£158.63	BDO/LLP	External Auditor’s Fee
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6861.3	<u>Sum Insured – Town Council Property:</u> It was noted that the current asset valuation for the Town Council excluding Civic Regalia is £972. The sum currently insured for assets is £2,174 to cover ‘all risks’. It was noted that the purchase of computer and equipment for the Station Road office will meet this shortfall in current assets insured. The two notice boards however are not covered for ‘all risks’ and the Clerk is to request the insurance company to quote the cost to insure the notice boards to the value of £5,000 (cost of replacement). The Clerk is to provide the insurance company a schedule of items owned by the Town Council once the Station Road office equipment has been purchased.																												
6861.4	<u>External Auditors Report:</u> The Town Council <u>APPROVED AND ACCEPTED</u> the annual return following the audit opinion for the year ended 31 st March 2010.																												
6861.5	<u>Empowering County Cllrs Fund – Fire Service Youth Engagement Scheme:</u> As previously reported a grant of £2,000 has been received by Desborough Town Council from Northamptonshire County. The Clerk however is still awaiting confirmation of the Payee to send the grant to Northamptonshire Fire Service. Cllr Goodman is to contact Cllr Humfrey, NCC County Councillor.																												

<p>6862</p>	<p>Planning Applications The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or at the meeting:</p>
<p>6862.1</p>	<p>KET/2010/0585 – Miss Jones Barratt Homes Northants – Plots 17-20 Ironwood Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Substitution of 4 house types. No objection.</p>
<p>6862.2</p>	<p>KET/2010/0555(amended) – Mr Castledine - 22 Ise View Road, Desborough – Full Application: 1 no. chalet bungalow with garage. No objection. Desborough Town Council supports this application.</p>
<p>6862.3</p>	<p>KET/2010/0605 – Mr Smith C/O Mr B Waine, Calnan Cox – Woodcroft (Land adj. to), Stoke Albany Road, Desborough – Full Application: Mobile home and replacement vehicular access. There are enough traveller sites in Desborough, no more are needed. Kettering, Cranford or Burton Latimer are areas to be looked at. Planning permission has been granted for additional facilities at the Pastures Site, the applicant should be located there. <i>KBC has granted permission for this application.</i></p>
<p>6862.4</p>	<p>KET/2010/0625 – Mr Chorlton – 26 Buxton Drive, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey side extension. No objection.</p>
<p>6862.5</p>	<p>KET/2010/0594 – Mr Dee – West Lodge Rural Centre, Back Lane, Desborough – Full Application: Change of use from storage barn to A1 Farm shop/butchery with food storage area. No objection. The Town Council welcomes the additional facilities and employment opportunities.</p>
<p>6862.6</p>	<p>KET/2010/0632 – Mr Johnson – 20 Ise View Road, Desborough – Full Application: Detached garage in front drive/garden. No objection.</p>
<p>6862.7</p>	<p>KET/2010/0647 – Ms Towns & Ms K McManus – 38 Alexandra Road, Desborough – Full Application: 1 no. dwelling. This removes and damages the visual amenity of the area reducing habitat and influencing biodiversity. It is considered to be an overdevelopment of the site. Additional vehicles (possibly 4 as stated to be the average per house) will increase the lack of amenity already existing and there is no further 'housing need' in Desborough.</p>
<p>6862.8</p>	<p>KET/2010/0671 – Mr Danns – 42 Breakleys Road, Desborough – S.73 Application: Variation of condition no.3 (demolition) and no. 5 (access) of KET/2010/0206. No objection.</p>
<p>6862.9</p>	<p><u>Notices of Approval received:</u> KBC has granted permission for the following applications: KET/2010/0555 (Minute: 6839.5) – Mr Castledine - 22 Ise View Road, Desborough – Full Application: 1 no. chalet bungalow with garage.</p>

	<p>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.20 PM</p> <p>..... CHAIRMAN</p>
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