

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

**PRESENT**

**Councillors:** Cllr A Matthews (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Coe, Cllr J Pearce, Cllr M Watson, Cllr M Tebbutt, Cllr R Sawford, Cllr J Derbyshire, Cllr S Clayton, Cllr P Malin

**Clerk:** Leigh Parkin

**Also in attendance:** PCSO J Breeze, PCSO Mitchell, Mr B Coleman- Head of Environmental Services KBC, Mrs P Goodman - Chairman of the Town Centre Partnership, Mr J Kemp – Desborough Civic Society, Mr J Hodder - Friends of Desborough Library, members of the public

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Chairman’s announcements</b> Cllr Matthews chaired the meeting in Cllr Soans’ absence.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Soans, Cllr M Dearing, Cllr J Watson. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the apologies for absence received.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</b> Cllr Sawford noted that Planning Applications KET/2010/0743 &amp; 0744 (Tesco Stores Ltd) and KET/2010/0826 (Sainsbury’s Supermarkets Ltd) were not on the agenda for discussion. However, if they were discussed, as her partner is an elected member of the Southern Area Committee of the Midlands Co-operative Society, Cllr Sawford stated that she would declare an interest.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Police Report</b> An email was read to Councillors requesting the Town Council to write to Mr P Hollobone, MP, about the proposed budget cuts for funding of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) by Northamptonshire County Council and Northampton Borough Council. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Town Council will write to Mr Hollobone expressing concern about these proposed cuts. Cllr Tebbutt emphasised that KBC does not have any plans to cut funding for PCSOs.  PCSO Breeze went through the police figures for December 2011. There is a continued problem of antisocial behaviour on the Grange Estate which is being managed closely by the Police.</p>
	<p>Cllr Coe raised concern about mud on the Ruston Road from the Trout Farm into Desborough which is being caused by lorries driving off the Trout Farm site into Desborough and along Dunkirk Avenue. The road is now very dangerous. PCSO Breeze confirmed that Police ‘SLOW’ signs will be put up.  An email has been received from PS Di Rienzo, Hate Crime Unit, Northamptonshire Police, requesting information as to which authority is responsible for the street light attached to the side of the Co-op Travel building on the corner of New Street and Station Road. A family living in this area is a regular victim of crime and since the light has been turned off the CCTV provided to the family to assist with the investigation of crimes has become ineffective. The Police are requesting that the light be turned back on and it is upgraded to a white light rather than orange which is more effective for identification under CCTV.</p>

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	<p>The Clerk is to contact KBC with regard to finding out who is responsible for the light. Cllr Tebbutt is looking at the provision of white lights in areas of the Town covered by CCTV cameras.</p> <p>PCSO Breeze and Cllr Tebbutt reported that the Young Detectives Scheme has commenced at Havelock Junior School and is being enjoyed by the students.</p> <p>Cllr Matthews thanked the PCSO Breeze and PCSO Mitchell for attending the meeting.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Provision of Public Toilets in Desborough</b></p> <p>Mr Coleman, Head of Environmental Services KBC, attended the meeting to discuss the provision of public toilets in Desborough. Mr Coleman gave an overview of his areas of responsibility within KBC and the current situation with regard to public toilets within Kettering and other local towns, such as, Rothwell and Burton Latimer.</p> <p>Mr Coleman stated that KBC has agreed a settlement figure with the insurance company in respect of the burnt out public toilets situated in Buckwell Close, Desborough. It was noted that part of the insurance money will be spent on the demolition and removal of the existing former public toilet facility however it was <b><u>AGREED</u></b> that the Town Council will write to Mr Coleman outlining the following points which will be considered by the KBC Research and Development Committee:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The remainder of the settlement figure is ring-fenced to Desborough for the provision of public toilet facilities. This may be achieved through a community toilet facility if a supermarket is approved and built within the Town Centre. However, if this is not the case, additional facilities may still be required, i.e. in Desborough Library, which will potentially need additional funding;</li> <li>• Consideration is given to when the Library is closed (currently Saturday afternoon, all day Sunday and Monday) if public toilets are to be provided at this location;</li> <li>• To ensure that disabled public toilet provision within Desborough meets the latest standards;</li> <li>• Early morning public toilet provision is considered for the Market Traders in Desborough on a Thursday;</li> <li>• If public toilets are able to be provided through a town centre community toilet facility, at no or minimal additional cost to Kettering Borough Council, then the remainder of the settlement money is used to develop car parking provision along Buckwell Close on the site where the current toilets will be demolished. Car parking provision within Desborough is limited and additional spaces within this particular area of the Town would be extremely beneficial.</li> </ul> <p>The Town Council acknowledged that a decision on the development of supermarket(s) within the town needs to be made before future public toilet provision can be fully decided and agreed. The Town Council would however like to continue working with Kettering Borough Council to find an agreeable cost effective solution.</p>

	<p>A further issue was raised with Mr Coleman about the condition of Rushton Road from the Trout Farm into Desborough. The movement of soil on lorries along this stretch of road has made driving very hazardous. Photographic evidence was provided to Mr Coleman who said he would discuss the situation with Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) who are responsible for highways.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt referred to planning application KET/2011/0639 (Minute 16.5/Jan 12) which applies for the change of highways verge to agricultural land along Rushton Road in the same area where the problems are occurring with the lorries. Cllr Tebbutt highlighted that the Town Council has recommended that this application be refused as it is believed that there will be significant safety issues of visibility.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Representations from members of the public</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Kemp, representing Desborough Civic Society, asked the Town Council to consider supporting the development of Desborough ‘in bloom’. It is acknowledged that the Town Centre Partnership already organise hanging baskets in the town, however, this new initiative will look at planting in the town on a larger scale and could consider including, for example; planters and tubs, planting verges and roundabouts and the development of the gardens at the top of Havelock Street. This project would need a team of people to manage it and to apply for sponsorship. In Wareham, Dorset, this annual project is led by the Town Council supported by other organisations. It was noted that KBC are currently trialing the planting of wild flowers on verges which may be a consideration for the Great Bear Roundabout. It was agreed that this item will be placed on the agenda in February for further consideration.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs Goodman, Chairman of Desborough Town Centre Partnership (TCP), attended the meeting to up-date the Town Council on a number of issues:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The TCP is waiting for a quote for hanging baskets this year;</li> <li>➤ Troughs to be fitted to the railings of the pelican crossing are being considered. It was suggested that the TCP publicise itself on the troughs;</li> <li>➤ It is requested that the Town Council ask KBC to cut back the undergrowth along the Rothwell Road from the pelican crossing down to Eveden so that the next organised litter pick can be concentrated in this area. There is also an issue of residents in this area tipping garden waste over the fences;</li> <li>➤ A further discussion was held about the signing on the A6 bypass and Braybrooke Road and that the positioning of the proposed new sign to be located on the roundabout splitter island is not far enough back. It was suggested that Great Bear be asked to fund a ‘straight ahead’ sign and that consideration should be given to where the Braybrooke Road becomes 30mph as this section of road could be gated. Mr Kemp also stated that he has had correspondence with Mr Hollobone, MP and NCC about the lorries and signage over a period of time. Mr Kemp is to forward this correspondence to the Clerk. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Town Council will write to NCC with these suggestions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>The Clerk had received a number of emails from members of the public in respect of the Sainsbury's and Tesco Supermarket applications. It was <b>AGREED</b> that these would be forwarded to Mrs C Bicknell, Head of Development Services at KBC.</p> <p>The Clerk had also received emails about the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Council were thanked for the wonderful display of Christmas Lighting in the town centre;</li> <li>• Concerns were raised about the eco housing along Braybrooke Road which, it is believed, is totally out of character with the surrounding area. It is suggested that the wooden frontage is painted the same colour as the windows and that a few suitable trees are planted along the grass frontage. It was noted that these houses are privately owned;</li> <li>• The idea of keeping a small town pretty in the summer was highlighted to include flower baskets along Braybrooke Road and a prize for the 'best kept' street. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the member of the public will be asked to contact Mrs Goodman, Chairman of the Town Centre Partnership, to discuss her ideas;</li> <li>• Concerns have been raised in respect of the Grange Estate in terms of the delay in opening the new leisure centre, the area of land leading down to the Anglian water pump, The Plens and the new leisure centre playing field is very scruffy following the completion of building works and the finishing of the road surface in particular areas of the estate. The email will be forwarded to the relevant departments of KBC for a reply on the points raised.</li> </ul>
<p>7</p>	<p><b>Minutes of Town Council meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011</b>  The Minutes of the Town Council meeting on the above date were <b>unanimously approved</b> and signed as a true record.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minute 5/Dec 11 – Horses on Desborough Greenspace – A response is awaited from Officers at KBC. A progress report for Desborough Greenspace will be requested from Ms V Hitchman, Head of Community Services at KBC;</li> <li>• Minute 5/Dec 11 – Fly-tipping on Desborough Greenspace – A response has been received from Mr B Coleman, Head of Environmental Services at KBC, which will be circulated to Councillors.</li> <li>• Minute 7/Dec 11 – Bus Shelter Thistle Drive – the Town Council's request for the changes to or the removal of the bus shelter along Thistle Drive has been forwarded to Cllr Humfrey, Northamptonshire County Councillor. A response is awaited;</li> <li>• Minute 12.1/Dec 11 - Cllr Coe reported that there is to be a meeting of LANRAC on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012 in Derby. The members' fee cheque has not been cashed even though confirmation of receipt had been received from the Secretary to the Group;</li> <li>• Minute 13.7/Dec 11 – Temporary closure of footpaths UC10 (Desborough) and UC18 (Harrington) – an email has been received from Mr R Martin, Parish Path Warden, stating that MGWSP has confirmed that the bridge over the River Ise was taken away as it was rotten in a number of places. Mr Martin also provided additional updates about other footpaths which were read to the Council.</li> </ul>

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*Cllr Pearce left the meeting at 8.20pm part way through the Community Facilities Agenda Item.*

**Community Facilities Update**

Cllr Derbyshire reported that the Working Group had met with KBC Officers on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2011. The notes of this meeting had been circulated to Councillors including a copy of the draft questionnaire which was presented for discussion. The following points were raised:

- The questionnaire will need re-formatting to tie in with an electronic copy to be posted on the Town Council website;
- The reason for wanting personal contact information is not clear and may raise peoples' expectations about being contacted. There may also be a data protection issue;
- The questionnaire could ask for postcodes so that analysis can be undertaken as to 'in what areas' of Desborough people are completing the forms;
- The size and legibility of the print on an A5 sheet.

Concern was raised that no option has been given in the questionnaire for members of the public to consider a Village Hall/Green/Play facilities on the existing Hawthorns Site which had previously been highlighted by the Town Council for consideration. The Community Facilities Working Group reported that KBC had stated that the building of a Village Hall at the Hawthorns was not an option. Concern was then raised that the Community Facilities Meeting minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> December are not accurate as they refer to 'KBC having discussed the matter with Cabinet Members informally and those members have requested that we keep options open'. It is not minuted that KBC have said that they will not consider the development of a Village Hall option on the Hawthorns site.

It was **AGREED** that the questionnaire will be re-configured to make it compatible with the website, in conjunction with KBC, taking into consideration the points raised by the Town Council. A further draft questionnaire will be produced in A5 format.

At the meeting with KBC in December the Working Group requested help with the printing costs for the questionnaire (5,500 leaflets, A5 double sided). Confirmation of this has not yet been received from KBC. The Clerk will follow up on this.

*Cllr Derbyshire left the meeting at 8.30pm.*

<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><i>Cllr Pearce returned to the meeting at 8.32pm.</i></p> <p><b>Desborough Library Update</b></p> <p>The Friends of Desborough Library Group had previously requested that the Town Council consider either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making a donation towards the £2,000 they have been asked to raise by NCC or;</li> <li>• To underwrite the fundraising efforts of the Friends of Desborough Library Group in their attempt to raise £2,000 during the financial year 2012/13. The Town Council would, in these circumstances, be required to fund the difference between the total amount raised by the Friends of Desborough Library Group and the £2,000 target.</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the money raised by the Friends of Desborough Library Group is for the Northamptonshire County Council Library Service and not specifically Desborough Library.</p> <p>Concern was raised by the Town Council that any money raised by the Friends of Desborough Library will not necessarily be spent in Desborough and current additional services, such as, rhyme time and homework club may still be cut if other Friends Groups do not raise equivalent amounts of money. It was noted that a number of Friends of the Library Groups have disbanded and others have stated that they cannot raise £2,000. The question was raised as to whether the larger towns have also been asked to raise money and a discussion was held about how this is then paid for as Kettering is not parished.</p> <p>Taking the above concerns into consideration the Town Council <b><u>AGREED</u></b> not to support the Friends of Desborough Library financially but to ensure continued support for the Library Service within Desborough including the Friends of Desborough Library Group. The Town Council will write to Mrs Hodder, Friends of Desborough Library Group, to confirm this decision. The letter is to be copied to Ms G Kempster – Northamptonshire County Council Customer &amp; Library Services Manager and Ms A Lovely – NCC Principal Librarian.</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Open Air Theatre Production</b></p> <p>A report had been provided to the Town Council to propose that a production of Henry V be staged on the Millennium Green in June 2012. Concern was raised by many Councillors about the suitability of this production as a first performance in Desborough and the financial risk associated with not selling enough tickets to cover all identified costs. The alternative production of HMS Pinafore is likely to be staged in Burton Latimer and Illyria has advised against putting on the same production in close proximity. The family production of the Twits is not available at a weekend on the dates specified by the Working Group.</p> <p>It was proposed that if Henry V is the only option for 2012 then this is not agreed and the productions are looked at again for 2013. This proposal was <b><u>AGREED</u></b> by the Town Council with a majority vote (Six Councillors in favour, one Councillor against and one abstention).</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>County Councillor</b> - No report was received.</p>

<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>13.1</b></p> <p><b>13.2</b></p>	<p><b>Borough Councillors</b></p> <p><b>Cllr M Tebbutt</b> reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Core Spatial Strategy is on-going;</li> <li>• The Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document, which ties in Neighbourhood Planning, is due to be presented to KBC Planning Policy Committee in February. The document will then be distributed for consultation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr M Dearing</b> provided a written report outlining that he has attended the following meetings and dealt with a number of issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KBC Executive in December and January;</li> <li>• Discussions as to how well the pedestrian part of Kettering town centre (Market Street and Sheep Street) has gone and looking at how this can be done throughout the rest of Kettering town;</li> <li>• Lobbying for the widening of the A14 which has been a success with the announcement of this by the Transport Minister;</li> <li>• Looking at the jobs situation within the Borough and putting in place actions for the KBC Officers to help bring forward jobs through private enterprise;</li> <li>• The KBC budget consultation 2012/13 has been heavy on the agenda. KBC continue to make good savings without a mass of redundancies and has a positive bank balance;</li> <li>• Discussions and consultation continues on permit parking for new areas in and around Kettering. The generic wardens KBC employ and control are now working throughout the Borough with great success;</li> <li>• In conjunction with residents Cllr Dearing has arranged for a bin to be situated at the entrance to the Grange which has been installed;</li> <li>• Following enquiries from the police regarding the large hole at the end of Linley Drive this has been reported to NCC Highways. Cllr Dearing has also talked to enforcement about the unfinished road surface at the top of Linley Drive where the new development begins.</li> </ul> <p>Concern was raised that no reports had been received from Cllr Derbyshire and Cllr Soans.</p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>14.1</b></p> <p><b>14.2</b></p> <p><b>14.3</b></p>	<p><b>Clerk's Report</b></p> <p>The Clerk has sent all correspondence required after the last Council Meeting.</p> <p><b><u>CPRE Northamptonshire</u></b>: The national roadside clutter initiative which has been taken up locally by NCC (Transport &amp; Highways) and CPRE Northamptonshire, working in partnership was noted.</p> <p><b><u>'Welcome to Your Community' event at Desborough Library</u></b>: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – The NCC Programme Co-ordinator for this event has asked for comments or suggestions that would help improve the effectiveness of the 'welcome to your community' days held in the future. Cllr M Watson reported that some of the displays were positioned behind shelves of books and could not be easily seen.</p> <p><b><u>NCALC Northamptonshire Larger Councils Partnership (NLCP)</u></b>: Thursday 26 January 2012. The meeting will focus on Neighbourhood Plans. The Clerk is to attend.</p>

14.4	<b><u>KBC Budget Consultation Meeting:</u></b> Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2012. Councillors will confirm their own attendance.
14.5	<b><u>Northants CALC/CPRE Northamptonshire – Neighbourhood Planning Events</u></b> (as part of the ‘Supporting Communities and Neighbourhoods in Planning’ national project): Two ‘free of charge’ events are being held for Town & Parish Councils: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012, 6pm to 9pm, Cranford Hall, Kettering;</li> <li>• Thursday 1 March 2012, 10am to 1pm, Great Houghton Village Hall, Great Houghton.</li> </ul> Places for either course need to be booked by Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2012.
14.6	<b><u>CPRE North Northamptonshire District:</u></b> The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2012. Cllr Pearce is to attend. The minutes of the meeting held on 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2011 were available in the Correspondence File at the Town Council meeting.
14.7	<b><u>MGWSP Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire:</u></b> Cllr Tebbutt to complete the form.
14.8	<b><u>NCC The Local Deal: Draft Revenue Budget 2012-13 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2012-13 to 2015-16:</u></b> It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Town Council will write to NCC to express concern about the proposed cut in funding for PCSOs and the Library Service.
14.9	<b><u>Review of Desborough Town Council Policies &amp; Procedures:</u></b> Cllr Soans, Cllr Matthews and Cllr Sawford will meet with the Clerk to review the Town Council policies and procedures for presentation to the Town Council meeting in March 2012.
14.10	<b><u>Local Dementia Action Alliance Northamptonshire Meeting:</u></b> No Councillor is able to attend the meeting.
14.11	<b><u>The Big Lottery Fund Torch Relay – London 2012</u></b> – This information is to be emailed to Cllrs and identified people/groups within the Town.
14.12	The Town Council noted that <b>consultation responses from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC)</b> have been received on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations Consultation;</li> <li>• The Technical Reforms of Council Tax Consultation;</li> <li>• The Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation;</li> <li>• The Local Government Pension Scheme Consultation;</li> <li>• Groundwater Protection: Principles and Practice (GP3) Consultation.</li> </ul>
14.13	<b><u>NCALC Update on New Homes Bonus:</u></b> An email from Northants CALC was presented to the Council.
14.14	<b><u>Correspondence File:</u></b> This month’s file contained: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desborough Town Council Standing Orders</li> <li>• NCC Safer Winter Driving in Northamptonshire Leaflet</li> <li>• CPRE North Northamptonshire District Minutes 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011</li> <li>• CPRE Update</li> <li>• Desborough &amp; District Twinning Association Newsletter January 2012</li> <li>• Letter from Northamptonshire ACRE re: New bulk-buying scheme for domestic heating oil</li> </ul>

<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>15.1</b></p> <p><b>15.2</b></p> <p><b>15.3</b></p> <p><b>15.4</b></p> <p><b>15.5</b></p> <p><b>15.6</b></p>	<p><b>Community Reports</b></p> <p><b>Civic Society:</b> No report available.</p> <p><b>Town Centre Partnership (TCP):</b> The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012.</p> <p><b>Twining:</b> Cllr M Watson reported that the Sunday Lunch held recently was very successful. Future events were highlighted which have been published on the Jan 2012 newsletter.</p> <p><b>Youth:</b> Cllr Pearce provided a detailed report from the Youth Club covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of the committee members has kindly repainted the walls and doors of the Youth Centre toilets and the foyer, the main hall is next on the list;</li> <li>• New taps have been fitted in the toilets and the hot water system is in the process of being repaired. A couple of new internal doors have also been fitted;</li> <li>• Recent high winds knocked over the wooden fence at the front of the Youth Centre. This has been replaced and repositioned;</li> <li>• The Club Manager, Jude Campbell, has been awarded Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs Leader of the Year Award. The Town Council <b><u>AGREED</u></b> that a letter of congratulations will be sent to Ms Campbell.</li> </ul> <p><b>European Charter:</b> Cllr M Watson noted that a full report on the recent Charter visit will be available soon. Cllr Watson highlighted future events being held. There is a Youth visit to Holland in March, two youth delegates will be attending.</p> <p><b>Pocket Park:</b> Cllr Sawford provided a report on the Pocket Park which highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is planned that the flat area near the pond is turned into a picnic area to encourage wider usage of the Park. This will be funded from donations received from the DCDT and Carnival fund;</li> <li>• The Committee would also like to improve access into the Park from Federation Avenue. It is hoped that the path will be improved with ground and rolled limestone and edged. It is also hoped that a slope can be added to improve access for buggies and the disabled. Quotes are currently being sought. Ownership of the land needs to be determined;</li> <li>• The next work day is scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> February at 10am until midday. The Town Council <b><u>RESOLVED</u></b> to agree that the work day take place;</li> <li>• A coffee morning is to be held in the Heritage Centre on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 10.00am;</li> <li>• A provisional date for this years' Apple Day has been set for the afternoon of Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012;</li> <li>• The next Pocket Park Volunteer Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012.</li> </ul>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>16.1</b></p>	<p><b>Financial report</b></p> <p><b><u>KBC Town &amp; Parish Council Funding 2012/13:</u></b> A letter has been received from KBC confirming a grant of £9,450 for 2012/13. The form to levy a precept for 2012/13 is to be completed and returned to KBC by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012.</p>

<b>16.2</b>	<p><b><u>Proposed Budget 2012/13:</u></b> It was proposed by Cllr Tebbutt and seconded by Cllr Malin for the Town Council to <b><u>RESOLVE</u></b> to agree the proposed budget for 2012/13 and confirm a precept for 2012/13 of £10,000. This was <b><u>AGREED</u></b> by a majority vote (5 Councillors in favour and 3 Councillors abstained from voting). Concern was raised that Desborough is growing and the grant from KBC is dwindling and does not now meet the running costs of the Town Council. The Clerk will complete and return the KBC precept form (Minute 15.1/Jan 12).</p>																								
<b>16.3</b>	<p><b><u>Q3 Financial Analysis to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011:</u></b> Noted.</p>																								
<b>16.4</b>	<p><b><u>Purchase of Flags:</u></b> A further flag order has been placed for delivery. The cost is £350 exc.VAT (£420 inc. VAT). A donation towards the cost of purchasing these flags has been received from the European Charter (£350). The flags will be owned and insured by the Town Council. Zurich will be informed of this additional purchase. This is the final flag order to be made.</p>																								
<b>16.5</b>	<p><b><u>Northamptonshire ACRE:</u></b> The Town Council <b><u>AGREED</u></b> not to become a supporter of Northamptonshire ACRE.</p>																								
<b>16.6</b>	<p><b><u>Christmas Lights Update:</u></b> As previously reported to the Town Council (Minute 13.1/Sept 11) the ‘Snowman &amp; Cracker’ decoration put up on the side of Marlow House needed a number of repairs. In addition, due to the alterations inside Marlow House, KBC had to fit a new external power socket onto the outside of Marlow House. This socket will make it easier to connect future decorations. The cost to install the new socket was £225.60 (including VAT).</p> <p>In addition problems occurred with the new lights situated in the two market place trees which receive a power supply from the nearby lamp post. Every Thursday the Market also use the power supply from this lamp post which resulted in the Town Councils’ lights being turned off. KBC had to re-set the timer to the Christmas Lights in the lamp post on a number of occasions.</p>																								
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<b>17</b>	<p><b><u>Planning Applications</u></b> The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or at the meeting:</p>																								

17.1	<p><b>KET/2011/0737 – Mr Percival – Linden Rise, 3 Rothwell Road (Land at the rear of), Desborough – Renewal of Extant Permission (Outline): KET/2008/0848 (Dwelling house and garage).</b></p> <p>No objection if the same planning conditions are still relevant. Three years to settle 'misunderstandings' seems a little odd though. Concern that it might be more 'backland' development.</p>
17.2	<p><b>KET/2011/0653 – Mr Motley – 15 Furlong Road, Desborough - s.73A Retrospective Application: Garden Shed.</b></p> <p>No objection in principle but this is a pretty impressive 'shed'. Seems more like a garden house/office by size and design. No objection also due to unobtrusive position. <i>KBC has approved permission for this application.</i></p>
17.3	<p><b>KET/2011/0791 – Mrs Gee – 38 Yaffle Crescent, Desborough – Full Application: Insertion of 3 no. dormer windows to front and 1 no. dormer window and 3 no. roof lights to rear.</b></p> <p>No objection.</p>
17.4	<p><b>KET/2011/0764 – Mr Bains – 85 Braybrooke Road, Desborough – Full Application: Separation of annex to form 1 no. dwelling</b></p> <p>No objection as no building taking place. Straight forward example of splitting up existing dwelling into more than one owner.</p>
17.5	<p><b>KET/2011/0639 – Mrs Harris – Rushton Road (land at highway), Desborough – Full Application: Change of use from highways verge to agricultural (Desborough Town Council has been asked to comment by KBC as a neighbouring Parish).</b></p> <p>Objection. There are no comments from NCC Highways who are the owners. Visibility to road users would be adversely affected and would prevent road straightening. Visibility must be retained on this potentially dangerous corner.</p>
17.6	<p><b>KET/2011/0822 – Mr &amp; Mrs Veevers – Harrington Road (adj. to Garbett House), Desborough – Outline Application: 1 no. dwelling.</b></p> <p>Objection. Desborough Town Council believes that this application could be viewed as removal of agricultural land use and potentially lead to overdevelopment.</p>
17.7	<p><b>KET/2011/0784 – BT Openreach – 47 Station Road, Desborough – Determination – telecommunications: 1 BT DSLAM cabinet.</b></p> <p>No objection. The proposed installation must not prevent any development of proposed Havelock Square Improvement.</p>
17.8	<p><b>KET/2011/0790 – Mr Nibloe – 42 Braybrooke Road, Desborough – Full Application: Single and two storey rear extension.</b></p> <p>No objection.</p>
17.9	<p><b>KET/2011/0805 – Mr Douglas – 30 Chesnut Drive, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear extension.</b></p> <p>No objection.</p>
17.10	<p><b>KET/2011/0762 – Mr May – 62 Dunkirk Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Change garage flat roof to pitched.</b></p> <p>No objection.</p>

17.11	<p><b>KET/2011/0821 – Mr Morris – 9 Loatland Street, Desborough – Full Application: Detached garage.</b> No objection to a private garage which is not for commercial purposes.</p>
17.12	<p><b>KET/2011/0680 – Mr Eden, Eden &amp; Co Solicitors – 4 Havelock Street – Full Application: Change of use from solicitors office to 2 no. flats with rear garden cabin retained for use by solicitors.</b> No objection to first floor flat. However, loss of ground floor retail is NOT SUPPORTED. Alternative use needs to be found as part of Havelock Square development i.e. two retail units fronting onto square.</p>
17.13	<p><b>KET/2012/0014 – Mr Neale – 106 Dunkirk Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey side and rear extension.</b> <i>Awaiting comments (To be placed on February’s Planning Report).</i></p>
17.14	<p><b><u>Notices of Approval received</u></b></p> <p>KBC has approved permission for the following application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0681(Minute 17.4/Nov11) – Mr Marlow – 7 Hereford Close, Desborough – Full Application: First floor side extension.</b></li> </ul> <p>NCC has approved permission for the following application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Northamptonshire County Council 11/00070/WAS (Minute 17.2/Nov 11) – Proposed Development: Relocation of Vehicle Dismantling Yard at Bottom Farm, Desborough Airfield, Stoke Albany Road, Desborough, Kettering, NN14 2SP.</b></li> </ul>
17.15	<p><b><u>KBC Planning Committee</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>KET/2010/0743 - Greatline Development Ltd and Tesco Stores Ltd - Former Lawrence Factory Site, Harborough Road, Desborough - Erection of new food store and electricity sub-station, new access arrangements, landscaping and associated works. Demolition of existing buildings on the site</b></li> <li>• <b>KET/2010/0744 - Greatline Development Ltd and Tesco Stores Ltd - Former Lawrence Factory Site, Harborough Road, Desborough - Demolition of existing buildings</b></li> <li>• <b>KET/2010/0826 - Hampton Brook Ltd &amp; Sainsbury’s Supermarkets Ltd - Magnetic Park (land at), Desborough - Foodstore and petrol filling station with associated access, landscaping, servicing and car parking</b></li> </ul> <p>The above applications will be put to the KBC Planning Committee for a decision to be made at its meeting to be held on 25/01/2012. Details of the meeting were provided to the Town Council.</p>
17.16	<p><b>Draft Neighbourhood Planning Regulations Consultation –The Town Council’s response to the questionnaire was APPROVED.</b></p>
18	<p><b>Date of next meeting and items for the agenda: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012.</b></p>
	<p><b>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.45 PM</b></p> <p>..... <b>CHAIRMAN</b></p>