

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 16 April 2009.

**PRESENT**

**Councillors:** Cllr M Tebbutt (Chairman), Cllr P Goodman (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Bindley, Cllr D Coe, Cllr P Malin, Cllr D Soans, Cllr G Dixon, Cllr M Dearing, Cllr G Durward

**Clerk:** Leigh Parkin

**Also in attendance:** Cllr B Humfrey - County Councillor NCC, Mr John Kemp - Civic Society, PC I Cotterell, Ms Julia Beckett - Deputy Chief Executive KBC, Ms Susan Garbutt - Senior Development Officer KBC, Mr Jeremy Pyatt - Savills, Mr Peter Steel - McCann Homes, Mr Alistair Brodie – Henry H. Bletsoe and Son. There were many members of the public present at the meeting a number requested to speak: Mr K O’Brien, Mr J Lee, Mr CE Parsons, Ms P Holmes, Mr G Holmes, Ms M Easton, Ms T Bullock and Mr N Bapodara.

<p><b>6584</b></p>	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Derbyshire - holiday, Cllr I Hollinshead - holiday, Cllr R Parker - work commitment, Sgt T Hopkins (494). It was <b>RESOLVED:</b> to approve the apologies for absence received.</p>
<p><b>6585</b></p>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</b></p> <p>Cllr Soans would not take part in any consideration of planning matters as he is on the Planning Committee at the Borough Council.</p>

<b>6586</b>	<p><b>Chairman's announcements</b></p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt welcomed everybody to the meeting and asked whether there were any members of the press present. No members of the press were present.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt confirmed that he is to attend the Desborough Town Outdoor Bowls Club with the Portfolio Holder, KBC on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2009 to view their new and modified facilities. The cost of the improvements totalled £66,000 which was jointly funded by KBC and the Bowls Club (£8,000). Donations were also received from Cllr Tebbutt, through his Borough Councillor Ward Initiative Fund and Cllr B Humfrey through her NCC Empowering County Cllr Fund.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt announced that he would like to support the Desborough Town Junior Football in the forthcoming financial year.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt said that, as a former Desborough Town Football Colts player, he apologised to the Desborough Town Football Club for any misunderstanding about the comments made concerning the Football Club site in a letter sent to KBC by Desborough Town Council (DTC) as part of the consultation on the Rothwell and Desborough Urban Extension Area Action Plan – Position Statement, February 2009. The letter had been formulated by a Working Group and endorsed by all 12 members of the Town Council. A copy of the letter sent to DTC from the Football Club dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009, which expressed their concern about the comments made by DTC, was forwarded to KBC with a response from DTC.</p>
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**Police report**

PC Cotterell reported that there had been 42 crimes reported in March compared to 22 in February. An average of 30 crimes per month is consistent for Desborough and Rothwell. 16 incidents in March of criminal damage, mainly to motor vehicles. They were not confined to one area. The Police have anticipated that there will be an increase in crime due to the recession.

PC Cotterell confirmed that he had caught a distraction burglary gang from Leicestershire recently. The Town Council congratulated PC Cotterell on this achievement.

Cllr Tebbutt reported that the spider swing had again been damaged in the recreation ground play area on Dunkirk Avenue and problems of underage drinking. PC Cotterell stated that they continue to confiscate alcohol from young people and have been working with the off-licences in the town.

Cllr Dixon asked how many off licences have been cautioned for selling alcohol to underage people. PC Cotterell confirmed that a number have been cautioned but that their main objective is to work with the off licences to help them to deal with difficult situations.

PC Cotterell highlighted the 'Street a Week' campaign the Police will be running . The aim of the campaign is to ensure that the Police's local priorities reflected what is wanted in the community. A copy of the timetable was circulated to Councillors. Sgt Hopkins plans to keep the Community Panel Meetings which also look at local priorities. These meetings are held an hour prior to the Rural Forum meetings held by KBC.

Members of the public were invited to ask the police questions. No members of the public asked any questions.

<b>6588</b>	<b>Representations from members of the public</b>
<b>6588.1</b>	<p>The Chairman, Secretary and members of the Desborough Town Football Club had requested to speak. They made the following comments:</p> <p>The members of the Club were concerned and angered by DTC's comments to KBC, when responding to consultation on the Rothwell and Desborough Urban Extension Area Action Plan – Position Statement, February 2009, and they expressed their opposition to housing development on the Club Site.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Club has been on the Site since 1896 and wish to remain there.</li> <li>2. Club activities include social events in addition to football and is ideally situated in the Town.</li> <li>3. Since the fire at the Club, they have been actively raising funds and investigating the availability of grants but need security of tenure to proceed.</li> <li>4. £8,000 has been spent on pitch improvements to meet the new FA Standards.</li> <li>5. At this time only two pitches, instead of the required four, are to be provided for the junior club at the proposed new leisure facility at the Grange.</li> <li>6. More members of the Town Council are invited to attend matches at the football ground and social events organised by the Club.</li> </ol> <p>In response members of DTC made the following points:</p> <p>Cllr Bindley said that as Desborough Town Football Club own their ground and KBC do not actively undertake compulsory purchases then there is no concern that the land will be used for housing unless the Club themselves wish to move. Cllr Bindley made reference to the proposed provision of 2 junior football pitches and not 4 highlighting that other people from the Town may want to see other leisure facilities.</p> <p>Cllr Goodman explained that nothing will happen to the Football ground unless initiated by the Club itself. The Club needs to take into consideration whether the current ground will be big enough in the future taking into consideration issues such as the provision of adequate parking. Cllr Goodman stated that DTC do not want to lose any recreational activities in Desborough.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt highlighted that no final decision had been made on the junior pitches, type of turf etc. and no planning application has yet been received for the new Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Cllr Coe stated that the comments made by the Town Council had not been discussed at a Town Council meeting and that he did not support them. Cllr Tebbutt confirmed from his opening remarks that the comments made by the Town Council in a letter to Development Services – Planning Policy, KBC had been developed by a Working Party of the Town Council, of which Cllr Coe was a</p>

<p><b>6589</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation by Savills (L&amp;P) Ltd &amp; McCann Homes re: proposed housing development in Desborough</b></p> <p>Mr Jeremy Pyatt from Savills distributed location and illustrative plans to the Town Councillors. He explained that they will be seeking planning permission to build 210 houses on the 6.4 hectare piece of land on the Harborough Road opposite the Magnetic Park Site. The development would include 630 sq mtrs of D1 facilities. It is recognised that this proposal is outside of the Local Development Framework however the Site falls within the Town’s boundaries. At present they have not identified any planning policy issues for the Site. Mr Pyatt explained that this is the first stage of the consultation process. An exhibition is planned on 30<sup>th</sup> April at the St. Giles Community Centre. Notices of the exhibition will be placed in local papers.</p> <p>Cllr Coe raised a concern about the impact the Football Club flood lights would have on one part of the proposed Site.</p> <p>Cllr Dixon believes that the percentage of affordable housing is too high. He expressed the view that access to the Site looked like a ‘concrete jungle’.</p> <p>Cllr Goodman stated that no bungalows have been identified on the proposal. She also pointed out the bridleway which runs along the edge of the Site.</p> <p>Cllr Dearing stated that he would not want the Section 106 money to provide another doctor’s surgery on site.</p> <p>Mr Pyatt said that the concerns raised could be taken into consideration in the detailed design.</p>
<p><b>6590</b></p>	<p><b>Desborough Town Council’s response to the Rothwell and Desborough Urban Extension Area Action Plan – Position Statement Consultation February 2009</b></p> <p>It was <b><u>CONFIRMED</u></b> that a letter had been sent to Development Services – Planning Policy, KBC prior to the end of consultation. The detailed comments made in the letter had been developed by a Working Group and endorsed by all 12 members of DTC. A copy of the letter has been placed in the Town Council file held in Desborough Library.</p>
<p><b>6591</b></p>	<p><b>Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Issues Paper Consultation: Discussion as to Desborough Town Council’s response to this document.</b></p> <p>It was <b><u>AGREED</u></b> to address this point under Agenda Item 11 – Planning.</p>

<b>6592</b>	<b>Minutes of Town Council meeting held on 19 March 2009</b>  The Minutes of the Town Council meeting on the above date were <b><u>unanimously approved</u></b> and signed as a true record of the meeting.
<b>6593</b>	<b>Matters Arising:</b>  Minute 6576: The Chairman in conjunction with the Clerk has replied to the member of the public.  Minute 6577.2: The Clerk has sent a map detailing where the ‘dog stencils’ can be found in Leicestershire to Ms Plenderleith, Head of Environmental Health at KBC. The map was sent by the member of the public who raised the issue.  Minute 6580.18: The Town Council has requested to be considered for the Amenity Weight Restriction (7.5t) – Countywide Awareness Scheme.

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**County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Humfrey stated that she was pleased that the comments made by DTC re: the Desborough Town Football Club Site had been disregarded. She said that two other matters may cause concern for residents.

Cllr Humfrey reported on two matters of interest for Desborough:

1. On 26/27 March 2009 Cllr Humfrey represented the county at the national Public Transport Consortium. This year it was hosted by Somerset County Council near Ilminster. As Somerset is especially rural the main subject was the county's use of a variety of bus services including nippy buses, yellow school buses and a scheme offering 'Tickets for Youth'. NCC is looking at the viability and value of these ideas and how they might be implemented if thought of value to the community. Cllr Humfrey intends to suggest to NCC a 'Youth Bus Card' parallel to a Senior or Student Rail Card. This could encourage more use of public transport.
2. Dr Robin Field of the Nene Regional Parks Team gave a talk to the Desborough Wildlife Trust about 38 active or planned projects to protect and preserve green spaces in the County, some of which are in Desborough. Maps for walking in Desborough and the Ise Valley are being produced by Dr Field with Cllr Humfrey's assistance, which will be available via the internet. Cllr Humfrey also referred to the support she has given to enhancement and protective measures via her Empowering Councillors Fund.

Cllr Soans reported that he had seen in the Insight Magazine that Julia Buckland, Desborough Library Manager has been nominated for an award for her outstanding service.

Cllr Goodman stated that the Inspection Cover on Braybrooke Road just before the turning to Buxton Drive had been reported as needing repair last year however this work has not been carried out. Cllr Humfrey is to follow up.

Cllr Tebbutt has received a lot of good comments about the new cycle/path way between Desborough and Rothwell. There is concern that cyclists are, however, being directed across a very busy road at the end of the path just before the bridge. It would be good if the cycleway could be extended throughout Desborough.

Cllr Tebbutt highlighted the red and white road signs along station road which seem to be covering a partial road collapse. The signs are not marked as to who is undertaking work in the area and there are no lights. Cllr Humfrey is to investigate the situation.

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**Borough Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Soans reported that the Planning Department and Planning Committee at KBC have been working hard on the Kettering East Development of 5,500 houses. It is to be determined in outline at the beginning of May.

Cllr Dearing has received several complaints in respect of refuse collectors being rude which have been dealt with. A resident from Cypress Close reported a street light failure which has not been dealt with as the road is unadopted. The issue has been reported to the KBC's Response Centre at the Library.

Cllr Dearing reported that the Market Square development in Kettering is proceeding well. An option has been agreed for residents parking in Kettering.

Cllr Tebbutt thanked everybody who attended the 'Stop the Drop' litter pick organised by DTC on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

Cllr Tebbutt reported that on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009 between 10am and 12 midday and 2.30pm and 4.30pm there will be a KBC Ward Walkabout. The Walkabout will involve the Borough Councillors, County Councillor and a representative from MGWSP Highways, NCC. All Town Councillors are welcome to joint the Walkabout. Any issues they would like to be raised on the day should be reported to the Clerk in advance.

Cllr Tebbutt reported the following actions from minutes:

Minute: 6566 – the percentage council tax collected by KBC as detailed in their Key Performance Booklet was 97.24% in February 2008 and 97.14% in February 2009. KBC are actively chasing unpaid council tax within the Borough to increase these percentages.

Minute: 6579 – The Conservative Club had recently undertaken a fundraising event for the Desborough Town Football Club raising a total of £1,000. It was **AGREED** to write to Mrs Carol Moss, Chairwoman of the Desborough Conservative Club to thank them for organising this successful event.

<p><b>6596</b></p>	<p><b>Clerk's report</b></p> <p>The Clerk's report had been circulated and gave details of:</p> <p>The Clerk has sent all correspondence required after the last Council Meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Points for Action:</u></b></p> <p><b>6596.1 Working Group:</b> A meeting is to be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009 which will involve Desborough Town Councillors, the Clerk and Mr Danny Moody from Northants CALC to look at issues such as becoming a Quality Council. The working group will report back to the Town Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009.</p> <p><b><u>Points for Information:</u></b></p> <p><b>6596.2 New Clerks Training Course 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009:</b> The Clerk attended the course.</p> <p><b>6596.3 Desborough Stakeholder Meeting:</b> Ms Julia Beckett, Deputy Chief Executive, KBC has set up another meeting to be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 10.00am in the Council Chamber. This meeting follows the completion by WS Atkins of the Feasibility Study.</p> <p><b>6596.4 Transport &amp; Highways – Top 10 Local Priorities (Spring 2009 Update):</b> This document had been circulated to councillors.</p> <p><b>6596.5 Transport &amp; Highways – The Way Forward:</b> Cllr D Coe will attend the event being held by NCC on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009.</p> <p><b>6596.6 Pocket Park (Minute 6567.6):</b> The next meeting of the Volunteer Group is to be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009 at 9.30am, 8 Rothwell Road, Desborough.</p> <p><b>6596.7 Stop the Drop Campaign to Protect Rural England CPRE (Minute 6567.3):</b> The Desborough Town Council and volunteers from the community held a very successful litter pick on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</p> <p><b>6596.8 Correspondence File:</b> The Clerk has set up a file to be made available to Councillors and members of the public immediately prior to and during Town Council meetings. The file will contain information which might be of interest but does not require any specific action from the Desborough Town Council. This month's file contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northants CALC Update March/April 2009</li> <li>• Marlow House newsletter</li> <li>• Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) Village Viewpoint magazine</li> <li>• Littlethorpe of Leicester LTD – Quality hardwood bus shelters</li> <li>• Transport &amp; Highways – Top 10 priorities Update – Spring 2009</li> </ul>
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6597	<p><b>Community reports</b></p>
6597.1	<p><b>Town Centre Partnership:</b> The AGM is to be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 at 24 Prince Rupert Avenue. All Town Councillors are welcome to attend the meeting. It is hoped that a number of the newer shop retailers within Desborough will also attend. Three new stores are opening in the Town. The Dressing Room, selling branded pre-owned clothes, has already opened. Two further clothing stores will be opening; a children's shop from 0 to 16 opens on 25<sup>th</sup> April and the shop next to Crumbs is to sell Next/Miss Selfridge 'end of range' clothing.</p>
6597.2	<p>The TCP are working in conjunction with the Carnival Committee. The Carnival Committee are holding a Music and Fireworks evening on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May with the Carnival held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The TCP will have a stall at the carnival.</p>
6597.3	<p><b>Civic Society:</b> Mr John Kemp reported that the Civic Society are concerned as to the uncertainty as to where a new site for the Heritage Centre will be located in Desborough. The Society had its AGM a couple of weeks ago. Mr Kemp gave an update of the catalyst computer programme and the support provided by independent consultants to enable them to draw up a business plan. The recent presentation of Illustrated Prints of the 'AR TARN' held at the Heritage Centre was very successful.</p> <p>The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.30pm in the Concorde Lounge, Victoria Street.</p>
6597.4	<p><b>Twinning:</b> In respect if the Belgian visit, accommodation is needed for one lady of 45 who speaks English and 3 girls and 2 boys aged 15-17. They will arrive at 7.00 pm on Friday 1 May. They will be touring Stamford on Saturday morning with a blue badge guide and then going on a boat on Rutland water in the afternoon. A barbecue is planned at the St. Giles Community Centre for the evening. They leave during Sunday morning. If anybody is able to help with accommodation they should contact Jill Freeman (jill@freemanfamilyf9.co.uk) or the Clerk.</p>
6597.4	<p><b>Youth:</b> No report had been received. It was <b>AGREED</b> to ask Mr James Putt, Chairman of the DYC Management Committee to the next Town Council meeting.</p>

6598	<p><b>Financial report</b></p>																				
6598.1	<p><b><u>Town &amp; Parish Council Funding:</u></b> A copy of the letter, executive report and timetable had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr Soans reported that the first consultation meeting will take place at the A6 Towns Forum on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009. All Town Councillors are welcome to attend the meeting which is held from 7pm in the Council Chamber.</p>																				
6598.2	<p><b><u>Accounts for Payment:</u></b></p> <p>The following payments were <b><u>APPROVED:</u></b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="355 651 1434 887"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Cheque No.</b></th> <th><b>Amount</b></th> <th><b>Payee</b></th> <th><b>Reason for Payment</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>101005</td> <td>£531.28</td> <td>Mrs L Parkin</td> <td>Salary* &amp; Expenses (Apr 09)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101006</td> <td>£140.25</td> <td>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</td> <td>PAYE &amp; NI (Apr 09)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101007</td> <td>£35.00</td> <td>Vine Community Trust</td> <td>Hall Hire</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101008</td> <td>£1,402.86</td> <td>Northants CALC</td> <td>12 month membership commencing 01/04/09</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>	101005	£531.28	Mrs L Parkin	Salary* & Expenses (Apr 09)	101006	£140.25	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (Apr 09)	101007	£35.00	Vine Community Trust	Hall Hire	101008	£1,402.86	Northants CALC	12 month membership commencing 01/04/09
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6598.3	<p><b><u>Receipts:</u></b></p> <p>The Town Council have received a donation from the Desborough Town Centre Partnership for the sum of £1,500 in respect of the stalls purchased by the Town Council in November 2007. The Clerk has written to HM Revenue &amp; Customs to declare this receipt as there may need to be an adjustment to the amount of VAT initially claimed prior to the end of the financial year 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.</p>																				
6598.4	<p><b><u>End of Year Accounts for 2008/09</u></b></p>																				
6598.5	<p>The End of Year Accounts for 2008/09 were unanimously <b><u>APPROVED.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Internal/External Audit Dates:</u></b></p>																				
6598.6	<p>The timetable detailed in the Finance Report was <b><u>APPROVED.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>VAT Return:</u></b></p>																				
6598.7	<p>A claim for the refund of VAT from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 has been submitted to HM Customs &amp; Excise.</p>																				
6598.8	<p><b><u>Chairman's Allowance 2009/10:</u></b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Chairman's allowance in for 2008/09 will be £700.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that he is looking to hold a charity lunch or tea. Cllr Goodman is looking for a suitable venue for an event of this kind.</p>																				

<p><b>6599</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or to be made at the meeting:</p>
<p><b>6599.1</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0119 – 8 Doulton Close, Desborough – Full Application: First storey side extension.</b> No objection.</p>
<p><b>6599.2</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0120 – 4 Copelands Road, Desborough – Full Application: proposed double storey and single storey extension.</b> No objection.</p>
<p><b>6599.3</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0090 – 42 Braybrooke Road, Desborough – Full Application: Dropped kerb with pavement crossing and construction of parking area.</b> No objection.</p>
<p><b>6599.4</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0131 – Miller Homes Ltd (East Midlands) – Plots 51-54,56,57,60,77 &amp; 76 (Land adjoining) Phase 5, The Grange, Desborough – s.73 Application: Variation of condition 7 of KE/04/0363, relating to vehicular access/parking.</b> No objection.</p>
<p><b>6599.5</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0168 – 87 Braybrooke Road, Desborough – Certificate of Lawfulness – (existing Operations): Commercial Sale, repair and storage of cars.</b> Concern was expressed as to the length of time a business has been operating from these premises. The Town Council are required to reply to the Planning Department at KBC by 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009. It was <b><u>AGREED</u></b> to request an extension to reply of one week.</p>
<p><b>6599.6</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0172 – 28 Breakleys Road, Desborough – Full Application: Single Storey rear extension.</b> No objection.</p>
<p><b>6599.7</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0133 – Miller Homes (East Midlands) Ltd - Land adjoining Plot 56, Phase 5 (117 Plots) The Grange, Desborough – Full Application: Erection of combined single garages to provide alternative garaging for plots 56 and 62.</b> No objection. Appears to be re-application for part of parking adjustments already commented on.</p>
<p><b>6599.8</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0152 – 15 Cedar Close, Desborough – Full Application: Conversion of garage to habitable room.</b> No objection.</p> <p><b>KET/2009/0148 – 89 Braybrooke Road, Desborough – Full Application: 1 no. pair 3 storey semi detached dwellings.</b></p>

	<p><b>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.06 PM</b></p> <p>..... <b>CHAIRMAN</b></p>
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