

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 21 May 2009.

PRESENT

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

Clerk: Leigh Parkin

Also in attendance: Cllr B Humfrey - County Councillor NCC, Mr R Martin – Path Warden, Mr J Putt – Chairman of Desborough Youth Management Committee, PCSO P Firth, PCSO J Breeze. There were many members of the public present at the meeting a number requested to speak: Ms P Holmes, Mr G Holmes, Ms M Easton, Mr T James, Mrs G James, Mr M Churcher, Mr S Barthorpe, Ms L Clements and Mr C Chambers.

<p>6600</p>	<p>Chairman’s announcements</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt referred to the Chairman’s report he had made to the Annual Town meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt confirmed that he will be holding a Chairman’s Charity Lunch on Sunday 19th July 2009, 12.30pm for a 1pm buffet lunch, at 16 Harborough Road, Desborough. The lunch will be in support of Marlow House. Invites will be sent out shortly.</p>
<p>6601</p>	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Soans – another meeting commitment. It was RESOLVED: to approve the apologies for absence received.</p>
<p>6602</p>	<p>Election of Chairman for the ensuing year</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt was the only nominee and was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing Council Year. The appointment was <u>UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.</u></p>
<p>6603</p>	<p>Election of Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year</p> <p>Cllr Goodman was the only nominee and was duly elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing Council Year. The appointment was <u>UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.</u></p>
<p>6604</p>	<p>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</p> <p>None</p>

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Police report

PCSO Breeze went through the crime figures for the previous year to 31st March 2009. PCSO Firth discussed April's crime figures. Cllr Coe highlighted that instances of criminal damage had increased significantly. PCSO Firth confirmed that there has been an increase in criminal damage predominately to vehicles. He urged Councillors and members of the public not to ignore criminal damage but to report it to the Police.

PCSO Firth highlighted the 'Street a Week' campaign the Police will be running over the summer months. The aim of the campaign is to ensure that the Police's local priorities reflect what is wanted in the community. On 29th June 2009 the Police will be in Harrington Road.

PCSO Firth confirmed that a traffic operation had been undertaken in Desborough today involving a number of agencies as well as the Police. A number of trade vehicles have been confiscated as a result of the action.

Sgt Hopkins had e-mailed the Chairman stating that in June he is unable to hold the Community Panel Meeting prior to the Rural Forum meeting being held by KBC. He has suggested Sunday 28th June, 12 midday to 4pm, at Broughton Village Hall. Cllr Coe is to liaise with Sgt Hopkins in respect to attending the meeting. It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that Cllr Coe will continue as Desborough Town Council's (DTC's) representative at the Community Panel Meeting.

Members of the public were invited to ask the police questions.

Concern was raised as to parking along Harrington Road. This situation has worsened since the traffic calming measures were installed. In addition due to parked cars visibility is poor for motorists on the Braybrooke Road especially on the bend by the bus stop and Football Club. PC Firth will look into these concerns.

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Representations from members of the public

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- Concerns were raised by residents who live next to the Lawrence Factory Site as to a supermarket being built next door to their homes.
- Concern was expressed as to what will happen to the tenants of the cottage on the Lawrence Factory Site and why they do not appear to have the same rights as other Council Tenants.
- The Leader of KBC was quoted following a radio interview earlier in the week and concern was raised as to whether KBC is representing the best interests of Desborough.
- The Lawrence Factory Site cannot accommodate a large supermarket. If a smaller supermarket is built it will provide Section 106 monies to support the wider regeneration of the Town including the development of a community building.
- The Lawrence Factory Site has Conservation Area designation which means that it is considered to be an area to conserve or enhance.
- Concern was raised as to the integrity of a number of the Desborough Town Council members in relation to the 2007 Conservative manifesto on which the majority of members were appointed.
- Concern was raised as to how the Atkins Feasibility Study identified 15,000 sq. ft as the size of a supermarket that would fit on the Lawrence Factory Site.
- Rothwell will have half the supermarket space of Desborough.
- Why KBC only requested one developer to tender when 3 applications were submitted. It is understood that Julia Beckett, Deputy Chief Executive of KBC, has stated that it was decided not to go forward with two of the developers as they were not as financially sound.

Cllr Coe stated that at present no planning application for a supermarket has been received and that comments were currently based on supposition and fear. Cllr Coe detailed the planning application process. He explained that once KBC receives an application they place an advert in the paper. Copies of the planning application are sent to Desborough Town Council to comment on. In addition people who live next door will be written to directly. Cllr Coe urged members of the public to make sure their observations are submitted to KBC as the decision making authority at the relevant time.

Cllr Tebbutt re-confirmed that at present everything is speculation. It is expected that a further Stakeholder meeting will be held within the next 4 weeks. Hopefully at this stage more information will be available as to the potential development that could take place within Desborough Town Centre. Cllr Tebbutt referred back to the comments he had made at the Annual Town Meeting in the Chairman's report in respect of the Lawrence Factory Site. Cllr Tebbutt suggested that the tenants of the cottage on the Lawrence Factory Site write to KBC in respect of their concerns about their 'rights of tenancy'. He requested that a copy of this

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<p>6607</p>	<p>Review of public participation at meetings in relation to questions and rules of debate as detailed in the Desborough Town Council Standing Orders</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt re-emphasised that when a member of the Town Council wishes to speak at a meeting they should do so through the Chairman ensuring they stand and speak so that members of the public present at the meeting can hear what they say.</p> <p>In respect to representations by members of the public it was <u>RECONFIRMED</u> that they should be allowed 5 minutes to speak. Members of the public should make all of their points within their 5 minutes as there is no opportunity to re-address the meeting.</p> <p>The ‘Right to Speak’ form has been amended to request members of the public to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide detailed contact information so that they can be contacted easily if required; • Sign to agree to abide by the rules of the Town Council detailed on the form and within the Standing Orders. <p>It was <u>AGREED</u> to adopt the revised form which should also include e-mail addresses.</p>
<p>6608</p>	<p>Minutes of Town Council meeting held on 16 April 2009</p> <p>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>Minute 6594 – point 2, last sentence – was amended as follows: Cllr Humfrey also referred to the support she has given to enhancement and protective measures <i>on the Ise</i> via her Empowering Councillors Fund.</p>
<p>6609</p>	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Minute 6588.1: A letter has been sent to KBC and confirmation of receipt has been received.</p> <p>Minute 6595: A letter has been sent to the Chairwoman of the Conservative Club, Desborough.</p> <p>Minute 6598.9: Cllr Dixon attended the NCALC ‘Off to a Flying Start’ councillor training course. Cllr Derbyshire is due to attend the course in September 09.</p> <p>Minute 6599.15: The letter was sent with the agreed amendments to KBC and a confirmation of receipt has been received.</p> <p>Minute 6599.16: The letter was sent to KBC and a reply has been received.</p>

<p>6610</p>	<p>Report from Working Group: Quality Council</p> <p>The Town Council RESOLVED to work towards achieving Quality Council status with the submission of their application by December 2010.</p>
<p>6611</p>	<p>County Councillor’s Report</p> <p>Following the Path Warden’s report Cllr Humfrey referred the Town Council to minute 6594, point 2 of the April 2009 Town Council minutes in respect to her work with Dr Robin Field in producing maps for walking in Desborough and the Ise Valley which will be available via the internet.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt asked whether this includes all footpaths in Desborough. Cllr Humfrey confirmed that at present it does not, however, she would discuss the possibility of extending the work to include all footpaths. This work is currently being funded through NCC.</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey reported that work to improve the Ise River planned to take place in Autumn 2009 will now not happen until Autumn 2010.</p> <p>A number of issues have been brought to Cllr Humfrey’s attention which she is addressing with the County Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has received a number of complaints from residents that the Stage Coach bus is not stopping at the bottom of Buttercup Drive. • Opposite 133 Dunkirk Avenue there is a kink in the road where water does not run away even though the drains have been cleared. • A number of Lime Trees need to have the lower branches removed in particular along Dunkirk Avenue and Rushton Road <p>Cllr Coe highlighted that as a resident of Dunkirk Avenue he felt that a number of the trees were dangerous. This road is a school bus route with children crossing the road when visibility may be impaired by the lower growth on the trees. One house on the corner of Dunkirk Avenue and Roman Way has branches touching the bedroom window.</p> <p>Cllr Goodman raised concern that the utilities are to dig up the new road surface at every junction on Whitehills. The road surface was only laid 12 months ago. It was AGREED that the Town Council will write to the Civil Engineer at NCC to request that the Utilities re-instate the road in the condition they found it and that patching is not acceptable for a newly laid road surface.</p>

6612	<p>Borough Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Cllr Soans had provided a written report highlighting the meetings he has attended and that he has now been appointed to the Housing task and finish group and the Local Government Association – Urban commission.</p> <p>Cllr Soans also reported that following many complaints from Desborough residents re: dog fouling and littering he has had a meeting with Shirley Plenderleith, Head of Environmental Services- KBC and Chris Stopford, Chief Enforcement Officer – KBC to institute environmental warden patrols in Desborough. Patrols started week commencing 18th May, initially in the following areas: Harrington Road, Rushton Road, Pipewell Road and the Town Centre. Patrols will take place on a random basis for a total of about 1 day per week. On the spot fixed penalty notices will be issued to all offenders on a zero tolerance policy. An activity report will submitted to the next DTC meeting. At this time Councillors are requested to provide feedback on the effectiveness of the scheme and requests for other areas to be patrolled. The fine for dog fouling is £50 and for littering £75.</p> <p>Cllr Hollinshead reported that at the bus stop on the right hand side of the Harborough Road, going out of the Town, there is an increasing amount of litter.</p> <p>It was AGREED to write to Doug Wilkinson, Head of Environmental Services – KBC and Shirley Plenderleith, Head of Environmental Health – KBC, copied to Cllr Soans, to thank them for instigating this new scheme in conjunction with Cllr Soans and to again highlight that there are no litter bins on Harborough Road, The Grange, the Remembrance Gardens and on Rushton Road from the bridge down. New 'dog fouling' stickers are also to be requested as the old ones have faded.</p> <p>Cllr Derbyshire raised concern that many residents may still not be aware that ordinary bins can be used for bagged dog faeces.</p> <p>Cllr Soans has started to look into the parking problems and will report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that he had received an e-mail from Russ Howell, Health Services Manager, Environmental Health - KBC in respect of Friends of Desborough Cemetery. Cllr Tebbutt is to liaise with Cllr Humfrey and Mr R Coe.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt highlighted a request for sponsorship by Sgt Hopkins.</p> <p>Cllr Derbyshire had nothing further to report this month.</p>
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<p>6613</p>	<p>Clerk's report</p> <p>The Clerk has sent all correspondence required after the last Council Meeting.</p> <p><u>Points for Action:</u></p>
<p>6613.1</p>	<p>Quality Council Working Group: This was addressed earlier in the meeting (Minute: 6610).</p>
<p>6613.2</p>	<p>Northants CALC AGM: This is to be held on Wednesday 14th October 2009 at 7pm (venue tba). Up to two delegates from each parish or town council in membership can attend. It was <u>AGREED</u> to place this item on the agenda once all information has been received.</p>
<p>6613.3</p>	<p>Highways Agency post opening project evaluation – A6 Bypass Rothwell to Desborough: It was <u>AGREED</u> that any further comments should be sent to the Clerk to collate. The information is also to be distributed to Cllr B Humfrey, Mr R Martin and Mr R Freeman for comment.</p>
<p>6613.4</p>	<p>Lamps/Tubes Illuminations: It was agreed that Cllr Goodman and the Clerk will meet with a representative of the Company for a quote for the supply and installation of Christmas Lights in Desborough.</p> <p><u>Points for Information:</u></p>
<p>6613.5</p>	<p>Pocket Park (Minute 6567.6): The next meeting of the Volunteer Group is to be held on Tuesday 9th June 2009 at 9.30am, 8 Rothwell Road, Desborough. The Clerk reported that KBC have agreed to continue cutting the pathways approximately every 3 weeks until a source of funding can be identified by the Volunteer Group.</p>
<p>6613.6</p>	<p>The Northamptonshire County Council (Rothwell Road, Desborough) (30 mph speed limit) Order 2009: This Order came into effect on 10th April 2009.</p>
<p>6613.7</p>	<p>New Albion Wind Farm: Infinergy held public exhibitions at Rushton Cricket Club on Wednesday 20th May and Thursday 21st May 3pm to 8pm.</p> <p>It was <u>AGREED</u> to organise a presentation re: wind farms at a future meeting.</p>
<p>6613.8</p>	<p>Correspondence File: This month's file contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desborough & District Twinning Association Newsletter (previously circulated to Cllrs) • Policing in 'Your Community' – Northamptonshire North – Key Stakeholder Newsletter April 2009 • The NCC (Rothwell Road, Desborough) (30 mph speed limit) Order 2009 • Summer play schemes 2009

6614	Community reports
6614.1	Town Centre Partnership: It was <u>UNANIMOUSLY AGREED</u> that Cllr Goodman continue to be the representative for the TCP. Cllr Goodman reported that the TCP are awaiting the results of the Feasibility Study.
6614.2	Cllr Tebbutt reported about the recent display of art work by Havelock Infant School. He is currently investigating the possibility of having some of this reproduced on posters to be displayed around the Town, such as, on the boarded up shop windows.
6615.3	Civic Society: It was <u>UNANIMOUSLY AGREED</u> that Cllr Hollinshead continue to be the representative for the Civic Society. Cllr Hollinshead reported that they had recently had a very entertaining talk on milestones. There is a trip to Stamford and Burghley House in June and a trip to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London in September. Both trips are available to both members and non-members of the Society. Tickets can be bought in the Heritage Centre.
6615.4	Twinning: There is currently no representative for Twinning, however, the Clerk will ensure that the newsletter is circulated to Cllrs and will continue to liaise with Jill Freeman to ensure that any specific items are highlighted at the meeting. Cllr Goodman reported on the successful weekend with the Belgium visitors. Youth: It was <u>UNANIMOUSLY AGREED</u> that Mr James Putt, Chairman of the Youth Management Committee will provide a regular update of youth activities to the Town Council. In addition to Mr Putt's report the Annual Town Meeting he confirmed that their AGM is being held on Tuesday 26 th May 2009 at 8pm. Cllr Bindley wished to thank Mr Putt and the Management Team at the Youth centre for their hard work.

6615	Financial report																								
6615.1	<p><u>Statement of Accounts:</u></p> <p>The Town Council <u>CONFIRMED</u> the transfer of ownership of the stalls to the TCP from date of receipt of the payment.</p> <p>The Town Council <u>CERTIFIED</u> that the statement of accounts contained in the annual return (as detailed in the Finance Report) presents fairly the financial position of the council for year ended 31st March 2009.</p>																								
6615.2	<p><u>Annual Governance Statement:</u></p> <p>The Town Council <u>CONFIRMED</u> the points identified in the Finance Report for inclusion in Section 2 of the annual return for year ended 31st March 2009.</p>																								
6615.3	<p><u>Employer Annual Return – PAYE Income Tax, National Insurance Contributions (NICs) and related payments:</u> The Annual Return has been submitted to HM Revenue & Customs.</p>																								
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6615.5	<p><u>Receipts:</u></p> <p>The grant from Kettering Borough Council has been received in full for the year (2009/10) for the amount of £12,340.</p> <p>A claim for the refund of VAT from 1st May 2008 to 31st March 2009 has been received from HM Revenue & Customs for the total amount of £551.29 (Minute 6598.6).</p>																								

6616	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or to be made at the meeting:</p>
6616.1	<p>KET/2009/0138 – 150 Pioneer Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Erection of decking to rear.</p> <p>It is understood approval was given on the original planning application (KET/2006/0825) for steps down from the rear doors to a garden level patio seating area. The applicant is trying to reverse this position and is applying to install decking at house level which if approved will lead to a lack of privacy for neighbouring properties as the gardens slope away and the hedge between the properties effectively gets lower.</p>
6616.2	<p>KET/2009/0192 – 48 Gapstile Close, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear extension: conservatory.</p> <p>No objection.</p>
6616.3	<p>KET/2009/0207 – 76 Breakleys Road, Desborough – Full Application: First floor front and rear extensions over existing ground floor extensions.</p> <p>No objection.</p>
6616.4	<p>KET/2009/0155 – Stoke Albany Road (Land at), Desborough – Full Application: Change of use from paddock to Traveller Site. Erection of community building, utility facilities, and vehicular access.</p> <p>Desborough Town Council has no objection subject to the following points being considered and our request for information responded to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was intended as 7 site transit conversion to 10 permanent - not opposed. The Town Council submitted in recent planning consultation that no further permissions should be granted in the Desborough Area. • It has been stated publically that Desborough is fully covered already for traveller sites (even official ones). • No objection on the sole grounds that it will be well managed by Mr F Smith. Any further applications for the north of the Borough MUST NOW BE REFUSED. There are travellers set up sites (2) in Harrington Road, Rothwell and now on the bypass north of Desborough. <p>The Town Council have requested the Planning Department provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A written explanation of the implication of clause 5.2 of the Transport Statement. • A map of the Borough indicating where the (official) traveller sites are and how many dwellings for each.
6616.5	<p>KET/2009/0248 – 2 Breakleys Road, Desborough – Full Application: Replace existing 2 no. detached garages with one pair of semi detached garages.</p>
6616.6	<p>No objection – will improve appearance of area.</p>

	<p>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.10 PM</p> <p>..... CHAIRMAN</p>
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