

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 18 June 2009.

**PRESENT**

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

**Clerk:** Leigh Parkin

**Also in attendance:** PCSO P Miller, Cllr B Humfrey - County Councillor NCC, Ms M Easton

<b>6617</b>	<p><b>Chairman's announcements</b></p> <p>On commencement of the meeting Cllr Coe reported that a previous Chairman of Desborough Town Council in 1979 had sadly died. Cllr Morris had served on the Desborough Urban District Council and Desborough Town Council for 10.5 years. All present at the meeting stood in silence for a moment in memory of Cllr Morris.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reminded everybody that he will be holding a Chairman's Charity Lunch on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009, 12.30pm for a 1pm buffet lunch, at 16 Harborough Road, Desborough. The lunch will be in support of Marlow House. Invitations have been sent out. All replies should be returned to the Clerk asap.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that the date for the KBC Full Council meeting has been changed to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009. The A6 Towns Forum is being held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009 where there will be a report on the results of the Rothwell/Desborough Design Framework.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that the trees along Dunkirk Avenue have been trimmed and the trees in the Recreation Ground will be trimmed week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reminded everyone that the Carnival procession will move off half an hour earlier than previous years. Cllrs will be marshalling and are to meet at the top of Breakley's Road at 1.45pm.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt will be attending the Rushden Garden Party at Rushden Hall on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009.</p> <p>The Millennium Green Fun Day is being held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Cllr Tebbutt will welcome the Mayor of Kettering Borough Council to the event.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt will be attending the Northants CALC Larger Councils Partnership meeting Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009.</p>
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<b>6618</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>  Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Soans and Cllr Dearing – another meeting commitment. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the apologies for absence received. Cllr Bindley was unable to attend the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.
<b>6619</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</b>  None

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<b>6620</b>	<p><b>Police report</b></p> <p>PCSO Miller reported that crime figures were down for May with a significant drop in criminal damage. Desborough Town Football Club continues to have break-ins. Cllr Tebbutt asked whether the Football Club could have a camera installed. The Police cannot issue a camera as the Club is classed as a business. Cllr Goodman highlighted that cameras can be provided by the Town Centre Partnership.</p> <p>Cllr Hollinshead asked whether the figures included dog fouling/littering ‘on the spot’ fines. PCSO Miller said that KBC collate these figures.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that concern had been raised again by a member of the public in respect of parking along Harrington Road (Minute 6605). This situation has worsened since the traffic calming measures were installed. PCSO Miller said that he would visit the area week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009. Cllr Goodman stated that she has recently seen a business vehicle parked in the ‘built out’ area along Harrington Road. PCSO Miller confirmed that if vehicles are parked inappropriately then the Police should be contacted.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt highlighted that the area outside the new Chinese continues to be a problem for parking. The Clerk is to find out whether permission has been granted to the request by a local resident to fund bollards in this area.</p> <p>PCSO Miller stated that PCSO’s do not have the power to write a parking ticket they can only give advice.</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey stated that she has received complaints about the cars parked at the top and bottom of Alexander and Addison Roads. It has been requested that the raised areas, where there used to be trees, could be taken away to make extra parking spaces.</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey also reported that members of the public continue to be concerned about the speed of the traffic along Rothwell Road particularly at the end of the day.</p> <p>PCSO Miller said that the Police are aware of the parking issues around Alexander and Addison Roads. Speeding continues to be a problem and the Police regularly use the speed gun to try to tackle the problem.</p> <p>Cllr Coe will be attending the Police Liaison Meeting at Burton Latimer Town Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009.</p> <p>The Police are holding a Community Panel Meeting on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at Broughton Village Hall between 12noon and 4pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.</p>
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<p><b>6621</b></p>	<p><b>Representations from members of the public</b></p> <p>A member of the public spoke about the Lawrence Factory Site and the Ar Tarn Action Group requesting that the Town Council fight KBC to get funding for the mixed-use scheme which will keep the factory at the heart of the scheme and conservation area. The following questions were asked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can Desborough Town Council help Desborough residents who live on or near the Lawrence Factory Site?</li> <li>• Why does any development have to be self funding?</li> <li>• Why was the conservation area so designated?</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Tebbutt confirmed that a reply to the questions will be sent to the member of the public once they have been fully considered and investigated by the Town Council.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt thanked the member of the public for their contribution.</p>
<p><b>6622</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes of Town Council meeting held on 21 May 2009</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Cllr Dixon expressed his concern about a member of the public raising the issue of the integrity of a number of Desborough Town Council members. Cllr Tebbutt confirmed that he had stated at the time that the Conservative members of the Town Council continue to subscribe to the objectives outlined in the Conservative manifesto in 2007 (Minute 6606).</p>

<p><b>6623</b></p>	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p>Minute 6611: A letter has been sent to NCC re: Whitehill Road.          Minute 6612: A letter has been sent to Mr D Wilkinson, Head of Environmental Care, KBC copied to Ms S Plenderleith, Head of Environmental Health and Cllr D Soans.          Minute 6613.3: No further comments were received.          Minute 6613.8: The noticeboard outside Hazelwood House has been put up as a temporary measure for KBC to advertise 4 difficult to let 1 bedroom apartments.          Minute 6613.11: Cllr Coe had nothing further to report. He has spoken to Mr Thornett.          Minute 6616.4: The Clerk is to follow up on the request for information from the Planning Department at KBC.          Minute 6616.15: Ongoing</p> <p>Cllr Goodman raised concern that there is no bridge over the A6 Bypass to allow people to cross the road safely. At present there are steps on either side of the road leading down to it allowing people to cross over the road itself which is very dangerous. It was <b><u>AGREED</u></b> to write to NCC, copied to Cllr Humfrey, to express these concerns.</p>
<p><b>6624</b></p>	<p><b>Report from Cllr Goodman re: NCC Parish Emergency Planning Seminar</b></p> <p>Cllr Goodman gave a report on the seminar she had recently attended. It was requested that all towns, villages and cities be prepared for any type of emergency. Examples of good practice were presented to the seminar.</p> <p>The Town Council <b><u>AGREED</u></b> to ask one of the speakers from the seminar who had organised an emergency plan to attend December's Town Council meeting. Other related organisations will also be invited to attend the meeting.</p>

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**County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Humfrey said that she was pleased to hear that the Town Council are looking at setting up local emergency services. She had recently attended a day long conference where she had learnt about national emergencies.

Cllr Humfrey said that the member of the Ar Tarn Group who had spoken earlier at the meeting had made a good rational speech. She said that the Ar Tarn Group is appealing to the Town Council for help. Cllr Humfrey has noticed some tempering and mellowing of response in the last month among the councillors who speak.

Cllr Humfrey has just been re-elected as County Councillor and during her campaign she received a strong message from the public that 98% of the Town people do not want a superstore in the Town. Cllr Humfrey asked where the small business regeneration is. Cllr Humfrey asked the Town Council to listen to the Ar Tarn Group and the whole Town as they do need the Town Council's help to work with them. She also asked the Town Councillors to take the benefit of her experience in the Town and her listening to residents.

Cllr Humfrey reported that there will be a temporary road closure and temporary 10mph speed restriction on the B576 Rothwell Road/Harborough Road, Desborough for resurfacing works to be carried out between 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009. The road closure will be off peak only. The affected area of road will be from The Grange estate island down to Pioneer Avenue. A new hard wearing material is to be used on the road.

Cllr Tebbutt commented that Cllr Humfrey's statement about the percentage of people in Desborough who do not want a supermarket in the Town is political and 'hearsay' and is not a fact. Cllr Tebbutt said that he was uncomfortable with this statement going into the public domain which implies all the people in Desborough are of a like mind.

Cllr Derbyshire commented that at the Stakeholder meeting it was confirmed that the town would be leafleted and opinions sought. The Town Council cannot comment until after this has happened.

Cllr Tebbutt said that the original plans for the Lawrence Site have not been discarded at this stage. At the last Stakeholder Group meeting there was a presentation of the report commissioned by KBC from Atkins. Public consultation has not yet taken place in respect of this report.

Cllr Goodman congratulated Cllr Humfrey on a very good result at the election. Cllr Goodman stated that Cllr Humfrey works extremely hard, listens to concerns but that she does not believe that 98% of this Town does not want another supermarket, she would be surprised if it was 60%. It is very difficult to give a 360 degree view of any situation.

Cllr Tebbutt raised concern that the County Councillor had advised the Town

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**Borough Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Derbyshire and Cllr Tebbutt reported that they had attended the Tenant Forums Annual Housing Tour. They talked through the developments they had visited highlighting that only one of the developments had taken into consideration outdoor community space and safe places for children to play.

Cllr Derbyshire reported that she had received a letter from Desborough Town Football Club to 'buy a brick' for £20.00. Cllr Dixon suggested that the Football Club should have identified the target amount of money they are trying to raise in the leaflet.

Cllr Hollinshead asked if Desborough Town Council had been invited to the official opening of the Peaselands site. It was confirmed that the Town Council had not been invited.

Cllr Hollinshead reported that a number of stones on the memorial had broken away and were lying on the floor. The Clerk will report this to the Response Centre.

Cllr Soans had provided a written report identifying the meetings he has attended. Cllr Soans highlighted that the next A6 Towns Forum is to be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the Council Chamber, KBC, the agenda includes the future of Town Council funding.

Cllr Soans has not received a report from KBC with regard to the environmental patrols. He has requested feedback from members/residents and suggestions for patrolling alternative areas. Cllr Soans will then liaise with KBC.

It was highlighted that the Harborough Road does not have any waste bins and that the litter is being shredded when the grass is cut.

6627	<p><b>Clerk's report</b></p> <p>The Clerk has sent all correspondence required after the last Council Meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Points for Action:</u></b></p>
6627.1	<p><b>Website Design:</b> A preliminary meeting has been scheduled for the Clerk and a number of Councillors to meet Dr Warwick Hunt who developed the Burton Latimer website (<a href="http://www.burtonlatimer.org">www.burtonlatimer.org</a>).</p>
6627.2	<p><b>S.106 Training Event:</b> An additional training event run by Planning Aid will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 at the NCALC offices in Litchborough 6.30pm to 9.00pm. The event is free. It was <b><u>AGREED</u></b> that the Clerk should book 2 places for Cllr Goodman and Mr R Matthews, Rothwell &amp; Desborough Futures Ltd.</p>
6627.3	<p><b>Northants CALC Larger Councils Partnership:</b> The next meeting is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm to be held at Duston Community Centre. It was <b><u>AGREED</u></b> Cllr Tebbutt and Cllr Derbyshire will be attending.</p> <p><b><u>Points for Information:</u></b></p>
6627.4	<p><b>Pocket Park (Minute 6613.5):</b> Blacks Outdoor Clothing Company had undertaken a successful volunteer day on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009, carrying out repairs to the dipping platform and fence around the pond. The Pocket Park Volunteer Group have written to Mr D Wilkinson, Head of Environmental Care, KBC, in respect of the nettles at both public entrances to the Park, dog bins and dog fouling in the Park. The Family Fun Day is to be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009 10.00am to 1.00pm.</p>
6627.5	<p><b>Christmas Gala Nights:</b> It has been identified that the Burton Latimer Christmas Gala Night is likely to be the same as Desborough on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Cllr Goodman has already contacted many of the stall holders to confirm this to try to avoid double-bookings/cancellations.</p>
6627.6	<p><b>Correspondence File:</b> This month's file contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCALC Update May/June 2009</li> <li>• Desborough Pocket Park Volunteer Group meeting notes – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009</li> <li>• Monthly Parish Crime Report</li> <li>• Community Panel Meeting Notice (Minute 6620)</li> <li>• Free Business Link Event Notice</li> <li>• Temporary Road Closure Information (Minute 6625)</li> <li>• Minutes A6 Towns Forum (11<sup>th</sup> February 2009) / Agenda (24<sup>th</sup> June 2009)</li> </ul>
6627.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Committee Information Booklet</li> </ul> <p><b>Rushden Town Council Mayor's Garden Party</b> – Details of this event were</p>

<b>6628</b>	<b>Community reports</b>
<b>6628.1</b>	<b>Town Centre Partnership:</b> A meeting is to be held on Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2009.
<b>6628.2</b>	<b>Civic Society:</b> Nothing further to report from last month.
<b>6628.3</b>	<b>Twinning:</b> Cllr Goodman highlighted a number of events detailed on the last newsletter which has been previously been circulated to Cllrs.
<b>6628.4</b>	<b>Youth:</b> No report had been received.

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<b>6629.1</b>	<b><u>Internal Auditor Report</u></b>																								
	<p>The Internal Audit for the Desborough Town Council Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2009 has been completed. The Clerk reported that the Desborough Town Council Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 are open for inspection by the public from 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009. The completed Audit Commission Annual Return Form and supporting documentation is to be sent to the external auditor (BDO Stoy Hayward LLP) by 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009.</p>																								
<b>6629.2</b>	<b><u>Local Council Administration Book</u></b>																								
	<p>The Town Council <b>APPROVED</b> the purchase of a Local Council Administration eighth edition book.</p>																								
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	<p>The Town Council <b>APPROVED</b> the purchase of a fire/waterproof safe and 2 memory sticks.</p>																								
<b>6629.4</b>	<b><u>Councillor Travel Expenses</u></b>																								
	<p>The Town Council <b>AGREED</b> in principle the payment of Councillor expenses for attendance at training courses. The Clerk is to provide a report to July's meeting outlining recommended reimbursement levels and a process for making claims.</p>																								
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<p><b>6630</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>6630.1</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0138 – 150 Pioneer Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Erection of decking to rear (Additional Information)</b></p> <p>Original application was agreed/passed by KBC Planning (KET/2006/0825) and said decking should be at ground level. These further proposals will overwhelm the neighbours (both sides) gardens if allowed. The original agreement should be adhered to. The application does not address the overlooking issue. Height of the hedges is 2 metres; 2.9 metre fence is too high. The application appears not to address the concerns previously made.</p> <p>The above application will be put to the Planning Committee, Kettering Borough Council, for a decision to be made at its meeting to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009.</p>
<p><b>6630.2</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0282 – 29 Gold Street, Desborough – Full application: Replacement garage.</b></p> <p>No objection.</p>
<p><b>6630.3</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0309 – Plots 22-26, 29-30, 131-132 Pipewell Road (land off), Desborough – Full application: Substitution of house types on plots 22-26, 29-30 and the erection of 2 no. dwellings (plots 131-132).</b></p> <p>Objection - Revised house types squeeze in 2 more houses of different designs to others on the estate, appearing to be inferior in both looks and size. The detached house looks distinctly odd. All but the detached would need noise testing ? the plan does not show. Unclear how footpath link is to be facilitated. Removed hedge on Pipewell Road - no reinstatement detailed.</p> <p>Sustainability and energy: Item 4 - Where is the new train station to be located which is 20 minutes walk? Item 6 - No commitment made to use alternative energy, available now or to water recycling. Energy efficiency statement is inadequate.</p> <p>Why the change of design style? Will make the 2 extra properties look out of kilter and 'odd' - no balance.</p>
<p><b>6630.4</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0279 – 24 Harrington Road, Desborough – Full application: Two storey side and single storey rear extensions.</b></p> <p>No objection subject to the following comments - Section 8 - Parking (Householder application form) - Information does not appear correct. There are usually 2/3 vehicles (large) on the grass verge plus others and a caravan up the side of the house where the extension is proposed. We need to reinforce NO access to be allowed onto Addison Road in the future.</p>
<p><b>6630.5</b></p>	<p><b><u>Notices of Approval received:</u></b></p>

	<p><b>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25 PM</b></p> <p>..... <b>CHAIRMAN</b></p>
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