

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

**PRESENT**

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

**Clerk:** Leigh Parkin

**Also in attendance:** M Easton, P Holmes, G Holmes, M Churcher, R Matthews – Rothwell & Desborough Futures Limited

<p><b>6631</b></p>	<p><b>Chairman’s announcements</b></p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt wished to thank Lynda &amp; Victor Cosgrove for agreeing to host the Chairman’s Charity Lunch being held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Cllr Tebbutt also thanked Cllr Goodman and Jeanne Jones who will be undertaking the catering for the lunch.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt thanked all Councillors who helped with the marshalling at the Desborough Carnival. The amount raised by the Carnival Committee will be reported in due course.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt had the great pleasure of welcoming the Mayor of Kettering to the Millenium Green Event held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that Mr D Wilkinson, Head of Environmental Care, KBC has moved to a new position in Norwich. Mr J Conway, Head of Housing will be overseeing his role on a temporary basis. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk will forward any correspondence to Mr Conway concerning outstanding Environmental Care issues.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt wished also to thank Mr M Churcher for mending the Chairman’s chain. Mr Churcher is also going to provide a cost for attaching the chain to cloth which can then be placed around the neck without the need to pin the chain to your clothes and a price for adding all Chairman's names.</p> <p>Cllr Goodman reported that 5/6 years ago it was agreed not to add any more names due to the increased weight of the chain. It is hoped that when the Council have an office/ meeting room that a board may be erected identifying all past Chairman.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt attended the recent Planning Committee at KBC and was able to speak about plans KET/2009/0138 – erection of decking to the rear of 150 Pioneer Avenue and KET/2009/0155 – change of use from paddock to Traveller Site, Stoke Albany Road (Land at).</p>
<p><b>6632</b></p>	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Soans, Cllr Dearing, Cllr Dixon – holiday. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the apologies for absence received. Cllr Bindley was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health.</p> <p>Cllr B Humfrey, NCC County Councillor and the Police also gave their apologies.</p>

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<p><b>6633</b></p>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</b></p> <p>None</p>
<p><b>6634</b></p>	<p><b>Police report</b></p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt talked through the Police Report that had been provided for the meeting.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the gates on the Straight Furlong By Way which had been replaced earlier this year have been stolen again. The situation is being investigated by the Police and NCC.</p> <p>Cllr Coe reported that he had attended the Police Liaison Meeting at Burton Latimer Town Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The issues discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speeding on the Harborough and Rothwell Roads</li> <li>• CCTV at the top of Havelock Street which operates at 180 degrees and not 360 degrees. This has also been raised at the Monitoring and Audit Committee at KBC</li> <li>• The use of mobiles whilst driving</li> <li>• The provision of activities for young people by the YMCA on Fridays during August.</li> </ul>

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**Representations from members of the public**

In respect to the questions asked by Ms M Easton at June's Town Council meeting Cllr Tebbutt read the response and confirmed that this had been e-mailed to Ms Easton.

Ms Eaton stated that she had raised concern as to whether the Stakeholder and A6 Towns Forum meetings are decision making bodies. She had received reassurance from Anne Ireson, Democracy Unit, KBC that this is not the case. Ms Easton informed the Town Council that she had been given notice of the next Stakeholder meeting to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 10.00am at KBC.

Mr Holmes gave a copy of the ATAG newsletter to Councillors present at the meeting. He highlighted from the newsletter what had been achieved at Gloucester Docks. Mr Holmes reported that Ar Tarn Group had a stall at the recent Millenium Green event which had been useful to make contact with new people.

Mr Holmes referred back to the minutes of June's Town Council meeting (Minute: 6625) when Cllr Goodman had stated that she would be surprised if 60% of the Town did not want another supermarket. Mr Holmes stated that 60% was a majority and urged the Town Council to support the majority. Reference was also made to Cllr Coe's personal opinion of pulling down the Lawrence factory.

Mr Holmes confirmed that a DVD had been sent to all Town Councillors, except, Cllr Soans as they did not have his correct address.

Cllr Coe stated that he is in 100% agreement to having a community use facility, small shops etc. on the Lawrence Factory Site however he is concerned that the existing Lawrence Factory on the site is stopping potential developers from coming forward.

Cllr Tebbutt thanked the member of the public for their contribution.

<b>6636</b>	<p><b>Minutes of Town Council meeting held on 18 June 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>Immediately prior to the meeting Cllr Humfrey submitted a number of corrections to the County Councillor Report given verbally on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009. These amendments were considered and a change was made to:</p> <p>Minute 6625, page 201, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph – was amended as follows: She would accept it if it was recorded ‘the <b><i>overwhelming</i></b> majority’ of residents instead of 98%.</p>
<b>6637</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p>Minute 6623: A letter has been sent to Cllr H Smith, Cabinet Member for Environment, Growth and Transport at NCC re: the pedestrian crossing over the A6 Bypass and the roundabout at the Great Bear Distribution Centre.</p> <p>Minute 6630.14: A letter has been sent to Planning Enforcement at KBC</p>

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<p><b>6638</b></p>	<p><b>Rothwell &amp; Desborough Urban Area Extension Plan – Consultation Results</b></p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that the Planners at KBC have taken on board the comments made and are currently working on a final proposal which will be circulated for consultation later this year. Once the document is finally agreed it will be sent to the Secretary of State for ratification.</p> <p>At the Planning Policy Committee meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 transport and traffic congestion for both Rothwell and Desborough were discussed. It was agreed that the Highways Agency will be asked to look at signage for HGVs.</p> <p>It was also noted at the meeting that the provision of the footbridge in Desborough was to be funded from the Section 106 Agreement for The Grange. There was a requirement that if provision of the footbridge was not brought forward within a given period of time, the developer was required to show ‘best endeavours’ to complete this project and to provide a sum of money for delivery of the footbridge in the future. The strategic importance of the footbridge to provide linkage between The Grange and Desborough Town Centre was expressed by Councillors.</p> <p>It was considered essential that discussions take place with NCC regarding education provision.</p> <p>It was noted that Rothwell Gullet forms a strong visual barrier between Rothwell &amp; Desborough, and was previously designated a County Wildlife Site.</p> <p>It was resolved that the results of the public consultation on the Rothwell and Desborough Urban Extension Area Action Plan – Proposed Submission be noted and the officer responses to comments raised during the Position Statement consultation be agreed as amended, and taking into account the comments made, as discussed at the meeting.</p>
<p><b>6639</b></p>	<p><b>Website Development</b></p> <p>The Clerk had circulated a report prior to the meeting for consideration. It was <b><u>AGREED</u></b> to set up a working group to look at the development of a website for the Town Council. Members of the working group will be: Cllr Tebbutt, Cllr Goodman, Cllr Durward, Cllr Derbyshire and the Clerk. The Clerk will also ask whether Cllr Dixon would like to join the group.</p> <p>Cllr Coe raised concern as to the cost of establishing and running a website.</p>

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**County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Humfrey continues to serve on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and she is now on the Personnel Committee which she finds interesting in view of the continued NCC restructuring.

Resurfacing and improvement of the Harborough Road has started.

For over 3 years Cllr Humfrey has asked for a Sure Start/Children's Centre in Desborough. Her ideal placing of this being at the Hawthorns Leisure Centre which provides ample grassland. Cllr Humfrey has now heard from Council Officers that Desborough is to have such a Children's Centre, with a building developed on the NCC land between the Library (using the present large print section) and the Co-op building. This information has not been confirmed in writing. However, the Library Manager is aware of the proposal but is not aware of a timescale for work to commence.

Last week Cllr Humfrey visited the Camrose Children's Centre in the Spencer Ward of Northampton. This is an exemplary Centre with an 'outstanding' rating from Ofsted. The Centre is interesting with its major involvement of parents with children's development, beginning with pre-natal classes.

Cllr Humfrey also attended the Police Liaison Meeting at Burton Latimer Town Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

<b>6641</b>	<p><b>Borough Councillors' Reports</b></p> <p>Cllr Derbyshire reported back on the meetings she had attended.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that he had today, along with the three Heads of Schools in Desborough and the Chairmen of the Governors, met with the Director of Education for Northamptonshire. They discussed the needs for the future of the Desborough schools taking into consideration The Grange Housing Estate. Cllr Tebbutt had the opportunity to drive the Director around Desborough to show him where the housing may be found.</p> <p>Cllr Coe commented that NCC had carried out a very good job in trimming the trees within the Recreation Ground and along Dunkirk Avenue.</p> <p>Cllr Coe also asked whether a map of the Traveller Site locations had been received from KBC. The Clerk reported that she had originally requested the map on submission of planning application KET/2009/0155 on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009. When no information was received she had written to Mr M Harvey- Case Officer, Development Services KBC on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009. An e-mail was then sent to the Planning Department on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009 attaching the letter again. No acknowledgement or reply has been received. It was <b><u>AGREED</u></b> that the Clerk will write to Mr M Hammond, Deputy Chief Executive at KBC.</p>
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<p><b>6642</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>Points for Action:</u></b></p>
<p><b>6642.1</b></p>	<p><b>Website Design:</b> see minute 6639.</p>
<p><b>6642.2</b></p>	<p><b>Town &amp; Parish Council Funding Review:</b> The Clerk’s report detailed the three consultation events organised by KBC. Cllrs were requested to inform that Clerk as to which session they will attend.</p>
<p><b>6642.3</b></p>	<p><b>Parish Enhancement Gangs:</b> Information regarding the new gangs has been sent by MGWSP which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. <b>The Town Council has been asked to think about</b> how this new resource can be utilised. Cllr Tebbutt asked for comments to be sent to him prior to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 as he will be attending the ‘roads’ meeting at the beginning of December.</p>
<p><b>6642.4</b></p>	<p><b>Northants CALC Planning Training:</b> Northants CALC is working in partnership with Planning Aid to deliver a number of courses as detailed in the Clerk’s report. Councillors should contact the Clerk if they would like to attend.</p>
<p><b>6642.5</b></p>	<p><b>Northants CALC AGM:</b> This will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 7.30pm at Moulton Village Hall. The Town Council are requested by 15<sup>th</sup> September to appoint two delegates to attend the Northants CALC AGM and identify other representatives who wish to attend, submit any resolutions for debate and confirm any nominations for the County Committee.</p> <p>It was <b><u>AGREED</u></b> that Cllr Derbyshire and the Clerk will attend the AGM.</p> <p><b><u>Points for Information:</u></b></p>
<p><b>6642.6</b></p>	<p><b>Pocket Park (Minute 6613.5):</b> The Family Fun Day will be held in the Park on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009 from 10.00am to 1.00pm.</p>
<p><b>6642.7</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence File:</b> This month’s file contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly Parish Crime Report</li> <li>• Desborough &amp; District Twinning Association Newsletter</li> <li>• Village Viewpoint – the magazine of Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England)</li> <li>• Phoenix – Centre Screen Northamptonshire - information</li> <li>• Longhurst Group – team of housing companies – information</li> <li>• Northamptonshire LINK – information</li> <li>• Swine Flu Up-date, KBC</li> </ul>



<b>6643</b>	<b>Community reports</b>
<b>6643.1</b>	<p><b>Town Centre Partnership:</b> Cllr Goodman reported that Mr M Crick the Chairman of the Desborough Carnival Committee would like to thank the members of the Town Council and Town Centre Partnership who helped marshall at the Carnival. The TCP are currently working on the Christmas Gala Night arrangements.</p>
<b>6643.2</b>	<p>Cllr Goodman reported that there is a JAG meeting to be held at Marlow House on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009 starting at 2.00pm.</p> <p><b>Civic Society:</b> Cllr Hollinshead reported on a recent lecture about Mr Gotch with regard to significant buildings in Kettering. The talk had been very interesting.</p>
<b>6643.3</b>	<p><b>Twinning:</b> A copy of the latest newsletter was circulated to Councillors.</p>
<b>6644.4</b>	<p><b>Youth:</b> The Clerk circulated a written report and e-mail update which had been sent by Mr J Putt, Chairman of the DYC Management Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt and Cllr Derbyshire reported on a presentation they had attended at the Northants CALC Larger Councils Partnership with regard to a project concerned with reaching young people who do not want to attend organised activities.</p>

<b>6645</b>	<b>Financial report</b>																																				
<b>6645.1</b>	<p><b><u>Quarter 1 Report @ 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk gave a report on the Town Council’s accounts as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 for information.</p>																																				
<b>6645.2</b>	<p><b><u>Councillor Travel Expenses</u></b></p> <p>It was <b><u>AGREED</u></b> that Town Councillors can claim travel expenses for attendance at training courses which will be reimbursed at a rate of 45p per mile or the cost of standard class public transport which is in line with KBC. Cllrs are to complete the Councillor claim for expenses form, distributed. Further copies of the form can be obtained from the Clerk.</p>																																				
<b>6645.3</b>	<p><b><u>Accounts for Payment:</u></b></p> <p>The following payments were <b><u>APPROVED</u></b> for payment:</p> <table border="1"> <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>101020</td> <td>£505.57</td> <td>Mrs L Parkin</td> <td>Salary &amp; Expenses (July 09)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101081*</td> <td>£110.94</td> <td>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</td> <td>PAYE &amp; NI (July 09)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101082</td> <td>£35.00</td> <td>Vine Community Trust</td> <td>Hall Hire</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101083</td> <td>£59.05 (£53.60 + £5.45 p&amp;p)</td> <td>LexisNexis</td> <td>Local Council Administration Book, Arnold-Baker, 8<sup>th</sup> edition (Minute: 6629.2)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101084</td> <td>£18.00</td> <td>Cllr G Dixon</td> <td>Travel Expenses to Northants CALC course ‘Off to a Flying Start’</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101085</td> <td>£35.00</td> <td>Vine Community Trust</td> <td>Chq 101012 (£35) for hall hire on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009 cannot be located by Marlow House and has not been presented for payment.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101086</td> <td>£455.00</td> <td>Mrs L Parkin</td> <td>Salary &amp; Expenses (August 09)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101087</td> <td>£110.94</td> <td>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</td> <td>PAYE &amp; NI (Aug 09)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* A new cheque book containing cheques 101021 – 101080 was sent to the Clerk by Barclays Bank in April, it was not received. This cheque book has been cancelled and the new cheque book issued commences with cheque no. 101081</p> <p>Cheque 101014, £8.50, Vine Community Trust (payment for the JAG meeting hall hire) was verbally reported and approved by Desborough Town Council at the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009. The Clerk omitted to record this agreement in the minutes.</p>	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>	101020	£505.57	Mrs L Parkin	Salary & Expenses (July 09)	101081*	£110.94	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (July 09)	101082	£35.00	Vine Community Trust	Hall Hire	101083	£59.05 (£53.60 + £5.45 p&p)	LexisNexis	Local Council Administration Book, Arnold-Baker, 8 <sup>th</sup> edition (Minute: 6629.2)	101084	£18.00	Cllr G Dixon	Travel Expenses to Northants CALC course ‘Off to a Flying Start’	101085	£35.00	Vine Community Trust	Chq 101012 (£35) for hall hire on 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2009 cannot be located by Marlow House and has not been presented for payment.	101086	£455.00	Mrs L Parkin	Salary & Expenses (August 09)	101087	£110.94	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (Aug 09)
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<p><b>6646</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>6646.1</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0351 – 88 Federation Avenue, Desborough – Full application: 1 no. dwelling.</b> No objection.</p>
<p><b>6646.2</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0360 – Plots 45, 48, 49, 51, 57, 58, 63, 64, 68, 69, 71, 72, 74 Pipewell Road (land off), Desborough – Full application: Substitution of house types and the removal of plots 61 and 73.</b> Type 77 appears to be inferior in both looks and size. Footpath &amp; hedge comment as KET/2009/0309. Ease of movement – again where is the train station which is a 20mins walk? Adaptability etc. no firm commitment to water minimisation and recycling. Question their compliance with CABE silver standard minimum required by KBC.</p>
<p><b>6646.3</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0357 – 50 Breakleys Road, Desborough – Full application: Two storey side and first floor rear extension, single storey rear extension and loft conversion.</b> Appears to be suitable for outline application only. Drawings and details difficult to comprehend. Windows overlooking neighbours and relative positions are not defined in both position and type. Following a visit to the site no. 44 is a bungalow and the whole redevelopment looks overwhelming to the neighbours.</p>
<p><b>6646.4</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0383 – 4 Castleton Road, Desborough – Full application: Single storey side extension, with chimneys to side and rear elevation.</b></p>
<p><b>6646.5</b></p>	<p>No objection provided the neighbours are informed.</p> <p><b>KET/2009/0287 – 73 Queen Street, Desborough – Full application: Single storey rear extension and hardstanding for parking.</b> No objection provided the neighbours have no objection. Is this a retrospective planning application? The Clerk reported at the meeting that KBC have granted permission for the above application.</p>
<p><b>6646.6</b></p>	<p><b><u>Notices of Approval received:</u></b></p> <p><b>KET/2009/0248 (Minute 6616.5) – 2 Breakleys Road, Desborough – Full Application: Replace existing 2 no. detached garages with one pair of semi detached garages.</b></p>
<p><b>6646.7</b></p>	<p>KBC have granted permission for the above application.</p>
<p><b>6646.8</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0138 – 150 Pioneer Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Erection of decking to rear</b> KBC have granted permission for the above application.</p>
<p></p>	<p><b>KET/2009/0155 – Stoke Albany Road (Land at), Desborough – Full</b></p>

<b>6647</b>	<b>Confidential Item of Business</b>  Cllr Tebbutt read the following statement: ‘That, under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended), the press and public be excluded for the following item of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted’.  The members of the public present at the meeting left the room at this time. The meeting was re-opened to members of the public and press at 8.59pm.
	<b>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00 PM</b>  ..... <b>CHAIRMAN</b>

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