

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 17th September 2009.

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr M Tebbutt (Chairman), Cllr P Goodman (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Coe, Cllr P Malin, Cllr J Derbyshire, Cllr I Hollinshead (8.40pm), Cllr M Dearing, Cllr D Soans (9.55pm)

Clerk: Leigh Parkin

Also in attendance: Cllr J Hakewill - Leader of KBC, PCSO J Parish. There were many members of the public present at the meeting a number requested to speak: J Kemp, G Reid, R Orr, J Green, L Clements, S Barthorpe, C Chambers, P Holmes, G Holmes, S Clayton, K Wright, S Howes.

6648	<p>Chairman's announcements</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt stated that he had attended the Higham Ferrers Civic Service on Sunday 13th September 2009.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt officially re-opened the redeveloped 2nd Desborough Scout Group Headquarters based at the United Reform Church, Desborough.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt highlighted the public exhibition being held by Sainsbury's in St. Giles Community Centre on Friday 18th September and Saturday 19th September 2009. The exhibition will provide members of the public with the opportunity to look at Sainsbury's plans for a new food store in Desborough, meet members of the development team and provide feedback.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt also highlighted a Public Information Event being held by Kettering Borough Council on Thursday 24th September 2009 at Kettering Conference Centre, 10.00am to 5.00pm. The aim of the event is to help members of the public to understand the East of Kettering Planning Application and key issues. A leaflet about the event was distributed to Councillors and is to be placed in the noticeboards.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt attended the KBC Executive Committee on Wednesday 16th September 2009 where it was announced that Kettering is to become the Volleyball Centre of England. KBC have contributed £30,000 to this development.</p>
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<p>6649</p>	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dixon, Cllr Durward, Cllr Bindley. It was RESOLVED to approve the apologies for absence received. It was noted that Cllr Dearing had sent his apologies to the Town Council in respect of the meeting held on 21st May 2009 but that they had not been received/recorded.</p> <p>Cllr B Humfrey, NCC County Councillor and Mr R Matthews, Rothwell & Desborough Futures Ltd also gave their apologies.</p>
<p>6650</p>	<p>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</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>
<p>6651</p>	<p>Feedback from the Stakeholder Meeting – 14th September 2009</p> <p>Cllr J Hakewill, Leader of KBC attended the meeting to provide feedback from both the Stakeholder meeting which had taken place on Monday 14th September 2009 and the KBC Executive Committee held on Wednesday 16th September 2009. Cllr Hakewill confirmed the decision of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Hakewill explained that issues relating to the Lawrence Factory Site and Desborough Town Centre have been discussed over a number of years. Interest has been shown in the Lawrence Factory Site and KBC will consider the best bid and subsequent planning applications.</p>

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Representations from members of the public

Members of the public raised the following matters in respect of the Lawrence Factory Site and the Grange housing estate:

- Many residents on the Grange are not aware of what is going on in Desborough and do not feel included within the Town. Many people on the Grange do not want a giant supermarket in centre of the Town, however, they have not been asked for their opinion.
- People do not come into the Town as there is little shopping.
- There is little for children to do in the Town.
- A supermarket in the centre of the Town will provide jobs, however, jobs will be lost when the small businesses close as a result of the supermarket.
- Small traders are worried about a supermarket being built in the Town Centre but not on the Grange.
- Sainsbury's are proposing to build a supermarket on the Grange. It is Sainsbury's company policy to employ 80% of local people in their stores.
- Cllr Coe and Cllr Tebbutt were thanked for the comments they made at the Executive Committee. Cllr Dearing, in his presentation to the Executive Committee, did not mention the new traders that have opened in Desborough since January 2009.
- There is concern that Tesco's will buy the Lawrence Factory Site and it is understood they have commenced negotiations with neighbouring properties.
- The Town Councillors have been let down by KBC. The Town Council should stand up for its residents and work with ATAG.
- ATAG have developed outline plans for the Lawrence Factory Site and they invited any interested parties to look at the plans.
- An apology was requested from Cllr Hakewill in respect to comments he made on a radio interview earlier in the day.
- Concern was raised that if a supermarket is built on the Lawrence Factory Site the loading bays will be very close to some existing residential properties. A number of these properties are within the Conservation Area and cannot be altered, such as, fitting double glazing, which would reduce noise pollution.
- A new supermarket in the Town Centre will not encourage a family culture within the Town. Concern was raised as to the current level of vandalism and burglary within the Town.
- It is uncertain as to what will happen to the occupied flat situated on the Lawrence Factory Site. Cllr Coe was thanked for taking the time to speak to the occupant of the flat.
- This development has been agreed for expediency. KBC have spent £2m buying the Lawrence Factory Site and they need to get their money back. The proposed development has not been agreed in the interests of Desborough.
- Desborough and other similar towns in the county need to be in charge of their own destiny.
- Which party lines does Desborough Town Council follow?

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Police report

PCSO Parish went through the crime figures for August 2009.

Concern was raised by a member of the public that Community Support Officers are rarely seen on the Grange. PCSO Parish explained that the Safer Community Team cover 22 villages and towns however the Grange is supported. Mr J Kemp, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, confirmed that a Neighbourhood Watch meeting for the Grange had been held earlier in the week. He offered to contact the relevant Police Officer to find out what happened at the meeting.

The issue of young children playing along and on the road on the Grange was also highlighted. In particular Ironwood Avenue is of concern especially since the buses started running. The roads are still unadopted, there are no parks and the children are playing on the street or on derelict ground.

Cllr Tebbutt spoke about a survey the Rockingham Forest Trust completed about 18 months ago which identified the need for park areas. Cllr Tebbutt will follow up these issues with the Planners. In the meantime residents were urged to report concerns to either the KBC Response Centre which is situated in the Library or to the Police.

There is a new website address for Neighbourhood Watch – www.mynhw.co.uk. This information is to be placed in the noticeboards.

Cllr Hollinshead asked about the distraction burglaries reported in the paper today. PCSO Parish is to find out more information.

Cllr Goodman stated that concern had been raised at the Joint Action Group meeting in respect to a prolific shoplifter in the Town. PCSO Parish said that this particular situation is currently being dealt with as anti-social behaviour but that it could eventually lead to court.

Cllr Tebbutt stated that a detailed investigation into CCTV in the Town Centre is currently being undertaken by the Police.

Concern was raised by a member of the public that Police Officers are not seen regularly in the Town. PCSO Parish explained that the Police have over the last few years had a big presence in the Town. The Police have also built a good working relationship with the primary schools and spend a lot of time talking to the children.

PCSO Parish urged residents to call incidents through to the Police so that they can be made aware of them and take action. Cllr Goodman stated that when a member of the public calls in an incident they should always get an incident number so that the call will be logged on the Police computer system. The new county-wide telephone number for all non-emergency calls to the Police is 03000

6654	<p>Stakeholder Meeting and KBC Executive Committee Decision</p> <p>Cllr Coe requested an opportunity for elected Councillors to speak about the outcome of the Stakeholder meeting and KBC Executive Committee Decision.</p> <p>Cllr Coe had attended both meeting and raised concern about a number of issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 106 money raised from the development of the Lawrence Factory Site must come back into Desborough.• It has been stated that Atkins carried out an independent review for KBC however they have previously been contracted by NCC.• The European Grant of £2m received by KBC in respect of the land is for a community project and not to sponsor a shopping centre. <p>Cllr Tebbutt confirmed that the funding had come from Northamptonshire Enterprise Ltd and needs to be used to provide employment within the Town Centre. Cllr Tebbutt added that any Section 106 money should be used in Desborough to support the regeneration of the Town Centre.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the B1 and B2 planning conditions in respect of the Lawrence Factory Site had been changed to include A1. Concern was raised that no discussion had taken place with Councillors prior to this change.</p> <p>Cllr Coe also raised concern as to Cllr Hakewill's comments on a radio interview earlier in the day in respect of the current occupant of the flat beside the Lawrence Factory Site. Cllr Coe will be writing to KBC to seek clarification as to the occupants' tenancy agreement.</p> <p>Cllr Goodman stated that if the only planning application received is for the Sainsbury's Supermarket on the Grange then the future of the Town Centre is at stake. If there is a developer interested in the Lawrence Factory Site as stated by the ATAG group then they need to come forward.</p> <p>Cllr Soans stated that he will be fighting to make sure Desborough gets a community building within the Town.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt referred back to the statement he had made at the KBC Executive Committee meeting on the previous evening (Minute: 6652).</p>
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<p>6655</p>	<p>Minutes of Town Council meeting held on 16 July 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>An amendment was made to:</p> <p>Minute 6641, page 210, 3rd paragraph – Cllr Coe commented that NCC and KBC had carried out a very good job in trimming the trees.</p>
<p>6656</p>	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Minute 6623: An acknowledgement letter has been received from 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 reply has been received from the Enforcement Officer at KBC re: 1 Peaslands. A copy of the letter has been distributed to Councillors.</p> <p>Minute 6641: A reply has been received from KBC in respect to the questions raised about planning application KET/2009/0155. A copy of the letter has been circulated to Councillors.</p>
<p>6657</p>	<p>Town & Parish Council Funding Review</p> <p>Following a discussion it was unanimously <u>AGREED</u> that Desborough Town Council wish to continue with the current grant system (Option 1). This option will still give the Town Council the ability to raise a local precept if required. The Clerk is to write to KBC to confirm the view of the Council.</p>
<p>6658</p>	<p>Website Development</p> <p>The Clerk distributed a report to the Councillors following a meeting of the Working Group on 11th September 2009. It was <u>AGREED</u> that Councillors will view the websites highlighted in the report and feedback views/comments to the Clerk.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Cllr Coe stated that he is still concerned as to the costs involved in establishing and maintaining a website when members of the public can access the Desborough Town Council file held in Desborough Library.</p> <p>Cllr Goodman confirmed that in order to become a Quality Council part of the criteria is the provision of a Town Council website.</p>

<p>6659</p>	<p>County Councillor's Report</p> <p>No report had been received.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt confirmed that Cllr Soans and he had received an e-mail with regard to an overgrown tree outside 9 Leys Avenue, Desborough.</p>
<p>6660</p>	<p>Borough Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Cllr Dearing reported back on the meetings he had attended. He stated that he had received a number of telephone calls and e-mails with regard to Sainsbury's. In addition there had been a complaint about a dog barking on the Grange Estate. This is currently being dealt with by Shirley Plenderleith, Environmental Services, KBC.</p> <p>Cllr Derbyshire reported back on the meetings she had attended. At the A6 Towns Forum Cllr Derbyshire raised issues about Pipewell Bridge Road. In addition she had asked the MP, Cllr P Hollobone, to write on behalf of Mr Lyndon Thomas of Birchfield Lodge, Rushton, after losing his planning application. Mr Thomas will be re-submitting a planning application. It was AGREED that the Town Council will write to Ms C Harvey, Head of Planning at KBC in support of Mr Thomas' application and to request that it is heard at a Full Planning Committee. The letter will be copied to Cllr P Hollobone, MP and Mr Thomas.</p> <p>Cllr Soans reported on the East of Kettering Development which provides for 5,500 houses to be built to the East of Kettering over the next 15 years. This is the largest development KBC has ever had to deal with. A Full Planning Meeting at KBC is to be held on 30th September 2009 in place of the Full Council meeting. Borough Councillors have previously attended a number of information meetings so that Councillors have had an opportunity to fully understand the development.</p> <p>Cllr Soans and Cllr Tebbutt attended the Task & Finish Group which is looking at the housing subsidy system.</p> <p>Cllr Soans reported that Sgt Tony Hopkins attended the A6 Towns Forum on 9th September 2009 which was his last meeting before moving to a new position within the Police Force. Sgt Hopkins was thanked for all support. Sgt Wayne Preece will be taking over from Sgt Hopkins. A discussion was held about CCTV in the Towns and a review is currently being carried out by PC I Cotterell.</p> <p>A full report with regard to dog fouling and litter bins is expected to be received from KBC and presented to the next A6 Towns Forum. At present there are no stickers on general rubbish bins to make the public aware that they can dispose of bagged dog faeces in these bins.</p>

6661	<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>
6661.1	<p>Railway Communications System: It was <u>AGREED</u> that the Clerk will write to Network Rail to ask them to contact Desborough Football Club in regard to utilising the communications mast already on their land.</p>
6661.2	<p>NHS Northamptonshire's Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2008/09: No members of the Town Council are available to attend this meeting.</p>
6661.3	<p>Operation Spring Bloom: The Clerk confirmed that KBC can supply 500 daffodil, 200 bluebell, 200 snowdrop and 200 crocus bulbs. It was <u>AGREED</u> that the Millennium Green Committee should be contacted to ask whether they would like to plant the bluebells and snowdrops. The Clerk is to contact the 2nd Desborough URC Scout Group to ask whether they would like to plant the daffodil and crocus bulbs on the Harborough Road near the roundabout for the Grange Estate and the Desborough entrance signs. Cllr Goodman and Cllr Hollinshead will support the Group if they would like to take part. KBC require pictures to be taken before and after planting.</p>
6661.4	<p>NCALC Autumn/Winter Training Programme: It was agreed that the Clerk should attend the Finance Level 2 course and Making Successful Grant applications. Cllr Derbyshire will be attending the 'Off to a Flying Start Course (Minute 6598.9 – 16 April 2009).</p>
6661.5	<p><u>Vitalise (essential breaks for disabled people and carers):</u> It was <u>AGREED</u> that the Clerk will write to Vitalise to explain that Desborough Town Council do not have the funding to support projects of this nature. It was suggested that the company contact NCC and KBC.</p>
	<p><u>Points for Information:</u></p>
6661.6	<p>Pocket Park (Minute 6642.6): The Family Fun Day held in the Park on Saturday 25th July 2009 raised £306.15. The steps down to the Park from the Prince Rupert Avenue entrance have been improved and a handrail installed. This work has been carried out as part of the Northamptonshire Community Foundation Grass Roots Funding Bid. New dog bins have been installed in the Park by KBC and it has been agreed that KBC will empty them on a fortnightly basis.</p>
6661.7	<p>Signage on the A6: Following a letter from Mr Hammond, Deputy Chief Executive of KBC, it is understood that NCC are willing to consider a limited number of signs on the A6 to advertise the existence of shops and other facilities in Desborough. In conjunction with the Chairman and Vice Chairman the Clerk put together a response. The letter was circulated to Councillors. A copy of the letter has also been placed in the Desborough Town Council file in Desborough</p>
6661.8	<p>Library.</p>

<p>6662</p> <p>6662.1</p> <p>6662.2</p> <p>6662.3</p> <p>6662.4</p>	<p>Community reports</p> <p>Town Centre Partnership: The next meeting will be held on 22nd October 2009.</p> <p>Civic Society: No report had been received.</p> <p>Twinning: A copy of the latest newsletter was circulated to Councillors.</p> <p>Youth: No report had been received.</p>																																
<p>6663</p> <p>6663.1</p> <p>6663.2</p> <p>6663.3</p>	<p>Financial report</p> <p><u>External Auditor Report</u></p> <p>The external auditor has completed the audit for Desborough Town Council for the year ended 31st March 2009. The Town Council <u>APPROVED</u> and <u>ACCEPTED</u> the annual return for 08/09.</p> <p>The ‘Notice of Conclusion of Audit’ will be placed in the Town Notice Board situated in front of the Oak Tree Pub. The Annual Return will then be available for inspection for a period of 14 days by arrangement with the Clerk.</p> <p><u>Chairman’s Charity Lunch – Sunday 19th July 2009</u></p> <p>The total raised was £745 which will be donated to Marlow House, which is the Chairman’s chosen charity for the year. The cheque will be presented to Marlow House on Saturday 17th October 2009 between 10.00am and 12 midday, during their coffee morning.</p> <p><u>Accounts for Payment:</u></p> <p>The following payments were <u>APPROVED</u> for payment:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No.</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Reason for Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>101088</td> <td>£466.27</td> <td>Mrs L Parkin</td> <td>Salary & Expenses (Sept 09)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101089</td> <td>£110.94</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI (Sept 09)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101090</td> <td>£35.00</td> <td>Vine Community Trust</td> <td>Hall Hire</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101091</td> <td>£125.00</td> <td>Ian Buchanan</td> <td>Internal Audit (07/08)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101092</td> <td>£155.25</td> <td>BDO Stoy Hayward LLP</td> <td>External Audit (08/09)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101093</td> <td>£8.50</td> <td>Vine Community Trust</td> <td>Hall Hire – JAG meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100152*</td> <td>£745.00</td> <td>Vine Community Trust</td> <td>Chairman’s Charity Lunch donation</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* Desborough Town Civic Ball Account</p>	Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment	101088	£466.27	Mrs L Parkin	Salary & Expenses (Sept 09)	101089	£110.94	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (Sept 09)	101090	£35.00	Vine Community Trust	Hall Hire	101091	£125.00	Ian Buchanan	Internal Audit (07/08)	101092	£155.25	BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	External Audit (08/09)	101093	£8.50	Vine Community Trust	Hall Hire – JAG meeting	100152*	£745.00	Vine Community Trust	Chairman’s Charity Lunch donation
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<p>6664</p>	<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>
<p>6664.1</p>	<p>KET/2009/0287 – 73 Queen Street, Desborough – Full application: Single storey rear extension and hardstanding for parking. No objection provided the neighbours have no objection. Is this a retrospective application? KBC have granted permission for this application.</p>
<p>6664.2</p>	<p>KET/2009/0396 – 7 Mayfield Road, Desborough – Full Application: New roof design to approved planning permission KET/2009/0279. No objection. KBC have granted permission for this application.</p>
<p>6664.3</p>	<p>KET/2009/0413 – 31 Leys Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Two storey rear extension, conversion of garage with pitched roof. No adverse comments assuming that adequate off road car parking available with loss of garage. It appears to be the largest increase of footprint on Leys Avenue. KBC have granted permission for this application.</p>
<p>6664.4</p>	<p>KET/2009/0357 (amended) (Minute 6646.3) – 50 Breakleys Road, Desborough – Full application: Two storey side and first floor rear extension, single storey rear extension and loft conversion. Views are unchanged from those submitted by Desborough Town Council by e-mail on 4th July 2009.</p>
<p>6664.5</p>	<p>KET/2009/0312 – 15 Bridge Street (Land adj.), Desborough – Outline application: New dwelling. This application has been withdrawn.</p>
<p>6664.6</p>	<p>KET/2009/0448 – 44 Headlands, Desborough – Full application: Conversion of bungalow to two storey dwelling. Huge concern re: access to property as on corner of Dunkirk Avenue/Headlands. Has any discussion taken place with the neighbour (Mrs Smith, 159 Dunkirk Avenue) whose property has some cover by overhang attached to existing garage? Concerns about overlooking next door property especially the landing window which should be obscure glass. Out of character with the area</p>
<p>6664.7</p>	<p>KET/2009/0449 – 14 Meissen Avenue, Desborough – S73 application: Conversion of garage into habitable room. No objection. Page 1/Question3 of the application form - is this a retrospective application?</p>
<p>6664.8</p>	<p>KET/2009/0462 – 6 Doulton Close, Desborough – Full application: Ground floor rear extension. No objection. Question 8 of the Application for Planning Permission Form has not been answered re: Neighbour & Community Consultation.</p>

	<p>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.03 PM</p> <p>..... CHAIRMAN</p>
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