

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 15th October 2009.

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr M Tebbutt (Chairman), Cllr P Goodman (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Derbyshire, Cllr M Dearing, Cllr G Durward, Cllr D Soans, Cllr D Bindley, Cllr G Dixon, Cllr R Parker

Clerk: Leigh Parkin

Also in attendance: Sgt W Preece, PCSO J Breeze

6665	<p>Chairman's announcements</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that he had attended the 'Last Night at the Proms' concert hosted by Rushden Town Council on Saturday 26th September 2009.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt and Cllr Soans recently completed a St. Giles Walkabout with representatives from the Borough Council. They had concentrated on the street scene, for example, footpaths.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt will be presenting a cheque to Marlow House at 9.30am on Saturday 17th October 2009 for the sum of £745 which is the proceeds from the Chairman's Charity Lunch held in July.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt had attended Thrapston's Civic Service. On Sunday 18th October 2009 Cllr Tebbutt will be attending Rushden Town Council's Civic Service and on Sunday 25th October 2009 he will also be attending Irthlingborough Town Council's Civic Service.</p> <p>Cllr Goodman will be attending Corby Mayor's Civic Service on Sunday 25th October.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reminded the Town Councillors that Desborough Town Council's Civic Service will be held on Sunday 1st November 2009 at St Giles Anglican and Methodist Church. Councillors are to meet at St Giles Community Centre at 9.50am.</p>
6666	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hollinshead, Cllr Coe and Cllr Malin. It was RESOLVED to approve the apologies for absence received.</p> <p>Mr R Matthews, Rothwell & Desborough Futures Ltd also gave his apologies.</p>

6667	Declarations of Interest by Councillors Cllr Soans would not take part in any consideration of planning matters as he is on the Planning Committee at the Borough Council.
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6668**Police Report**

PCSO Breeze went through the crime figures for September 2009. She reported that there has been a 23% reduction in anti-social behaviour compared with this time last year.

The Town Council welcomed Sgt Preece to the meeting who has replaced Sgt Hopkins. Sgt Preece stated that he is committed to rural policing and will attend as many meetings as possible.

Cllr Dearing expressed concern that the July/August crime figures had risen. Sgt Preece explained that there will be peaks and troughs in the figures. The figures are analysed so that they can address the peaks to ensure they do not persist.

Cllr Bindley questioned whether there are problems along Station Road. PCSO Breeze explained that there had been a couple of incidents but they have been dealt with.

Cllr Goodman asked about a recent incident along Harborough Road when it was reported that about 12/14 youths were 'laying into' another youth. Sgt Preece is to look into this.

Cllr Tebbutt reported that increasing the number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes is a key focus across the Borough at present. The Clerk reported that Mr J Kemp, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator had confirmed, following discussions at September's Town Council meeting (Minute 6653), that the following schemes have been set up in The Grange at a Neighbourhood Watch meeting held on 14th September 2009:

- Honeysuckle Road
- Ironwood Avenue/The Rides
- Buttercup Road
- Rosebay Road

There is already a scheme up and running in Burdock Way.

It was noted that as part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme there is a significant discounts when purchasing Smart Water through the Police.

Cllr Tebbutt stated that a CCTV report for Desborough had recently been completed by PC Cotterell which was submitted to Sgt Hopkins and Kettering Borough Council.

Sgt Preece was requested to bring detection figures to the next meeting for discussion.

<p>6669</p>	<p>Representations from members of the public</p> <p>There were no representations from members of the public.</p>
<p>6670</p>	<p>Minutes of Town Council meeting held on 17 September 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>6671</p>	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Minute 6652: The Clerk reported that the Cleansing Department at KBC has confirmed that they will empty the dog bins along the Plens Walk once a week and more regularly if they are full.</p> <p>Minute 6660: A letter has been sent to Ms C Harvey, Head of Planning at KBC in support of Mr Thomas' planning application. The letter has been copied to Cllr P Hollobone, MP and Mr Thomas. Cllr Coe has also written to KBC in support of this application his letter was read out at the meeting. It was noted that Mr Thomas has contacted a number of the Town Councillors.</p> <p>Minute 6661.3: The Operation Spring Bloom bulbs are to be delivered at the beginning of November.</p>

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Planning Application KET/2009/0500

Councillors looked at the plans in detail with particular reference to the details of Phases 1 and 2 of the development.

Cllr Tebbutt stated that although the developer may be providing ‘like for like’ in size compared to the Hawthorns Leisure Centre standards have changed since this facility was built and you can no longer get the same amount of facilities into the same footprint. It was noted that there is no provision for a bar/social centre.

The planning application also provides for 13 social houses. Councillors are unsure why these have been included in the leisure centre application. From the plans it is understood that the inclusion of social houses reduces the number of car parking spaces available for users of the Leisure Centre. Councillors felt that the provision of social houses should be subject to a separate planning application.

Cllr Tebbutt reported that he had received an e-mail from Mr S Perry, Chairman of the Desborough Town Junior Football Club which made a number of suggestions to change the proposal. Cllr Tebbutt read out the e-mail at the meeting. It was **AGREED** that the Town Council fully endorse the suggestions made by the Junior Football Club. The e-mail is to be forwarded to the Portfolio Holder, Community Services Officer and Planning Department at KBC.

Cllr Tebbutt also read out comments which had been sent to him by Cllr Coe. These comments will be included in Desborough Town Council’s formal response to KBC.

Other issues/questions raised were:

- There is no facility for family/baby changing
- There is no refreshment area
- There are no parking spaces for coaches
- Will the external multi use games area be lit appropriately to allow it to be used when it is dark?
- Who will be responsible for re-surfacing the multi-use games area?
- The proposed football pitches are for junior use what provision is there for 16-18 year olds to continue playing football?

Concern was raised in respect of a recent newspaper report where an officer from KBC was quoted as saying that when the New Leisure Centre opens the old one will close the following day. Concern was expressed that this can only happen if both phases of the development have been completed and all existing clubs and facilities have been re-located appropriately.

A formal response to KBC in respect of this application is required from the Town Council by Wednesday 21st September 2009. However, due to the number of concerns Councillors and current facility users have in respect of the plans Cllr Tebbutt, Cllr Dearing and the Portfolio Holder have requested an urgent meeting with Planning Officers at KBC. Once this meeting has taken place Desborough

<p>6673</p>	<p>Website Development</p> <p>At September’s meeting (Minute: 6658) Councillors were asked to provide feedback/comments in respect of the websites highlighted on a report distributed by the Clerk. No feedback was received in respect of the websites.</p> <p>It was <u>AGREED</u> that a report will be made to a future meeting with a proposal and associated costing. It was suggested that income could be raised to put towards the set up and running of the website if local businesses were able to advertise on the site.</p>
<p>6674</p>	<p>County Councillor’s Report</p> <p>No report had been received. It was <u>AGREED</u> that the Town Council will write to Cllr Humfrey to request that she send a type-written report to the Clerk prior to the meeting if she is unable to attend.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that the surface of the road along Lower King Street has been patched but that the surface is still not very good. It was noted that there continues to be enforcement issues about the re-surfacing of roads particularly in relation to work carried out by contractors such as utility companies.</p> <p>Cllr Dixon asked who is responsible for cutting the grass on the roundabout situated in front of Magnetic Park as it is not being maintained. The Clerk confirmed, in respect of this issue, she had written to Cllr H Smith, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation, NCC in July, copied to Cllr Humfrey (Minute 6625, 18th June 2009). To date only a letter of acknowledgement has been received from Cllr Smith. It was <u>AGREED</u> that the Clerk will write to Cllr Smith again including photos of the roundabout taken by Cllr Tebbutt. Cllr Tebbutt reported that he had also sent these pictures to the Planning Officers at KBC who are producing a report as to how roundabouts should be maintained.</p>

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Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllr Dearing reported that he had been dealing with a number of concerns raised by residents:

- Football being played on the Green in Buxton Drive;
- Trees along Neuville Way, this is to be included in the Loatlands Walkabout.

Cllr Dearing reported that Loatlands School are running a 'Walk to School Initiative' week commencing 19th October 2009. Prizes will be awarded to winners of specific categories. Cllr Dearing has given the school £50 of book tokens to use as prizes from his Ward Initiative Fund.

Cllr Soans reported that he had attended a Full Planning Meeting at KBC held on 30th September 2009 when the East of Kettering development was considered. First outline permission has been granted for houses only. A large number of matters have been identified as 'reserved matters' over the life of the development which will be dealt with by the Planning Committee and not Officers.

Cllr Soans and Cllr Tebbutt attended the Task & Finish Group.

As part of the St. Giles Walkabout Cllr Soans attended with Cllr Tebbutt and Officers from KBC they visited the Council Offices along Station Road. Cllr Soans would like to investigate whether these offices and in particular the Council Chamber could be used again. He requested that this issue be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Cllr Soans will be attending the A6 Towns Forum on Wednesday 4th November. At this meeting he is hoping to receive a report on dog fouling and litter picking.

Cllr Derbyshire was due to attend the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (NCALC) 'Off to a Flying Start' course however she was unable to attend due to a major traffic accident on the A14.

Cllr Derbyshire fed back from the NCALC AGM held on Wednesday 14th October 2009 which she attended with The Clerk.

Cllr Derbyshire attended the NHS Northamptonshire Teaching Primary Care Trust public engagement workshop 'Delivering the Future' with Cllr Goodman. The workshop reported back on progress towards the Trusts' strategy 'Facing the Future' and explained how the Trust is focusing its attention on tackling the most serious health issues of today as well as helping people live longer and healthier lives. Participants were asked how they thought the Trusts' resources would be best invested, so that they can make the biggest difference for patients. A county wide meeting will take place on Tuesday 17 November between 9.30am and 1.30pm at Kettering Conference Centre. The event will enable the Trust to feedback results from the regional meetings and identify overall priorities for 2010. The Clerk has a copy of the NHS Northamptonshire 2008/09 Annual Report

6676	<p>Clerk's report</p> <p>The Clerk has sent all correspondence required after the last Council Meeting.</p>
6676.1	<p><u>The Service of Remembrance:</u> The Service of Remembrance will be held at the St Giles Anglican and Methodist Church at 10.00am on Sunday 8th November 2009. It was <u>CONFIRMED</u> that Cllr Tebbutt will be the Town Council's representative.</p>
6676.2	<p><u>Borough of Kettering – Mayor's Charity Ball 2009:</u> The event is to be held on Friday 13th November 2009 at Wicksteed Park Pavilion, Kettering.</p>
6676.3	<p><u>Desborough Civic Service:</u> The Service will be held at St. Giles Anglican and Methodist Church, Desborough at 10.00am on Sunday 1st November 2009. Town Councillors are requested to arrive at the community centre by 9.50am. After the service light refreshments will be provided.</p>
6676.4	<p><u>Desborough Christmas Lights 2009:</u> The Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from Chris Underwood, KBC, outlining the costs to check, install, maintain and take down the Christmas Lights for Desborough for 2009 is estimated at £2,940 + VAT. The cost to re-position the Christmas Cracker from the top of Havelock Street to the side of Marlow House will be approximately £500. The Clerk has requested a breakdown of the estimated costs to re-position the Cracker.</p>
6676.5	<p>The Town Council <u>AGREED</u> the estimated cost of the Christmas Lights and <u>IN PRINCIPLE AGREED</u> the re-positioning of the Cracker subject to a breakdown of costs being provided by KBC. It was <u>AGREED</u> that Cllr Goodman could review the breakdown of costs when received and give permission to proceed with this work.</p>
6676.6	<p><u>Desborough Pocket Park:</u> Desborough Carnival Committee has confirmed that they will be making a donation of £50 to the Pocket Park. The next Work Day for volunteers is due to be held on Saturday 24th October 2009 from 10.00am to 1pm. The Clerk explained that following receipt of the Council's Insurance Schedule from Zurich for 2009/10 it had been confirmed that the Town Council must approve all events organised by the Pocket Park Volunteer Group so that these events are fully covered by the Town Council's insurance. The Town Council <u>AGREED</u> that the Work Day could take place on 24th October 2009.</p>
6676.7	<p><u>Northamptonshire Electric Blanket Testing Week – 26th to 30th October 2009:</u> Northamptonshire County Council's Trading Standards and Fire and Rescue Service is offering free safety tests for electric blankets. Details have been placed in the notice boards.</p> <p><u>Kettering Town Centre Transport Strategy:</u> Kettering Borough Council is currently seeking residents' views on a new Transport Strategy for the Town Centre. The focus of the strategy is on improving pedestrian and cycle routes,</p>

6677	Community reports
6677.1	<p>Town Centre Partnership: The next meeting will be held on 20th October 2009. It is expected that 1 or 2 new people will attend the meeting. The Town Centre Partnership will be supporting the Firework Night being organised by the Desborough Carnival Committee to be held on Sunday 1st November 2009 at the Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Cllr Goodman requested help from the Town Councillors on the morning and evening of the Gala Night to be held on Friday 27th November 2009.</p> <p>Cllr Goodman reported that the Marlow House Race Night raised £1,200.</p>
6677.2	<p>Civic Society: No report had been received.</p>
6677.3	<p>Twinning: A copy of the latest newsletter was circulated to Councillors. Cllr Tebbutt is to pass a copy of the newsletter to the Head of Havelock Infants School.</p>
6677.4	<p>Youth: No report had been received.</p>

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6678	Financial report																				
6678.1	<u>Town and Parish Council Funding Review</u>																				
	<p>It was reported that following the meeting of the Executive Committee at KBC on Wednesday 14th October 2009 it has been agreed that Option 1, continuation of the Grant System, will be adopted. The Grant awarded will increase/decrease in line with Government funding to KBC.</p>																				
6678.2	<u>Quarter 2 Financial Report @ 30th September 2009</u>																				
	<p>The Quarter 2 financial analysis report was <u>APPROVED</u>.</p>																				
6678.3	<u>Financial Report Chairman’s Charity Lunch – Sunday 19th July 2009</u>																				
	<p>The Town Council <u>APPROVED</u> and <u>ADOPTED</u> the record of the financial outcomes of the Chairman’s Charity Lunch.</p>																				
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<p>6679</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>6679.1</p>	<p>KET/2009/0502 – 7 Headlands, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear extension No objection.</p>
<p>6679.2</p>	<p>KET/2009/0508 – 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) The plans are substitutes for houses previously agreed.</p> <p>The Town Council are astonished that Jelsons continue to include in their sustainable design statements that the site is a 20 minute walk from Desborough train station (Clause 4). If they do not get it right about their being no station what else is not right?</p> <p>Clause 6 - disappointed that alternative energy i.e. hot water solar, air or ground sourced heat pumps not used. Also rainwater harvesting for toilet flushing etc. not incorporated. No code level quoted for BRE or commitment to achieve CABE silver standard as minimum.</p> <p>When is the footpath link through to the Grange/proposed Leisure Centre to be instituted?</p> <p>General concern over the small room sizes of the linked properties.</p>
<p>6679.3</p>	<p>KET/2009/0559 – Humphreys Lodge Farm, Braybrooke Road, Desborough - S.73A Retrospective Application: Variation of condition 5 of KET/2005/0365 to increase outside storage to a maximum height of 3 metres The plans are from 2005. Containers are already situated on the site. There is a pile of tarmac planings on the site which require to be spread across the parking area to allow better access/parking for the articulated lorries which sometimes are parked 2 - 3 on the road. A Town Councillor spoke to the owners who stated that there is no change to the gates - this is an old plan.</p> <p>The proposed storage parallel with the Braybrook Road is behind a hedge, however, it would be very visible after the leaves fall in the autumn making it unsightly, some treatment will be needed.</p>
<p>6679.4</p>	<p>KET/2009/0500 – Ironwood Avenue (Land off), Desborough – Full Application: Leisure Centre with associated car parking, external games, play areas and sports pitches. 13 no. new build social houses Discussion held by the Town Council as an agenda item is reported in Minute</p>

	<p>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15 PM</p> <p>..... CHAIRMAN</p>
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Date