

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 18th February 2010.

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr M Tebbutt (Chairman), Cllr P Goodman (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Bindley, Cllr D Coe, Cllr M Dearing, Cllr P Malin

Clerk: Leigh Parkin

Also in attendance: PCSO J Breeze, PCSO P Firth, Cllr B Humfrey - County Councillor, P Holmes and other members of the public.

6723	<p>Chairman's announcements</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that he had represented the Town Council at the funeral of Rifleman Aiden Howell.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt has attended the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 28.01.10 - Northants Waste Partnership Board Meeting;• 29.01.10 – Visited Ashford, Kent to see Town Centre improvements which have been influenced by use of shared space, where pedestrians and drivers have equal access;• 03.02.10 – A6 Towns Forum. <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that he has also dealt with the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A problem was reported by a resident in respect of the Linley Drive housing development. Lorries were reversing along Linley Drive whilst the Harborough Road entrance was out of action. Cllr Tebbutt spoke to the Site Supervisor and contacted the Police who also visited the Site.• The temporary 7.5 tonne signs have been received from NCC and deployed around the Town. They will be taken down on 4th March 2010.• Cllr Tebbutt has visited the Cemetery to view the improvement work that is being undertaken. On 4th February 2010 Cllr Tebbutt met with KBC and the contractors to see the damp problems around the chapel and discuss how they plan to remediate this.• Cllr Tebbutt has donated £300 of his Ward Initiative Fund to the Desborough Junior Town Football Club.• Cllr Tebbutt has been sent sketch plans for a proposed new memorial to be added to the existing War Memorial for those service personnel killed since 1945. A copy of the plans will be forwarded to Town Councillors for comment at March's meeting. The British Legion have also been asked to comment..
6724	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Hollinshead (family commitment), Cllr D Soans, Cllr G Durward (bad weather conditions). It was RESOLVED to approve the apologies for absence received.</p> <p>Cllr J Spencer, Bozeat Parish Council, Ms P Bellamy, Community Services – KBC, Mr R Matthews, Rothwell & Desborough Futures Ltd also gave their apologies due to the bad weather.</p>

6725	Declarations of Interest by Councillors None
6726	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt raised concern that the crime figures and detection rates had not been received by the Clerk prior to the meeting as normally is the case. PCSO Firth commented that other towns/villages had also reported the same problem and that the issue would be raised at the JAG meeting on Friday 19th February 2010.</p> <p>PCSO Firth went through the crime figures for January 2010. It was highlighted that there have been two racist offences which are being dealt with as the offenders, primarily 15/16 year old youths, are known to the Police. There has also been a number of criminal damage incidents along Gladstone Street. The offenders in a recent firearms incident were arrested and dealt with.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that there has been a strong smell of a substance around the public toilets. Cllr Dearing reported a group of children that have started to gather by the tree between the library and Co-Op. Cllr Goodman also raised the issue of youths littering and drinking around the Buckwell Street/Co-Op area which is an alcohol exclusion zone. The Police are aware of these issues. A number of underage test purchases were carried out last weekend across Kettering, the shops in Desborough were OK.</p> <p>PCSO Firth reported that the Police have received some funding for youth workers to work with young people who have been highlighted as potentially becoming a problem.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt thanked PCSO Firth for helping him to put up the temporary 7.5 tonne signs. It was reported that the signs have already been ignored mainly by foreign drivers. The Police are actively dealing with this situation. Cllr Tebbutt is also chasing the Highways Agency in respect of a 7.5 tonne sign along the A14.</p> <p>Cllr Coe raised concern about youths throwing snowballs at the bus he was on earlier in the day. Cllr Coe highlighted that he feels there are road safety issues in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saxon Close – Cars, at present, can park both sides of the road. Cllr Coe thinks that double yellow lines should be placed on the Hazelton House side of the road to ensure safer/easier access for delivery vehicles etc. to the back of the shops. • The George Pub road junction - the white lines are wearing away and there is confusion as to who has priority at this junction. <p>Cllr Tebbutt stated that he had included the issue of road markings in a report to Ms C Claunch, Volunteers Coordinator, Transport & Highways at NCC following the Highway Representative Annual Day Conference in December 2009. It was <u>AGREED</u> that the Police and County Councillor will follow-up these concerns. The Clerk is to forward Cllr Tebbutt's e-mail to Ms Claunch and a copy of the letter sent to Mr Smith, Area Manager MGWSP, with regard to the work of the Parish Enhancement Gangs to Cllr Humfrey.</p> <p>PCSO Breeze commented that the bollards that have been installed on the pavement outside the Chinese are working, however, there is a continual problem of cars parking on the double yellow lines further along this stretch of road. Additional bollards may</p>

	help this situation. Cllr Tebbutt confirmed that it was the resident who lives next to the Chinese Take Away who paid for the bollards.
6727	<p>Representations from members of the public</p> <p>Members of the public raised the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following Cllr Bindley's comments at January's Town Council meeting with regard to shopkeepers in the Town not supporting the development of a supermarket at The Grange a member of the public has undertaken a survey of the shopkeepers. A copy of the survey and the answers received was e-mailed to Cllr Bindley and Cllr Tebbutt and read out at the meeting. Cllr Tebbutt stated that he had replied to the member of the public. • Concern was raised as to the following comment made by the Town Council at January's meeting (Minute 6716/3rd paragraph) – 'The views of the 'AR Tarn Action Group' decrying the Town Centre siting i.e. Lawrences Factory Site are not representative of all residents and should be discounted'. It was requested that it be recorded in the minutes that the 'AR Tarn Action Group' do not represent everybody although they have surveyed many people. • It was highlighted that residents on The Grange Housing Estate are unaware of the Town Council's position in respect of Lawrences Factory Site/Sainsbury's planning application which is why people don't engage with the Council. It was suggested that Councillors should be 'out there' and that one way of reaching more residents would be through the development of a website. <p>A member of the public has recently obtained a copy of the Feasibility Study, following intervention from the Information Commissioner, undertaken on behalf of KBC in respect of Key Site 1 and the Lawrences Factory Site. The Information Commissioner has agreed that the member of the public can use this study as they see fit as it is now in the public domain. The member of the public made the following comments about the study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern was raised in respect of the use of third party land and the earmarked demolition of a property to provide pedestrian access. • The study shows that car parking will be the minimum required even though Desborough has a parking problem which would not be alleviated. People will not walk/cycle to the supermarket if they have shopping to carry. • Access to a supermarket on the Lawrences Factory Site both for pedestrians and vehicles appears to be extremely dangerous with some 'politically sensitive' issues in respect to local streets. • The study includes a statement that EMDA funding was secured for the purchase of 21/21a Harborough Road under the condition that if the properties were not demolished within a number of years the funds would have to be returned to EMDA. The member of the public has contacted EMDA and under the Freedom of Information Act has obtained a copy of the contract. There is not a condition of this nature in the contract schedule. The member of the public can supply a copy of the contract to any Councillor. • The Study is badly written and inaccurate leading to a flawed document being used to drive a flawed decision forward. • The AR Tarn Action Group has an outline scheme which would provide for affordable housing, some small commercial units and a chance to do something for the community with the factory.

	<p>Cllr Tebbutt thanked the member of the public for her comments.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt stated that the Town Council had hoped that the Lawrences Factory Site would be utilised as a mixed use site as detailed in the original European tender process. Unfortunately the identified developer was unable to proceed with the development. Cllr Tebbutt is sure that if KBC could sell the land in line with the original brief they would be delighted to do so. At present no planning application has been submitted for the Lawrences Factory Site. Possible future plans submitted for the Site cannot be pre-judged.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt asked the member of the public if she would provide the Clerk with a copy of the Feasibility Report so that it can be placed in the Desborough Town Council file held at the library.</p>
6728	<p>Minutes of Town Council meeting held on 21 January 2010</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>
6729	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Minute 6713.1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judo Classes - Cllr Humfrey reported that the Judo classes have not started yet. She raised concern that a member of the public had reported the classes are too expensive. The price for the classes has not been advertised and will be subsidised as funding to support the classes has been obtained. • Big Lottery Application for a Youth Drop-In Centre – KBC has offered to arrange a meeting with the member of the public, a representative from the Kettering Voluntary Network and a member of KBC's Community Services Team. <p>Minute 6715: The Clerk is awaiting confirmation from Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association that they will be attending the Town Council meeting in March.</p> <p>Minute 6721.1: Cllr Tebbutt signed the final version of the agreed Desborough Town Council budget for 2010/11.</p> <p>Minute 6722.17: Cllr Goodman stated that she had reported her concerns to KBC in respect to a possible breach of Planning Control at the workshop and premises at Bottom Farm, Stoke Albany Road, Desborough.</p>
6730	<p>Desborough Green Space</p> <p>Ms P Bellamy, Infrastructure and Asset Development Manager – KBC, was unable to attend the meeting due to the bad weather. Ms Bellamy is to be invited to the next Town Council meeting.</p>
6731	<p>Emergency Planning</p> <p>Cllr J Spencer, Chairman of Bozeat Parish Council, was unable to attend the meeting due to the bad weather. Cllr Spencer is to be invited to a future meeting.</p>
6732	<p>County Councillor's Report</p>

	<p>Cllr Humfrey stated that she has contacted the Travellers Unit at NCC in respect of the two traveller caravans at the top of Braybrooke Road.</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey has also been contacted by members of the public from Linley Drive and Harborough Road in respect of Linley Drive housing development. Concerns have been raised in respect of the lorries reversing out of Linley Drive, vehicles splashing properties with mud and that workmen have been throwing food away on the floor. Cllr Humfrey organised for KBC Environmental Health to visit the Site.</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey is meeting Mr N Gore, NCC Community Engineer, to look at the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linley Drive following the complaints by residents about the lorries; • Gladstone Street – Cllr Humfrey would like Gladstone Street to be one way. NCC has stated that the street is too long for this to happen and that the pavement on the non-house side is half a metre wider than it should be. NCC is to undertake a feasibility study into narrowing the footpath. <p>Cllr Humfrey confirmed that she will also speak to Mr Gore about the points raised at the Town Council meeting. Cllr Tebbutt confirmed that he is happy to meet Mr Gore with Cllr Humfrey.</p> <p>Cllr Goodman raised the issue that the road sign situated on the corner opposite The George Pub needs to be mounted on the wall as the footpath is very narrow making access difficult for electric scooters and pushchairs.</p> <p>A discussion was held around continued concerns about the repair of potholes and repairs to roads carried out by the utility companies.</p> <p>It was <u>AGREED</u> that the Town Council should write to Mr John Trimble, Local Engineering Team Leader, NCC, with regard to the Highways issues raised at the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey briefly highlighted her current other main areas of work as a County Councillor including the review of the constitution of the County Council in respect of the working relationship between Councillors and Officers.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt thanked Cllr Humfrey for her report.</p>
6733	<p>Borough Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Cllr Dearing reported that he has been contacted by concerned residents of Linley Drive in respect of the housing development. Cllr Dearing is aware that the recent planning application in respect of Linley Drive (KET/2009/0732) has been refused. It is unclear as to what S.106 agreements are in place for both the Linley Drive and Oak Tree Close housing developments. The Clerk is to forward the Notice of Refusal for KET/2009/0732 to Cllr Dearing. It was <u>AGREED</u> that Cllr Dearing will draft a letter to the Planning Department at KBC to request a copy and clarification as to the S.106 agreements that are in place, how they will be triggered and where this money will be spent.</p> <p>Cllr Dearing attended the KBC Executive meeting on 17th February 2010 where the main</p>

	<p>points for discussion were the regeneration of the Market Place, Kettering and the budget for 2010/11.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that the results of the public consultation in respect of Sheep Street and Market Square, Kettering were reported to the KBC Planning Policy Committee before a report was submitted to the KBC Executive meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that it has been recommended by the KBC Executive for a 3.5% increase in the Council Tax for 2010/11.</p>
6734	Clerk's report The Clerk has sent all correspondence required after the last Council Meeting.
6734.1	A14 Corridor Traffic Management Scheme: The Town Council CONFIRMED that it is agreeable to the diversion routes near Desborough on the nights of 1, 2 and 3 rd March 2010.
6734.2	Northants CALC Special General Meeting: The Town Council WILL NOT be appointing delegates to attend the meeting.
6734.3	Desborough Christmas Lights: The Clerk confirmed that the cost of re-wiring the two square lights will be approximately £80 to £100. The Town Council AGREED that the square lights should be kept however they should not be re-wired at this stage as they will not be used for Christmas 2010. The Clerk is to contact KBC to request continued storage of the two square lights and to find out why they need re-wiring.
6734.4	Annual Review of Desborough Town Council's Policies and Procedures: The Clerk, Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Durward will be meeting at 10.00am on Thursday 4 th March to undertake an annual review of the Town Council's policies and procedures. This will include looking at the New Model Standing Orders for Local Councils recently published by the National Association of Local Council (NALC). A report will be produced for the Town Council to consider any recommended changes.
6734.5	Northamptonshire Councils' Charter: The Town Council AGREED that this document will be considered at the next Town Council Meeting.
6734.6	Pocket Park (Minute 6719.1): The Clerk up-dated the Town Council on Pocket Park events and current issues. The Volunteer Group has been awarded a 'Bitesize' Grant of £500 from Northamptonshire ACRE to undertake a public consultation event.
6734.7	Northamptonshire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Cockerel Rise, Desborough – Prohibition of Driving Order 2010: NCC are proposing to make an Order to prohibit any motor vehicle, with the exception of buses, to proceed in any direction along the length of Cockerel Rise, Desborough from its junction with Ironwood Avenue for a distance of 67 metres in a northerly direction. Cllr Goodman referred back to comments made by a member of the public earlier in the meeting with regard to the proposed supermarket access on the Lawrence Factory Site. Cllr Goodman believes that with the Cockerel Rise Prohibition Order the same access problems will occur on the proposed Sainsbury's Site negating the earlier argument.

6734.8	<p>National Policy Statements for Energy Infrastructure: The Government are currently consulting on the draft National Policy Statements (NPSs) for energy infrastructure. Full details of the consultation are available at: https://www.energynpsconsultation.decc.gov.uk/. The consultation closes on Monday 22nd February 2010.</p>															
6734.9	<p>Correspondence File: This month's file contains:</p>															
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desborough Town Council Standing Orders • NCALC Update January – February 2010 • NCALC Training Calendar 2010 • Your Guide to Health Services in Northamptonshire 2010 • Alzheimer's Society Befriending Scheme leaflet • Information re: NSPCC Helpline • A14 Corridor Traffic Management Scheme Newsletter Winter 2009 & diversion map • A6 Towns Forum Minutes 04/11/09 • Desborough & District Twinning Association Newsletter • KBC Development Services – Planning Committees – information leaflet 															
6735	<p>Community reports</p>															
6735.1	<p>Town Centre Partnership: Cllr Goodman reported that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th March 2010.</p>															
6735.2	<p>Civic Society: No report was received.</p>															
6735.3	<p>Twinning: The Clerk reported that she had just received February's newsletter for distribution.</p>															
6735.4	<p>Youth: No report was received.</p>															
6736	<p>Financial report</p>															
6736.1	<p>Business Deposit Accounts: The Town Council APPROVED the closure of one of the Business Saver Accounts with the money being transferred to the remaining Account.</p>															
6736.2	<p>Accounts for Payment:</p>															
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6737	<p>Planning Applications</p>															

	The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or to be made at the meeting:
6737.1	<p>KET/2009/0763 – Green Leaf Developments Ltd – 20 Braybrooke Road (land rear of), Desborough – Full Application: 3 bed detached bungalow Backland developments are not supported, where they have been permitted the character of the area is substantially diminished. No. 8 on the Planning Application Form - the purchase of the land appears to be the only form of consultation. No consultation with the Council or possibly other neighbours?</p>
6737.2	<p>KET/2010/0030 – 17 Regent Street, Desborough – Full Application: Two storey rear extension No objection assuming the neighbours have been notified.</p>
6737.3	<p>KET/2010/0055 – Noramur Estates Ltd – 32 Harborough Road, Desborough – Full Application: Detached dwelling Please note sustainability statement does not seek to achieve KBC objectives of 'CABE' Silver Standard as minimum.</p> <p>Does this fit in with the street plan? Nos. 26 & 28 now demolished no. 36 stands empty. Unsure what is being achieved.</p> <p>Concerns regards lack of garage ('off-road' will mean using grass verge). Reference sustainability 1.6 the cycle storage does not appear to be shown on the plan.</p>
6737.4	<p>KET/2010/0064 – 74 Rushton Road, Desborough – Approval of Reserves Matters: Two storey house with integral garage. New driveway and garage to no.74 Please note sustainability statement does not provide data on 'CABE' Silver Standard of KBC and Core Spatial Strategy. No objection as long as visibility is OK from Westmoorland Drive onto Rushton Road. Decent use of spare lawn.</p>
6737.5	<p>KET/2010/0071 — Berry's – Birchfield Lodge, Desborough Road, Rushton – Environmental Statement Screening Opinion: Formation of 2 no. specimen trout fishing lakes, a junior lake, stock pond, the erection of a facilities building, machinery store, hatchery, the change of use of land for the siting of a mobile home for occupation by the site manager, formation of car parking and access areas, plus landscaping. This is for information only and is not requiring consultation.</p>
6737.6	<p>KET/2010/0092 – Mr Pritchard Goodman – Braybrooke Road (Land at), Desborough - Environmental Statement Scoping Opinion: Request for scoping report on site for commercial uses including B1, B2 and B8, C1 and C2 uses. Construction of new roundabout, areas of open space, necessary internal road network and public footpath/cycleway links Awaiting comments.</p> <p><u>Notices of Approval received:</u></p>
6737.7	<p>KET/2009/0717 (Minute: 6722.7) – 20 Ise View Road, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey front extension and porch KBC has granted permission for the above application.</p>

6737.8	KET/2009/0739 (Minute 6708.9) – Lodge Farm, Arthingworth Road, Desborough - (KET/2007/0156) S73 Change of use application: Existing potato and seed warehouse to B8 warehousing KBC has granted permission for the above application.
6737.9	KET/2009/0740 (Minute 6708.10) – 14 Headlands, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey annexe to rear KBC has granted permission for the above application.
6737.10	KET/2009/0727 (Minute 6722.6) – 16 Wilton Close, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey front extension KBC has granted permission for the above application.
6737.11	KET/2009/0750 – 38 Harborough Road, Desborough – Persimmon Homes (Midlands) – Full Application: Double garage KBC has granted permission for the above application.
	<u>Notices of Refusal received:</u>
6737.12	KET/2009/0732 (Minute 6708.10) – Linley Drive (Land off), Desborough – S73: Variation of condition 3 (parking/garages) and 6 (Approved plans list) of KET/2007/1085 KBC has refused permission for the above application.
	THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.52 PM CHAIRMAN