

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 17th June 2010.

PRESENT

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

Clerk: Leigh Parkin

Also in attendance: PCSO J Parish, PCSO M Lawson, Cllr B Humfrey – County Councillor, Ms V Hitchman – Head of Community Services KBC, Ms P Bellamy, Infrastructure & Asset Development Manager KBC, Mrs P Holmes Ms M Easton, Mrs J Wardle, Mr P Meurisse and other members of the public

<p>6786</p>	<p>Chairman’s announcements</p> <p>Cllr Goodman has attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30/05/10 – Rothwell Civic Service; • 31/05/10 – Rothwell Ancient Street Fair – 806th Proclamation; • 16/06/10 – NCC Local Councils Conference; • 17/06/10 – Friends of Desborough Library Coffee morning. <p>Cllr Goodman reported that the Chairman’s Charity Lunch held on behalf of the previous Chairman, Cllr Tebbutt, on 6th June 2010 raised approximately £450 which is to be donated to Marlow House.</p> <p>The Desborough Civic Service is to be held in September, date to be confirmed.</p>
<p>6787</p>	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Dixon. It was <u>RESOLVED</u> to approve the apologies for absence received.</p>
<p>6788</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>6789</p>	<p>Police Report</p> <p>PCSO Parish went through the crime figures for May 2010.</p> <p>Concern was raised by a member of the public about damage caused to a number of properties following the England football match on Saturday 12th June 2010. Cllr Tebbutt will e-mail Sgt Preece with regard to this situation.</p>
<p>6790</p>	<p>Update report on the New Leisure Centre and Desborough Green Space</p> <p>It was <u>AGREED</u> by the Town Council to move this agenda item forward to allow members of the public to speak afterwards.</p>

Chairman

Date

6790.1

New Leisure Centre: Ms V Hitchman, Head of Community Services – KBC, gave an update on the New Leisure Centre. The following key points were raised through discussions:

- 27/04/10 – The planning application for the New Leisure Centre was approved by KBC subject to certain s.106 conditions;
- The planning application included 13 affordable homes. The developer has since asked to have the flexibility for these homes to be sold on the open market. The Planning Department has advised that this request needs to be considered by the Planning Committee to be held on 20th July 2010;
- Once work starts on the development it needs to be completed within twelve months;
- The leisure centre will be built in two phases. Funding has not been secured for the second phase but it is hoped it will be built within 3/5 years;
- KBC are currently facing a difficult financial situation therefore it is hoped that external funding can be identified through s.106 agreements to develop Phase 2;
- The second phase will also include a larger fitness suite which could allow the fitness area from Phase 1 to be utilised for community activities in agreement with the management of the centre;
- Concern was raised that the parking will not be adequate as it will also serve the Desborough Green Space;
- Current national guidance is that play areas are not fenced unless there are safety issues, such as, a busy road. The play areas will not be charged for;
- Concern was raised over the safety of the access road to the new leisure centre;
- On completion of both phases of the new leisure centre it will be bigger and better than the existing facility although it is recognised that standards with regard to the provision of space and equipment have changed over the years;
- Until the new football pitches are in place the football pitches at the Hawthorns Leisure Centre can continue to be used;
- There are no plans to build another skate park at the new leisure centre;
- Discussions are ongoing between the squash club and KBC as squash courts will not be provided until Phase 2. There is concern that squash is being driven out of town;
- Parkwood who currently manage the Hawthorns Leisure Centre will take over the management of the new centre;
- A recent survey undertaken within Desborough identified that there is public support to keep the existing leisure centre open. If the Town Council, or any other body, develop a financial viable scheme to keep the current leisure centre open it will be presented to KBC Executive for consideration. It was **AGREED** that this should be a future agenda item for the Town Council to discuss.

Ms Hitchman advised that any further questions should be put in writing to her at KBC.

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Desborough Green Space: Ms P Bellamy, Infrastructure and Asset Development Manager – KBC, gave an up-date on Desborough Green Space. The following key points were raised through discussions:

- A project team is currently working on a master plan as to how the space is to be used and managed. A draft consultation plan should be in place for July;
- The information being used by the project team relates to a survey undertaken in 2007 by Rockingham Forest Trust;
- The land does not yet belong to KBC and is currently being transferred;
- Parking for the Green Space will be provided at the new Leisure Centre;
- Concern was raised as to why the developer has not started these projects as agreed in the s.106 agreement. There is no legal redress for this situation with the developer,

	<p>however, KBC are to ensure that once the work commences it is completed on time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local Wildlife Trust Group is being consulted about the development of the Green Space especially in relation to The Plens Nature Reserve. • Concern was raised about an agreement with regard to the County Park in the legal purchase contracts for residents of the Grange Housing Estate. The member of the public who raised this concern was asked to supply a copy of his agreement to the Clerk; • Concern was raised with regard to the safety of access to the Grange Housing Estate over the Harborough Road and on the railway bridge. It was <u>AGREED</u> that this should be a future agenda item for the Town Council to discuss. <p>Ms Bellamy confirmed that she will attend a future Town Council meeting with regard to consultation on the master plan when it is completed. Cllr Goodman thanked Ms Hitchman and Ms Bellamy for attending the meeting.</p>
<p>6791</p>	<p>Representations from members of the public</p> <p>The following key points were raised by members of the public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Friends of Desborough Library Group has been established and is enrolling members and undertaking fundraising events to further develop the services provided within Desborough Library; • Desborough Community Development Trust is in the process of being formed which will be a community led organisation committed to the regeneration of Desborough. Details of their first meeting were provided and an open invitation was extended to the Councillors to attend the meeting; • The Town Council was asked to express it's support for the crèche facility and family pub/eating place to be provided on Magnetic Park as outlined in the original plans; • A question was raised as to how the provision of a community building would be financed; • Concern was raised as to the number of office jobs that will not be created as identified on the original plans for Magnetic Park if the Sainsbury's planning application is approved. • Concern was raised as to a conflict of interest for the Borough/Town Councillors pictured in a recent CJC Development leaflet distributed to houses on the Grange Housing Estate. <p>It was confirmed that the Sainsbury's planning application is to be considered by KBC at a special meeting to be held on 22nd July 2010. Until a decision is made in respect of this planning application the original outline plans for Magnetic Park still stand supported by the Town Council.</p> <p>Cllr Goodman stated that concerns about perceived conflicts of interest and threats as to action that will be taken against identified Councillors were inappropriate for the Town Council meeting and should be dealt with appropriately through KBC.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt, Cllr Derbyshire, Cllr Dearing and Cllr Soans each stood and declared that as Borough Councillors their permission had not been sought by CJC Development Ltd to use their pictures or contact details in the recent leaflet.</p> <p>Cllr Goodman thanked members of the public for attending the meeting.</p>

<p>6792</p>	<p>Minutes of Town Council meeting held on 20 May 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>
<p>6793</p>	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minute 6779: Ms Hitchman, Head of Community Services – KBC, has confirmed that the Economic Development Grant Funding will be paid directly to the Town Centre Partnership. • Minute 6781: Written confirmation that football can continue to be played on the Hawthorns Site until alternative pitches are provided has been requested from Ms Hitchman, Head of Community Services – KBC.
<p>6794</p>	<p>Desborough Town Councillor Vacancy</p> <p>It was <u>RESOLVED</u> to approve the vacancy of a Desborough Town Councillor. The Clerk will write to the Chief Executive of Kettering Borough Council to inform him of the vacancy.</p>
<p>6795</p>	<p>County Councillor’s Report</p> <p>Cllr B Humfrey gave an up-date on expenditure from her Empowering County Councillor’s Fund. Cllr Humfrey is trying to get a replacement ‘Desborough’ sign for Pipewell Road.</p> <p>It was requested that the trees along Dunkirk Avenue are trimmed prior to the Carnival on 26th June. Cllr Humfrey is to follow up.</p>
<p>6796</p>	<p>Borough Councillors’ Reports</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt thanked all concerned for a successful Chairman’s Charity Lunch. Cllr Tebbutt reported he had attended the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 03/06/10 - Tenants Forum; • 09/06/10 - Monitoring & Audit; • 13/06/10 - KBC Civic Service; • 16/06/10 - KBC Executive. <p>Cllr Derbyshire reported that she had attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/04/10 – NCC Local Councils Conference. <p>Cllr Dearing gave an up-date on the new KBC Generic Wardens. Cllr Dearing reported that he had attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21/05/10 – Tresham College Awards; • 16/06/10 – KBC Executive. <p>Cllr Soans reported that he had attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25/05/10 – KBC Planning Committee; • 10/06/10 - Round 8 of the National Cycle Race in Kettering Town Centre; • Kettering Old Grammar School Committee.

6797	<p>Clerk's report</p> <p>The Clerk has sent all correspondence required after the last Council Meeting.</p>
6797.1	<p><u>NCALC Larger Councils Partnership Meeting:</u> It was <u>AGREED</u> that Cllr Tebbutt will attend the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 14th July 2010, 7pm to 9pm, venue to be confirmed.</p>
6797.2	<p><u>New Signage:</u> Cllr Humfrey, County Councillor, confirmed that she was dealing with the new signage. It was <u>AGREED</u> that the Clerk will write to Mr Boyes, Traffic Engineer at NCC to emphasise that the new signs need to be positioned to ensure that HGVs going to Magnetic Park travel via the A6.</p>
6797.3	<p><u>Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Proposed Submission Control and Management of Development DPD:</u> It was <u>AGREED</u> that Cllr Tebbutt will read and draft a response to this document to be presented to the Town Council meeting in July.</p>
6797.4	<p><u>Kettering Household Waste Recycling Centre:</u> It was <u>AGREED</u> that Cllr Goodman and Cllr Derbyshire will attend the official opening ceremony being held on 21st July 2010.</p>
6797.5	<p><u>Footpaths:</u> The Clerk read out an e-mail from Mr R Martin, Desborough Path Warden, which outlined current obstructions on a number of the Desborough footpaths and his recent correspondence with MGWSP in respect to this.</p>
6797.6	<p><u>Desborough Town Council Newsletter:</u> The Clerk has drafted a newsletter for comment by Councillors at the Town Council meeting in July.</p>
6797.7	<p><u>Pocket Park (Minute 6782.2. 3):</u> The Clerk confirmed that The Public Consultation/Fun Day will now be held in September. The date is to be confirmed.</p>
6797.8	<p><u>Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Core Strategy Development Plan Document:</u> NCC has formally adopted the Core Strategy Development Plan Document on 20 May 2010.</p>
6797.9	<p><u>KBC Forward Plan and Work Programme for May 2010:</u> http://www.kettering.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?downloadID=1842&fileID=4246</p>
6797.10	<p><u>Correspondence File:</u> This month's file contained (for information):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desborough Town Council Standing Orders • NCALC Update May – June 2010 • NCC Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Various roads, Pipewell vicinity (7.5 tonnes weight restriction) Order 2010 • Leaflet – Changes to your household waste recycling centre from 21st June 2010 • KBC Development Services – Planning Committees – information leaflet

<p>6798</p> <p>6798.1</p> <p>6798.2</p> <p>6798.3</p> <p>6798.4</p>	<p>Community reports</p> <p>Town Centre Partnership: Cllr Soans reported that the scheduled meeting for the TCP had been postponed and a new date had not yet been set.</p> <p>Civic Society: Cllr Hollinshead reported on recent talks held at the Heritage Centre and a successful VE Day celebration.</p> <p>Twinning: Cllr Goodman reported that Desborough is the only Town in Great Britain that is involved in the European Charter. It was AGREED that a more detailed discussion will be held to understand the implications of the European Charter at the next Town Council meeting.</p> <p>Youth: The Clerk read reports received from Mr James Putt, Chairman of the Desborough Youth Club Committee and Revd Paul Seaton-Burn.</p>																												
<p>6799</p> <p>6799.1</p> <p>6799.2</p> <p>6799.3</p> <p>6799.4</p> <p>6799.5</p>	<p>Financial report</p> <p>Internal Auditor Report: The Town Council ACCEPTED the report from the Internal Auditor, Mr C Barnard.</p> <p>Intermediate Audit Questionnaire: The Town Council CONFIRMED that the intermediate audit questionnaire form has been completed to the best of its knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010.</p> <p>Accounts for Payment:</p> <p>The following payments be were APPROVED:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="295 1227 1439 1451"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No.</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Reason for Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>101122</td> <td>£471.77</td> <td>Mrs L Parkin</td> <td>Salary & Expenses (June 10)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101123</td> <td>£35.00</td> <td>Vine Community Trust</td> <td>Hall Hire</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101124</td> <td>£125.00</td> <td>Mr C Barnard</td> <td>Internal Audit Fee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101125</td> <td>£700.00</td> <td>Cllr P Goodman</td> <td>Chairman's Allowance 2010/11 (Minute: 6767.5)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HM Revenue & Customs overpayment for Tax & NIC is £275.38 (Minute 6784.5). This overpayment is being offset against current monthly Tax and NICs until it is reclaimed: <table data-bbox="391 1675 885 1825"> <tr> <td>Total Overpayment</td> <td>£275.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PAYE & NI (May 10)</td> <td>£113.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PAYE & NI (June 10)</td> <td><u>£113.19</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Remaining Credit</td> <td><u>£ 49.00</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>Youth Engagement Scheme (Desborough Fire Prevention Service): The Chairman outlined that NCC has requested that the Empowering County Councillors Fund grant be paid to the Fire Service through the Town Council for audit/governance purposes. It was AGREED that the Town Council will receive the grant and pay it to the Fire Service.</p>	Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment	101122	£471.77	Mrs L Parkin	Salary & Expenses (June 10)	101123	£35.00	Vine Community Trust	Hall Hire	101124	£125.00	Mr C Barnard	Internal Audit Fee	101125	£700.00	Cllr P Goodman	Chairman's Allowance 2010/11 (Minute: 6767.5)	Total Overpayment	£275.38	PAYE & NI (May 10)	£113.19	PAYE & NI (June 10)	<u>£113.19</u>	Remaining Credit	<u>£ 49.00</u>
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<p>6800</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>6800.1</p>	<p>KET/2010/0288 – Smith, Biddle & Foster – Black Paddock, Park Lane, Braybrooke, Market Harborough – Full Application: Retention of use of land as traveller site for 3 no. traveller families.</p> <p>Point 4.6 is recognised, however, Desborough area is seen as having more than its quota/fair share and this was also recognised some 3-4 years ago. Point 4.9 is by reason of temporary sites being allowed.</p> <p>Additional facilities have been approved at The Pastures, Stoke Road, applicants should be directed there.</p> <p>The North of the Borough has more than enough Traveller Sites.</p>
<p>6800.2</p>	<p>KET/2010/0282 – 7 Headlands, Desborough, Kettering – S73 Variation of Condition 2 of KET/2009/0502 (Materials): Substitute slates with Sandtoft 20/20.</p> <p>No objection.</p>
<p>6800.3</p>	<p>KET/2010/0321 – Wildacre, Furlong Road, Desborough – Renewal of Extant Permission (Full): KET/2007/0076 (Erection of five No 4 bed homes from new private drive).</p> <p>This is an over development down a cul-de-sac road creating problems for other residents. It is noted that permission was originally granted on 14 May 2007 and this is a renewal. If it stands can it be reduced? This appears to have been time barred already.</p>
<p>6800.4</p>	<p>KET/2010/0313 – Heath & Hawkes Limited – 54 Union Street (Land adjacent to), Desborough – Full Application: 1 no. two storey dwelling.</p> <p>House acceptable but off road parking recommended as Union Street is highly congested already. Cars are often parked half onto the pavement. This could be achieved by footprint being moved further back.</p>
<p>6800.5</p>	<p>KET/2010/0303 – 3 Hathersage Close, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey side and rear extension, conversion of garage to form cloakroom and store.</p> <p>No objection.</p>
<p>6800.6</p>	<p>KET/2010/0291 – Travel Plaza, Harborough Road, Desborough – Renewal of Extant Permission (Full – Major): KET/2007/0168 (Two storey extension for 16 no. additional bedrooms with en-suite).</p> <p>No objection.</p>
<p>6800.7</p>	<p>KET/2010/0350 – 101 Braybrooke Road, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear extension.</p> <p>No objection.</p>
<p>6800.8</p>	<p>KET/2010/0263(amended) (Minute 6783.11) - 34 Princes Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey side extension.</p> <p>Off road parking provision in front of the extension is still the main consideration and should be provided. It is noted that privacy rights have been observed.</p>

	<p><u>Notices of Approval received:</u></p> <p>6800.9 KET/2010/0213 (Minute 6783.4) – 31 Addison Road, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear extension. KBC has granted permission for the above application.</p> <p>6800.10 KET/2009/0687 (Minute 6783.3) – 101 Union Street, Desborough – Full Application: Replacement garage. KBC has granted permission for the above application.</p> <p>6800.11 KET/2010/0206 (Minute 6768.9) – 42 Breakleys Road, Desborough – Full Application: Replacement bungalow and detached single garage. KBC has granted permission for the above application.</p> <p>6800.12 KET/2010/0214 (Minute 6768.10) – Persimmon Homes – 26&28 Harborough Road, Desborough – Approval of reserves matters: Erection of 2 no. semi-detached houses. KBC has granted permission for the above application.</p> <p>6800.13 KET/2010/0138 (Minute 6768.8) – 134 Rothwell Road (rear of), Desborough – Full Application: 1 no. dwelling. KBC has granted permission for the above application.</p> <p><u>Notice of Withdrawal of a Planning Application:</u></p> <p>6800.14 KET/2010/0198 (Minute 6768.6) – Woodcroft, Stoke Albany Road (land adj), Desborough – Full Application: Mobile home and replacement vehicular access. This application has been withdrawn and therefore KBC will take no further action; no formal decision will be made.</p> <p><u>Notice of Withdrawal of Appeal:</u></p> <p>6800.15 KET/2009/0421 (Minute 6664.10) – McCann Homes & Henry H Bletsoe & Sons – Harborough Road (land at), Desborough – Outline Application: Mixed use development comprising 210 residential units with affordable housing provision, 730 sq m of floor space for community use, landscaping and ancillary works (Appeal ref: APP/L2820/A/10/2123703NWF) KBC has been advised by The Planning Inspectorate that the above appeal has been withdrawn. Therefore, no further work will be undertaken by KBC with regards to this appeal.</p>
	<p>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.44 PM</p> <p>..... CHAIRMAN</p>