

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

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr P Goodman (Chairman), Cllr D Soans (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M Tebbutt (left 8.00pm), Cllr A Matthews, Cllr D Coe, Cllr I Hollinshead, Cllr M Dearing (arrived 7.50pm), Cllr D Bindley, Cllr P Malin, Cllr G Dixon

Clerk: Leigh Parkin

Also in attendance: Mr D Lane - Senior Community Services Officer at KBC, Ms E Yoxen - Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service and members of the public

<p>6863</p>	<p>Chairman’s announcements Cllr Goodman reported that she had attended the following events/meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23/10/10 – Twinning AGM & Supper • 29/10/10 – Attended a meeting with Cllr Soans at KBC re: Hawthorns Leisure Centre • 31/10/10 – Desborough Fireworks • 08/11/10 – Desborough Amateur Dramatic Society ‘A Christmas Carol’ • 11/11/10 – Remembrance Day at the War Memorial • 12/11/10 – KBC Mayor’s Charity Ball • 14/11/10 – Remembrance Service at St. Giles Church, Desborough • 14/11/10 – Youth in Concert, Derngate, Northampton <p>Cllr Goodman congratulated Cllr Humfrey, Northamptonshire County Councillor for her recent award for County Champion of the Community.</p>
<p>6864</p>	<p>Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Derbyshire (annual leave). It was <u>RESOLVED</u> to approve the apologies for absence received. Apologies were also received from the Police.</p>
<p>6865</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>6866</p>	<p>Police Report Cllr Soans reported on the crime figures issued to the recent A6 Towns Forum. There has been a 4 per cent increase in overall crime levels for Desborough. In comparison other A6 Towns are seeing a reduction in crime levels. The Police are committed to rectifying this situation by concentrating on Desborough with particular emphasis on criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>The issue was raised as to whether this is a real increase in crime or if more members of the public are reporting crimes. It was thought that it is a real increase in crime as other A6 Towns have seen a fall in crime levels.</p>
<p>6867</p>	<p>Representations from members of the public Members of the public made the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern was raised about the KBC Executive Committee meeting held on the

	<p>previous evening where the future of the Hawthorns Leisure Centre was discussed. It was agreed by the Executive Committee that the Hawthorns Leisure Centre will be demolished and the land sold for housing after the new leisure centre opens. It was felt that Borough Councillors on the Executive Committee were ill-informed and that Desborough Borough Councillors were not represented at the meeting. It was highlighted that KBC stands to gain £3.5 million from the sale of the land and Desborough will be left with a leisure facility for the town which offers less than the one we have at present.</p> <p>Concern was also raised by Councillors as to the decision of the KBC Executive Committee and the lack of provision for current sports clubs to be provided in phase I of the new leisure centre. It was highlighted that KBC has agreed that Desborough Town Junior Football Club can continue to use the Hawthorns Leisure Centre until appropriate facilities are provided at the new leisure centre. A discussion was also held about the current management agreement Parkwood has with KBC and that it is felt that they are not looking after the current leisure centre under the terms of this contract.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that she has received an e-mail from Mr Michael Cowland, Leisure & Cultural Services Manager at KBC (Minute 6848 – Oct 2010) who will be meeting CJC in early December. One of the topics for discussion will be the timescales for completion of the new leisure centre. He will up-date the Town Council after the meeting has taken place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A current shop owner within Desborough Town reported that he and a number of other traders within the Town, including two Town Councillors had recently visited Tiptree which had been sited by Tesco as a comparable town to Desborough. Tesco organised transport but members of the party who visited Tiptree took the opportunity to independently look around the Town talking to local traders and members of the public shopping in the Town and Tesco supermarket. Tiptree is a slightly larger Town than Desborough, accommodating both Tesco and Co-op supermarkets plus a range of local shops. The Tesco supermarket was built 7 years ago. Many of the local traders reported that there had been an increase in sales with more people coming into the Town since the arrival of Tesco. In addition Tiptree also previously had a problem with adequate levels of parking.
<p>6868</p>	<p>Minutes of Town Council meeting held on 21 October 2010 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>6869</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minute 6844 (Oct 2010): Ms Sue Lyons, Head of Legal Services at KBC, has confirmed that purchasers of properties are not party to S.106 agreements and have no rights to enforce them. Land ownership details are not confidential; anybody can apply for a copy from the Land Registry for a fee. The Clerk has requested a copy of the additional information offered by the member of the public in respect of his purchase agreement. • Minute 6846 (Oct 2010): An e-mail received from Mr John Conway, Head of Housing at KBC, with regard to continued problems with the noise levels of the heat pumps was read to Councillors. Temporary heating has been offered to the properties affected and it is hoped that all outstanding concerns will be addressed and that the new heating system scheme will consequently be implemented in the near future.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minute 6847 (Oct 2010): A letter of response from Mrs Cath Bicknell, Head of Planning at KBC, was read to Councillors stating that KBC is unfortunately unable to take the results of the Parish Poll into account at this time as there is no current planning application for a supermarket at Magnetic Park. The Clerk reported that KBC is not prepared to defer the payment required for running the Parish Poll into the next financial year. KBC is therefore looking at the Town Council's reserves to extract payment.
6870	<p>Rushton Road Play Area – Playbuilder Project update report</p> <p>Mr Dave Lane, Senior Community Services Officer at KBC attended the meeting to inform Councillors that the suspended Playbuilder funding for the Rushton Road play area has been re-instated and the project will go ahead. Mr Lane explained the concept of the play area, partner organisations KBC is looking to work with and the input into the design of the area by local school children. The play area needs to be completed by March 2011.</p> <p>The Town Council thanked Mr Lane for his hard work and continued support of the project.</p>
6871	<p>Northampton Fire & Rescue Service Home Fire Safety Checks</p> <p>Ms Emma Yoxen, Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service, attended the meeting to talk about a new initiative of Home Fire Safety Checks being carried out by trained volunteers on behalf of Northampton Fire & Rescue Service. Ms Yoxen provided the Council with a background to the Fire Service and volunteer programme. Potential volunteers should contact Ms Joanne Maddams, Emergency Planning Officer at NCC. Ms Yoxen is to provide the Clerk with contact details Ms Madams and the location of training sessions. An ex fire service officer volunteered at the meeting.</p>
6872	<p>Hawthorns Leisure Centre</p> <p>Cllr Soans thanked Councillors and members of the public for attending the KBC Executive meeting and for supporting him in trying to keep the Hawthorns Leisure Centre open. It was AGREED that the Town Council will continue to support the Working Group which is scheduled to next meet on Tuesday 23rd November 2010. This meeting will still take place with a report to be provided to the next Town Council meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey raised concern about the future of the Skate Park. Cllr Soans assured Cllr Humfrey that the Skate Park has not been forgotten.</p>
6873	<p>Bus Service Provision – Kettering – Desborough - Corby</p> <p>Cllr Bindley raised the issue that a bus direct to Corby from Desborough would have great benefit to the Town. It was highlighted that Desborough Community Development Trust is looking to undertake a survey on bus provision to Corby.</p>
6874	<p>KBC Dog Control Orders</p> <p>Cllr Soans reported on the proposed changes to KBC Dog Control Orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The offence of failing to remove dog faeces on any land which is open to the air to which the public are entitled to have access, with or without payment, with the Borough of Kettering; The offence of not putting, and keeping a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer on any land which is open to the air and to which the public are

	<p>entitled to have access, with or without payment, with the Borough of Kettering. A period of consultation in respect of these two Dog Control Orders will take place to be advised by KBC.</p>
6875	<p>Website Update The Clerk reported that the Trustees of Maud Elkington Trust have requested further information on the charitable purpose of the Town Council's grant application which will be reconsidered at their next meeting on 15th December 2010.</p>
6876	<p>Station Road Office The Clerk confirmed that a laptop has been purchased and the office will be available for use from 1st December 2010. The Town Council AGREED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A telephone/broadband connection with Opal. Details of the package, costs, length of the contract and penalty clauses for ending the contract early were presented to the Council by the Clerk. • The Clerk will work two days a week to include a Monday. A schedule of the office opening hours will be displayed in the notice boards and Library each month. • A printer/scanner/copier can be purchased in line with the original office proposal presented to Councillors at the Town Council meeting held on 21st October 2010 (Minute: 6852).
6877	<p>European Charter Cllr Goodman reported that the Chairman of the Desborough & District Twinning Association has recently visited Belgium as part of a group to receive the 2010 Golden Stars Active European Citizenship Award. A visit to Desborough is planned by the President of the European Charter in January 2011 (Minute 6853/Oct 2010).</p>
6878	<p>County Councillor's Report Cllr Humfrey reported that she continues to serve on various scrutiny committees and working parties mainly related to children of 16+. NCC's main concern at present is current cuts to budgets and services.</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey has been contacted by a representative for Eveden to discuss potential changes to the road layout outside the factory with the aim of allowing better access for large lorries and increase parking spaces. Cllr Tebbutt and Cllr Goodman have recently met with representatives from Eveden.</p>
6879	<p>Borough Councillors' Reports Cllr Dearing reported that he is dealing with a complaint from a member of the public in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorries parking illegally, rubbish being dumped, dog mess not being binned and noise from children playing in a public area on the Grange. <p>Cllr Soans reported that he has attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09/11/10 - KBC Planning Committee • 10/11/10 – A6 Towns Forum • 12/11/10 - KBC Mayor's Charity Ball • 04/10/10 – Protection for Rural England meeting • 14/11/10 – Remembrance Service at St. Giles Church • 15/11/10 – Benefits Meeting - Kettering Old Grammar School Foundation <p>Cllr Soans highlighted the KBC Concessionary Travel Scheme Report as presented to the A6 Towns Forum. It is unlikely that NCC will continue to allow KBC's current level</p>

	<p>of concessions. KBC leisure passes will be reported on separately. A copy of both reports will be available from the KBC Customer Service Desk in the library.</p> <p>Cllr Soans reported that a ‘Pharmacy Needs’ Assessment is to be carried out throughout the County.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt had advised the Clerk that he had attended the following events/meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31/10/10 – Desborough Fireworks • 02/11/10 – Joint Planning Meeting • 09/11/10 – Meeting with representatives from Eveden • 10/11/10 – A6 Towns Forum • 11/11/10 – Remembrance Day at the War Memorial • 12/11/10 – KBC Mayor’s Charity Ball • 14/11/10 – Remembrance Service at St. Giles Church, Desborough (am), Remembrance Service at Kettering (pm) • 14/11/10 – Youth in Concert, Derngate, Northampton • 16/11/10 – KBC Planning Policy Committee
<p>6880 6880.1</p> <p>6880.2</p> <p>6880.3</p>	<p>Clerk’s report MGWSP Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire: It was <u>AGREED</u> that Cllr Coe will complete the questionnaire.</p> <p>NCC Strategic Grant Funding Programme: It was reported that NCC will no longer be offering grants through the Strategic Grant Funding Programme beyond the current financial year.</p> <p>Correspondence File: This month’s file contained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desborough Town Council Standing Orders • HM Treasury – Spending Review for the East Midlands • A6 Towns Forum Agenda – 10th November 2010, Minutes – 8th September 2010 • KBC Standards Committee Annual Report 2009/10 • Standards Board for England Bulletin No. 48
<p>6881 6881.1</p> <p>6881.2</p> <p>6881.3</p>	<p>Community reports Civic Society: Cllr Hollinshead gave a detailed report on recent meetings held at the Heritage Centre, a visit by a sketching group from Market Harborough’s ‘University of the Third Age’ and a coffee morning held by the British Legion. The East Midlands Museum Service recently used the Heritage Centre to hold a Training Day on emergency disasters. Certificates and prizes have been awarded for the Christmas Card competition. Cards can now be bought in the Heritage Centre. A window display commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain is being prepared. The Remembrance Day Poppy Wreaths were on display in the front window area.</p> <p>Town Centre Partnership: The meeting scheduled for the previous evening was postponed; a future date is to be agreed. The Gala Night is being held on Friday 26th November 2010. Councillors were requested to help throughout the day. Late night shopping events in Desborough will take place on Friday 3rd December and Friday 10th December.</p> <p>Twinning: Cllr Goodman reported on future Twinning events to be held.</p>

6881.4	Youth: A report received from Mr J Putt, Chairman of Desborough Youth Club Committee was read to the Town Council.																																												
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6882.1	<p>Draft Budget and Reports 2011/12: A detailed discussion was held in respect of the 2011/12 draft budget for Desborough Town Council and associated reports. It was <u>AGREED</u> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk will re-draft the budget in line with discussions for presentation at December's meeting; • An retrospective payment is to be made to the Clerk for additional hours worked which will be recharged appropriately; • The costs to replace the damaged Pocket Park fence will be met through Borough Councillor Ward Initiative Funding. 																																												
6882.2	<p>Internal Auditor: The Town Council <u>APPROVED</u> the re-appointment of Mr C Barnard as Desborough Town Council's Internal Auditor for year ending 31st March 2011.</p>																																												
6882.3	<p>Insurance Renewal 2010/11: The Town Council <u>APPROVED</u> the current levels of insurance cover and that the Policy be renewed. The Town Council <u>AGREED</u> to increase the level of insurance for 'items owned by the Council' for 'All Risks' to include the notice boards but not the Christmas Lights. Both the notice boards and Christmas Lights are covered by the Town Council's public liability insurance.</p>																																												
6882.4	<p>Christmas Lights 2010-11 – Grant Offer Letter: The Town Council <u>AGREED</u> to accept the Grant and agree to abide by the conditions outlined in the letter.</p>																																												
6882.5	<p>Receipts: A payment of £100 has been received from the Clerk's Training Bursary Scheme awarded by the National Association of Local Councils.</p>																																												
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	<p>* The Town Council previously agreed to purchase three additional copies of the Parish Centred Map for Cllr Bindley, Cllr Hollinshead and Cllr Derbyshire (Minute 6854, Oct 2010). The maps cost £5.50 each and the Councillors will refund the cost of the map they receive to the Town Council.</p>
6883	<p>Planning Applications The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or at the meeting:</p>
6883.1	<p>KET/2010/0729 – Mr Hannah – 55 Roman Way, Desborough – Full Application: Conservatory to side elevation. No objection.</p>
6883.2	<p>KET/2010/0748 – Mr Prescott – 2 Chaplains Lane (land adj.), Desborough – Renewal of Extant Permission (Full): KET/2007/1181 (New dwelling). No objection. This is a derelict dumping site which is long overdue for development. It would be excellent if some pressure could be brought to bear to ensure the work is done. It is essential that the site is developed with a building of architectural merit.</p>
6883.3	<p><u>Notices of Approval received:</u> KBC has granted permission for the following application:</p> <p>KET/2010/0625 (Minute 6862.4) – Mr Chorlton – 26 Buxton Drive, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey side extension.</p> <p>KET/2010/0647 (Minute 6862.7) – Ms Towns & Ms K McManus – 38 Alexandra Road, Desborough – Full Application: 1 no. dwelling.</p> <p>KET/2010/0585 (Minute 6862.1) – Miss Jones Barratt Homes Northants – Plots 17-20 Ironwood Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Substitution of 4 house types.</p>
	<p>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.20 PM</p> <p>..... CHAIRMAN</p>