

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 16th December 2010.

PRESENT

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

Clerk: Leigh Parkin

Also in attendance: Sgt S Lloyd, PC I Cotterell and members of the public

<p>6884</p>	<p>Chairman’s announcements Cllr Goodman reported that she had attended the following events/meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19/11/10 – Joint Action Group Meeting (JAG), Geddington • 23/11/10 – LOT meeting Havelock Junior School • 24/11/10 – Northamptonshire Police ‘Have Your Say’ consultation evening, Montsaye Community College • 25/11/10 – Meeting with the new owner of the Ritz accompanied by Cllr Tebbutt • 26/11/10 – Desborough Gala Night • 05/12/10 – Daventry Civic Service • 08/12/10 – Councillor training on the ‘Big Society’, Guildhall, Northampton • 16/12/10 – Havelock Junior School Christmas Concert
<p>6885</p>	<p>Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Malin and Cllr G Durward. It was <u>RESOLVED</u> to approve the apologies for absence received.</p>
<p>6886</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>6887</p>	<p>Police Report PC Cotterell went through the crime figures for November 2010. In total there were 23 crimes in Desborough which is below average. Month on month crimes are coming down. The police have an issue at the moment generating crime figures as the two rural areas have merged and there has been a change in the beat codes in line with Kettering. The police computer system is currently being updated.</p> <p>Sgt Lloyd reported that between 16th December 2010 and 2nd January 2011 the Police will be undertaking an Anti-Social Behaviour Operation in Rothwell and Desborough.</p> <p>Cllr Matthews reported back from the Police ‘Have Your Say’ Consultation Event he attended along with Cllr Goodman. The Town Council <u>AGREED</u> that the three most important issues they felt Northamptonshire Police should focus on in 2011/12 are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anti-social behaviour 2. Drugs 3. Criminal Damage <p>The Clerk is to send these comments on the question sheets provided by the Police.</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey stated that as County Councillor she is concerned about the funding of the</p>

	<p>Police and the effect the cuts might have on casualty reduction which includes Police visits to schools. Sgt Lloyd explained that 30 per cent of the Police budget is spent on community policing and that there should not be a reduction in rural staff which will mean they will carry on visiting schools.</p> <p>The issue of speeding was discussed and the use of the two local Police speed guns funded through Borough Councillor Ward Initiative Funds. It was noted that the Casualty Reduction Partnership is coming out to Desborough more frequently.</p> <p>A member of the public asked whether anti-social behaviour reporting is broken down into further categories. Sgt Lloyd explained that the initial call to the Police is categorised by the call handler.</p>
<p>6888</p>	<p>It was RESOLVED by the Town Council to bring agenda items 15 and 16 forward to this point of the meeting.</p> <p>Representations from members of the public</p> <p>Members of the public made the following points in respect of the proposed demolition of the building on the Lawrence Factory Site and Tesco food store development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Council were asked whether they have seen the research completed on the effects of supermarkets in towns; • The Town Council were asked if they want to continue the Council’s reputation from the 1970’s when many buildings in Desborough were demolished; • The world would be a dangerous place if people looked on and did nothing; • If the Tesco food store is approved it will have a devastating effect on a nearby family’s life as the Tesco development will be right up to their property boundary. The proposed landscaping along this boundary cuts across their gate and driveway access; • Cllr Soans is in breach of the planning rules by being present at the meeting as he is a member of the KBC Planning Committee. Cllr Soans explained that he was not in breach of planning rules as he had declared an interest and would not be taking part in the planning discussions held by the Town Council. He confirmed that he will not make up his mind in respect of the Tesco application until it is heard at a KBC Planning Committee Meeting. He is listening to everybody’s views; • Cllr Goodman was accused of being a bully and talking down to people; • A letter submitted to Mr D Cook, Chief Executive of KBC, was read which referred to a number of points: a meeting held at KBC that people were unaware of, the conservation area, a neighbour who will lose her home if the Tesco development is approved, lorries being brought back into Desborough, the size of the Lawrence Factory Site is not fit for the purpose of a supermarket. A formal complaint has been submitted to KBC about the issues raised; • Cllr Dearing was asked whether he had spoken to all shops in Desborough when he completed his recent survey. Cllr Dearing reported that he had not visited the Co-op, Oak Tree Stores and the Garage in Union Street. The member of the public stated that Cllr Dearing should have visited all shops; • The Town Council was asked why the majority of Town Councillors think it is correct to see a home demolished? Why a modern supermarket should be placed in a conservation area? Why the Town Council is supporting the Tesco development following the outcome of the Parish Poll? • It was stated that if the Councillors are not supporting the people of Desborough they should consider resigning. The Town needs good honest Councillors that will

	<p>help the people of Desborough. Cllr Tebbutt raised concern about the implication that Town Councillors are not honest and hardworking and requested that this be struck from the record;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tesco application, if approved, will mean the loss of the Lawrence Factory Site within the Conservation Area; • It is felt that the two planning applications for the demolition of the building on the Lawrence Factory Site and the erection of a new food store should be considered together; • The definition of PPS 4 and PPS 5 were highlighted. The proposed road system would be contrary to PPS4. The site plan is badly developed with the public crossing roads where lorries are coming in. • The KBC Executive decision last September was to have a supermarket and filling station; • Tesco has a reputation for acquiring land and not building on it; • Sainsbury's has just re-applied for planning permission for a food store at Magnetic Park so there is a viable alternative to this badly designed, hideous scheme. The Town Council should listen to the community; • Reference was made to an English Heritage document 'Understanding Historic Buildings'; • The Conservation Designation Area 2007 has been contradicted and negated. There are material considerations in respect of a historic building in a Conservation Area. There is no serving Conservation Officer at KBC. For all 'intents and purposes' the building on the Lawrence Factory Site should be regarded as a listed building.
<p>6889</p>	<p>Planning Application KET/2010/0744 – Greatline Development Ltd and Tesco Stores Ltd – Conservation Area Consent - Demolition of existing buildings – Former Lawrence Factory Site, Harborough Road, Desborough</p> <p>Cllr Soans made the decision to leave the room prior to this agenda item being discussed by the Town Council.</p> <p>Cllr Goodman stated that the Planning Application being discussed was for the demolition of the existing buildings and not the erection of a food store. The planning application for an erection of a food store on the Lawrence Factory Site (KET/2010/0743) was received after the agenda for Decembers' Town Council meeting had been finalised. An extension for comments by the Town Council on planning application KET/2010/0744 has already been granted by KBC Planning Department until 17th December 2010. Cllr Goodman confirmed that the planning application KET/2010/0743 would be discussed at an Extraordinary Town Council meeting to be held on Thursday 23rd December 2010 commencing at 10.30am at St. Giles Community Centre.</p> <p>Concern was raised that both planning applications need to be considered together as comments cannot be made on the demolition without the plans for the proposed development on the site. It was also stated that a request had been made for Planning Application KET/2010/0744 to be 'called in' by the Secretary of State.</p> <p>A discussion was held about the state of the building on the site with reference being made to the engineers report. It was stated that KBC have a duty of care to maintain the building.</p>

	The Town Council <u>AGREED</u> that they will consider and make comment on both planning applications KET/2010/0744 and KET/2010/0743 together at the Extraordinary Town Council meeting being held on Thursday 23 rd December 2010. The Clerk is to confirm this with the relevant Planning Officer at KBC.
6890	Cllr Soans returned to the room. Minutes of Town Council meeting held on 18th November 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.
6891	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minute 6871 (Nov 2010): The Clerk has received contact details for Ms Maddams, Emergency Planning Officer at NCC. The Northampton Fire & Rescue Service Home Fire Safety Checks Volunteer Training will take place either in Kettering or Northampton depending on where the majority of volunteers are from. • Minute 6880.1 (Nov 2010): Cllr Coe has completed the MGWSP Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire. This has been sent to MGWSP and the Clerk has a copy on file.
6892	Hawthorns Leisure Centre Cllr Soans reported the following points from the Hawthorns Working Group meeting held on 23 November 2010: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desborough Community Development Trust (DCDT) would, on the Town Council's behalf, organise a petition to 'Save the Hawthorns Leisure Centre'. The petition, headed by both the DCDT and Town Council, requests KBC to reverse its' decision to demolish the Hawthorns Leisure Centre and to transfer it to the community to manage. It is proposed that the petition will be presented to the Borough Council at their Full Council Meeting being held in February. KBC will accept a petition of any size however it must have 2,500 signatures on it to be considered by the Full Council. It was noted that you do not need to be aged 18 or over to sign the petition and that children may also sign; • Following the meeting Cllr Goodman and Cllr Soans had with KBC Officers in October 2010 concerns and complaints about the management of the Hawthorns Leisure Centre by Parkwood Leisure will be sent to Ms V Hitchman, Head of Community Services, KBC.
6893	KBC Dog Control Orders Following Cllr Soans' presentation at November's meeting the Town Council has now received the consultation paperwork from KBC. The Town Council <u>AGREED</u> to support the Dog Control Orders and answered the additional questions presented on the form. The Clerk is to sign the form on behalf of the Town Council and return it to KBC.
6894	QE II Fields Challenge Programme The Town Council <u>AGREED</u> to support Dunkirk Avenue Recreation Ground and Desborough Greenspace. Cllr Soans is to draft a paragraph on each of these sites to explain why they are supported by the Town Council.
6895	Website Update The Clerk reported that the Trustees of Maud Elkington Trust were due to meet on 15 th December 2010 however this meeting was cancelled. Another meeting will be set up in the New Year. The Clerk has provided the Trustees, as requested, with additional information on the charitable purpose of the Town Council's grant application.

6896	<p>Station Road Office</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that a printer has been purchased and the telephone line will be installed on 4th January 2011. The Clerk will publish the offices hours in the notice boards and library. The Chairman confirmed that when the new phone line has been installed the Clerk should not be telephoned at her home outside office hours.</p>
6897	<p>European Charter</p> <p>Cllr Goodman reported that the President of the European Charter will be visiting Desborough on 14th January 2011. There will be a social event at Loatlands School in the evening. Cllr Goodman requested Councillors to support this event.</p>
6898	<p>County Councillor's Report</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey outlined Northamptonshire County Council's (NCC) spending cuts as they need to save £136m over the next four years. A number of cuts will be made to library services however Desborough library is not listed to be closed. Street lights in 40mph and over areas will be switched off. Cllr Humfrey has a continued concern that the Police road casualty classes in schools will be cut.</p> <p>The County Council has identified areas of additional spending through their commitment to active, safe and sustainable communities which were highlighted by the public through NCC's recent 'You Choose' campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £30m – Roads; • £20m – Adult Social Services; • £12m – Children; • £2m – Economic Investment Fund. <p>NCC will not be raising Council Tax however many jobs will go across the board.</p> <p>A discussion was held about a number of issues regarding the NCC cuts including cuts to top and middle management, hand held Police speed cameras and the annual cost to calibrate them, the effect of the cuts on the Empowering County Councillors Fund, County Councillor travel expenses.</p>
6899	<p>Borough Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Cllr Derbyshire reported that she had recently attended a session organised by KBC with a number of children at Havelock Junior School with regard to the design and development of the Rushton Road play area.</p> <p>Cllr Soans reported that he has £785 remaining from his Ward Initiative Fund to be allocated by 31st January 2011. It was agreed that £500 would be put towards the community minibus and £285 to be used to support the Pocket Park.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that the European Office for East Midlands Councils is being closed as part of a reorganisation. The Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State after Christmas and the Rothwell & Desborough Area Action Plan will be submitted three months later. Cllr Tebbutt's remaining Ward Initiative Fund will be spent on benches at Havelock Infants School and two new litter bins to be situated at the bus stop near St Giles Church and on Pioneer Avenue.</p> <p>Cllr Dearing reported he had attended the KBC Full Council meeting and the use of Generic Wardens had been agreed. He had officially opened the Kettering Town Centre Ice Rink earlier in the day.</p>

	<p>Cllr Dearing has been dealing with an issue concerning a lamp post not working in Burghley Close. Cllr Bindley has been involved with this issue. It was <u>AGREED</u> to write to EON to ask them how this issue is being dealt with.</p>
6900	Clerk's report
6900.1	NCC Third Local Transport Plan (LTP3): Consultation for LTP3 will last for 8 weeks, beginning 18 th November and ending on Thursday 13 th January 2011. It was <u>AGREED</u> that the Clerk will request a hard copy of the Plan and Cllr D Coe will review and comment on this document on behalf of the Town Council.
6900.2	NCC Adoption Certificates and copy plans: Two adoption certificates of private streets for The Grange, Desborough Phases 1 and 2 have been received including copy plans.
6900.3	KBC Forward Plan and Work Programme: This document can be viewed: http://www.kettering.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?downloadID=1842&fileID=4370
6900.4	Correspondence File: This month's file contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desborough Town Council Standing Orders • Safer Winter Driving Leaflet • NCALC 2010-2013 Parish Partnerships Charter • Marlow House Newsletter Dec 10 – Jan 11
6901	Community reports
6901.1	Civic Society: No specific issues to report.
6901.2	Town Centre Partnership: Gala Night went very well and the shops that opened reported a good turnover. Cllr Goodman thanked the Councillors that attended in the morning and evening to support the event.
6901.3	Twinning: 2011 is the 25 th Anniversary of Desborough's twinning with Neuville De Poitou. There are many events planned for next year in relation to this including a year long exhibition in the Heritage Centre.
6901.4	Youth: No report was received
6902	At this point in the meeting the agenda identified a motion to exclude the Public and Press from agenda item 17(i) and to re-admit them afterwards. This was not resolved as no members of the public were present at this point in the meeting.
6902.1	Financial report 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 the Clerk will re-draft the budget in line with discussions for presentation at January's meeting;
6902.2	Schedule of items owned by the Town Council: The schedule of the items owned by Council to be covered for 'All Risks' was <u>APPROVED</u> by the Town Council.

<p>6902.3</p>	<p>Transfer of funds from Business Saver to Community Account: The Town Council <u>AGREED</u> the transfer of £3,800 from the Business Saver Account to the Community Account.</p>																								
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<p>6903</p>	<p>Up-dated Standing Orders / Draft Complaints Procedure The up-dated Standing Orders were <u>APPROVED</u> subject to the following change being made: Page 13 – Standing Order 56(b) – <i>‘Members of the public shall be permitted to make representations, ask questions or give evidence at a special time set aside at each ordinary meeting as defined for the purpose by the Council’</i>. Issues members of the public wish to speak about at Town Council meetings <u>will not</u> be restricted to items of business included in the agenda only.</p> <p>The Draft Complaints Procedure was <u>AGREED</u> by the Town Council.</p> <p>Both documents will be finalised and signed by the Chairman at the next Ordinary Town Council Meeting.</p>																								
<p>6904</p> <p>6904.1</p>	<p>Planning Applications The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or at the meeting:</p> <p>KET/2010/0742 – Mr York – 22 Church View Road, Desborough – Full Application: Dwelling. New sustainability design and energy statement is full of "coulds"; many need to be changes to "will's" to meet CABE Building for Life Silver Standard required by North Northants Core Spatial Strategy.</p>																								

<p>6904.2</p>	<p>KET/2010/0726 – Miss Boksh – 72 Station Road, Desborough – Full Application: Change of use from dwelling to ground floor restaurant and first floor bedsit, with two storey rear extension. Fully support this application, will increase facilities, employment and bring back into use the property improving the appearance of Station Road.</p>
<p>6904.3</p>	<p>KET/2010/0744 – Greatline Development Ltd and Tesco Stores Ltd – Former Lawrence Factory Site, Harborough Road, Desborough – Application for Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of existing buildings. See Minute 6889.</p>
<p>6904.4</p>	<p>KET2010/0794 – Mr Williams – 52 Braybrooke Road (land at), Desborough – Renewal of Extant Permission (Full): KET/2007/0946 (New building for two apartments). No objection.</p>
<p>6904.5</p>	<p><u>Notices of Approval received:</u> KBC has granted permission for the following application:</p> <p>KET/2010/0594 (Minute 6862.5/Oct 10) – Mr Dee – West Lodge Rural Centre, Back Lane, Desborough – Full Application: Change of use from storage barn to A1 Farm shop/butchery with food storage area.</p> <p>KET/2010/0671 (Minute 6862.8/Oct 10) – Mr Danns – 42 Breakleys Road, Desborough – S.73 Application: Variation of condition no.3 (demolition) and no. 5 (access) of KET/2010/0206.</p>
<p>6904.6</p>	<p><u>Notices of Refusal received:</u> KBC have refused permission for the following application:</p> <p>KET/2010/0632 (Minute 6862.5/Oct 10) – Mr Johnson – 20 Ise View Road, Desborough – Full Application: Detached garage in front drive/garden.</p>
<p>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.05 PM</p> <p>..... CHAIRMAN</p>	