

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

**PRESENT**

**Councillors:** Cllr D Soans (Chairman), Cllr A Matthews (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Coe, Cllr J Pearce, Cllr M Watson, Cllr M Tebbutt, Cllr J Watson

**Clerk:** Leigh Parkin

**Also in attendance:** PC I Cotterell, Ms G Kempster – Northamptonshire County Council Customer & Library Services Manager, Ms A Lovely – Principal Librarian, Cllr B Humfrey – Northamptonshire County Councillor, Mrs S Hodder, Friends of Desborough Library, members of the public

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Chairman’s announcements</b> Cllr Soans wished everyone a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year and was pleased to announce that Cllr J Pearce is expecting another baby.</p> <p>Cllr Soans congratulated the European Charter Group and all those involved with a very successful event at the end of November. Cllr Soans had hosted two visitors from the Netherlands.</p> <p>Cllr Soans reported that he had attended the following events/meetings since the last Town Council meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25/11/11 – Steward at Desborough Gala Night;</li> <li>• 02/12/11 – Opening of the Art Exhibition at the Heritage Centre;</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Dearing, Cllr J Derbyshire, Cllr P Malin, Cllr S Clayton and Cllr R Sawford. It was <b><u>RESOLVED</u></b> to approve the apologies for absence received.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</b> Cllr Soans would not take part in any consideration of planning matters as he is on the Planning Committee at the Borough Council, however, he would continue to Chair the meeting during the Planning agenda item.</p> <p>Cllr Coe noted that Planning Applications KET/2010/0743 &amp; 0744 (Tesco Stores Ltd) and KET/2010/0826 (Sainsbury’s Supermarkets Ltd) were not on the agenda for discussion. However, if they were discussed, as a former manager of the Desborough Co-operative Society, Cllr Coe stated that he would declare an interest.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Police Report</b> PC Cotterell reported the crime rates for November 2011 highlighting that there were 38 recorded crimes. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five burglaries which is the highest figure in a month for many years;</li> <li>• Two thefts of motor vehicles;</li> <li>• Three thefts from motor vehicles;</li> <li>• An increase in criminal damage and antisocial behaviour mainly involving young people on the Grange Estate. This area is currently classified as A01 which means that the Police patrol this area as much as possible. If groups of young people</li> </ul>

	<p>gathering on the Estate do not live there then they are removed from the area.</p> <p>Cllr Coe raised concern that he had visited one of the people who had been burgled and had, had their television stolen. The person is an elderly lady, living alone in a Council property which has a key operated lock to the flat. After the burglary the lady asked the Borough Council to change the lock; however, the response she received was that if she wanted her lock changed then everybody would want theirs changed as well. The Borough Councillors are to follow this issue up with KBC Officers.</p> <p>Cllr J Watson asked whether the increase in crime has had anything to do with the switching off of street lights. PC Cotterell explained that at this time of year, with the darker nights, the number of crimes increases. The Police are experiencing an increase in antisocial behaviour, as with the reduction in street lighting, there are more places to hide. At present Desborough has yellow street lighting which does not allow the Police to clearly see CCTV images. White lighting works well with CCTV. Cllr Tebbutt is to follow up replacing yellow lighting for white in areas of the Town where there are CCTV cameras, in particular, Station Road.</p> <p>Concern was raised about the proposed cut in funding by Northamptonshire County Council for PCSOs. PC Cotterell stated that the Kettering Rural Safer Community Team is worried as they have a large number of PCSOs. The PCSOs undertake an extremely valuable role in the community, in particular, the identification and support of vulnerable people that live in the community as well as the majority of the background work to crimes. The population for rural Kettering is the same as that of the Town. Cllr Tebbutt stated that KBC does not intend to cut the budget for PCSO's. If NCC cut their budget then one third of the funding for PCSOs will be lost which cannot be made up by the Police.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that the Young Detectives Scheme is to run from 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at Havelock School with the Year 5's. This Scheme enables the Police to go into school lessons to educate the children about various aspects of crime from a young age by setting tasks over a period of 4 weeks. The Scheme is partially funded through Borough Councillor Ward Initiative funding.</p> <p>Cllr Soans thanked PC Cotterell for attending the meeting.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><b>Representations from members of the public</b></p> <p>The Clerk had received a number of emails from members of the public in respect of the Sainsbury's and Tesco Supermarket applications. It was <b><u>AGREED</u></b> that these would be forwarded to Mrs C Bicknell, Head of Development Services at KBC.</p> <p>The Clerk had also received emails about the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The possibility of the Probation Service doing community work in the Town. Councillors identified that from their experience Probation Service workers are excellent at undertaking practical outdoor tasks and the Town Council could manage this when a need arose. The email is to be forwarded to County Councillor in respect of the Skate Park and Millennium Green and also to the Pocket Park Volunteer Committee;</li> <li>• Concern about horses on Desborough Greenspace causing damage to gardens and bushes. The email is to be forwarded to Mrs C Bicknell, Head of Development Services, Ms V Hitchman, Head of Community Services copied to Ms J Beckett, Deputy Chief Executive, KBC;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fly-tipping on Desborough Greenspace. The Clerk is to identify exactly where the fly tipping is occurring and liaise with Mr B Coleman, Head of Environmental Service, Ms V Hitchman, Head of Community Services copied to Ms J Beckett, Deputy Chief Executive at KBC;</li> <li>• The improvement along Braybrooke Road when the road was recently closed except for residents. Continued problems of lorries and speeding cars have led to damage to residents' cars parked along the road. Many lorries use this road instead of the bypass.</li> </ul> <p>It was also noted that an email had been received by the County Councillor following a concern raised by a member of the public about lorries being instructed to turn right at the second roundabout.</p> <p>Mr I Boyes, NCC Transport and Highways, has looked at the signing for HGVs on the approach to the A6/Braybrooke Roundabout. The reply from Mr Boyes was read to the Town Council which highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ An additional 'Desborough Industry' sign has been ordered to be located on the roundabout splitter island as an added indicator to drivers.</li> <li>➤ A letter has been written to the Transport Manager of Great Bear Distribution asking them to inform visiting drivers of the appropriate route to be taken to their premises.</li> <li>➤ Investigation has been undertaken into extending the weight limit from where it stops along Braybrooke Road to the A6 roundabout. This would involve a Traffic Regulation Order, erecting the illuminated weight limit signing on Braybrooke and Arthingworth Roads costing in the region of £10,000. Due to present budget restraints NCC is unable to commit to undertaking this work however it will be kept on file should monies become available at a later date.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Coe expressed sympathy with the residents of Braybrooke Road. It was agreed that the resident who emailed the Town Council will be asked to take down the registration number of any HGV vehicles using the Braybrooke Road which can then be reported to the Police and the Great Bear Distribution Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr &amp; Mrs Holmes sent their apologies to the meeting wishing everybody a Happy Christmas and saying how much they enjoyed the Charter Visit.</li> <li>• Cllr Humfrey spoke on behalf of Mr Howitt from Howitts' Chemists who is looking for Town Council support for an extension to his shop. The Town Council confirmed that when a planning application is submitted to KBC then the Town Council will be asked to comment on the application. In the meantime Cllr Tebbutt is to talk to Mr Howitt about requesting some pre-planning advice from KBC before he submits his application.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes of Town Council meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011</b>  The Minutes of the Town Council meeting on the above date were <b><u>unanimously approved</u></b> and signed as a true record.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minute 4/Nov 11 – Bus Shelter Thistle Drive – a reply has been received to the Town Council's letter written to Desborough General Partnership Ltd with regard to the removal of the gravel from behind the bus shelter and the seat inside. The reply highlights that to do this would contravene the Section 38 legal agreement between</li> </ul>

	<p>the developer and NCC. Requests can be made to the Highways Authority. Cllr Humfrey was asked to request that NCC Highways look at this request.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Community Facilities Update</b>                  The Working Group were due to meet KBC Officers at the beginning of December however this meeting has been re-arranged and will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2011. A report will be made to the Town Council in January.</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Desborough Library Update</b>                  Ms G Kempster – Northamptonshire County Council Customer &amp; Library Services Manager, Ms A Lovely – Principal Librarian, attended the Town Council meeting to discuss the reported request by NCC for Friends of the Library Groups to raise £2,000 per annum. Ms Kempster made the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desborough Town Council were thanked for their response to the consultation undertaken by NCC earlier in the year about the Strategy for the future of the library service to 2015;</li> <li>• Currently Desborough Library has 54,000 visits per annum and is ranked 23 out of the 36 libraries in the County. By 2015 it is anticipated that Desborough will have 90,000 visits per annum taking into consideration housing growth;</li> <li>• Visits are determined by a library counter on the entrance door as not all visitors borrow books but use the other services available in the library;</li> <li>• Last year NCC made a saving of £800,000 out of the library service predominately through changes to the mobile library service;</li> <li>• NCC is to make a further £103m savings over the next 3 years;</li> <li>• The library service is to be reshaped to fit future need, for example, Sunday opening;</li> <li>• Thanks was given to the active Friends of the Library Group in Desborough;</li> <li>• From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 there will be £60,000 less in the library services budget and NCC is looking to make up this deficit through Friends of the Library Groups, sponsorship, Town &amp; Parish Council contributions etc. If this amount is not made up additional activities , such as, rhyme time, homework clubs may be lost;</li> <li>• The Friends of the Library Groups have been asked to consider raising up to £2,000 per annum (based on a sum calculated by Moulton Library, Northampton). It is recognised that some libraries do not have a Friends Group and other Groups who have said they cannot help financially;</li> <li>• 82% of people recently surveyed said they would support their library service financially;</li> <li>• Ten packages have been identified to support the library service;</li> <li>• NCC has a statutory obligation to deliver a library service, however, this does not include additional activities;</li> <li>• Each library has an income target;</li> <li>• NCC is looking to generate more volunteer activity within the library service increasing the number of volunteers from the current level of 450 to 800 at the end of next year;</li> </ul> <p>A number of concerns were raised by Councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the permanent library staff are not replaced by volunteers;</li> <li>• The ability of the Town Council to make direct contributions to volunteer bodies;</li> <li>• How the increase in opening hours equates to making staff redundant;</li> <li>• Whether consultation has been undertaken with Sure Start and KBC who have a One Stop Shop in Desborough Library;</li> <li>• The provision of public toilet facilities within Desborough Library;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ability to generate income through holding meetings.</li> </ul> <p>Ms Kempster and Ms Lovely replied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is proposed that overall there will be further cuts to staffing levels within the NCC Library Service. Desborough Library will have role to play in the staffing cuts however the Town Council's concern was noted;</li> <li>• Total opening hours of the library will not be increased with Sunday opening. It is thought that having Sunday as an option to visit the library makes the library more available for people;</li> <li>• The KBC One Stop Shop footprint is currently being looked at and may be reduced with the library able to use the space when the KBC staff are not working;</li> <li>• NCC is happy to talk to KBC about the provision of public toilet facilities.</li> </ul> <p>The Friends of Desborough Library Group requested that the Town Council considers either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making a donation towards the £2,000 they have been asked by NCC to raise or;</li> <li>• To underwrite the fundraising efforts of the Friends of Desborough Library Group in their attempt to raise £2,000 during the financial year 2012/13. The Town Council would, in these circumstances, be required to fund the difference between the total amount raised by the Friends of Desborough Library Group and the £2,000 target.</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the money raised by the Friends of Desborough Library Group is for the Northamptonshire County Council Library Service and not specifically Desborough Library.</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey noted that she has been discussing with the library how she can make a contribution. The Borough Councillors may be able to support through their Ward Initiative Funding.</p> <p>Cllr Soans thanked Ms Kempster and Ms Lovely for attending the meeting. The Town Council is to consider the Friends of Desborough Library's request at January's meeting.</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Open Air Theatre Production</b>                  The Working Group has its' first meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011. A further report will be presented to the Town Council in January for a decision as to whether the event will go ahead.</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>County Councillor</b>                  The County Councillor noted the MGWSP Highway improvement works to be carried out on Dunkirk Avenue and A6 Desborough/Rothwell bypass as part of the Preventative Maintenance Programme for 2012/13. It is anticipated that work will be carried out at the beginning of the financial year (Minute 13.8 &amp; 13.9/Clerk's Report).</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey has asked NCC Officers to look at specific pavements within the Town.</p>
<p><b>12</b> <b>12.1</b></p>	<p><b>Borough Councillors</b>  <b>Cllr M Tebbutt</b> reported that he had attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KBC Planning Policy Committee which had looked at the Draft Neighbourhood Planning Regulations;</li> <li>• Joined a group of Councillors from Sheffield through to Wellingborough in support of the electrification of the Midland Main Line from the East Midlands to South</li> </ul>

<p><b>12.2</b></p>	<p>Yorkshire.</p> <p>Cllr Coe noted that since Desborough Town Council joined LANRAC earlier in the year no meetings have taken place. The Clerk confirmed that the members' fee cheque has not been cashed even though confirmation of receipt had been received from the Secretary to the Group.</p> <p><b>Cllr D Soans</b> reported that he has attended:                  21/11/11 – Kettering Old Grammar School Benefits Committee;                  28/11/11 – KBC Planning Training;                  01/12/11 – Kettering Old Grammar School meeting;                  14/12/11 – KBC Full Council Meeting.</p> <p>It was reported that the £111m funding has come through for the widening of the A14 due to be completed in 2014.</p> <p>Concern was raised that no reports had been received from Cllr Derbyshire and Cllr Dearing.</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>13.1</b></p> <p><b>13.2</b></p> <p><b>13.3</b></p> <p><b>13.4</b></p> <p><b>13.5</b></p> <p><b>13.6</b></p> <p><b>13.7</b></p>	<p><b>Clerk's Report</b>                  The Clerk has sent all correspondence required after the last Council Meeting.</p> <p><b>Northamptonshire Police Authority and Force 'Have Your Say'</b> – The draft reply was <b><u>AGREED</u></b> by the Town Council.</p> <p><b>NCC Community Tree Planting Scheme for Northamptonshire</b> – Noted. The information will be passed to the Pocket Park Volunteer Committee for consideration and the local farming community through the Farmers Union.</p> <p><b>The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge</b> – Voting has now closed. Dunkirk Avenue Recreation Ground received 7 votes.</p> <p><b>Northamptonshire County Council's Telephone Number</b> for general enquires changed to <b>0300 126 1000</b> from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011. The new number has a local call rate for all landlines.</p> <p><b>Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF): Development and Implementation Principles Supplementary Planning Document</b> – NCC formally adopted the above Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011. There was a six week period during which any legal challenge to the adoption could be made; this period has now passed.</p> <p><b>Dog Waste complaints</b> – Grange Estate and Nichol Street – Complaints have been received about dog waste on footpaths in these areas of Desborough. The concerns were passed to KBC who have, in consultation with Cllr Dearing, raised an order for a litter bin (with dog waste stickers on) to be installed on the entrance to Ironwood Avenue. Some of the Grange Estate has still not been adopted so is not under KBC care. The problem is also going to be highlighted to the Wardens to see what can be done.</p> <p><b>Notification of the temporary closure of paths UC10 (Desborough) and UC18 (Harrington)</b> – No notification has been received from MGWSP in respect of the closure of the bridge over the River Ise between Desborough and Thorpe Underwood.</p>

<p><b>13.8</b></p> <p><b>13.9</b></p> <p><b>13.10</b></p>	<p>Mr R Martin, Parish Path Warden, has written to MGWSP to find out the time schedule for the replacement of the bridge.</p> <p><b>MGWSP Highway improvement works in Desborough on Dunkirk Avenue</b> as part of the Preventative Maintenance Programme for 2012/13. It is anticipated that work will be carried out at the beginning of the financial year.</p> <p><b>MGWSP carriageway surface dressing - Highway improvement works in Desborough A6 Rothwell/Desborough bypass</b> as part of the Preventative Maintenance Programme for 2012/13. It is anticipated that work will be carried out at the beginning of the financial year.</p> <p><b>Correspondence File:</b> This month's file contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desborough Town Council Standing Orders</li> <li>• NCC New Telephone Number Information</li> <li>• Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF): Development and Implementation Principles Supplementary Planning Document</li> <li>• Northants CALC Update November – December 2011</li> <li>• Northants CALC Training Calendar January – March 2012</li> <li>• Campaign to Protect Rural England website about planning <a href="http://www.planninghelp.org.uk">www.planninghelp.org.uk</a></li> <li>• KBC Media Release – Hawthorns Leisure Centre, Desborough (17/11/11)</li> <li>• KBC Gypsy &amp; Traveller Update – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012</li> <li>• KBC Standards and Code of Conduct Training Information (emailed to Cllrs 14/12/11)</li> <li>• Northants ACRE Village Viewpoint magazine (emailed to Cllrs 14/12/11).</li> </ul>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>14.1</b></p> <p><b>14.2</b></p> <p><b>14.3</b></p> <p><b>14.4</b></p>	<p><b>Community Reports</b></p> <p><b>Civic Society:</b> No report available.</p> <p><b>Town Centre Partnership (TCP):</b> Cllr Soans reported that the Desborough Directory leaflet has been distributed to all houses within the Town and has been well received. The Gala Night was very successful. No date is scheduled for the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Twinning:</b> Cllr J Watson confirmed that Twinning participated in the recent Charter visit. A newsletter has just been distributed which highlights a number of fundraising events that are being held.</p> <p><b>Youth:</b> Cllr Pearce provided a detailed report from the Youth Club covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Youth Club has been involved in a girls only weekend in Grantham including many different activities;</li> <li>• Four senior members took part in two residential weekends to the Pioneer Centre near Birmingham for Emerging Leaders training;</li> <li>• The senior members took part in an Alcohol and Drugs awareness workshop which proved successful;</li> <li>• Earlier in the year members of the Youth Club took part in a night walk which they used to raise funds for equipment;</li> <li>• Five of the clubs' members have formed a football team which is very successful. Funding has been secured to train one member as an FA referee. Other training opportunities are being looked into;</li> </ul>

<p><b>14.5</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The club has had an increase in membership numbers and has had to make some changes to session times to accommodate this;</li> <li>• The club now has a Facebook page used to communicate news to parents and members.</li> </ul> <p><b>European Charter:</b> Cllr M Watson noted that a full report on the recent Charter Visit will be available in two weeks. Cllr Watson thanked the County Councillor and Borough Councillors for their financial support. A personal thank you was given to Cllr Soans for hosting two of the visitors. The Town Centre Partnership were thanked for putting up the flags. All who attended reported that they had, had an excellent weekend which has put Desborough on the map.</p> <p>Cllr Coe thanked the members of the European Charter Group and all those involved in the weekend.</p>																												
<p><b>14.6</b></p>	<p><b>Pocket Park:</b> Cllr Pearce reported that the next Pocket Park Volunteer Committee meeting is to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 where the first work day of 2012 will be organised. Funds have recently been raised through a Pocket Park supper and a stall at Gala Night. The Pocket Park Committee has a new Secretary, Rachel Bosworth.</p>																												
<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>Financial report</b></p>																												
<p><b>15.1</b></p>	<p><b>Second Draft Budget 2012/13:</b> No changes were requested by the Town Council. The budget will be presented to January's Town Council meeting for approval.</p>																												
<p><b>15.2</b></p>	<p><b>Purchase of Flags:</b> The final flag order has been placed for delivery before Christmas (Minute14.6/Oct 11). The cost is £1,875 exc.VAT (£2,250 inc. VAT). A donation towards the cost of purchasing these flags has been received from the Town Centre Partnership (£1,875). The flags will be owned and insured by the Town Council. Zurich has confirmed that the additional premium for insuring the flags will be £33.44 including Insurance Premium Tax per annum. Zurich has agreed to waive the pro rata premium from now until renewal.</p>																												
<p><b>15.3</b></p>	<p><b>Accounts for Payment:</b> The following payments were <b><u>APPROVED</u></b> for payment:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="295 1406 1437 1787"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No.</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Reason for Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>101227*</td> <td>£2,250.00</td> <td>Zephyr TVC</td> <td>Purchase of flags</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101228</td> <td>£736.74</td> <td>Mrs L Parkin</td> <td>Salary &amp; Expenses (Dec 11)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101229</td> <td>£77.18</td> <td>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</td> <td>PAYE &amp; NI (Dec 11)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101230</td> <td>£35.00</td> <td>Vine Community Trust</td> <td>Hall Hire (Dec 11)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101231</td> <td>£35.00</td> <td>Vine Community Trust</td> <td>Re-issued cheque from Sept 11 (cheque no. 101206 - £35.00)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101232</td> <td>£41.90</td> <td>Talk Talk Business</td> <td>Telephone Line Rental /Broadband + calls (Dec11)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Cheque no. 101227 was signed by cheque signatories Cllr A Matthews and Cllr D Coe on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 following confirmation of payment (Minute14.6/Oct 11). Payment for the flags was required by Zephyr asap to ensure delivery before Christmas.</p>	Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment	101227*	£2,250.00	Zephyr TVC	Purchase of flags	101228	£736.74	Mrs L Parkin	Salary & Expenses (Dec 11)	101229	£77.18	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (Dec 11)	101230	£35.00	Vine Community Trust	Hall Hire (Dec 11)	101231	£35.00	Vine Community Trust	Re-issued cheque from Sept 11 (cheque no. 101206 - £35.00)	101232	£41.90	Talk Talk Business	Telephone Line Rental /Broadband + calls (Dec11)
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<p><b>15.5</b></p>	<p><b>VAT Return:</b> A claim for the refund of VAT from 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011 has been submitted to HM Customs &amp; Excise for the total amount of £2,196.47.</p>												
<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>16.1</b></p> <p><b>16.2</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b> The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or at the meeting:</p> <p><b>KET/2011/0235 (additional information) – CJC Development co. Ltd – North Desborough (Land at), Desborough - Outline Application with EIA: Residential development of up to 700 dwellings including provision of a local centre, primary school, green infrastructure and creation of accesses.</b> Huge amount of technical information about design and growth projections - very welcome but not understood entirely. The comments of Desborough Town Council on KET/2011/0235 (attached) are still valid in their aggregate messages.</p> <p>Essential that Railway Bridge is provided prior to approval. NCC note that it is NOT part of the application? It is a requirement of the Planning Policy agreed for the Rothwell &amp; Desborough Area Action Plan. Cycleway needs extension from the site to Ise River Bridge to assist with modal shift, in addition to town centre link.</p> <p>Adhere to previous comments re: road network and the provision of footpaths. Phase 2 must include provision of 10% bungalows. Phase 1 failed on this.</p> <p><b>KET/2011/0235 (amended plans) – CJC Development co. Ltd – North Desborough (Land at), Desborough - Outline Application with EIA: Residential development of up to 700 dwellings including provision of a local centre, primary school, green infrastructure and creation of accesses.</b> Original plans showed two access points for construction traffic including one off Bear Way or Cockerel Rise? Still only one extra access point for the whole of the new estate (off Stoke Albany Road). Additional access for traffic from Back Lane MUST be considered.</p> <p>School accommodation/location/integration with existing Loatland/Havelock provision still requires resolution in conjunction with NCC.</p> <p>Major road improvements are required i.e. Stoke Road and Back Lane WITH footpath provision.</p> <p>Attached are the notes of the meeting held on 5th July 2011 between representatives from Desborough Town Council and KBC to discuss Outline Planning Application KET/2011/0235.</p>												

<p><b>16.3</b></p>	<p><b>KET/2011/0691 – Mr Sands The Furniture Centre – 3,5,7 Federation Avenue (land at the rear of), Desborough – Full Application: Change of use from residential gardens to commercial car park.</b> Desborough Town Council supports this planning application which seems like a very sensible solution to the parking problems at Eveden. It will free up the access for delivery lorries and reduce congestion. It will also enable better access to the retail shop for clients.</p>
<p><b>16.4</b></p>	<p><b><u>Notices of Approval received</u></b></p> <p>KBC has approved permission for the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0630 (Minute 17.6/Oct 11) – Mr &amp; Mrs Parker – 82 Pioneer Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Single Storey rear extension.</b></li> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0548 (Minute 17.4/Oct 11) – Ms Wegener Rockingham Property Management Ltd – Full Application: Change of use from commercial to dwelling – 29A Station Road, Desborough.</b></li> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0573 (Minute 17.5/Oct 11) – Desborough Town Football Club – Braybrooke Road, Desborough – Full Application: Extension to pavillion.</b></li> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0670 (Minute 17.9/Nov 11) – Miss Panther – 34 Braybrooke Road, Desborough – Full Application: Vehicle access and paved parking area.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>16.5</b></p>	<p><b><u>Withdrawn Planning Application</u></b></p> <p>KBC has confirmed that the below detailed planning application has been withdrawn and therefore KBC will take no further action; no formal decision will be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0690 (Minute 17.7/Nov 11) – Mr Douglas – 30 Chestnut Drive, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey side and rear extension.</b></li> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0621 (Minute 17.8/Nov 11) – Mr Vasiliou – 71 Braybrooke Road, Desborough – Outline Application: 4 no. semi-detached three bedroom dwellings.</b></li> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0685 (Minute 17.6/Nov 11) – Mr Holland – Plot 6 Spinney Close, Desborough – Full Application: Formation of vehicular access and driveway.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>16.6</b></p>	<p>An email had been received from Cllr Dearing with regard to the Town Council fully consulting with the public of Desborough on what facilities they would like to see in the Town. This information can then be submitted to the KBC Planning Department for consideration in respect of future planning applications that are received (especially major applications). Following a discussion it was noted that the Town Council will be putting together a ‘wish list’ of requirements, in order of priority, following consultation with Desborough residents through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A leaflet to all houses;</li> <li>• Questionnaire on the website;</li> <li>• A specific letter to 49 identified organisations within the Town.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Tebbutt stated that s.106 agreements are changing with the proposed introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy.</p>
<p><b>16.7</b></p>	<p><b>Site Specific Proposals LDD</b> – Feedback has been received from Rebecca Collins, Senior Development Officer, at KBC thanking the Town Council for checking the accuracy of the information sent out in October, regarding the background papers KBC officers have produced to support the production of options. These options will be</p>

<p><b>16.8</b></p>	<p>contained in the next iteration of the Site Specific Proposals LDD – Options, to be publically consulted on in the New Year. The Town Council’s comments with regards to site assessments contained in the Background Paper – Housing Allocations have been duly noted by KBC and will be recorded as representations to the options paper consultation (and kept on file until this time). Changes to allocations cannot be made prior to the consultation as this would not allow other stakeholders and members of the public equal opportunity to comment on the options, as required by the Regulations.</p> <p><b>Draft Neighbourhood Planning Regulations Consultation</b> – following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Tebbutt will complete the questionnaire which the Clerk will circulate to all Councillors for comment before it is submitted by 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012.</p>
<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting and items for the agenda:</b> Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Final Draft Budget.</p>
	<p><b>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20 PM</b></p> <p>..... <b>CHAIRMAN</b></p>