

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

**PRESENT**

**Councillors:** Cllr D Soans (Chairman), Cllr A Matthews (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Coe, Cllr J Pearce, Cllr M Watson, Cllr J Watson, Cllr M Tebbutt, Cllr R Sawford, Cllr J Derbyshire, Cllr S Clayton.

**Clerk:** Leigh Parkin

**Also in attendance:** Mr M Crick, Chairman of the Carnival Committee, Mr N Mistry, Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs, Cllr B Humfrey, Northamptonshire County Councillor, Mrs P Goodman - Chairman of the Town Centre Partnership, Mr J Kemp – Desborough Civic Society, members of the public

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Chairman’s announcements</b> 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>• 02/02/12 – Town Centre Partnership Meeting;</li> <li>• 07/02/12 – Policy &amp; Procedures Working Group with Cllr Sawford, Cllr Matthews and the Clerk;</li> <li>• 11/02/12 – Charity Evening at The Ritz in aid of the Stroke Association.</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Dearing.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</b> Cllr Sawford noted that if the planning decisions for the recent Planning Applications KET/2010/0743 &amp; 0744 (Tesco Stores Ltd) and KET/2010/0826 (Sainsbury’s Supermarkets Ltd) were discussed, as her partner is an elected member of the Southern Area Committee of the Midlands Co-operative Society, Cllr Sawford stated that she would declare an interest.</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, however, he would continue to Chair the meeting during the Planning agenda item.</p> <p>Cllr Coe noted that he had previously declared an interest when Planning Applications KET/2010/0743 &amp; 0744 (Tesco Stores Ltd) and KET/2010/0826 (Sainsbury’s Supermarkets Ltd) had been discussed as a former manager of the Desborough Co-operative Society. Cllr Coe stated that as the planning decision for these applications had been made by Kettering Borough Council he now feels free to comment.</p> <p>Cllr Coe declared an interest in Planning Application KET/2012/0014.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Police Report</b> The Police were not in attendance at the meeting.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Beacon Lighting Ceremony – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012</b> Mr M Crick, Chairman of the Carnival Committee, attended the meeting to outline a proposal to organise an evening event in Desborough on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at the new Leisure Centre to celebrate the Jubilee. The event is to include the lighting of a</p>

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	<p>Beacon which is being lit in conjunction with others across the country on that evening between 22.00 and 22.30 culminating in the Queen lighting the final beacon in London.</p> <p>It is proposed to have a musical evening with a band performing on stage. Families will be encouraged to bring a picnic and a pig roast will be available. The evening will finish with the Beacon being lit and a small firework display.</p> <p>Mr Crick provided the Council with a written overview including estimated costs. The Carnival Committee has stated that they do not feel they can take on the full cost of the event and that funding/sponsorship needs to be identified and applied for.</p> <p>It is hoped that the new leisure centre will have a Premises Licence to stage events of this nature. If this is the case a Temporary Events Notice will not be required and there will be no limit on how many people can attend. The event will also allow the Carnival Committee to assess the suitability of the site for the Firework Display later in the year. Cllr Tebbutt agreed to liaise with KBC to try to ensure that the new Leisure Centre has a Premises Licence.</p> <p>It is proposed that the event be led by the Carnival Committee in conjunction with the Town Centre Partnership and Town Council. The Carnival Committee is prepared to oversee the event by organising the stage, band, advertising, beacon and fireworks. The Town Centre Partnership is looking into the pig roast and sponsorship of this and the Town Council is asked to help with ticket sales, stewarding, running the actual event and support for identifying and applying for funding for the event.</p> <p>Cllr Soans is to clarify with KBC whether Ward Initiative Funding can be used to support an event of this nature. It was suggested that an approach for funding be made to the County Councillor. The Desborough Community Development Trust (DCDT) offered to match the current estimate to buy the fireworks so that a more impressive display can be purchased.</p> <p>The Town Council <b><u>AGREED</u></b> to support this event. Cllr M Watson, on behalf of the Town Council, thanked Mr Crick for the work he has undertaken.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Representations from members of the public</b></p> <p>A number of members of the public spoke at the meeting on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern was raised that at the KBC Executive meeting the previous evening £80,000 of funding was agreed for the skate park at Ise Lodge and that no support has been given to Desborough Skate Park.</li> <li>• The recent KBC Planning Committee Meeting which considered the Sainsbury's /Tesco planning applications was referred to in respect of:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Many members of the public from Desborough were unable to attend the meeting as the room was full. It is alleged that there were 40 members of staff from Tesco in the room;</li> <li>➤ Reference was made to a conversation Tesco representatives are alleged to have had on the train after the meeting;</li> <li>➤ The Parish Poll in Desborough identified that 79% of the people who voted wanted a Sainsbury's supermarket;</li> <li>➤ Councillors have not represented the views of the people of Desborough;</li> <li>➤ A representation was made at the KBC Planning Committee meeting on behalf of Desborough shops claiming that they support the development of a Tesco supermarket. The shop owner speaking at the Town Council meeting stated that</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>this was a lie and outlined that they had completed their own survey of 21 shops who had signed to say they were not happy with Tesco's in the Town. It is claimed that a lot of underhand things have been going on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern was raised that Cllr Dearing has not attended the last four Town Council meetings. It was stated that he does not represent the people of Desborough. An incident outside the DCDT shop was referred to which has been reported to KBC. A number of members of the public called for Cllr Dearing to resign;</li> <li>• A student from the University of Northampton studying towards a Doctorate is undertaking a project on the Grange Housing Estate looking at young people aged 11 to 16 to see how they define themselves and their interactions in the Community. Montsaye Academy is writing to parents of children who live on the Grange and the student has attended Paddock Lane Youth Club and other Youth Groups in the Town. Councillors were asked if they have any ideas as to how to access young people on the Grange;</li> <li>• The County Councillor was thanked for organising for the road to be repaired at the Pelican Crossing, Marlow House;</li> <li>• The Charity Event recently held at The Ritz in aid of the Stroke Association raised over £1700;</li> <li>• An International Market is being looked at for the Town this year.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Coe raised a point of order stating that serious comments had been made by members of the public with more than one person calling for the resignation of Cllr Dearing. It was recognised that the Town Council cannot take any action in these circumstances. A formal complaint has been made by members of the public to Kettering Borough Council.</p> <p>Clarification was sought as to how many meetings a Councillor can miss before they cease to be a member of the Council. It was confirmed that if a member fails through six consecutive months to attend any meetings of the council he ceases automatically to be a member of the council unless either he has a statutory excuse or his failure is due to a reason approved by the Council. The period begins with the last meeting attended.</p>
7	<p><b>Minutes of Town Council meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Town Council meeting on the above date were <b><u>unanimously approved</u></b> and signed as a true record with the following amendments, which have been highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minute 9: It was AGREED that the questionnaire will be <b>re-configured to make it compatible with the website</b>, in conjunction with KBC, taking into consideration the points raised by the Town Council;</li> <li>• Minute 15.6: <b>Cllr Sawford</b> provided a report on the Pocket Park;</li> <li>• Minute 15.6: A coffee morning is to be held in the Heritage Centre on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at <b>10.00am</b>.</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minute 4/Jan 12 – Letter to Mr P Hollobone, MP - A response has been received from Mr Hollobone outlining that the proposed budget cuts by Northamptonshire County Council and Northamptonshire Borough Council for PCSO's is not a matter for Westminster and that KBC is maintaining its' own funding for local PCSO's. Mr Hollobone advised the Town Council to write to Cllr Humfrey, Northamptonshire County Councillor and/or Cllr Parker, Northamptonshire County Council's (NCC's)</li> </ul>

	<p>Cabinet Minister for Finance. Concern was raised with regard to Mr Hollobone’s response to say it is nothing to do with central Government when they have cut the funding to NCC. Cllr Humfrey addressed the Town Council and gave an overview of the history to NCC supporting funding of PCSO’s. Cllr Humfrey understands that this situation may be changing and she will report back from the next NCC Full Council meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minute 4/Jan 12 – Street Lighting – Cllr Tebbutt raised the issue of changing the street lights in CCTV areas of the Town to white lighting at the A6 Towns Forum. This will be progressed as soon as the lamp columns are replaced;</li> <li>• Minute 5/Jan 12 – Rushton Road/Trout Farm – Concerns about this site have been reported to KBC Development Services and an Enforcement Case has been opened regarding on-site issues;</li> <li>• Minute 6/Jan 12 – HGV Signage A6 bypass – Cllr Tebbutt and the Clerk are meeting with Mr Gore and Mr Boyes, NCC Highways Department Officers, to discuss the concerns raised by the Town Council;</li> <li>• Minute 6/Jan 12 – Eco housing along Braybrooke Road – the member of the public suggesting changes to the frontage of the houses and tree planting understands that the houses are owned by Orbit Housing and that there is a landscape maintenance agreement in place;</li> <li>• Minute 6 – A reply has been received from KBC Planning Department in respect of the concern raised by a member of the public that the land leading down to the Anglian Water pump, The Plens and the new leisure centre playing field is very scruffy. Once the new leisure centre is handed over to KBC, which is imminent, then the Borough Council will be responsible for and take care of its’ land and landscaping.</li> <li>• Minute 8/Jan 12 – Bus Shelter Thistle Drive – A response from the Cllr Humfrey, Northamptonshire County Councillor is awaited;</li> </ul>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Desborough ‘In Bloom’</b>  A discussion was held about the idea of Desborough ‘In Bloom’. Mr Kemp, Desborough Civic Society, where the initiative has come from, reported that both the Town Centre Partnership (TCP) and DCDT are keen to be involved.</p> <p>Concern was raised that the Town Council cannot fund a project of this nature and that sponsorship will need to be sought. The Town Council <b><u>AGREED</u></b> to support this initiative.</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Community Facilities Update</b>  Concern was raised by members of the Working Group that the community facilities questionnaire had been re-drafted without involving all members of the group for their input and approval prior to presentation for agreement by the Town Council.</p> <p>Following discussion the Town Council <b><u>AGREED</u></b> (Proposed by Cllr Tebbutt and seconded by Cllr Derbyshire) to refer the leaflet back to the Working Group to resolve the situation and produce a final draft for agreement by the Town Council. It was suggested that the questionnaire, agreed by the Working Party, be circulated to all Town Councillors to get total agreement. The Working Group is to meet on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012 at 8pm.</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>The Provision of Allotments</b>  Cllr Clayton reported that the waiting list for an allotment in Desborough is a number of</p>

	<p>years long and that there is little turnover. He understands that it is the Council’s duty to provide allotments and raised the question as to whether there are enough allotments in Desborough.</p> <p>Cllr Soans reported that it is his understanding that the outline plans for the new Grange housing development provides for a new allotment area. Cllr Soans is to investigate further.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt highlighted that the Site Specific Proposals LDD – Options document is due to be presented to Members of the Planning Policy Committee in February and if endorsed it will be followed by widespread public consultation due to commence in March. Cllr Tebbutt suggested that the Town Councillors look at the proposals when published and attend the public exhibition (date to be confirmed). Comments in respect of allotments can be included in the comments agreed by Desborough Town Council.</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey was invited to comment in this section of the meeting as President of the Allotments Association. Cllr Humfrey recognised that there is a long waiting list for allotments in Desborough and a number of the current plots are designated for a future expansion of the cemetery. It was noted that there are allotments at the top of Pioneer Avenue. This land is owned by 36 families many of which have inherited areas of allotment land.</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>County Councillor</b></p> <p>Cllr Humfrey stated that she was not going to give a report. Cllr Humfrey noted that she spoke at the recent KBC Planning Committee meeting in respect of the planning application by Tesco. Her speech concentrated on areas of residential impact on people and the impact a superstore would have on the Town with particular reference to 16.5 tonne lorries.</p> <p>Cllr Sawford raised concern about how the County Council’s proposed budget cuts will affect people in Desborough. Cllr Sawford listed a number of the proposed cuts and urged the County Councillor to vote against some of the cuts. It was raised that NCC state that they have the lowest Council tax however when services are being ‘cut to the bone’ this is nothing to boast about. There is an option to increase rates slightly across the County which would offset some of these cuts.</p>
<p><b>13</b> <b>13.1</b></p> <p><b>13.2</b></p>	<p><b>Borough Councillors</b></p> <p><b>Cllr M Tebbutt</b> reported the following meetings attended and activities undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Young Detectives Scheme at Havelock Junior School has been a great success involving the Police and Fire Service. Cllr Tebbutt assisted with the presentations;</li> <li>• East Midlands Councils meeting where the electrification of the Midland Mainline Bedford to South Yorkshire was raised and promoted to the Local Government Association Transport Portfolio Holder;</li> <li>• KBC Mayor’s Reception;</li> <li>• KBC Planning Policy Committee;</li> <li>• A6 Towns Forum;</li> <li>• South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP) ‘meet the board’ seminar involving Councillors and representatives from local industry.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Derbyshire had nothing to report.</p>

<p><b>13.3</b></p>	<p>Cllr Soans reported that he has been asked to Chair a KBC Task &amp; Finish Group to reassess the voluntary services contracted to KBC. Cllr Soans has attended the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24/01/12 – KBC Research &amp; Development Committee where it was agreed that the current burnt out public toilet facility in Desborough is to be demolished in due course. Following payment for this, outstanding insurance money will be spent within Desborough.</li> <li>• 25/01/12 – KBC Planning Committee;</li> <li>• 31/01/12 – KBC Planning Committee;</li> <li>• A6 Towns Forum – Cllr Soans reported that he has commenced a debate with KBC to get the Town &amp; Parish Grant restored to previous levels.</li> </ul>																												
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<p><b>14.6</b></p>	<p><b>Northamptonshire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984</b> (Various roads Kettering District) (20mph, 30 mph, 40 mph and 50 mph speed limits) Order 2012 – Noted.</p>
<p><b>14.7</b></p>	<p><b>Freedom of Information Request</b> - Details of the request made and the reply sent were provided to Councillors for information.</p>
<p><b>14.8</b></p>	<p><b>The Co-operative funeral care</b> has invited members of the Town Council to a Re-dedication Service being held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 12.00 noon, Rushton Road, Desborough.</p>
<p><b>14.9</b></p>	<p><b>CPRE Northamptonshire spring clean-up campaign/National Stop the Drop Campaign</b> – A date for the Town Council organised litter pick will be arranged at March’s Town Council meeting.</p>
<p><b>14.10</b></p>	<p><b>MGWSP</b> will be undertaking patching works on the A6 Rothwell to Desborough from 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012 for 8 nights. Due to the worsening conditions of the carriageway the works are needing to be completed as an emergency.</p>
<p><b>14.11</b></p>	<p><b>Change to Library opening hours</b> – It is proposed to change the library’s opening hours from 15<sup>th</sup> April 2012 to include Sundays with an alteration to opening hours in the week. Consultation closes on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012.</p>
<p><b>14.12</b></p>	<p><b>A letter of invitation to Origin Energy’s launch event for the Magnetic Park Energy Centre</b> has been sent to Desborough Town Council. The launch event is to be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 at the new leisure centre on Ironwood Avenue, Desborough. Public exhibitions are being held at the same venue on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March at times to be confirmed.</p>
<p><b>14.13</b></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 Highways, Transport &amp; Infrastructure Councillors’ Newsletter Jan 12 (emailed to Cllrs 06/02/12)</li> <li>• kgtogether Winter 2012 – Issue 14</li> <li>• NNRAid Newsletter January 2012 (emailed to Cllrs 06/02/12)</li> <li>• Traveller and Gypsy Update – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012 (emailed to Cllrs 06/02/12)</li> <li>• NCC Trading Standards Newsletter (emailed to Cllrs 06/02/12). No hard copy available.</li> <li>• CPRE Northamptonshire OUTLOOK Winter 2012</li> <li>• KBC Forward Plan and Work Programme Jan 12 - <a href="http://www.kettering.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?downloadID=1842">http://www.kettering.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?downloadID=1842</a></li> <li>• Northants CALC E Update Jan/Feb 2012 (emailed to Cllrs 06/02/12)</li> <li>• KBC Standards Committee – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012 – Report – The Localism Act 2011</li> <li>• CPRE/NALC – How to shape where we live: a guide to neighbourhood planning</li> <li>• Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Contract for Northamptonshire County Council – an opportunity for Local Lighting Authorities;</li> <li>• Email re: E-petition wind turbines;</li> <li>• CPRE Northamptonshire –Update (emailed to Cllrs 07/02/12)</li> <li>• NCC PLAN-net Jan 12 (emailed to Cllrs 13/02/12). No hard copy available.</li> <li>• Friends of Desborough Library – February newsletter</li> </ul>

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<p><b>15.6</b></p>	<p>will attend the Charter Youth Meeting in Esch, Netherlands to discuss - <i>‘What is needed to keep you connected to your village in terms of public transport, culture and other facilities?’</i></p> <p>This year’s main meeting is being held in Kandava (Latvia) from the 5 - 8 July 2012. The topic for discussion at the meeting will be – <i>‘What are the effects of demographic development on culture in rural areas of the European Union?’</i> Anyone interested in attending should email uk.charter@gmail.com.</p> <p><b>Pocket Park:</b> Cllr Sawford stated that the Volunteer Committee has not met since the last Town Council meeting. A number of issues raised by the Pocket Park Volunteer Committee and the Clerk to Desborough Town Council have been investigated further by the Clerk who has outlined a number of considerations for the Pocket Park Volunteer Committee to discuss at their next meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012. A report will then be provided to the next Town Council meeting.</p>																				
<p><b>16</b> <b>16.1</b>  <b>16.2</b>  <b>16.3</b>  <b>16.4</b></p>	<p><b>Financial report</b></p> <p><b>Desborough Pocket Park Grass Cutting Contract 2012:</b> The Town Council <b><u>AGREED</u></b> that the current grass cutting contract with Country Gardens and Ground Care be extended for the 2012 cutting season.</p> <p><b>Asset Register:</b> The Town Council’s Asset Register has been up-dated to include the recent purchases of Christmas Lights and Flags/Flag Poles. The Town Council <b><u>AGREED</u></b> not to include the Christmas Lights purchased in 2011 on the ‘All Risks’ part of the Insurance Schedule. The Chairman is organising for the Civic Regalia (Chairman &amp; Consort Chains) to be valued to ensure that it is adequately insured. The up-dated Asset Register will be sent to the Town Council’s Insurance Company.</p> <p><b>Agreed 2012/13 Desborough Town Council Budget (Minute 15.2/Jan 2012):</b> The Chairman signed the budget agreed at January’s meeting.</p> <p><b>Accounts for Payment:</b> The following payments were <b><u>APPROVED</u></b> for payment:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="293 1406 1437 1637"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No.</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Reason for Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>101238</td> <td>£762.45</td> <td>Mrs L Parkin</td> <td>Salary &amp; Expenses (Feb 12)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101239</td> <td>£76.78*</td> <td>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</td> <td>PAYE &amp; NI (Feb 12)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101240</td> <td>£35.00</td> <td>Vine Community Trust</td> <td>Hall Hire (Feb 12)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101241</td> <td>£41.96</td> <td>Talk Talk Business</td> <td>Telephone Line Rental /Broadband + calls (Feb12)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*HMRC overpaid in Jan 12 by 20p (chq no. 101235 £77.18 should have been £76.98) this amount has been deducted from Feb 12 payment.</p>	Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment	101238	£762.45	Mrs L Parkin	Salary & Expenses (Feb 12)	101239	£76.78*	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (Feb 12)	101240	£35.00	Vine Community Trust	Hall Hire (Feb 12)	101241	£41.96	Talk Talk Business	Telephone Line Rental /Broadband + calls (Feb12)
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<p><b>17</b>  <b>17.1</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or at the meeting:</p> <p><b>KET/2012/0014 – Mr Neale – 106 Dunkirk Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey side and rear extension.</b></p> <p>Refusal recommended. This application looks like significant overdevelopment to the area. The previous extension doubled the house size. The OS plan does not show this but the submitted plan appears to show the rear of the building line as it now is.</p>																				

	<p>It looks to be a 5 bedroom house already (with a substantial 2 storey extension) now it is regarded as an application for a "Granny Annexe". It is no such thing - what it claims to be is not supported by the plans. This appears to be a request for another extension of an already extended house with serious implications about shoring up the whole 2 storeys and building a new wall dangerously close to the neighbour at no. 108. The 'so called' Granny Annexe is contained within the existing building and not the extension planned.</p>
17.2	<p><b>KET/2012/0052 – Mr &amp; Mrs Barrett – 16 Ise View Road, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear extension.</b> No objection.</p>
17.3	<p><b>KET/2012/0090 – Mr Rees, BT Openreach – 47 Station Road, Desborough – Prior Approval - Telecommunications: 1 no. replacement equipment cabinet.</b> Seems to be a revised application (original KET/2011/0784) using existing location rather than a new location close to existing cabinet. The proposed installation must not prevent any development of the proposed Havelock Square improvement.</p>
17.4	<p><b>KET/2012/0068 – Mr Bapodora – 47 Gold Street (land to rear), Desborough – s.73 Application: Removal of Condition 5 of KET/2012/0068 in relation to removal of lean-to and vehicular access.</b> Comments to be reported to March’s Town Council meeting.</p>
17.5	<p><b>Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011: Regulation 13 Scoping Opinion. 12/00001/SCO – Proposals for scope and content of an application for planning permission for an energy from waste plant at Magnetic Park, Desborough.</b> Comments to be reported to March’s Town Council meeting.</p>
17.6	<p><b>Notices of Approval received:</b> KBC has approved permission for the following application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0784 (Minute 16.7/Jan 12) – BT Openreach – 47 Station Road, Desborough – Determination – telecommunications: 1 BT DSLAM cabinet.</b></li> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0545 (Minute 17.5/Nov 11) – Magnetic Park Partnership – Magnetic Park (Phase 3), Cockerel Rise, Desborough – Full Application: Warehouse and associated offices, car parking and service yard.</b></li> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0791 (Minute 16.3/Jan 12) – Mrs Gee – 38 Yaffle Crescent, Desborough – Full Application: Insertion of 3 no. dormer windows to front and 1 no. dormer window and 3 no. roof lights to rear.</b></li> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0737 (Minute 16.1/Jan 12) – Mr Percival – Linden Rise, 3 Rothwell Road (Land at the rear of), Desborough – Renewal of Extant Permission (Outline): KET/2008/0848 (Dwelling house and garage).</b></li> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0764 (Minute 16.4/Jan 12) – Mr Bains – 85 Braybrooke Road, Desborough – Full Application: Separation of annex to form 1 no. dwelling.</b></li> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0805 (Minute 17.9/Jan 12) – Mr Douglas – 30 Chestnut Drive, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear extension.</b></li> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0762 (Minute 17.10/Jan 12) – Mr May – 62 Dunkirk Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Change garage flat roof to pitched.</b></li> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0790 (Minute 17.8/Jan 12) – Mr Nibloe – 42 Braybrooke Road, Desborough – Full Application: Single and two storey rear extension.</b></li> </ul>

<p><b>17.7</b></p>	<p><b>Notices of Refusal received:</b> KBC has refused permission for the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>KET/2011/0822 (Minute 17.6/Jan 12) – Mr &amp; Mrs Veevers – Harrington Road (adj. to Garbett House), Desborough – Outline Application: 1 no. dwelling.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>17.8</b></p>	<p><b>Notices of Appeals received by KBC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Town &amp; Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 174 – Notice of Appeals – Land at: Greenfields, Braybrooke Road, Braybrooke - Attached is a schedule of appeals lodged in respect of the above detailed site. The deadline for representations is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>17.9</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>APP/L2820A/11/2166327/NWF – Mrs Holland – Plot 9, Greenfields, Braybrooke Road, Braybrooke – Full Application (KET/2010/0805 – Minute No. 16.4/July 11) – Change of use from farm land to provide a residential Gypsy site with 2 no. pitches comprising 1 no. mobile home and 2 no. caravans, including associated hard standing, access road and septic tank. The original comments made by Desborough Town Council will be sent to, and considered by, the Inspector. Any additional comments must be submitted by 06/03/2012.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting and items for the agenda:</b> Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012 – Skate Park, Policies and Procedures Update, Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document Options Paper Consultation.</p>
	<p><b>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10 PM</b></p> <p>..... <b>CHAIRMAN</b></p>