

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 26th July 2012.

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr A Matthews, Cllr D Coe, Cllr D Soans, Cllr M Watson, Cllr J Watson, Cllr R Sawford, Cllr P Malin, Cllr J Derbyshire, Cllr M Tebbutt, Cllr B King

Clerk: Leigh Parkin

Also in attendance: PCSO S Gell, PCSO L Mitchell – Kettering Rural Safer Community Team, Cllr B Humfrey – Northamptonshire County Councillor, Mr P Watson - Development Control Manager Northamptonshire County Council, Mr D Beaumont – Pollution Prevention and Control (PPC) Officer Environment Agency, members of the public

1	<p>Chairman’s announcements</p> <p>Cllr Matthews confirmed the health & safety issues for the building including fire exit, assembly point and toilets. He requested that all present at the meeting silence their mobile phones whilst the meeting is in progress.</p> <p>Cllr Matthews welcomed Cllr Ben King who was elected to Desborough Town Council following the by-election for Loatlands Ward held on Thursday 19th July 2012.</p> <p>Cllr Matthews announced that Cllr Jane Pearce had given birth to a baby daughter named Kirsty on 7th July 2012. The Town Council congratulated Jane and her family on their new arrival.</p> <p>Cllr Matthews reported that he had attended the following events/meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22/06/12 – Northants CALC Chairman’s Lunch & networking seminar; • 26/06/12 – Pocket Park AGM; • 27/06/12 – A6 Towns Forum; • 30/06/12 – Desborough Town Carnival; • 03/07/12 – Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) AGM with Cllr D Soans; • 18/07/12 – KBC Executive meeting. <p>Cllr Matthews also raised the issue that he has had a number of discussions recently about the continued deterioration of the privately owned land at the side of the Doctor’s surgery which has access over it to the Indoor Bowls Club and Conservative Club.</p>
2	<p>To receive Councillor Declaration of Acceptance of Office</p> <p>It was CONFIRMED that Cllr King had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form as a Town Councillor witnessed by the Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting.</p>
3	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Pearce and Cllr M Dearing.</p>
4	<p>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Soans would not take part in any consideration of planning matters as he is on the Planning Committee at the Borough Council. Cllr Soans stated that as KBC had made its’ comments on the NCC Planning Application for an Energy Centre in Desborough he now feels that he can comment on this planning application and make his opinions</p>

	<p>known.</p> <p>In respect of Agenda Item 9.1 (Minute 7.1) Cllr Tebbutt declared an interest as a member of the Joint Planning Committee for North Northants.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Police Report</p> <p>PCSO Gell went through the police figures for June 2012. It was noted that violent offences also includes domestic offences. The police continue to actively manage antisocial behaviour with the use of a ‘hot spot’ car. Members of the public are urged to report antisocial behaviour by telephoning 101.</p> <p>An issue was raised about whether there has been an increase in vandalism at the Hawthorns since the leisure centre has been closed. PCSO Gell confirmed that she will investigate this matter.</p> <p>It was reported that there have been continuing issues of antisocial behaviour at the bus stop on Thistle Drive. A number of members of the public are concerned that if they report the problem to the police and the police come and talk to them they might experience more problems. PCSO Gell stated that if a member of the public has concerns then they should let the operator know when reporting problems.</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey, Northamptonshire County Councillor, reported that the Grange Housing Estate developer has confirmed that Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) is now responsible for the bus shelters but that the developer is happy to remove the seat in the Thistle Drive bus shelter if NCC agrees. Cllr Humfrey is to confirm NCC agreement to take out the seat and will liaise with the developer.</p> <p>Cllr Matthews thanked PCSO Gell & PCSO Mitchell for attending the meeting and providing a report.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p>	<p>Representations from members of the public</p> <p>A member of the public spoke at the meeting on the following issue:</p> <p>Continued planning and building control issues for 74 and 76 Station Road, Desborough which had been reported to the Town Council the previous month (Minute 5.1/June 12).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The member of the public had made a complaint to KBC and had been invited to attend a meeting with the Planning Officer at KBC earlier in the week. At the meeting the Planning Officer had indicated that the planning application will be approved and that it might not go to a Planning Committee for a decision. <p>Cllr Matthews confirmed that following the original planning application KET/2012/0222 which had been withdrawn, new plans had been submitted KET/2012/0394 which the Town Council had commented on and this week amended plans had been submitted for further comment.</p> <p>A reply was read to Town Councillors which had been received from Mr Chaplin, Development Manager KBC in response to the Town Council’s letter agreed at June’s Town Council meeting which highlighted the concerns that building work has been undertaken on this development for six months without the relevant planning and building control permissions.</p> <p>The following continued concerns were raised by Councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Planning Officer should not have indicated to the member of the public that the

	<p>plans would be approved;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ KBC should have stopped building works until the appropriate planning and building control permissions had been granted as soon as they were made aware of the situation over 6 months ago; ➤ The proposed opening hours for this business may have an impact on neighbouring properties; ➤ KBC Planning Department is not listening to Desborough residents or businesses; ➤ The required Building Control checks have not been carried out whilst the development has been undertaken; ➤ There may be parking issues along Station Road. The Co-op may not be happy for their car park to be used. <p>Cllr Soans stated that although he cannot comment on this application, a planning application can only be recommended for approval if it complies with planning regulations.</p> <p>6.2 The Town Council was informed of an additional letter received from a member of the public with regard to Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) planning application 12/00043/WASFUL – erection & installation of an Energy Centre at Magnetic Park, Desborough. The letter was circulated to Councillors at the meeting.</p> <p>6.3 Councillor Matthews introduced Mr Watson, NCC Development Control Manager and Mr Beaumont, PPC Officer Environment Agency, who had attended the Town Council meeting to hear what Town Councillors and members of the public are saying about the NCC Planning Application 12/00043/WASFUL proposed Energy Centre, Desborough and to answer questions:</p> <p>Members of the public raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only one Desborough resident spoke at the KBC planning meeting held on the 17th July 2012 where KBC considered its' comments to be made to NCC about planning application 12/00043/WASFUL; • KBC adopted a 'no objection' decision (4 votes to 3) subject to a number of conditions being met. One out of the 4 councillors that voted 'no objection' stated at the meeting that they had not read the papers and that they would not understand them but voted anyway; • There are currently two commercial scale gasification plants that operate in the UK (the Isle of Wight and Scotland). Neither of these plants meets with environmental conditions. The Isle of Wight plant was closed for a period of time; • The Government's Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management was referred to highlighting that the overall objective of the Government's policy on waste is to protect human health and the environment by producing less waste and by using it as a resource wherever possible. However this should not endanger human health or cause harm to the environment and should reflect the concerns and interests of communities; • There is a mass of information available which suggests the scientific uncertainties relating to the gasification process; • The North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy Policy 13 was referred to as it states that development should meet the needs of residents and businesses without compromising the ability of future generations to enjoy the same quality of life that the present generation aspire to; • An AMEC report on the impact on human health of a development of this nature
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- specifies low to zero, however, it does not clarify what the potential effects might be;
- Concerns were raised that the proposed Energy Centre may have an adverse impact on mortgages, health and house insurances, as well as the resale value of properties of local residents living in the immediate vicinity of the development;
 - An Energy Centre of this nature has not been located this close to a housing development before. The Energy Centre can be located up to 14km away from the development it is supplying;
 - The term 'renewable' is misrepresented;
 - A public enquiry is recommended to allow suitable experts to comment;
 - The Energy Centre, if built, will deter new businesses from locating in Desborough;
 - A member of the public undertook a survey of residents on the Grange Housing Estate and only 1 person in 100 wanted to see the development go ahead;
 - The main concern is pollution and what will be burnt. Fuels such as paper, wood and card are recycled potentially leaving tyres, polystyrene etc. to be included in what is to be burnt.
 - The A6 bypass was built to take traffic away from Desborough however it is currently being directed back through increased housing, industry etc.;
 - It is unlikely that recruitment to the Energy Centre will be through the local Job Centre;
 - The Town Council should consider a fall-back position of conditions that need to be achieved if planning permission is granted.
 - If NCC grant planning permission for the Energy Centre it will be an unlawful act against humans and the environment;
 - The Town Council was asked by a number of members of the public present at the meeting to consider asking NCC to reject the current planning application for an Energy Centre in Desborough.

Mr Beaumont, Environment Agency stated that:

- He is aware of issues relating to both the Scottish and Isle of Wight gasification plants. He cannot comment on the Scottish Plant but has figures relating to the Isle of Wight plant which he is able to provide to the Town Council;
- The Energy Centre planning application is not being dual tracked with a licence application from the Environment Agency; therefore, there is currently a lack of detailed technical information from the applicant at this stage. One of the conditions of the Environment Agency issuing a licence is that planning permission has been granted;
- The Environment Agency monitors the emission limits;
- Mr Beaumont's email address can be posted on the Town Council website;
- The Environment Agency has not objected to this planning application.

Mr Watson, Planning Control Manager, NCC outlined the process NCC will go through to assess this planning application. NCC is not looking to make an early decision about this planning application and the next available NCC Development Control Committee meeting will be in October. Members of the public, statutory consultees that have made representations on the application will be informed of the date and can attend and request, if they wish, to speak at the Committee meeting. Mr Watson stated that the Government has determined that energy from waste is one of the renewable energies.

7	<p>Planning Applications The Town Council Resolved to bring this agenda item forward.</p>
7.1	<p>NCC 12/00043/WASFUL – Land off Eagle Avenue, Magnetic Park, Desborough – Erection and installation of an Energy Centre with the capacity to produce Combined Heat and Power through Energy from Waste Technology and including associated buildings, plant and machinery, formation of access and associated works.</p> <p>Councillors made the following comments/raised the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Environment Agency was asked whether it will have an independent assessment of the emissions from both the proposed Energy centre chimney stack combined with the emissions from the Rigid containers stack and its’ cumulative effect. Mr Watson stated that NCC would look to the Environment Agency for advice on pollution control issues and that two stacks in close proximity could be a material planning consideration. Mr Beaumont confirmed that the Environment Agency would ask the applicant to make an assessment and that this information would be assessed by the Agency’s own experts. • Concerns were raised about the increase in lorries to the proposed Energy Centre combined with Magnetic Park, Rigid Containers as well as other local industry which will have an effect on air pollution; • Reference was made to a current study being undertaken by the Health Protection Agency which is not due for completion until 2014. It was asked why a planning application of this nature is being considered before the results of this study are known. There is no significant evidence that future generations of children will not be effected and that there will not be a cumulative health impact. The words no significant odour, potential impact and others used in the application may be negligible to some agencies assessing the application but not to members of the local community. • The aerodynamic shape of the Great Bear Warehouse was raised and whether this will affect the Energy Centre. Mr Beaumont confirmed that this will be taken into account. • The Energy Centre could be built further away and the hot water etc. could be piped to the housing. This would however increase the costs of the Energy Centre. • The projected ‘fall out’ from the chimney stack will be over the Grange Housing Estate, West Lodge Day Nursery and Loatlands School putting the health of our children and grandchildren at risk which is unacceptable. • In principle alternative energy is supported when other options are becoming more expensive. • The period of consultation on a planning application of this size and complexity is too short. • Once a plant of this nature is built and operational if things go wrong it cannot just be switched off it would have to be decommissioned. • Desborough will not be able to attract new businesses if the Energy Centre is built especially food production companies. • This plant should not be built near housing but 14km away. It can then be proved that the technology works as at this time there is no proof. Energy Centres were proposed in Derby and Bedfordshire but were refused, decisions that the Secretary of State upheld. Mr Beaumont stated that a third plant has been granted planning permission in Lanarkshire but that this has not yet been built. • The Isle of Wight Plant has been working to a reduced capacity and using different fuels to what it started on. Mr Beaumont confirmed that he will find out what waste

	<p>is currently being burnt at the Isle of Wight plant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern was raised that KBC did not seem to listen to the Desborough resident who spoke at their meeting and the well-researched points that he had raised. • A question was raised as to what percentage of the waste from the Energy Centre has to go back to landfill. <p>Desborough Town Council agreed by a majority vote to reject the above detailed planning application (eight in favour – Cllrs: B King, R Sawford, M Watson, J Watson, P Malin, D Soans, A Matthews, J Derbyshire and two abstentions: Cllrs: M Tebbutt, D Coe).</p> <p>The deadline for the Town Council’s response to NCC was agreed as Thursday 2nd August 2012. A letter will be drafted confirming the Town Council’s rejection of this planning application and giving reasons for this decision. The draft letter will be emailed to Councillors for agreement prior to sending to NCC and placing on the Town Council website.</p>
<p>7.2</p>	<p>Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Partial Review - Consultation on the Way Forward & Consultation on a revised Statement of Community Involvement.</p> <p>It was AGREED that Cllr Tebbutt will review the details of this consultation and draft a response from Desborough Town Council which will be circulated for agreement before being submitted by the deadline of 23rd August 2012.</p> <p>The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or at the meeting:</p>
<p>7.3</p>	<p>KET/2012/0416 – Mr Meager Jacaranda Carpets Ltd – Site U, Cockerel Rise, Desborough – Advertisement Application: 1 no. externally illuminated fascia sign. No objection.</p>
<p>7.4</p>	<p>KET/2012/0394 – Mr Stapleford – 74 & 76 Station Road, Desborough – Full Application: Change of use from off licence and office into café/bistro. Convert 2 no. apartments into 4 no. one bedroom apartments.</p> <p>This is a retrospective application. Work has been on-going for around 6 months and alteration and repairs appear to be mostly completed to both the exterior and interior of the building. Objections to conversion work by adjacent business and some evidence of bad workmanship.</p> <p>Development is within in a Conservation Area - sensitive treatment is needed. Ground floor windows should be protected by built in shutters. Car parking could be problematic if the Co-op object. The Town Council is concerned that the privacy of the occupants of the adjacent property may be compromised by balconies from 1st floor apartments.</p> <p>Northamptonshire County Council permission will need to be sought for outside seating, 'A' frame advert etc. This development will help to bring back much needed life to the Town Centre.</p>
<p>7.5</p>	<p>KET/2012/0394 (amended plans) – Mr Stapleford – 74 & 76 Station Road, Desborough – Full Application: Change of use from off licence and office into café/bistro. Convert 2 no. apartments into 1 no. 2 bedroomed and 3 no. 1 bedroomed flats. In-fill extension to rear. Canopies to front and rear and</p>

	<p>alterations to windows. Comments to be reported to September's Town Council meeting.</p>
7.6	<p>KET/2012/0367 – Pegasus Planning Group – Harborough Road (land off), Desborough – Environmental Scoping Opinion: Residential development. The request is noted by Desborough Town Council, no detailed comments can be made at this time. Any development proposals must provide for the protection of the bridleway and improvement of pedestrian/cycling provision along Harborough Road and through to Braybrooke Road.</p>
7.7	<p>KET/2012/0379 – Mr McAlister – 96 Federation Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear extension. No objection, providing the neighbours do not object.</p>
7.8	<p>KET/2012/0430 – Miss dos Santos – 26 Chestnut Drive, Desborough – Full Application: Convert garage to habitable room. Parking provision not detailed. No objection provided off street parking not compromised. Consider two parking spaces needed off road.</p>
7.9	<p>KET/2012/0444 – Mr Pearce – Tithe Farm Cottage, Gold Street, Desborough – Full Application: Two storey side and rear extensions. No objection.</p>
7.10	<p>KET/2012/0451 – Willjammer Consulting Ltd – 43 Station Road, Desborough, Kettering – Full Application: Change of use and conversion to retail, community café and five flats with alterations, rear extension and parking. Comments to be reported to September's Town Council meeting.</p>
7.11	<p><u>Planning Applications Withdrawn:</u> The below detailed application has been withdrawn and therefore KBC will take no further action; no formal decisions will be made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KET/2012/0366 (Minute 18.5/June 12) – Mr & Mrs Kirkpatrick – 84 Ironwood Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear extension with balcony.
7.12	<p><u>Notices of Approval received:</u> KBC has approved permission for the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KET/2012/0379 (Minute 18.9/June 12) – Mr McAlister – 96 Federation Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear extension. • KET/2012/0356 (Min 18.4/June 12) – Persimmon Homes Ltd – 26 & 28 Harborough Road, Desborough – Renewal of Extant Permission (Outline): KET/2007/0111 (Demolition of existing dwelling house and erection of a pair of semi-detached houses). • KET/2012/0318 (Minute 18.3/June 12) – Mrs Edsman-Hunnings – 174 Dunkirk Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear extension. • KET/2012/0372 (Minute 18.6/June 12) – Mr Such – 111 Buttercup Road, Desborough – Full Application: Change of use for conversion of garage into habitable room. • KET/2011/0755 (Minute 19.2/May 12) – Mr Burgoyne Travis Perkins Property Dept – Bridge Building, Pipewell Road, Desborough – Full Application: Demolition of storage buildings and erection of temporary building. • Northamptonshire County Council 12/00018/WAS (Minute 20.5/April 12) -

<p>7.13</p>	<p>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Erection of a waste materials storage and handling barn together with associated ancillary service buildings to facilitate the operation of a waste transfer site at Woodside, Stoke Albany Road, Desborough, Northamptonshire</p> <p><u>Request for Scoping Opinion:</u> The below detailed application has been determined by the Borough Council. A Scoping Opinion has been issued for KET/2012/0367 and can be viewed on the KBC website: http://www.kettering.gov.uk/planx_downloads/0367.2012.KET.DN.pdf:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KET/2012/0367 (Minute 18.7/June 12) – Pegasus Planning Group – Harborough Road (land off), Desborough – Environmental Scoping Opinion: Residential development.
<p>8</p>	<p>Minutes of Town Council meetings held on 21st June 2012 The Minutes of the Town Council meeting on the above date were <u>unanimously approved</u> and signed as a true record (Proposed by Cllr Sawford and seconded by Cllr Soans) with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minute 9, bullet point 1 – Two references in this paragraph to Ms Hitcham were amended to read Ms Hitchman; • Minute 16.6 – Tuesday 26th September 2012 was amended to read Tuesday 26th June 2012.
<p>9</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minute 9, bullet point 1/June 12 – Matters Arising – An email and reminders have been sent to Ms V Hitchman, Head of Community Services at KBC, concerning the fitness suite, drainage, lack of paving distinction, increased litter, dog fouling and the unkempt nature of the grass at the new leisure centre. No reply has been received. The emails are to be forwarded to Cllr Tebbutt who will take up the matter with Ms Hitchman. • Minute 12/June 12 – KBC has confirmed that the watering of the tubs and hanging baskets in Desborough can be included in their watering schedule at no charge to the Town Council. This situation will need to be reviewed if more tubs etc. are included in future years. • Minute 13/June 12 – Cllr Humfrey raised concern about the Town Council’s request for the County Councillor to provide a bullet point report for distribution with the Town Council papers if she is unable to attend the meeting and give a verbal report. Cllr Humfrey stated that she is happy, when available, to attend Town Council meetings and give a verbal report, however, she is only required to attend a Town Council meeting once a year. Cllr Matthews apologised for any confusion. Cllr M Watson asked that if Cllr Humfrey is aware of a Desborough issue prior to attending a Town Council meeting that she email the Clerk to circulate to Councillors prior to the meeting; • Minute 17.5/June 12 – KBC has agreed to the £500 purchase of new Christmas Lights allowance from 2011/12 be rolled over to 2012/13.
<p>10</p>	<p>Community Facilities Update A discussion was held about Desborough Town Councillors not being informed of the issues being discussed at the KBC Executive Meeting held on Wednesday 18th July 2012 which specifically related to Desborough. It was <u>AGREED</u> that Legal & Democratic Services will be requested to send the Clerk a link to the KBC Executive Agenda when it is posted on the KBC website. This will then be circulated to the Town Council.</p>

	<p>Councillors were reminded that they are able to request items to be placed on the Town Council agenda.</p> <p>The Community Facilities Working Group met on 24th July 2012. Cllr Matthews outlined that prior to this meeting he had, had an informal meeting with Cllr Roberts, Leader of Kettering Borough Council who had confirmed that if KBC were to buy the community facility it may take 1 to 2 years to provide the funding, alternatively KBC could consider an advanced payment to the Town Council to get the building operational in terms of refurbishments etc.</p> <p>Concern was raised by Councillors with regard to the on-going funding of a community facility. It is understood that the outline planning permission for Phase II of the Grange Housing Estate makes provision under the s.106 agreement towards a community facility within the Town. It was suggested that KBC may be willing to make an advanced payment to the Town Council for a community facility based on this agreement. Also with the proposed sale of the Hawthorns site any proceeds may go towards the purchase of a community building and to support the relocation of the skate park. It was noted however that KBC will not guarantee that the money raised through the sale of assets in Desborough will come back to Desborough.</p> <p>Reference was made to the KBC Executive meeting held on Wednesday 18th July 2012 when one of the Borough Councillors was reported as saying ‘they are sick & tired in Kettering of subsidising Desborough.’ It was noted with regret that no Desborough Councillor with voting rights was present at the Executive meeting.</p> <p>A provisional Community Facilities meeting with KBC has been arranged for Wednesday 1st August 2012. It was AGREED that at the meeting the Town Council representatives will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Agree what KBC are looking for from the Town Council i.e. business plan, budget proposal; ➤ Ask whether KBC are willing to make an advance payment for the set up cost of a community facility in Desborough; ➤ Confirmation from KBC that future s.106 funding from development in Desborough and/or funds from the sale of the Hawthorns will be earmarked towards the cost to purchase the community facility. <p>If KBC confirm agreement in principle to the above then the working group will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meet with interested parties and organisations in the Town to present ideas and to gain community input into the project plans; ➤ Put together a business directory to use to support the development of the building by the community. <p>The Working Party was asked to investigate who would underwrite the running costs of the community building.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>County Councillor</p> <p>The Town Council Resolved to prioritise the remainder of the agenda due to time constraints of the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey stated that, as Chairman of the Skate Park, she had learnt that the Skate Park was to be discussed at the KBC July Executive meeting through Radio</p>

	<p>Northampton. Cllr Humfrey expressed her disappointment that only one out of the seven Town Councillors present at the Executive meeting spoke about the Skate Park.</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey highlighted that she has recently been involved with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The resurfacing of roads within the town; • Local Access Forum – bridleways and footpaths; • Trustee of Clipstone School; • Working Group for Education 14-19 year olds. <p>Cllr Coe raised the issue about the road verges being overgrown and in some areas this is causing a danger to traffic. Cllr Humfrey is to refer this issue to NCC.</p>
<p>12 12.1</p> <p>12.2</p>	<p>Borough Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Derbyshire reported that she had attended the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal British Legion Lunch held at the Indoor Bowls Club; • 30/06/12 - Desborough Carnival; • 02/07/12 – Watched the Olympic Torch travel through Dingley; • 04/07/12 - KBC Full Council meeting; • KBC Gypsy & Travellers meeting; • KBC Tenants Forum; • Desborough Millennium Green Fun Day; • KBC Planning Policy Committee meeting; • Desborough in Bloom (DiB) meeting – Cllr Derbyshire provided feedback on planting bulbs for autumn, watering and the DiB best front gardens award. <p>Cllr Soans reported that he had attended the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27/06/12 – A6 Towns Forum; • 30/06/12 – Desborough Carnival as a steward; • 03/07/12 - Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) AGM with Cllr Matthews; • 04/07/12 – KBC Full Council meeting; • 09/07/12 – CPRE Executive; • 11/07/12 – KBC Travellers Forum – the extension to the Pastures Site may not happen; • 17/07/12 – KBC Planning Committee where the NCC planning application 12/00043/WASFUL, Energy Centre, Desborough, was considered for comments to NCC ; • 18/07/12 – KBC Executive Committee. Cllr Soans attended the meeting to present the results of the Task & Finish Group re: volunteers. Cllr Soans highlighted the other key areas relating to Desborough discussed at the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hawthorns – It was recommended that a contractor be appointed and the building demolished at the earliest opportunity. It is hoped that there will be a ‘buffer’ zone to protect Tailby Meadow if the Hawthorns land is built on; ➤ Skate Park – KBC Executive Committee decided to serve 12 months’ notice to close the Skate Park from mid-September. KBC will be supportive in identifying a suitable alternative site for the skate park working in conjunction with the Skate Park Committee and Desborough Town Council; ➤ Town & Parish Council funding – KBC wish to review the current grant funding arrangements for Town & Parish Councils. A discussion was held as to how this is going to be done.

<p>12.3</p>	<p>Cllr Sawford stated that she understood that KBC had agreed to withdraw Town & Parish Council Funding from March 2014 and that a decision had been made not to precept Kettering town.</p> <p>Cllr Coe asked for the Town Council to contact Northants CALC to find out about KBC's legal responsibility to fund Town & Parish Councils. It was AGREED to place Town & Parish Council funding on the Agenda for September's Town Council meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The North Northants Joint Planning Committee is working towards an outline Joint Core Strategy and a period of consultation will commence on 6th August 2012 until 15th October 2012; • KBC Planning Policy has been reviewing Gypsy & Traveller provision in the Borough as part of the Local Development Document; • The Government has approved the electrification of the Midland Mainline and line speed improvements.
<p>13</p> <p>13.1</p> <p>13.2</p> <p>13.3</p>	<p>Clerk's Report The Clerk has sent all correspondence required after the last Council Meeting.</p> <p>Northamptonshire Police/Northamptonshire Police Authority – Have Your Say: Completed questionnaires are to be returned by 5th October 2012. This is to be reported to September's Town Council meeting.</p> <p>Insurance (Update):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Council's insurance policy is due for renewal in November 2012. It was Agreed that quotes will be obtained from other insurance companies prior to renewal. Quotes will be based on the Council's current insurance schedule but will highlight the events/activities also insured by the Council, for example, Gala Night, Desborough Pocket Park fun & work days, litter picks etc. A face to face meeting is to be organised with one insurance company that offers this service with representatives from the Town Council. It was Agreed that this will be the Chairman, Clerk, Cllr Soans (TCP) and Cllr Sawford (Pocket Park). • The Civic Regalia has been valued and a written quote has been received outlining that the Civic Regalia is worth £11,264 exc. VAT. The current insurance value is £1,737. An increase in insurance to the new valuation level will increase the Town Council's annual insurance premium by £99.65 per annum, pro rata from when the cover is increased to the insurance renewal date in November 2012. It was Agreed to increase the Town Council's insurance value of the Civic Regalia to £11,264 with immediate effect. <p>Report from KBC Street Cleansing Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter Bins – All of the cast iron litter bins on Station Road and High Street are to be removed and replaced with new litter bins with cigarette stubbers installed. There are 13 bins in total, 4 of these are new square bins which will be left. The remaining 9 will be removed and 7 replaced. Work is due to commence in approximately 5 to 6 weeks. • Reduce smoking campaign – A new campaign is to be launched to reduce smoking litter. KBC is offering to supply and install a standard square wall mounted cigarette bin for a one off payment of £45 to local businesses.

<p>13.4</p>	<p>Correspondence File: This month's file contained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desborough Town Council Standing Orders • NALC July to December 2012 Training Calendar • Letter from NCC re: Annual Review of the Mobile Library Service • Desborough & District Twinning Association – Newsletter – July 2012 • NCC Highways, Transport & Infrastructure Councillors' Newsletter June 2012 (emailed to Cllrs 17/07/12) • Information and requests (Yes action required!) from the Mayor of Kettering Borough – Cllr J Hakewill • KBC Standards Committee Report – 28th June 2012 – The Localism Act 2011 – The New Standards Regime • KBC A6 Towns Forum Agenda & papers – 27th June 2012 • Clerks & Councils Direct July 2012 <p><i>Cllr Malin left the meeting at 10pm.</i> It was RESOLVED by the Town Council to continue the meeting after 10pm.</p>																												
<p>14</p>	<p>The Localism Act 2011 – The New Code of Conduct Following discussion it was Agreed that the Code of Conduct by Kettering Borough Council be adopted as the Code of Conduct for Desborough Town Council with immediate effect. The Monitoring Officer of KBC will be informed of this decision.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt confirmed that he has requested KBC to produce a template Code of Conduct for Parish & Town Councils to use.</p> <p>It was confirmed that Councillors are now required to complete the new Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests Form, distributed with the Town Council papers for the July meeting. Councillors have 28 days from the date of the Town Council's adoption of the new Code of Conduct to complete and return the form.</p>																												
<p>15</p>	<p>Electoral Review of Northamptonshire: Draft Recommendations After careful consideration Desborough Town Council voted by a majority to support the proposal for new division boundaries submitted to The Local Government Boundary Commission by Northamptonshire County Council in respect of Kettering Borough.</p>																												
<p>16 16.1 16.2</p>	<p>Financial report Quarter 1 Report @ 30th June 2012: Noted.</p> <p>Accounts for Payment: The following payments were APPROVED:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="296 1608 1441 2056"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No.</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Reason for Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>101266</td> <td>£815.24</td> <td>Mrs L Parkin</td> <td>Salary & Expenses (July 12)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101267</td> <td>£59.11</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI (July 12)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101268</td> <td>£35.00</td> <td>Vine Community Trust</td> <td>Hall Hire</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101269</td> <td>£46.57</td> <td>Mrs L Parkin</td> <td>Telephone Line Rental /Broadband + calls (July 12) – Payment was due 22nd July 2012</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101270</td> <td>£29.00</td> <td>Northants CALC</td> <td>Chairman's Briefing/Lunch – Cllr A Matthews</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101271</td> <td>29.00</td> <td>CPRE</td> <td>Campaign to Protect Rural England Membership</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment	101266	£815.24	Mrs L Parkin	Salary & Expenses (July 12)	101267	£59.11	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (July 12)	101268	£35.00	Vine Community Trust	Hall Hire	101269	£46.57	Mrs L Parkin	Telephone Line Rental /Broadband + calls (July 12) – Payment was due 22 nd July 2012	101270	£29.00	Northants CALC	Chairman's Briefing/Lunch – Cllr A Matthews	101271	29.00	CPRE	Campaign to Protect Rural England Membership
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	101274	£50.00	T J Thornton Ltd	Insurance Valuation of the Civic Regalia
	101275	£500.00	West Lodge Plants & Gardens Ltd	Two picnic benches. The Pocket Park Volunteer Group is to make a donation of £416.67 to the Town Council towards the purchase of the picnic benches.
	<p><i>The Salary for the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs cheques relating to August were dated 16th August 2012 (3rd Thursday of the month).</i></p>			
16.3	Receipts: None received.			
17	Community Reports			
17.1	Civic Society: No report was received.			
17.2	Town Centre Partnership (TCP): Due to time constraints no report was received.			
17.3	Twinning: Due to time constraints no report was received.			
17.4	Youth: No report was received.			
17.5	European Charter: Due to time constraints no report was received.			
17.6	Pocket Park: The Town Council Agreed that the Pocket Park Volunteer Group can hold a Volunteer Work Day on Saturday 15 th September 2012.			
18	<p>Report from new Leisure Centre – Cllr D Coe It was Agreed that Cllr Tebbutt will forward this report to Kettering Borough Council and that it will be placed on the agenda for discussion at September’s Town Council meeting.</p>			
19	Date of next meeting and items for the agenda: Thursday 20 th September 2012			
	THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.15 PM			
 CHAIRMAN			