

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 20th September 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, Cllr M Dearing, Cllr J Pearce

Clerk: Leigh Parkin

Also in attendance: PCSO J Parish – Kettering Rural Safer Community Team, Cllr B Humfrey – Northamptonshire County Councillor, Ms N Diamond - Locality, members of the public

<p>1</p>	<p>Chairman’s announcements Cllr Matthews confirmed the health & safety issues for the building.</p> <p>Cllr Matthews announced that he has received concerns about the new GP appointment system at Desborough and Rothwell surgeries. It was AGREED that the Town Council would write to the surgery to highlight these concerns and it will be placed on October’s agenda for discussion.</p> <p>Cllr King requested that Agenda Item 15 be considered before Agenda Item 11.5 so that issues raised under the Healthier Together Review could be taken into consideration in the Council’s discussion on the North Northants Joint Planning Unit Consultation on Emerging Policies. The Council AGREED to move Agenda Item 15 as requested.</p> <p>Cllr Sawford proposed that Agenda Item 10 be considered before Agenda Item 9. Cllr M Watson seconded this proposal. Cllr Matthews stated that he felt the ordering of this section of the meeting should not be changed. By a majority vote it was AGREED that the positioning of Items 9 and 10 should not be moved.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Apologies for absence – None received.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Declarations of Interest by Councillors Cllr Soans would not take part in any consideration of planning matters as he is on the Planning Committee at the Borough Council.</p> <p>In respect of Agenda Item 11.2 Cllr Sawford declared an interest as her partner is an elected member of the Southern Area Committee of the Midlands Co-operative Society.</p>
<p>4 4.1</p>	<p>Police Report <i>Cllr Coe arrived at the meeting at 7.10pm.</i></p> <p>Monthly Report & Crime Figures - PCSO Parish went through the police figures for August 2012. It was noted that there had been a number of burglaries at Desborough Car Company and incidents of anti-social behaviour along Roman Way. Cllr King offered support to the police as he is a resident of Roman Way.</p> <p>Cllr M Watson asked about the reported number of sexual offences. PCSO Parish did not have the details of these incidents but will investigate and report back to the Parish Council.</p>

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<p>4.2</p>	<p>Cllr Tebbutt highlighted an incident that happened on Monday evening of tyres being slashed in St. Giles Church car park. Cllr Tebbutt asked whether the police have looked at the CCTV for that area. PCSO Parish is to check and report back.</p> <p>Bus Shelter, Thistle Drive – Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) has confirmed that the bus shelter on Thistle Drive has no practical use to waiting passengers as it is on the wrong side of the road for a uni-directional service. It is proposed to, following consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remove the bus shelter and relocate this to an existing stop on Harborough Road; ➤ Relocate the current unmarked stop outside 9 Thistle Drive further east by 8m, further from residents windows, and mark formally with a new post; ➤ Replace the gravel infill behind the current bus shelter with cement screed; it is too narrow a strip to support grass. <p>Cllr Humfrey has liaised with Mr Chastney, CJC Development, who is amenable to paying for this. NCC has now formally written to Mr Chastney to get the ball rolling. PCSO Parish confirmed that the incidents of anti-social behaviour around the bus shelter have declined.</p>
<p>4.3</p>	<p>Anti-Ram Bollards – A member of the public contacted the Town Council raising concern about a further attempted break-in at Corals the Bookmakers and CCTV within the Town. The Police have stated that they spoke to Corals Security Department insisting that they install external CCTV as well as internal. In addition the Police have suggested anti-ram bollards be placed on the wide corner pavement, but Corals have told the Police that Kettering Borough Council (KBC) has refused permission for this. The Police believe that the anti-ram bollards would practically stop the ram raids and also prevent parking issues on that corner. Corals are willing to pay for the bollards. The Police have asked whether the Town Council can work with Corals Security to see how we can work together to improve things. Cllr Tebbutt has confirmed that he has requested white lighting be placed in the street lights nearer to CCTV cameras in the town when the street lights are replaced (there is currently a programme of street light replacement for NCC).</p> <p>Cllr Matthews thanked PCSO Parish for attending the meeting and providing a report.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Representations from members of the public</p> <p>Members of the public spoke at the meeting on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public presented a summary of responses from consultees to NCC regarding the planning application to build an energy centre from waste plant at Magnetic Park, Desborough (NCC 12/00043/WASFUL). A hard copy of the summary was given to Councillors. • A representative from ‘Fresh Air Desborough’ presented Councillors with written notes giving an update on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The status of their group and also the Facebook site The Desborough Voice and Stop the Desborough Incinerator; ➤ A complaint that has been forwarded to The Government Ombudsman in relation to KBCs’ approach to the planning process relating to planning application NCC 12/00043/WASFUL; ➤ Information still being chased from the Environment Agency relating to the Isle of Wight Energy Centre and The Health Protection Agency relating to a new study researching the health effects of such plants.

	<p>The Town Council was asked whether, after the Energy Centre planning application has been decided, if it would see how a local by-law can be created to discourage any further applications for 50 years. This would allow some assurance to residents who need to sell their homes and moving forward the need to ensure the towns' viability and confidence for new and potential residents. It was AGREED to place this request on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the approval of planning application (KET/2012/0394) 74 and 76 Station Road, Desborough which had been reported to the Town Council the previous month (Minute 7.4/July 12) a member of the public asked how this will effect building regulations as the work has been on-going for over six months. Cllr Soans stated that now that the planning application has been retrospectively approved the applicant will have to complete work in accordance with planning regulations and cannot deviate from the plans. The work will be regularly inspected by building control. <p>Cllr King highlighted that two members of the public this evening had expressed concern about how KBC handle planning applications. Cllr King is very disappointed that the members of the public feel that way.</p>
<p>6</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 Tebbutt and seconded by Cllr Derbyshire).</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minute 5/second paragraph/July 12 – Police Report - PCSO Gell had provided Cllr J Watson with details of a website where incidents of crime for a street name or postcode can be viewed – www.police.uk. • Minute 6.3/13th bullet point/July 12 – Representations from Members of the Public - Details of an email received from Mr Beaumont, Environment Agency, were read to the Council which confirmed that the bundle of information relating to the emission limit breaches at the Isle of Wight plant is being prepared by the officer who regulates the Isle of Wight plant. Once Mr Beaumont receives this information any member of the public can contact him to view the entire bundle of information by appointment at the Kettering office. Mr Beaumont also noted that he was incorrect in stating that a claim for confidentiality had been made by the operating company. A letter was circulated to Councillors from the Health Protection Agency with regard to a Human Health Risk Assessment in relation to the Isle of Wight plant following a breach of stack emissions of dioxins. • Minute 7.2/July 12 – Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Partial Review – Cllr Tebbutt confirmed that he had reviewed the details of this consultation but that no comments were to be made by Desborough Town Council. • Minute 9/bullet point 1/July 12 – Matters Arising – Cllr Tebbutt has contacted Ms V Hitchman, Head of Community Services at KBC, concerning the no reply to the email and reminders sent about the fitness suite, drainage, lack of paving distinction, increased litter, dog fouling and the unkempt nature of the grass at the new leisure centre. A reply is still awaited.
<p>8</p>	<p>Desborough In Bloom (DiB) – Permission for planting daffodil bulbs DiB requested permission from the Town Council to plant bulbs in identified locations around the Town (a map of the locations was available for Councillors to refer to). This</p>

	<p>is a three year programme which will be dependent on funding. The Town Council need to apply to NCC Highways Department providing the plan of proposed planting. The current agreement the Town Council has with DiB/Desborough Community Development Trust (DCDT) for the tubs re: maintenance & insurance will need to be extended to include the planting of bulbs. KBC is happy for the bulbs to be planted but want the Town Council to know that the areas where there are daffodil bulbs will not start to be mowed until July of each year. The Town Council AGREED (Proposed by Cllr Tebbutt and seconded by Cllr Sawford) to apply to NCC to plant the daffodils, on behalf of DiB, at the identified locations.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Community Facilities Update Cllr Matthews reported that following a Community Facilities meeting with KBC nothing had been concluded about the potential premises along Victoria Street due to a technical/legal problem that has been identified concerning access arrangements and car parking. The notes of the community facilities working group meeting with KBC will be circulated to Councillors when published. Cllr Matthews and Cllr Soans are to have further discussions with the owner of the premises.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Community Right to Build A presentation was given by Ms N Diamond from Locality concerning the Localism Act 2011 and the ‘community rights’ sections of the Act. Locality is an independent community led organisation contracted by the Government to provide information and advice on Community Rights.</p> <p>Ms Diamond highlighted the Community Right to Build section of the Act, current funding available and the process for creating a Community Right to Build Order. Specific reference was made to the Hawthorns Site being developed by the Community for the Community.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Sawford and seconded by Cllr J Watson that Desborough Town Council support Desborough Community Development Trust (DCDT) to apply to be a designated Neighbourhood Forum for Desborough Town under the terms of the Localism Act to pursue a Community Right to Build Order in respect of the land and buildings in and around the Hawthorns Site. This was AGREED by a majority vote.</p> <p>Cllr Matthews thanked Ms Diamond for attending the Town Council meeting.</p>
<p>11 11.1</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <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>At the Desborough Town Council meeting held on 26th July 2012 (Minute 7.1) it was agreed by a majority vote to reject the above detailed planning application. The reasons for this decision are:</p> <p>The National Planning Policy Framework published on 27th March 2012 states that the purpose of planning is to help achieve sustainable development. Sustainable means ensuring better lives for ourselves and does not mean worse lives for future generations. Sustainable development is about change for the better. There is no evidence from this</p>

planning application that the proposed Energy Centre will improve the lives of the residents of Desborough, their children and grandchildren.

From an economic perspective new businesses will be discouraged from locating in the town and surrounding employment/industrial areas. In addition it is understood that 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.

The National Planning Policy section 4 – Prompting Sustainable Transport – paragraph 30 – states that encouragement should be given to solutions which support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and reduce congestion. The proposed positioning of the Energy Centre is near to a major distribution centre and other local industry which already have high HGV movements causing significant congestion around the local road network. An additional 40 HGV movements accessing/exiting the Energy Centre each day will considerably increase air pollution close to a new large housing development with an additional housing development proposed in the same area.

The National Planning Policy Framework section 11 – Conserving & enhancing the natural environment – paragraph 120 – states that to prevent unacceptable risks from pollution, planning decisions should ensure that new development is appropriate for its location. The effects (including the cumulative effects) of pollution on health, the natural environment and general amenity should be taken into account. The long term health risks of a development of this nature have not yet been measured. A study commissioned by the Health Protection Agency in April 2012 into the effects this type of development will have on health is not due to conclude until 2014. Therefore there is currently no evidence to confirm that future generations will not be adversely affected and that this type of development will not have a cumulative impact on health. The question was raised as to why this application is being considered prior to the results of this survey in 2014.

The Government Planning Policy Statement 10 (PPS10), which currently remains in force, states that ‘The overall objective of Government policy on waste as set out in the strategy for sustainable development, is to protect human health and the environment by producing less waste and by using it as a resource wherever possible. Under the Key Planning Objectives of PPS 10 the planning strategies should ‘help secure the recovery of waste without endangering human health and without harming the environment’. They should also ‘reflect the concerns and interests of communities’.

The North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy Policy 13 states that a ‘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’.

Clearly the concerns raised by Desborough Town Council, which it is believed to be representative of the residents of Desborough to which it serves, do not meet the requirements of PPS10 or the Core Spatial Strategy Policy 13.

Two Centres, of this nature, already exist within the UK. These plants have had considerable breaches of emissions and evidence of malfunction.

In conclusion Desborough Town Council supports the principle of making rubbish into a usable commodity, however, the positioning of the proposed Energy Centre is

	<p>considered to be inappropriate due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its close proximity to a new housing estate which is made up of a large proportion of young families, schools/nurseries and valuable greenspace; • Significant uncertainties about the technology to be used and the subsequent levels of pollution that will be experienced combined with other existing local industry; • Uncertainty about the effects on the health of current residents and future generations. <p>Desborough Town Council requests that Northamptonshire County Council gives full consideration to the Town Council’s objections when determining this planning application.</p> <p>It was AGREED that if this planning application is to be considered by the NCC Development Control Committee at its’ meeting on 16th October then an Extraordinary Town Council meeting will be established to agree the Town Council’s representation at the Committee meeting. On receipt of the notification of a Committee date from NCC a copy of the Officer’s report to members of the Committee will be requested.</p>
<p>11.2</p>	<p>KET/2010/0743 – Greatline Development Ltd and Tesco Stores Ltd – Former Lawrence Factory Site, Harborough Road, Desborough – Full Application: Erection of new food store and electricity sub-station, new access arrangements, landscaping and associated works. Demolition of existing buildings on the site.</p> <p>Following a detailed discussion Desborough Town Council made the following comments when considering Options 2 and 7:</p> <p>Option 7 saves £354,251. It was noted that public toilets are to be reinstated in both options but are not part of the final DPP offer. Planning to have both sides of Station Road as car parking will cause traffic flow problems if it remains two-way. Parking on one side in Station Road is preferred and to keep two way traffic flow. Parking to be re-instated opposite the Heritage Centre and restaurants (in front of the Council offices). The crossing is important in the High Street. 20mph speed limits essential, position of signage needs revising, should be closer to Saxon Close/Victoria Street or since Victoria Street is already 20mph could be nearer to the church.</p> <p>By a majority vote Desborough Town Council AGREED that either Option would be acceptable however the Town Council strongly recommend that consideration be given to providing additional parking at Buckwell Street following the demolition of the public toilets and re-modelling of the tree area.</p>
<p>11.3</p>	<p>KET/2012/0517 – Mr Tomlin – The Deer Farm, Stoke Albany Road, Desborough – Full Application: Installation of 2 no. wind turbines.</p> <p>This planning application seems to fit the drive for clean, non-polluting energy generation for a business. The Town Council is unsure how the two structures of approximately 18m (highest point) will be perceived by the neighbours and whether the rotor speeds of 240 to 280 rpm could be visually distracting to them from overlooking windows. Motorists along the Stoke Albany Road may also be distracted. In addition, the Cricket Club at West Lodge could be seriously visually affected by such movement within line of sight.</p>
<p>11.4</p>	<p>KET/2012/0528 – Ms Adlen Hallam Land Management Ltd & Bletsoes – Harborough Road (land off), Desborough – Outline Application: Residential development of up to 165 dwellings, with associated access, public open space and</p>

	<p>surface water balancing. This outline planning application with EIA is supported in principle. It is a logical development site for houses, however:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no sign of any bungalows (10% should be required); • Is the Bridle Way open to traffic and going to be two way? The Bridle Way should be resurfaced and lit to ensure good access to Loatlands School; • Will utility services cope with the extra demands, especially water supply/sewerage services? <p>The use of the site for a new 'Loatlands' 2/3 form entry school with playing fields is preferred replacing the proposed 1 form entry school on the Grange, which could be utilised for additional housing. The existing Loatlands site could be partially redeveloped with housing, whilst retaining the play provision, which could be enhanced, including green space - a facility which is much needed in this area.</p> <p>Design & Access Statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illustrative Layout Drawing - Bridle Way - open to all traffic? Enhancement as pedestrian/cycleway through to Braybrooke - what exactly is proposed? • Page 34 - Bullet pt. 4 - Parking courts need to be deleted – these provide poor security from a police perspective, reduces garden size, are ignored and vehicles park on pavements reducing access. • Pedestrian link across Harbour Road to new proposed school. Will schools' proposed size be adequate? • Page 49 - 6.2 - OK • Page 51 - 6.3.2 - Make site 20mph zone, put up signs then NCC will respect when adopted. • 6.3.4 - Support no parking courts - number of car spaces per house. • 6.4.4 - On plot parking - good • 6.4.9 - Ensure compliance with police guidelines. • 6.5 - House sizes? Width of garage - is 3 metres adequate for modern cars? Bin stores - individual or collective? • 6.7.9 - Driveways/footpaths etc. need to be porous. • 7.8 - Q7.1 - Courtyard parking is ineffective, usually ignored resulting in parking on street and causing access problems and thus visually detracting from the street scene i.e. 'Wheeled Litter'.
<p>11.5</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 alterations to windows.</p> <p>Please note previous comments submitted by Desborough Town Council for planning application KET/2012/0394. The Town Council still has concerns over the large amount of work that has been undertaken without apparently being adequately Building Control supervised or inspected during progress.</p> <p>This is a modified application but still retrospective. The Building Inspector should confer with neighbouring properties. KBC must be rigorous in its' assessment of work completed.</p>
<p>11.6</p>	<p>KET/2012/0451 – Willjammer Consulting Ltd – 43 Station Road, Desborough, Kettering – Full Application: Change of use and conversion to retail, community</p>

	<p>café and five flats with alterations, rear extension and parking. These conversion proposals are to be welcomed. Ground floor windows should incorporate protective shutters for the fenestration, whilst not detracting from the visual appearance when in retracted position. The restoration of the clock tower to working condition is welcomed. To complete the appearance the tiled, chisel shaped roof atop the tower would be welcomed, pictures of which are to be found in the Desborough Heritage Centre.</p> <p>Imaginative conversion with off street parking facilities. It is a pity that the ground floor (original design) windows are being replaced by plate glass windows. The Town Council welcomes the renovation of this building on Station Road.</p>
11.7	<p>KET/2012/0049 – Mr Kirk – 33 Ise Vale Road, Desborough – Outline Application: Bungalow and garage to rear. Double garage to front of existing house. Objection. This planning application represents an overdevelopment. Rear gardens are no longer classified as Brown Field, which was the case when the Princes Avenue buildings were permitted. Desborough Town Council objected to these but the objection was overruled, resulting in a marked change of area character. The rear of the proposed bungalow will overlook existing 6 garages in 'Pig Alley'.</p>
11.8	<p>KET/2012/0536 – Mr & Mrs Boaden – 21 Sycamore Drive, Desborough – Full Application: Two storey front extension. Alteration to porch with balcony over. No objection. The only possible concern would be overlooking neighbours from proposed balcony.</p>
11.9	<p>KET/2012/0243 – Mr Ward – Braybrooke Road, Braybrooke – Full Application: Temporary use of land for residential gypsy site with two pitches (Desborough Town Council has been asked to comment as a neighbouring parish). Objection. This is not an authorised site. No development outside authorised sites should be permitted. North of the Borough is overloaded with such sites.</p>
11.10	<p>KET/2012/0543 – Mr Howes – Toll Bar Farm, Desborough – Full Application: Siting of mobile home. The Town Council's comments to be reported to October's Town Council meeting.</p>
11.11	<p>KET/2012/0538 – Mr Cooper Coopersbuilders – Plot 107, 5 Ise View Road (land adj.), Desborough – Outline Application: Outline for a detached house. The Town Council's comments to be reported to October's Town Council meeting.</p>
11.12	<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/2012/0174 (Minute 18.8/June 12) – Mr Vasiliou – 71 Braybrooke Road (land to the rear of), Desborough – Outline Application: 4 no. semi-detached dwellings.
11.13	<p><u>Notices of Approval received:</u> KBC has approved permission for the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KET/2012/0416 (Minute 6.3/July 12) – Mr Meager Jacaranda Carpets Ltd – Site U, Cockerel Rise, Desborough – Advertisement Application: 1 no. externally illuminated fascia sign. • KET/2012/0444 (Minute 6.9/July 12) – Mr Pearce – Tithe Farm Cottage, Gold Street, Desborough – Full Application: Two storey side and rear extensions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KET/2012/0430 (Minute 6.8/July 12) – Miss dos Santos – 26 Chestnut Drive, Desborough – Full Application: Convert garage to habitable room. • KET/2012/0394 (Minute 6.5/July 12) – 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 alterations to windows. • KET/2012/0451 (Minute 7.10/July 12) – 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.
<p>12</p>	<p>Healthier Together Review</p> <p>Cllr Sawford informed the Town Council about the Healthier Together Review being conducted by the commissioners across the South East Midlands which is an area covered by five hospitals including Kettering General Hospital (KGH) and Northampton General Hospital (NGH). A number of concerns were raised in respect of this review by the Town Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Council has not been formally consulted about this review by the commissioners; • North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit is currently consulting on the emerging draft policies from the Joint Core Strategy (the strategic plan for East Northamptonshire, Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough) which proposes a substantial increase in population and housing in Northamptonshire by 2031. Any change in healthcare provision during this time would significantly affect the proposals contained within the strategic plan; • If KGH is identified as concentrating on less acute care then local people will have to travel to Northampton for full A&E, Trauma Unit, complex surgery, acute medical services, intensive and high dependency care and full maternity service including high risk; • Northampton General Hospital and the East Midlands Ambulance Service already find it hard to cope with the current level of service they provide; • The journey to Northampton along both the A43 and A508, mainly single carriage way roads, is difficult and slow. Public transport links to Northampton are poor and costly; • It is felt that that if the nearest full A&E Department is based on Northampton the additional journey time could place patients’ lives at increased risk; • Carers and family will also find it difficult to visit patients at Northampton General Hospital and will experience a significant increase in journey times and costs; • Finally KGH is a major employer in this area. It is predicted that if KGH is downgraded there will be a high number of job losses. <p>It was AGREED that the Town Council will write to Cllr R Brown, NCC Cabinet Member for Health and Social Services, to request that he take forward the Town Council’s concerns through his own involvement in the Healthier Together Review.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit – Consultation on Emerging Policies for the Joint Core Strategy and draft Strategic Sites Background Paper</p> <p>It was AGREED to set up a Working Party to comment on these documents. The Working Party is to be made up of the same members as the Site Specific Proposals Working Party. The deadline for comment is 15th October 2012 therefore the Working Party’s suggested response to the consultation will be circulated to Councillors for agreement.</p>

<p>14</p>	<p>KBC Town & Parish Council Funding Review 2012 <i>The Town Council Resolved to bring this agenda item forward as a number of Councillors had indicated that they needed to leave the meeting early.</i></p> <p>All Councillors had received an information pack and questionnaire for the Town Council to complete. The deadline to respond to KBC is Friday 12th October 2012. Following Cllr Coe’s request at the last Town Council meeting (Minute 12.2/July 12) the Clerk contacted Northants CALC to find out about KBC’s legal responsibility to fund Town & Parish Councils. NCALC has stated that <i>KBC</i> has no legal responsibility to fund Town & Parish Councils unless found otherwise. Parish & Town Councils in almost every other part of England are self-financing. In unparished areas the district/borough council provides services and facilities out of its own funds.</p> <p>The Town Council discussed the KBC review paper and questionnaire and the response sent to Kettering Borough Council by Rothwell Town Council. It was AGREED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Council cannot complete the KBC questionnaire in its’ current format apart from question 3 where the Town Council would wish to see the existing KBC Town & Parish Council funding arrangement maintained; • The Town Council supports the contents of the letter written by Rothwell Town Council; • The Town Council will liaise with other Town and Parish Councils in respect of the Funding Review. It was suggested that the Town & Parish Councils unite to unanimously reject the KBC Executive Committee’s preferred option; • Cllr Soans and the Clerk are to visit the Northampton County Records Office to research relevant documentation in relation to the Funding Review; • A response to KBC is to be drafted and circulated to Councillors for agreement prior to the deadline date for comment by 12th October 2012. <p><i>Cllr Malin, Cllr Tebbutt and Cllr Dearing left the meeting after this agenda item at 9.35pm.</i></p>
<p>15</p>	<p>Report on the New Leisure Centre Cllr Coe referred to his report that had been previously circulated to Councillors and confirmed that he was happy to answer any questions. Cllr Coe highlighted that the new leisure centre is not like for like and that it is a disgrace that there are currently no squash courts. These have been planned for Phase II of the leisure centre development but there is no confirmation as to when Phase II will be built.</p> <p>Cllr Soans highlighted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under Phase II of the new leisure centre a second gym will be built which will be larger than the current gym. There will then be an option for the existing gym to be used as a function room; • He has spoken to Cllr Bellamy, KBC Portfolio Holder, who confirmed that action is being undertaken to resolve the flooding in the children’s play area; • Phase II of the new leisure centre is dependent on phase II of the Grange Housing Estate being built. It has been requested the s.106 money from this development be bought forward as a priority to build phase II of the leisure centre. <p>Cllr M Watson highlighted that the new Montsaye Academy gym opens on 1st October 2012.</p>

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16.4	<p>Conclusion of External Audit for year ended 31 March 2012: The external audit for 2012/13 has been completed with no issues arising. The notice of conclusion of audit has been displayed on the Town Council noticeboard (outside the Council office). The Town Council APPROVED and ACCEPTED the annual return.</p>																																
16.5	<p>Appointment of external auditor from 2012/13: The Audit Commission has confirmed that BDO LLP has been appointed as external auditor to audit the annual return of Desborough Town Council for five years from 2012/13 – Noted.</p>																																
17	<p>Illyria Open Air Theatre Productions 2013 It was AGREED that this item be placed on the agenda for the October Town Council meeting.</p>																																
18	<p>County Councillor It was noted that, due to the current time constraints of Town Council meetings, Cllr Humfrey will concentrate her reports specifically on Desborough issues. It was noted therefore that on occasions it may not be necessary for Cllr Humfrey to make a report to the Town Council.</p> <p>Cllr Humfrey highlighted that Northamptonshire has been awarded the most enterprising place in Britain by the Government Department responsible for supporting economic growth in the country.</p>																																

	<p>Cllr Humfrey has surveyed all the roads in the town and Buckwell Street, New Street, Harrington Road and the pavement on one side of Ise Vale Avenue are to be re-surfaced. The area around the railway bridge is still outstanding.</p>
19	Borough Councillors
19.1	<p>Cllr Derbyshire expressed her concerns about cars parking on pavements/grass verges highlighting the area between 96 and 104 Rushton Road. This results in pedestrians having to walk on the busy road to pass the parked cars which is dangerous.</p> <p><i>It was RESOLVED by the Town Council to continue the meeting after 10pm.</i></p>
19.2	<p>Cllr Soans reported that the Enforcement Order in respect of the shutters on Anisa Spice has been removed by the Chairman of the Planning Committee.</p>
19.3	<p>Cllr Dearing had left the meeting but had provided to the Clerk written information on Desborough Leisure Centre attendance figures. This information will be circulated to Councillors. Cllr Dearing has also been dealing with a number of issues raised by local residents.</p> <p>Due to the time constraints on the current Town Council meetings the Borough Councillors were asked to provide a brief written report to the Town Council which will then be circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.</p>
20	Clerk's Report
20.1	<p>Northamptonshire Police/Northamptonshire Police Authority – Have Your Say: It was AGREED that Councillors will complete and return the questionnaire individually if they wish. The deadline for completed questionnaires is 5th October 2012.</p>
20.2	<p>CALC Northamptonshire Larger Councils Partnership (NLCP): Cllr King and the Clerk are to attend the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 27 September 2012.</p>
20.3	<p>Parking on verge – Rushton Road, Desborough: NCC has recently received a complaint with regard to vehicles parked on the verge outside numbers 18 & 18B Rushton Road alongside the Morse Way junction. In addition to causing damage to the verge the parking is also reported to be obscuring the view to the right of drivers as they exit the junction.</p> <p>NCC has suggested that bollards could be put on the verge to address this situation however NCC's current funding for such works this year is substantially committed so NCC is unable to proceed with the measure in the short term. It was AGREED that the Town Council support the introduction of three bollards along this section to prevent parking on the verge. The Town Council is unable to provide funding for these measures (circa £800 for three cast iron bollards). It was suggested that the residents are asked to pay for the bollards to be installed as has been the case in other areas of the town.</p>
20.4	<p>Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils 65th Annual Conference and AGM: Saturday 20th October, 2012 10am to 1pm, Saxon Hall, Raunds. Councillors are to confirm their attendance with the Clerk by 12th October 2012.</p>
20.5	<p>Northants Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Planning Roadshow: 20th November 2012, 6.30pm to 9pm, Great Houghton Village Hall: Cllr King confirmed his</p>

	<p>attendance. Councillors are to inform the Clerk if they wish to attend. Two free places are available to the Town Council.</p>
<p>20.6</p>	<p><u>Insurance (Update):</u> The Town Council’s insurance policy is due for renewal in November 2012. Following July’s Town Council meeting (Minute 13) an Insurance Working Group was established to meet with a representative from Came & Company. A quote has been received from Came & Company which is detailed on the insurance comparison with the Council’s current insurer Zurich (previously circulated to Councillors). In preparation for the meeting draft Terms of Reference were established for the Pocket Park and Flags/Flag poles (previously circulated to Councillors). Came & Company has confirmed that they will insure the current activities of the Council, except the Christmas Gala Night, as this is organised by the Town Centre Partnership who do not work under the direct control/direction of the Council.</p> <p>Zurich has also confirmed that in the event of a claim as a result of the Christmas Gala Night the Town Council would not be liable as it does not organise and is therefore not responsible for this event. In these circumstances Zurich would not make a payment for any claim made. The Town Centre Partnership has been informed of this and will take out their own insurance for this event.</p> <p>A renewal schedule and premium details for continuing the current policy with Zurich for 2012/13 will be presented to the Council in October. No questions/comments about the Town Council’s insurance requirements or draft Terms of Reference were raised by Councillors.</p>
<p>20.7</p>	<p>Nene Commissioning Information Evening: KBC is holding an Information Evening on Monday 22nd October 2012 at 6.00pm in the Committee Room at Borough Council. Councillors can book directly with KBC if they wish to attend the event.</p>
<p>20.8</p>	<p>Gypsies and Travellers Training Event – Monday 8th October 2012: Cllr Derbyshire is to attend this event.</p>
<p>20.9</p>	<p>Community Payback Scheme: Danny Moody, Chief Executive of Northants County Association of local Councils has recently had a meeting with the Northamptonshire Probation Trust regarding their Community Payback Scheme. The Trust is interested in completing more projects under the scheme in partnership with Parish and Town Councils and would like to see more project proposals coming through than is currently the case. There is a description of the Scheme at http://www.northants-probation.org.uk/community-payback4.html which shows the sort of thing that can be done and what can be achieved.</p>
<p>20.10</p>	<p>Correspondence File: This month’s file contained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desborough Town Council Standing Orders • Invitation to a meeting with Mr Adam Simmonds – Police and Crime Commissioner Elections • Email received from Mr Jim McArthur - Police and Crime Commissioner Elections • NCC Master Composter volunteer scheme • Desborough & District Twinning Association Bus Trip to London • NNRAid Newsletter 22nd August 2012 (emailed to Cllrs 07/09/12) • NNRAid Newsletter 7th September 2012 (emailed to Cllrs 07/09/12)

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21	Community Reports
21.1	Civic Society: No report was received.
21.2	Town Centre Partnership (TCP): Desborough Gala Night will be held on Friday 30 th November 2012. Desborough has been awarded £10,000 through the Mary Portas funding which is to be spent on the proposals put forward.
21.3	Twinning: A number of fundraising events were highlighted.
21.4	Youth: No report was received.
21.5	European Charter: A planned Youth visit at the end of October has had to be cancelled as there are no youth delegates able to attend.
21.6	Pocket Park: The Town Council Agreed that the Pocket Park Volunteer Group can hold a Volunteer Work Day on Saturday 17 th November 2012. Cllr Sawford reported that the Apple Day has been cancelled due to a lack of apples generally. The two new picnic benches have been installed. Cllr Dearing was thanked for making a donation of £100 from his Borough Council Ward Initiative Funding towards the cost of the benches.
22	Date of next meeting and items for the agenda: Thursday 18 th October 2012
	THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.15 PM
 CHAIRMAN