

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough on Thursday 18th October 2012.

PRESENT

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

Clerk: Leigh Parkin

Also in attendance: PCSO J Breeze and PCSO L Mitchell – Kettering Rural Safer Community Team

<p>1</p>	<p>Chairman’s announcements Cllr Matthews confirmed the health & safety issues for the building and explained why the meeting had been transferred downstairs. Alternative venues for the Town Council meeting are to be investigated.</p> <p>The Desborough Town Council Civic Service is to be held on Sunday 10th February 2013 at St Giles Anglican & Methodist Church.</p> <p>The Service of Remembrance will be held at St Giles Anglican & Methodist Church at 10.00am on Sunday 11th November 2012. Information was provided to Councillors about the parade and wreath laying ceremony.</p> <p>Cllr Matthews noted that a group from the Community Payback Scheme had been repainting the War Memorial railings and had been carrying out a very good job.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Cllr M Watson and Cllr J Derbyshire. The Town Council RESOLVED to approve the apologies for absence.</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>4 4.1 4.2</p>	<p>Police Report Monthly Report & Crime Figures - PCSO Breeze went through the police figures for September 2012. It was noted that there had been a number of incidents of criminal damage along Union Street and Lower King Street and that there had been a further break in at the old Hawthorns Leisure Centre. A current issue being dealt with is the stealing of logos from car alloy wheels</p> <p>Cllr Pearce highlighted that at the last meeting the Town Council raised concern about the reported number of sexual offences. PCSO Parish had investigated the matter and had reported that some were domestic related and others were isolated incidents but no further detail could be given. Cllr Pearce asked what proportion of these sexual offences were isolated incidents and how many isolated incidents there needs to be to become a problem. PCSO Breeze is to check the ratio of reported incidents.</p> <p>Parking along Rushton Road – the Town Council had been contacted on two occasions by a member of the public with regard to parking on the corners of Morse Way into Rushton Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking within 4 metres of a junction onto a main road – obscuring the view an

	<p>making it dangerous to turn into Morse Way;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking across a newly laid tarmac and flower bed on the corner of Morse Way. <p>The member of the public has sent pictures of the above detailed parking. This information has been sent to the Police (including details of parking along Rushton Road (96 to 104) highlighted by Cllr Derbyshire (Minute 19.1) at September’s Town Council meeting). This information has also been reported to Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) as the area is the same as reported at September’s Town Council meeting where NCC requested the Town Council to consider the purchase of 3 bollards. Mr I Boyes, Transport & Highways at NCC has stated: ‘As this problem still seems to persist at Morse Way NCC still think the bollard option would be the best way forward to combat this problem. As the Town Council is unable to fund the bollards NCC suggest that the Police have a word with the owners of the offending vehicles, however if the problem still persists after this I will put it on NCC’s list of works if further funding becomes available as this years budget for such works is fully committed.’</p> <p>Cllr King highlighted that Kettering Borough Council (KBC) is not part of the Civil Parking Enforcement Scheme. Cllr Dearing stated that KBC did not join the Scheme as it is very expensive and is not working well for Northamptonshire County Council (NCC). KBC employ generic wardens.</p>
<p>5 5.1</p> <p>5.2</p>	<p>Representations from members of the public</p> <p>Mr R Orr, Chairman of Desborough Community Development Trust (DCDT) raised the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ‘Right to Build’ Forum is being set up and Cllr Derbyshire and Cllr Sawford have been invited to be part of this Forum. It was agreed that the Town Council’s representation to this Forum will be placed on the agenda in November for agreement. • DCDT has received a number of complaints about the poor and dangerous condition of the access way which runs between the Co-op Pharmacy and Doctors’ surgery from the High Street to the entrance to the Conservative Club and Indoor Bowls club car park. Cllr Matthews noted that this is privately owned land and the Town Council has previously written to the landowner and KBC Planning Enforcement Department who can take no action. It was AGREED that the Town Council will write to the Health & Safety Executive and the Legal Department at KBC about this issue. <p>Mrs P Goodman, Secretary to the Town Centre Partnership (TCP), confirmed that as the Town Council is no longer able to insure the Christmas Gala Night the TCP has been investigating costs for public liability insurance under its’ own name. The temporary road closure application that needs to be made to KBC for Station Road on Gala Night requires public liability insurance cover of £5million which is non-negotiable and will significantly raise the cost of the TCP’s insurance cover. The Town Council was asked if it would apply for the temporary road closure and the TCP will insure the event. The cost of a temporary road closure application is £50.00 and the TCP will make a donation to the Town Council of £50.00. Subject to approval by the Town Council’s insurance company it was AGREED (proposed by Cllr Coe and seconded by Cllr Tebbutt) for the Town Council to apply for the temporary road closure.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Minutes of Town Council meetings held on 20th September 2012 The Minutes of the Town Council meeting on the above date were <u>unanimously</u></p>

	<p>approved and signed as a true record (Proposed by Cllr Tebbutt and seconded by Cllr Pearce).</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minute 4.1/September 12 – Police Report – PCSO Parish has confirmed that CCTV for the incident in St. Giles Church car park was checked. • Minute 5/September 2012 – Representations from members of the public – information with regard to the creation of a local byelaw will be presented to the Town Council at the November meeting. • Minute 11.2/September 12 – Planning Applications - It has been identified that the development of a car parking area along Buckwell Street was part of the Urban Design Framework adopted by KBC in 2004. This information has been forwarded to the Planning Officer dealing with planning application KET/2010/0743. • Minute 12/September 2012 – Healthier Together Review – Cllr Brown, NCC Cabinet Member for Health and Social Services, has verbally replied to the Town Council’s letter to state that the consultation regarding the hospital review will not commence until January 2013 and no decisions will be made until the consultation is complete. Concerns were raised by members of the Town Council about the response received from Cllr Brown as public engagement about the Healthier Together Review is currently being undertaken. <p>Cllr Tebbutt expressed the opinion that Cllr King and Cllr Sawford should declare an interest in this matter. Cllr Sawford stated that she is not paid or employed by Kettering General Hospital and asked Cllr Tebbutt to withdraw his comment. Cllr Tebbutt withdrew his comment in respect of Cllr Sawford. Cllr King declared an interest as an employee of Northamptonshire County Council.</p>
<p>8 8.1</p>	<p>Update from existing Working Parties</p> <p>Community Facilities – At the last Town Council meeting it was reported that there was a technical/legal problem concerning access arrangements and car parking to the potential premises along Victoria Street. Further discussions have taken place with the owner of the premises who has now asked his Legal Advisor to draw up a draft lease with the option to purchase this section of the building.</p> <p>A Community Facilities meeting took place with KBC on 17th October 2012. This meeting was attended by Cllr Matthews, Cllr Soans and Cllr Derbyshire. Cllrs M & J Watson had sent their apologies. At the meeting KBC confirmed that they are willing to provide the Town Council with a long term loan to refurbish the building subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The production of a viable business plan by the Town Council (First draft to be presented to KBC on 25th October 2012); • The provision of a Heads of Terms of Reference with the owner of the Littlestone & Goodwin building; • Confirmation that Desborough Town Council has agreed to the principle of raising a precept to cover any shortfall in revenue to cover the running costs of the building. <p>Cllr Matthews stated that if the Town Council wishes to go ahead with this project it needs to be agreed as soon as possible as the KBC offer will not remain open and any precept for 2013/14 needs to be agreed by the Town Council by January 2013.</p> <p>Cllr J Watson stated that at the Community Facilities meeting she attended in August with KBC she emphasised that the views of Desborough people be sought ahead of any</p>

<p>8.2</p>	<p>precepting decision. A detailed discussion highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The potential loss of the Town Council annual grant from KBC and the effect this will have on a precept; • Through the Community Facilities questionnaire members of the public had also expressed the concern about the provision of greenspace in Desborough which the proposed factory building along Victoria Street does not provide; • Before the Town Council asks members of the public to pay for the proposed Community Facility they should know how much it will cost and what they will get for their money; • KBC council tax benefits are currently being reviewed which may increase payments people have to make; • KBC should be providing community centres funded through s.106 agreements or the sale of assets, for example, the Hawthorns Leisure Centre. <p>It was proposed that Desborough Town Council vote on a precept in principle to underwrite the running costs and repayment of the KBC loan for the proposed community centre based on part of the premises in Victoria Street, Desborough until such time as the community centre breaks even (Proposed by Cllr Soans and seconded by Cllr Dearing). The proposition was AGREED by a majority vote (Councillors who voted in favour: Cllr Malin, Cllr Soans, Cllr Matthews, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Dearing and Cllr Tebbutt. Cllrs who voted against: Cllr King, Cllr Coe, Cllr J Watson and Cllr Sawford).</p> <p>North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit (NNJPU) Consultation on Emerging Plan - The Town Council AGREED the letter of response sent to the NNJPU following a Working Group meeting held on 4th October 2012. Cllr Soans raised concern re: Question 5, bullet point 2, that Desborough West and Humfrey’s Lodge had been included when these two areas were recently consulted upon through the KBC Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document and both KBC and the Town Council had rejected these areas as being unsuitable.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt conveyed his thanks to the Working Group for putting together a comprehensive response the NNJPU. As Chairman of the KBC Planning Policy Committee Cllr Tebbutt stated he is unable to comment but noted the points raised by the Town Council.</p>
<p>9 9.1</p>	<p>Planning Applications NCC Development Control Committee re: 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>It is understood that the NCC Development Control Committee which is due to consider planning application 12/00043/WASFUL is due to be held in November 2012. It was AGREED (Proposed by Cllr Tebbutt and seconded by Cllr Pearce) that Cllr Matthews and Cllr Sawford request to speak at this meeting to represent the views of the Town Council.</p> <p>In addition it was AGREED (proposed by Cllr Pearce and seconded by Cllr Coe) that an Extraordinary Town Council meeting be held on Friday 16th November 2012</p>

	<p>commencing at 7pm, venue to be confirmed, to discuss and agree the Town Council's representation at this meeting. The NCC Officers report to be presented to the NCC Development Control Committee will be forwarded to members of the Town Council when it is published.</p> <p>It was noted that Rothwell Town Council has received a letter from some Desborough residents in connection with the NCC Planning Application 12/00043/WASFUL. Rothwell Town Council has asked whether Desborough Town Council feels it would appreciate Rothwell's support to object to this proposal, if so, they will write to this effect. It was AGREED to request that Rothwell Town Council write to object to this planning application (Proposed by Cllr Soans and seconded by Cllr J Watson). It was noted that Cllr Coe abstained from voting). It was requested that a copy of the Desborough Town Council letter of objection be sent to Rothwell Town Council.</p> <p>9.2 North Northamptonshire Transportation Plan – Town Transport Strategies / Thematic Strategies Consultation</p> <p>Following a detailed discussion it was AGREED that the following comments be made by Desborough Town Council in respect of the Thematic Strategies Consultation:</p> <p>Desborough Town Council wish to ensure that Northamptonshire County Council recognise fully the transport aspirations within the emerging North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy. Particularly the need for pedestrian/ off road cycle/ wheelchair accessible paths along the Ise Valley from the Desborough area to Rushton and on to Kettering via Bridleways, integrating with the 'Green Wheel'.</p> <p>Within the Railway Strategy there needs to be provision for a choice of public transport through the reopening of a railway station in Desborough providing access to the 'Northamptonshire ARC's' electrified proposed improved networks.</p> <p>It is important that within the Bus Strategy there is agreement between the service providers and Northamptonshire County Council to ensure that evening and Sunday bus services are maintained to allow, for example, shift workers access to public transport.</p> <p>The Highway Management Strategy makes no reference to the criteria for deciding when road repairs should take place and how they are prioritised. This needs to be stipulated.</p> <p>It was highlighted that all of the Public Exhibitions in respect to this consultation were held during the day. It is requested that future Public Exhibitions are also provided in the evening as well as during the day. A number of Councillors were unable to attend as they have full-time work commitments.</p>
<p>9.3</p>	<p>Public Exhibition – Town Councillors have been invited to attend an informal exhibition being held at Loatlands School which will show proposals for a housing development at a site off Harrington Road in Desborough. The exhibition is being held on Wednesday 31st October 2012.</p>
<p>9.4</p>	<p>KET/2012/0543 – Mr Howes – Toll Bar Farm, Desborough – Full Application: Siting of mobile home.</p> <p>As a 'temporary agricultural dwelling' this planning application seems reasonable, however, the moment farming is allowed temporary mobile homes there needs to be strict control on how many etc. The entry/exit on to the site is narrow and may prove problematic, particularly, as the proposal is for some roadside retail use, for example, the</p>

<p>9.5</p> <p>9.6</p> <p>9.7</p> <p>9.8</p> <p>9.9</p> <p>9.10</p>	<p>sale of eggs at the farm gate. The B576 is heavily used by Magnetic Park lorries.</p> <p>KET/2012/0538 – Mr Cooper Coopersbuilders – Plot 107, 5 Ise View Road (land adj.), Desborough – Outline Application: Outline for a detached house. No objection in principle at this stage but there are no plans attached showing the style of the house. More information on design & access statement expected as reserved matters.</p> <p>KET/2012/0494 – Mr Berridge – 10 The Ridings, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey front extension. No objection as long as cars are all capable of being parked off road.</p> <p>KET/2012/0576 – Mr Small – 36 Speedwell Road, Desborough – Full Application: Relocation of boundary fence. No objection as long as the neighbour's property is not compromised.</p> <p>KET/2012/0609 – Mr Hubeaux – 9 Millholm Road, Desborough – Full Application: Increase fence height at front. No objection so long as 210cm is permitted by building regulations.</p> <p><u>Notices of Approval received:</u> KBC has approved permission for the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KET/2012/0536 (Minute 11.8/Sept 12) – Mr & Mrs Boaden – 21 Sycamore Drive, Desborough – Full Application: Two storey front extension. Alteration to porch with balcony over. • KET/2012/0517 (Minute 11.3/Sept 12) – Mr Tomlin – The Deer Farm, Stoke Albany Road, Desborough – Full Application: Installation of 2 no. wind turbines. <p><u>Notices of Refusal received:</u> KBC has refused permission for the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KET/2012/0049 (Minute 11.7/Sept 12) – Mr Kirk – 33 Ise Vale Road, Desborough – Outline Application: Bungalow and garage to rear. Double garage to front of existing house. • KET/2012/0243 (Minute 11.9/Sept 12) – Mr Ward – Braybrooke Road, Braybrooke – Full Application: Temporary use of land for residential gypsy site with two pitches.
<p>10</p>	<p>GP Appointment System A written reply has been received from the Practice Manager in response to the Town Council's letter raising concerns about the new GP appointment system that has been introduced (Minute 1/September 2012).</p> <p>Councillors had received a copy of the letter prior to the meeting and made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no consultation about the introduction of this new appointment system and patients were not informed of these changes. There used to be a Patients Panel but this has not met. • The service offered by the surgery is not as good as it used to be. If patient numbers have increased additional surgery provision should be given to match the increased population. Why does the surgery not consider an on the day appointment surgery

	<p>during the early afternoon?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lack of adequate telecommunication to support the new system and staff that can answer the telephone. It is often better to walk to the surgery rather than wait for hours on the telephone. Why did the surgery management not sort out the telephone system before implementing the new system? • Paragraph two of the letter refers to the patient being a ‘user’ and the GP the ‘provider’. Where has the special relationship between the GP and the patient gone? How is it that other surgeries of a compatible size manage to use an appointment system to satisfy their patients? • Many people have spent many years making Desborough Surgery a place where patients who perhaps were not feeling that great could go and talk to their GP ‘face to face’ with any problem they had in a peaceful and welcoming environment. This has now disappeared and many people think the doctors have not got time for them anymore. • Paragraph 3 of the letter states that this system is called ‘Dr First’ when the whole ethos of the NHS is ‘Patient First’. When the NHS was established a key belief was ‘Access to Healthcare’. This system wipes out that belief. • The standard time quoted for a GP to call a patient is 2 hours but patients have been waiting up to 7 hours to receive a telephone call. • Not all conditions can be dealt with over the telephone and the new system can be quite intimidating. Many older people find using the telephone difficult especially if they have hearing problems. There is concern that people are now not getting the help that they need. • Paragraph 6 of the letter refers to holistic medicine. If patients want holistic medicine they will book an appointment with a practitioner however the residents of Desborough want a GP appointment when they telephone the surgery. The paragraph also refers to GPs being highly trained and knowing their patients well. This is only true if your GP telephones you which is invariably not the case. • Paragraph 7 of the letter refers to patients taking calls from the GP at work ‘in a private area’ for many people this is just not possible. In these circumstances many people may be ‘put off’ from calling the surgery. <p>It was AGREED to invite the Practice Manager from the surgery to the next Town Council meeting so that she can listen to the concerns that are being raised by members of the public.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Safe Access to homes on the Rothwell Road</p> <p>Cllr J Watson explained that she had been contacted by a member of the public living at 7 Rothwell Road with regard to continued concerns about being able to safely access and leave her driveway. The member of the public has to reverse her car onto the busy Rothwell Road with a blind bend which has led to a number of ‘near miss’ accidents. In addition the cars travelling along Harborough Road/Rothwell Road are often travelling in excess of the speed limit.</p> <p>Cllrs M & J Watson carried out a survey of cars travelling along this stretch of road for few minutes at 11.15am one morning. 61 cars were recorded driving into Desborough and 38 of these caused the speed sensor to light up. With cars travelling in the opposite direction 125 cars were counted in total. The trees covering the speed sensor have been reported to Street Doctor.</p> <p>Since the Grange housing estate was built there are been a significant increase in traffic</p>

	<p>through Desborough. Mr N Gore and Mr I Boyes, NCC Transport & Highways Department, have visited the member of the public and suggested a number of actions that could be taken to reduce the risks however NCC has no money available to pay for any of these measures. They also noted that the 30mph flashing speed sign is in the wrong place and should be further up the road towards Rothwell.</p> <p>Cllr Soans AGREED to visit the site and then to talk to KBC Planning Department about the provision of funding by the Grange Phase II developer for road safety measures in this area through the s.106 money.</p>
12	<p>Illyria Open Air Theatre Productions 2013 Following a discussion it was concluded that the Town Council do not want, at the present time, the responsibility of underwriting the cost of a performance of this nature. It was agreed to forward the Illyria information to other potentially interested organisations within the Town.</p>
13	<p>Report on the format of future Town Council meetings The report presented to the Town Council was AGREED for implementation in November 2012 (proposed by Cllr Tebbutt and seconded by Cllr J Watson). Only key issues or decisions will be discussed and agreed on all written reports presented to the Town Council in advance of the meeting.</p>
14	<p>County Councillor The County Councillor was not available to attend the meeting and provide a report this month.</p>
15	<p>Borough Councillors</p>
15.1	<p>Cllr Derbyshire had provided a written report which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting highlighting that she has donated Borough Councillor Ward Initiative Funding to various groups in Desborough including the Cricket Club, Desborough in Bloom and Desborough Youth Club.</p>
15.2	<p>Cllr Dearing had provided a written report which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting highlighting that he had been talking to many residents about the poor state of the cenotaph area and had decided that it needed painting and planted in time for Remembrance Sunday. The work started later than anticipated due to the weather however Cllr Dearing has been assured it will be completed on time.</p>
15.3	<p>Cllr Soans stated that he is disappointed that the s.106 agreement for the Tesco Planning Application has still not been presented to the KBC Planning Committee for a decision. It is understood that a special meeting of the Planning Committee is to be held towards the end of October.</p> <p>The Enforcement Order to remove the shutters on Anisa Spice was presented to the KBC Planning Committee and has been upheld. Cllr Soans explained that as this property is situated within a Conservation Area planning permission is required to put shutters up and these have to be the right ones. It is hoped that the owner of the property will be allowed to retain the current shutters until the appropriate planning permission is granted and new shutters can be put up.</p>
15.4	<p>Cllr Tebbutt reported that East Northamptonshire Council has approved planning permission for a retail park at Skew Bridge which will be larger than Kettering and</p>

	<p>Corby. This seriously compromises the existing retail strategy and is creating problems which may be irreconcilable.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt also provided written information on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring & Audit - KBC Accounts have been satisfactorily audited confirming a balanced budget; • Planning Policy – Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – the comments from the options consultation are being evaluated. Parishes and Town Councils who wished to discuss some issues are being contacted.
<p>16 16.1</p> <p>16.2</p> <p>16.3</p> <p>16.4</p> <p>16.5</p> <p>16.6</p> <p>16.7</p>	<p>Clerk’s Report</p> <p>Parking Restrictions – Saxon Close, Desborough: The Town Council discussed the wording of the legal order and the petition that had been sent to NCC signed by 25 local residents. The Town Council AGREED that the proposed double yellow lines should still go ahead for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proposal is for double yellow lines for one side of the road and the other side is for 10m from the junction with the High Street which is an area where people should not park; 2. That with the current parking situation along this stretch of road remains very difficult for delivery lorries etc. trying to access the loading/delivery area at the back of the shops. <p>Insurance (Update): After considering the insurance comparison report the Town Council CONFIRMED that it will continue to be insured through Zurich for 2012/13 (Proposed by Cllr Dearing and seconded by Cllr Sawford – Agreed). The Terms of Reference for the Flags and Flag Poles and Pocket Park will be presented to the Town Council at November’s meeting for final agreement.</p> <p>Northamptonshire County Association of Local Council’s (NCALC) Local Council’s Recruitment Manual: The Town Council noted that NCALC has provided each of the larger parish and town councils in Northamptonshire with a free printed copy of the Local Council’s Recruitment Manual. The pack is intended to be a reference resource.</p> <p>CALC Northamptonshire Larger Councils Partnership (NLCP): Cllr King and the Clerk attended the NLCP meeting on Thursday 27 September 2012 where the Police and Crime Commissioner candidates for Northamptonshire addressed the NLCP and answered questions about crime and antisocial behaviour. Cllr King had provided a written summary report of the meeting for information.</p> <p>Northants Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Planning Roadshow: 20th November 2012: Cllr King, Cllr Matthews, Cllr Pearce and the Clerk are to attend.</p> <p>Electoral Review of Northamptonshire: Final Recommendations: This information had been emailed to Councillors and was noted.</p> <p>Hawthorns Leisure Centre Equipment: Ms P Bellamy, Infrastructure and Asset Development Manager KBC has confirmed that there are a number of tables and chairs at the old Hawthorns Leisure Centre which the Town Council can have for community use in the proposed community facility. Ms Bellamy will be on site week commencing 22nd October if representatives from the Town Council wish to view the furniture. The</p>

<p>16.8</p> <p>16.9</p>	<p>Town Council will need to organise storage and transportation of the furniture.</p> <p>Remembrance Sunday: KBC has asked whether Desborough will require an air horn on Remembrance Sunday. Mr Warden, Poppy Appeal Organiser, is to speak to the Desborough Branch of the Royal British Legion and the new vicar at St. Giles Anglican and Methodist Church to find out their views on the use of an air horn. The Town Council confirmed that they would prefer that the church bell be used.</p> <p>Correspondence File: This month's file contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desborough Town Council Standing Orders • Letters received from members of the public re: planning application NCC WAS/00043/WASFUL – Energy Centre, Magnetic Park, Desborough • KBC Work Programme published 08/10/12 • NCALC Update September – October 2012 • Alzheimer's Society – The Dementia Café • Northants ACRE Press Release – New Chief Executive for Northamptonshire ACRE • Local Works – Community Action Email • CPRE Email – Your help keeps up pressure on planning reforms • Development of Phase 1, Harborough Road, Desborough by Springfir Estates Limited and Persimmon Homes (Midlands) Limited – NCC Adoption Certificate for this development • Development of Phases 2, 3 and 4 Harborough Road, Desborough by Springfir Estates Limited and Persimmon Homes (Midlands) Limited – NCC Adoption Certificate for this development • NNRAID Newsletter – 25th September 2012 – Proposal to Close the Village School Meeting • Countryside Advice Service • CPRE Fieldwork Autumn 2012 • NCC Marketing Campaign – You can do it online
<p>17</p> <p>17.1</p> <p>17.2</p> <p>17.3</p> <p>17.4</p>	<p>Community Reports</p> <p>Civic Society: No report was received.</p> <p>Town Centre Partnership (TCP): No report was received.</p> <p>Twining: No report was received.</p> <p>Youth: A written report was circulated to the Town Council which highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been an increase in membership in the over 11 and the under 8's; • The garden suffered vandalism during the summer, which the parents of members have helped rectify and they have also helped with running repairs; • Two weekend camps have recently taken place attended by members of Great Oxenden youth club and a church group from Raunds as well as those from Desborough. In all approximately one hundred people attended the two camps; • A Friday evening and Tuesdays are still very popular with some members joining on Wednesdays too; • Some good support was received this summer from parents either helping with repairs to the garden and also participating and helping on the camp trips; • On the last Friday of each month a disco is held using the equipment bought with grant money from Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs as previously reported. These discos have proved to be very popular and the equipment is available

<p>17.5</p> <p>17.6</p>	<p>for hire to other clubs etc. within the community. The date for the next Disco is 26th October with a Halloween theme!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of the junior leaders are to undertake training provided by Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs. <p>European Charter: No report was received.</p> <p>Pocket Park: The Town Council Agreed that the Pocket Park Volunteer Group can undertake bulb planting during the morning on Wednesday 24th October 2012. A representative from the Street Cleansing Department at KBC has visited the Pocket Park and has confirmed agreement to provide and install waste bins in the Park.</p>																																																
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effective throughout the District, on the assumption that grants would be made available to all Parish Councils. In January 1974 it was resolved by the Kettering District Council General Purposes Committee that the District Council reimburse each Parish Council their net annual expenditure up to a maximum of £2.00 per head of population. This commitment was not time limited or linked to the level of the core government grant.

DTC would prefer the existing arrangements, the payment of revenue grants to Town & Parish Councils, to continue. However, if KBC decide to cease revenue grants then DTC would expect that all assets transferred under the 1974 agreement be returned to DTC's ownership. The Town Council therefore requests a copy of the schedule of all assets transferred under the 1974 agreement.

In respect of the issue of double taxation DTC believes that this can be dealt with in a number of ways:

1. The grant system could continue in its current format to cover the running costs of the Town Council;
2. Kettering Town is parished and does not continue to receive direct funding via the Borough Council;
3. The current grant system is abolished with a reduction in council tax payable, equal to the precept payment needed to fund the DTC running costs, by the Council Tax payers in Desborough.

DTC would further request that KBC provide a detailed explanation to Desborough residents justifying why their annual Town Council precept payment will increase with no reduction in Council Tax or discernible increase in the services provided should these reforms be implemented. This is exacerbated by the fact that other residents of the borough who live in unparished areas will experience no such increase under these reforms.

Desborough Town Council confirmed that it is happy to work with Kettering Borough Council to provide a fair and equitable solution to this funding issue'.

It is noted that the KBC Executive Committee is due to receive a report with regard to Town & parish Council Funding on Wednesday 7th November 2012. This is a public meeting and it was **AGREED** that Cllr Coe and Cllr Matthews will attend the meeting to speak on behalf of the Town Council

18.4 Q2 Financial Analysis: This was noted by the Town Council.

Under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended), the press and public be excluded for the following item of business. The Clerk also left the room.

18.5 Report from the Chairman: Cllr Matthews explained that the Clerk has for some time been working more hours than the 15 she is contracted to work per week. Cllr Matthews had this month asked the Clerk to keep a record of the hours worked:

- w/c 24/09/12 – 21 hours
- w/c 01/10/12 – 23 hours
- w/c 08/10/12 – 21.5 hours

This equates to an additional 20.5 hours worked during a period of three weeks which is a third more than the Clerk is contracted for.

	<p>Councillors noted that the extra work was appreciated and that a lot of the Clerks' time is spent undertaking research. The Clerk would like to be able to undertake the role within the 15 hours.</p> <p>Councillors were asked to be conscious of what they are asking the Clerk to do as the Clerk's work needs to be streamlined to ensure that it is contained within the 15 hours. The situation will continue to be monitored.</p> <p><i>The press, public and the Clerk were be re-admitted to the meeting. No press or public were present.</i></p>
<p>19</p>	<p>Date of next meeting and items for the agenda: Due to the Police & Crime Commissioner Elections being held on Thursday 15th November 2012 it was AGREED to hold the next Town Council meeting on Thursday 22nd November 2012 (Proposed by Cllr Pearce and seconded by Cllr Coe).</p>
	<p>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 09.55 PM</p> <p>..... CHAIRMAN</p>