

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at the Library, High Street, Desborough on Thursday 16th October 2014.

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr A Matthews, Cllr M Tebbutt, Cllr D Soans, Cllr M Watson, Cllr R Sawford, Cllr D Howes, Cllr D Coe, Cllr M Dearing

Clerk: James McKechnie

Also in attendance: Cllr A Matthews, Northamptonshire County Councillor, PCSO Laura Mitchell, Members of the Public

<p>1</p>	<p>Chairman’s announcements The Chairman welcomed all those present and confirmed the health and safety/housekeeping issues for the building and asked for mobile phones to be put on silent. Chairman’s announcements included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desborough Town Council continue to receive objections in for the Application for the Goods Vehicle Operators License at Birchfield Springs, Ruston Road, Desborough. There are a number of bodies involved quite apart from residents. No one has expressed support for the application. • Cllr Matthews attended the Ncalc 20/20 Visions Meeting held on 6th October at Wilbarston Village Hall. The meeting was attended by a number of both Parish and Town Councils. It was discussed that the Localism Act has increased the workload for Town and Parish Councils. • Superfast Broadband continues to move ahead in the County with no known issues for Desborough, however the same can’t be said for the Welland Valley area.
<p>2</p>	<p>Apologies for absence – Cllr. J Watson, Cllr B King, Cllr J Derbyshire, Cllr J Pearce.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Declarations of Interest by Councillors Cllr Soans stated that he would not vote or express an opinion on any planning matters as he is on the Planning Committee at Kettering Borough Council (KBC). He can however take part in discussions on planning issues.</p>
<p>4 4.1</p>	<p>Police Report – PCSO Laura Mitchell presented a monthly report & crime figures, which were available to view in the Correspondence File.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt stated that he’d contacted Police Sgt McDonald asking if Northamptonshire Police are to object to the Heavy Goods Vehicle License Application by Mr Lyndon Thomas, as the deadline was 23rd October. Cllr Tebbutt continued to state that he’d also been in touch with the local authority Kettering Borough Council who have confirmed that their comments have gone to the Traffic Commissioner today.</p> <p>PCSO Mitchell said that this would be followed up with Sgt McDonald and feedback to the clerk.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Representations from members of the public Mr Richard King spoke regarding the Ise Valley area where surveying had been taken place on behalf of the landowners. Mr King would like to know why this survey was being done by the owners when at the Executive Meeting on 11th December 2013, which agreed to delay any decision on the sale of the Hawthorns site until the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan or seek authority to negotiate and enter into a collaboration agreement.</p>

Chairman

Date

	<p>Does the Town Council know what is happening and the reason why? Cllr Soans stated that he attended a meeting with KBC in August and that an Environmental Study would be carried out on this site, as part of Planning Policy and not Building Planning. Cllr Sawford stated that she also attended the meeting Mr King refers to and totally agreed that was what was said. My question to Borough Councillors, in particular the Executive Member, is could we find out how much money this Environment Study is costing and to what end? Cllr Sawford stated further that she can now talk about Co-op matters as her partner no longer sits on the Co-op board. Cllr Tebbutt referred to the Green Plan which he spoke about previously, suggesting that the Environmental Study could relate to a specific area.</p> <p>Mr King was thanked for raising this matter.</p> <p>Mrs Paula Holmes expressed concerns too regarding the matter raised by Mr King. Mrs Holmes raised concerns regarding the Planning Application KET/2014/0694 being a red area on the map. Cllr Matthews stated that this [red area noted] was in fact in Ruston Parish.</p> <p>Mrs Paula Holmes stated that she believed that there would be another round of site consultations by Kettering Borough Council. This is making me feel very uncomfortable and disrespected. Cllr Soans stated that if it's a Screening Option, then it's to see if an Environmental Assessment is needed.</p> <p>Mr Hull spoke regarding the Trout Farm issue again, in relation to the HGV Operator's Licence Application. Mr Hull had received a letter back from the Traffic Commissioner asking if he was an immediate neighbour. Mr Hull stated that he lived some distance away, that the issue was the HGVs on the roads. The Clerk asked Mr Hull to put his objection to the highway authority as they're the body which have the responsibility to comment on highway matters. Cllr Matthews read out the guidelines to objecting to such a licence. Cllr Matthews further stated that any resurfacing to Dunkirk Avenue can't take place until the number of heavy goods vehicles using the road is reduced dramatically. Cllr Coe stated that the Traffic Commissioners Office is another quango making up its own rules. Stating that Mr Hollobone MP has also received a similar reply from the Traffic Commissioner. Mr Coe went on to read out a letter he'd written to Mr Harbour at Kettering Borough Council. Cllr Tebbutt urged Mr Hull to write his letter as Kettering Borough Council has already done so. Cllr Sawford stated that she had also written a letter, that her reply had been passed to the case worker, urging everyone to write. Cllr Matthews asked whether Kettering Borough Council could challenge the operator of the site under a change of use of the site.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 18th September 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the above date were <u>unanimously approved</u> and signed as a true record (Proposed by Cllr Howes and seconded by Cllr Soans). With the following amendments: • Page 422 agenda item 7 Cllr R Sawford to replace Cllr J Watson. • Page 425 Correspondents Polling Station review and the Ncalc increase were asked to be placed on the agenda and were not. Cllr Sawford raised concern that they were not placed on the agenda.

<p>7</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Minute 9/September 14 Outdoor Gym – Cllr Sawford requested information on Kettering Borough Council’s other WREN Grant Application and who would be paying the 10% match contribution. Cllr Sawford read out the reply received from Kettering Borough Council. Expressing that it’s another example of money being spent in Kettering and not in Desborough in a similar way, and I’m really objecting to it. Cllr Dearing stated that he was happy to put this observation in writing, asking why.</p> <p>Minute 5/September 14 Gates to rear of Union Street - Cllr Coe asked if we’d had any feedback. Cllr Matthews stated that we had not, stating that he’d contacted the Rights of Way Officer at the County Council to enquire if, in principle, can we object to this. The reply was yes, but it wasn’t on the definitive map. Cllr Matthews also asked if this could be challenged under the 20 year rule. He was told that yes, you’d have to provide evidence of people using is over this time. If it’s proven then the gates would have to be removed and it would be maintained by the highways department in future.</p> <p>Minute 7/June 14 Cllr D Soans stated that the visit to the Trout Farm by Desborough Town Councillors is outstanding. The clerk explained that contact had been made on several occasions, that he was still awaiting to hear back. This would be again followed up by the clerk. Cllr D Soans asked that this matter to be continued to be pursued by the clerk.</p> <p>Minute 10.1/September 14 Cllr Coe asked for the names of the Councillors put in.</p> <p>Minute 16/September 14 - Desborough Town Staffing Structure – Cllr Coe stated that he would like to comment on this in the private part of the meeting.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Update: Cllr Soans gave an update which included: Report to DTC dated 9th October 2014</p> <p>Finance It was agreed to advise DTC that estimated costs for work on the Town Plan for the financial year 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 would be £15,000 and that DTC be requested to include this sum in the annual budget.</p> <p>Project Management The full project plan was issued and tasks allocated to members of the group. It was also agreed to include other residents, who have expressed an interest into the various task groups.</p> <p>Public Consultation Further consultation events will take place this autumn. These will include outreach events at school open evenings and a stall at the Gala Night on November 28th.</p> <p>Appointment of planning consultant A total of 5 planning consultant companies have been selected. The consultants brief has been written and sent out to all 5 companies requesting their willingness to accept the brief and to attend interviews W/C 20th October. The successful company will be appointed the following week and complete their first tranche of work by 31st December 2014. This work will be paid for by the Planning Aid grant received in September.</p>

<p>9 9.1</p>	<p>To receive reports from: County Councillor Matthews Update on alleyway behind Union Street Bob Martin gave us an excellent presentation on 18th September, which implied that there may have been some misjudged actions by KBC in allowing this alleyway to be gated without consultation with our Town Council [and indeed local residents]. As agreed, I have made contact with the Rights of Way Officer for the County Council and explained the events leading up to the alleyway's effective closure to the public. It seems that this alleyway is not listed on their definitive road maps as part of a highway but it was stressed that some rights of way may pre-date the production of their maps. We can challenge the decision to gate off this route by providing many witnesses who will attest to using this alleyway as a public right of way without being challenged over a long period of time - Bob referred to the 20 year rule in his presentation. As Bob confirmed that he would contact KBC regarding the lack of consultation we should wait until we have any feedback on this before deciding as a council whether to challenge this development formally - it will be time consuming but could have a beneficial effect for the town.</p> <p>New Street Lights for Desborough Despite recording that these new lights will be installed from October 2015, the progress in other parts of the County has been better than expected and the work in Desborough is expected to start in February / March 2015. This will not affect the use of street lamps for the Christmas lights and displays this year but we need to be aware of changes in 2015.</p>
<p>9.2</p>	<p>Borough Councillors Cllr Tebbutt activity report to Desborough Town Council North Northants Core Spatial Strategy update :- The Joint Planning Committee at its October 2nd meeting reviewed and endorsed, subject to taking on board comments made, sections of the Joint Core Strategy Draft policies and text on Rural Exceptions (Policy 13), Deenethorpe Airfield Area of Opportunity (Policy14) and Delivering Economic Prosperity (Policy 22), all were approved subject to all comments also being incorporated. At its next meeting on the 3rd November the final draft of the Joint Core Strategy and Background papers are scheduled for discussion. Our comments on the updated application had been made for the 700 houses at Rothwell, these still showed a road layout which was unacceptable, which would cause all traffic from Desborough to effectively stop at traffic lights at the top of the hill – not very clever in wintry conditions, our objections re this and others were submitted. They were also passed to Rothwell Town Council for their consideration. The Traffic Commissioners’ response, (in respect of the fishing lakes request to permanently base 4 Lorries there), has not been communicated back to DTC. However responses to concerned residents have been made, objections can only be made on Environmental grounds, and their submissions have to be made by 23rd October. The document says that Statutory Bodies, Local Authorities and police have until 30th October to submit their comments and that they might like to contact such bodies to request them to submit also. I have accordingly asked both KBC and our Local Police Sergeant to suitably respond. On Sunday 12th October a vehicle and caravan was reported as parking near the roundabout on Braybrooke Rd, KBC were requested to take appropriate action, confirmation was received that officers would investigate.</p>

<p>9.3</p>	<p>Cllr Dearing activity report to Desborough Town Council included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travellers on Bear Way • Roundabout at the top of the Grange sponsorship – This has been passed to the sponsorship team. • Liaised with a resident regarding a planning application. • Attended the Executive Meeting last night which covered various matters including: <p>Kettering Town Centre Sponsorship. The Ladies Cycle Race 2015 which finishes in Kettering The Housing Strategy, which included the passing for the renovation for Homes of the Future of the remaining 10 houses on Addison Road, Desborough with £340,000 investment being made. The Christmas Market and Christmas Planning including free parking on the three Saturdays in December.</p> <p>Clerk’s Report SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS Council are asked to consider and if appropriate resolve to finance the Clerk’s Membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks. It was RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Tebbutt and seconded by Cllr Soans) that the Council would not provide the funding.</p> <p><u>NCC Consultation on Transport Strategies</u> Consultation on Corby and Kettering and Interim Wellingborough Town Transport Strategies The draft strategies can be viewed at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/transportplan It was AGREED that Councillors would submit their comments directly.</p> <p><u>Northamptonshire County Council Public Consultations</u> Subjects: Land, Communities, Building Area: Northamptonshire County Wide</p> <p>The draft strategies can be viewed at http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/council/consultations/pages/Register.aspx It was AGREED that Councillors would submit their comments directly</p> <p><u>Correspondence File:</u> This month’s file contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCC Consultation on Transport Strategies (emailed to Cllrs 16/09/14) • NCC Highways Update • Letter Philip Hollobone MP • NCC eUpdate • Locality eUpdate
<p>10 10.1 10.2</p>	<p>Community Reports Civic Society: No report was available.</p> <p>Town Centre Partnership (TCP): Cllr Soans updated the Council on the Gala Night which is being held on 28th November. Councillors were asked if they were available to marshall on the night.</p>

<p>10.3</p>	<p>Twinning: Cllr M Watson confirmed that a newsletter had been sent out.</p>
<p>10.4</p>	<p>Youth: No update due to Cllr King being off sick.</p>
<p>10.5</p>	<p>European Charter: Cllr M Watson gave a verbal update, including that there were two youth members representing the Town in Denmark over the coming weekend.</p>
<p>10.6</p>	<p>Pocket Park: Cllr R Sawford gave an update which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of hard work was put in on the 40's day which raised some funds and the profile of the Pocket Park.
<p>10.7</p>	<p>Carnival: Cllr M Watson gave a update which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Carnival Day raised £3,000 to give away • The Annual Fireworks Display would be taking place at the Leisure Centre on Sunday 2nd November at 5.45pm
<p>11 11.1</p>	<p>Update from existing Working Parties Community Right to Build 'Hawthorns Forum': Mrs Paula Holmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gala Night will have Donkeys to ride on the night. • Northants Touring Arts production on 20th December in the URC • Application be submitted to Community Land Trust Network and agreement that we can have one day of professional support to present on Community Land Trust and the Neighbourhood Plan. • Applied for a feasibility study to Awards for All. • Thank you to Desborough Town Council for your letter of support.
<p>11.2</p>	<p>Fresh Air Desborough (FAD): Cllr Matthews stated that he'd received a phone call from Mr Alan Brooks, Chairman of FAD, regarding whether Desborough Town Council would like to submit comments on the Brookfield development in Corby. It was AGREED that Desborough Town Council would not.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Northamptonshire Transportation Plan: Phase 'Fit for Purpose' Consultation It was AGREED that Councillors would submit any comments directly as individuals.</p>
<p>13 13.1</p>	<p>Financial report</p> <p>Insurance Renewal: The Town Council's insurance policy was renewed on 16th November 2013. A copy of the insurance policy with Zurich had been provided to Councillors.</p> <p>The Town Council AGREED to (proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Soans):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current levels of insurance cover; • That the Policy be renewed with Zurich Municipal under the 5 year agreement taken out in November 2013.

13.2	<p>Accounts for Payment: The following payments were APPROVED (Proposed by Cllr Tebbutt and seconded by Cllr Howes):</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No.</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Reason for Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>101438</td> <td>£1,795.64</td> <td>Mr J McKechnie</td> <td>Salary, Back Pay & Expenses (Oct 14)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101439</td> <td>£984.61</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI (Sept 14)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101440</td> <td>£35.80</td> <td>Talk Talk Business</td> <td>Telephone Line Rental / Broadband + calls (Sept 14)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101441</td> <td>£33.60</td> <td>NCC Library</td> <td>Room Hire Town Council Meeting (Oct14)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101442</td> <td>£617.83</td> <td>Zurich Municipal</td> <td>Insurance Renewal 2014/15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101443</td> <td>£30.00</td> <td>RBL Poppy Appeal</td> <td>Donation to cover the costs of the Remembrance Wreath</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101444</td> <td>£30.00</td> <td>Desborough Community Development Trust</td> <td>Room Hire for Neighbourhood Plan Meeting (11th Sept 14)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment	101438	£1,795.64	Mr J McKechnie	Salary, Back Pay & Expenses (Oct 14)	101439	£984.61	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (Sept 14)	101440	£35.80	Talk Talk Business	Telephone Line Rental / Broadband + calls (Sept 14)	101441	£33.60	NCC Library	Room Hire Town Council Meeting (Oct14)	101442	£617.83	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Renewal 2014/15	101443	£30.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation to cover the costs of the Remembrance Wreath	101444	£30.00	Desborough Community Development Trust	Room Hire for Neighbourhood Plan Meeting (11th Sept 14)
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14	<p>It was AGREED to move Planning Matters so that members of the public would not need to return after the private session.</p> <p>Planning Applications - The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures:</p>																																
14.1	<p>KET/2007/0604 – Taylor Wimpey Developments Ltd – s.73 Application: Variation of Conditions 18 (Code for Sustainable Homes), 19 (Lifetime Homes) of KET/2013/0514 – East Kettering Development, Cranford Road, Barton Seagrave. No objection subject to: We do not wish to see a dilution of the Environmental Standards which we are seeking to use on Housing throughout the Borough.</p> <p>KET/2014/0461 – Persimmon Homes Midlands – - Rothwell North, Rothwell - Outline Application with EIA:700 dwellings, 2.88 hectares of employment land (Classes B1 and B2), a local centre (Classes A1 – A5, B1a, C3 and D1), open space and green infrastructure and an extension to the Montsaye Academy’s playing fields. Pedestrian and cycle routes, associated roads and other infrastructure, including sustainable drainage measures. Vehicular access junctions into the site from A6 and B576; all other matters are to be reserved. No objection subject to: The 2007 comments are still relevant (attached to response). Greatest concern which has been ignored and MUST be addressed is the proposal to put traffic lights at the brow of the hill. This road is seriously affected during winter with snow and ice. The transport and infrastructure travel plan clause 4.3 clearly intends traffic from Desborough to use the new road at the A6 junction and avoid going through Rothwell. This road must be designed to enable Desborough traffic to flow unimpeded in this direction – making other roads “minor” and removing any traffic lights at this point.</p>																																

<p>14.2</p>	<p>KET/2014/0575 - Green Bean Development Co Ltd – 135 Rothwell Road, Desborough – Approval of Reserved Matters: Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale details in respect of KET/2013/0384 (4 dwellings). No objection subject to: Significant thinning out of existing trees on site and the new entry point for the new road with poor visibility are major concerns. Major concern is the potential accident black spot at the access point.</p> <p><u>Notices of Withdrawn Applications received:</u> KET/2014/0551 - Mr & Mrs Mills - 120 Dunkirk Avenue, Desborough - Full Application: First floor side extension, first floor balcony to rear and single storey rear extension.</p> <p>KET/2014/0484 - Mr Overman - 103 Ironwood Avenue, Desborough - Full Application: Two storey side and single storey rear and side extension</p>
<p>15</p>	<p><i>Under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended), the press and public were excluded for the following item of business:</i></p> <p>Desborough Town Council 1st Draft Budget for 2015/16: The first draft budget was viewed and discussed. The Budget would be put on the Agenda in November.</p> <p><i>The Press and public were re-admitted to the meeting – none were present.</i></p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Date of next meeting and items for the agenda: Thursday 20th November 2014 commencing at 7pm, Desborough Library, High Street, Desborough.</p>
<p>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:05 PM</p>	