

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at the Library, High Street, Desborough on Thursday 18th December 2014.

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr A Matthews, Cllr B King, Cllr D Soans, Cllr J Watson, Cllr J Derbyshire, Cllr J Pearce, Cllr R Sawford, Cllr D Howes, Cllr D Coe.

Clerk: James McKechnie

Also in attendance: Cllr A Matthews, Northamptonshire County Councillor & Members of the Public

1	<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"> • A big thank you to everyone involved in Desborough Gala Night • Thank you to St Giles Church for such a wonderful Christmas Tree Festival • Thanked Kettering Borough Council and the Clerk for the work done ensuring the lampposts had Christmas lights on before Gala Evening. • Desborough Town Councillors visited the Fishing Lake development on Rushton Road <p>Cllr Matthews presented donations on behalf of Cllr Derbyshire’s Borough Councillor’s Empowering Fund to: The Pocket Park Desborough In Bloom Desborough Civic Society</p> <p>Representatives from all three organisations thanked Cllr Derbyshire for her generosity which was a great help. John Kemp continued to give a overview of what Desborough in Bloom have achieved over the year and the work which upcoming, including the work Kettering Borough Council are doing to the area outside the Co-op shop in the High Street.</p>
2	<p>Apologies for absence – Cllr. M Watson, Cllr M Tebbutt, Cllr M Dearing.</p>
3	<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>Cllr Howes declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest under The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 in respect of Agenda Item 13.1 – Planning: KET/2013/0655 – Stuart Howes & Son/Eckland Lodge Business Park – Eckland Lodge Farm, Desborough Road, Braybrooke – Full Application with EIA: Solar Park.</p>
4	<p>Police Report – No Police present</p>
5	<p>Representations from members of the public Mr Richard King spoke regarding the Neighbourhood Plan asking 3 questions: 1. The setting up of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has a lack of residents from Ise Valley on it, is this by design?</p>

Chairman

Date

	<p>2. Many people have stated that they've not received the flyer on the Neighbourhood Plan, were they distributed or not, if not why not?</p> <p>3. Why was the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting held in the Heritage Centre last week, not more advertised so many more members of the public could attend?</p> <p>Cllr Soans the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group stated that several people showed an interest in joining the group, that 3 members of the public represent organisations in Desborough on the group. That there were currently 2 vacancies which would be filled at the next meeting on 22nd January 15.</p> <p>Cllr Soans continued, stating that Go Local were employed to deliver the flyer to every home in Desborough. Both Cllr Soans and Cllr J Watson said they'd follow this up.</p> <p>Cllr Soans stated that the Steering Group meetings were not public meetings.</p> <p>Mr Grahame Bayliss spoke, asking if he could receive a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Project Plan.</p> <p>Cllr Soans stated he'd obtain a copy for him.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 20th November 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 Soans and seconded by Cllr Derbyshire).
<p>7</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Minute 11.3/Nov 14 The clerk gave an update on: Proposed temporary change to the Traffic Order to enable 75% of the HGV to turn right out of the Fishery through Pipewell. Temporary Traffic Orders last 18 months with only a 6 month extension only available.</p> <p><u>Polling Station Review</u> At KBC's full Committee last night it was agreed to have an additional Polling Station for Loatlands Ward.</p> <p><u>Outdoor Gym Update</u> The Wren Grant had been secured, that he was working with all parties to progress the project. Acknowledging that Rob Harbour from Kettering Borough Council has agreed to pay the third party funding of £2,090 for the project. County Cllr Matthews and Borough Cllr Soans had agreed to make contributions from their Empowering Funds to the project.</p> <p>Minute 7/June 14 Cllr D Soans stated that the visit to the Trout Farm by Desborough Town Councillors is outstanding. The visit took place on 29th November 14</p> <p>Minute 9.2 Cllr Tebbutt Borough Council Report - 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>Cllr Coe stated that the vehicles and caravans were still there.</p> <p>Cllr Matthews explained that he'd asked for the matter to be put on the agenda of the next Scrutiny meeting at Northamptonshire County Council.</p> <p>A member of the public had asked if a Byelaw could be put in place to deal with this issue.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to investigate. The Clerk reported that as Desborough Council were not the landowners they're not able to pursue a bylaw.</p> <p>Cllr Howes asked if Desborough Town Council were going to support Braybrooke Parish Council with the Traveller Site Planning Application.</p>

	<p>Cllr Matthews said it would be discussed on receiving the Planning Application.</p> <p>Minute 7/Nov 14 Mr Adams referred to the recent refurbishment of the Pumping Station, raw sewerage being left on the open land with a stench meaning residents couldn't open their windows.</p> <p>Cllr Pearce reported that she'd visited the site in question and spoke to a dog walker. No evidence whatsoever could be found.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Website Upgrade</p> <p>Cllr King gave a report on Desborough Town's website and the proposal to refurbish it to include better communication with the public through social media and signing up to an email distribution list.</p> <p>Cllr Howes raised concerns about the Data Protection Act in using an email distribution list.</p> <p>The Clerk stated that this would be adhered to.</p> <p>Cllr Sawford raised concerns regarding the use of Facebook.</p> <p>Cllr King stated that he'd only use Facebook as a way of informing not for any discussions to be able to take place.</p> <p>The Town Council <u>AGREED</u>, proposed by Cllr Howes, seconded by Cllr Pearce to:- Proceed in 2014/15 with the website refresh at a one-off cost of £570, and pay the lower host cost of £235 per annum. Total cost therefore in 2014/15 is £805, and £235 in subsequent years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk working with Vision ICT to refresh the website • The Clerk managing a bigger email mailing list. The website to include an option to sign up to email news bulletins • Councillor Ben King and the Clerk to set up Facebook page • Appointing Councillor Ben King as a Webmaster. The Webmaster role to include editing of web pages, Facebook posts and news email updates. The Webmaster to collate information, including suggestions from Town Council, for communications. All content to be authorised by the Clerk prior to publishing or circulating by the Clerk.
<p>9</p>	<p>Desborough Town Council budget 2015/16</p> <p>A copy of the second draft budget had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Derbyshire spoke on the need for a training budget and the increase to accommodate future training needs of both existing councillors and potential new councillors from the elections taking place in May 2015.</p> <p>Cllr Pearce spoke on the Grant Funding budget, stating that there were a number of community organisations could benefit greatly from receiving support from Desborough Town Council through grants. The time had come for us to stop thinking in terms of someone else will do it, because invariably there is no one else. This was a time not for talking about doing things, but actually doing it. We as a council need to stand up and be counted, we need to start making a real difference. Why would anyone want to support a council that doesn't do anything. If the council becomes relevant, then people will engage, being defeatist and negative will stop us from evolving, progressing and moving forward.</p> <p>Both Cllr Derbyshire's and Cllr Pearce's comments were broadly accepted and</p>

	<p>appreciated.</p> <p>Cllr Soans asked for the Christmas Lights budget to be expressed as a neutral cost as this is funded by a grant from Kettering Borough Council.</p> <p>Cllr Coe stated that the Labour Group would not vote against the budget, however they'd be abstaining.</p> <p>Cllr Sawford raised concern that the budget was not going to the public for consultation.</p> <p>Cllr Soans stated that it was being debated in public for the public.</p> <p>Desborough Town Council budget 2015/16 was AGREED, proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Derbyshire. Out of 9 councillors present 5 voted in favour of the budget and 4 abstained.</p> <p>The Chairman signed the agreed budget.</p>																																												
<p>10</p>	<p>Employee Pension Provision It was unanimously AGREED, proposed by Cllr Pearce and seconded by Cllr Howes, that the Clerk would be offered the Local Government Pension Scheme from 2015/16.</p>																																												
<p>11</p>	<p>Precept 2015/16 The precept was AGREED, proposed by Cllr Soans and seconded by Cllr Howes. Out of 9 Councillors present at the meeting 5 voted in favour and 4 abstained from voting.</p> <p>The Town & Parish precept form will be completed and returned to KBC.</p>																																												
<p>12 12.1</p>	<p>Financial report Accounts for Payment: The following payments were APPROVED (Proposed by Cllr Tebbutt and seconded by Cllr Howes):</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="293 1227 1393 1883"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No.</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Reason for Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>101449</td> <td>£1,035.56</td> <td>Mr J McKechnie</td> <td>Salary, Back Pay & Expenses (Dec 14)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101450</td> <td>£42.00</td> <td>NCC Library</td> <td>Room Hire Town Council Meeting (Dec 14)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101451</td> <td>£438.61</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI (Dec 14)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101452</td> <td>£35.58</td> <td>Talk Talk Business</td> <td>Telephone Line Rental / Broadband + calls (Dec 14)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101453</td> <td>£148.00</td> <td>Mrs Paula Holmes</td> <td>Flyer Printing Costs for Town Plan £116.00, £12.00 Lollipop costs & £20 Prize costs for workshop.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101454</td> <td>£90.00</td> <td>Desborough Civic Society</td> <td>Room Hire for 2 Town Plan Meetings & 1 Training Session</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101455</td> <td>£10.00</td> <td>Desborough Town Centre Partnership</td> <td>Gala Night Stall Hire for Town Plan Public Engagement</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101456</td> <td>£142.00</td> <td>Go Local Publications</td> <td>Delivery of Desborough Town Plan Flyer</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>12.2 Receipts:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="293 1951 1445 2067"> <thead> <tr> <th>Paid into Barclays</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Received from</th> <th>Reason for Receipt</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>25/11/14</td> <td>£2,450.00</td> <td>Kettering Borough Council</td> <td>Christmas Lights Grant</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment	101449	£1,035.56	Mr J McKechnie	Salary, Back Pay & Expenses (Dec 14)	101450	£42.00	NCC Library	Room Hire Town Council Meeting (Dec 14)	101451	£438.61	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (Dec 14)	101452	£35.58	Talk Talk Business	Telephone Line Rental / Broadband + calls (Dec 14)	101453	£148.00	Mrs Paula Holmes	Flyer Printing Costs for Town Plan £116.00, £12.00 Lollipop costs & £20 Prize costs for workshop.	101454	£90.00	Desborough Civic Society	Room Hire for 2 Town Plan Meetings & 1 Training Session	101455	£10.00	Desborough Town Centre Partnership	Gala Night Stall Hire for Town Plan Public Engagement	101456	£142.00	Go Local Publications	Delivery of Desborough Town Plan Flyer	Paid into Barclays	Amount	Received from	Reason for Receipt	25/11/14	£2,450.00	Kettering Borough Council	Christmas Lights Grant
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12.3	<p>Monthly Bank Reconciliation: Noted Cllr Howes left the meeting at 8.50pm</p>
12.4	<p>Local Government Pay Settlement 2014/15: The Local Government pay settlement for 2014/15 has been agreed at a 2.2% increase effective from 1st January 2015. The Town Council AGREED to implement this pay settlement in respect of the Clerk's salary and the £100 pro rata settlement (Proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Derbyshire).</p>
13	<p>The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or to be made at the meeting:</p>
13.1	<p>KET/2014/0735 – Mr Canham – 100 Harborough Road, Desborough – Full Application: Loft conversion, first floor rear extension and porch to front. No objection.</p> <p>KET/2014/0637 – Mr Lord - Persimmon Homes – Harrington Road (Land off), Rothwell – Full Application with EIA: Residential development for 200 dwellings with associated open space. No objection subject to: Concerned by significant traffic increase to Harrington Road which is the main access to the A14 Westbound. It would be preferable if an additional road could be provided through to the neighbouring Persimmon 700 home development which would then give access to the A6 via the new (to be provided roundabout). More bungalows should be provided. Good balance of two and three bedroom housing with 18% affordable accommodation. Cycle path links and two emergency access points.</p> <p>KET/2014/0697 – Mr Bugg – Mansfield Close (land at), Desborough – Full Application: Conversion of shop unit to 2 no. dwellings. No objection subject to: The town will be left with fewer small shops. Concern that no garden or outside space will exist. Also that there is no provision for car parking as on street parking is not permitted, the adjacent car park is intended for shoppers. Parking concerns.</p>
13.2	<p>Re-notification This is a re-notification, as you should have been notified that it is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment.</p> <p>KET/2014/0655 - Stuart Howes & Son/Eckland Lodge Business Park - Eckland Lodge Farm Desborough Road, Braybrooke - Full Application with EIA: Solar Park. No additional comments</p>
13.3	<p>Notices of Approval received: KBC has approved permission for the following applications:</p> <p>KET/2014/0646 – Mr Jackson – 6 Castleton Road, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear and two storey side extensions.</p> <p>KET/2014/0724 – Mr & Mrs Mills – 120 Dunkirk Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear extension.</p> <p>KET/2014/0663 – Mr & Mrs Swan – 2 Rothwell Road, Desborough – Full Application: Two storey and first floor side extensions with annex above garaging.</p> <p>KET/2014/0710 – Mr King – 11 Westmorland Drive, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey side extension.</p> <p>KET/2014/0586 – Mr Ta Ta Bros Fish Bar – 85 High Street, Desborough – Full</p>

13.4	<p>Application: Replace shop front.</p> <p>Notices of Refusal received: KBC has refused permission for the following applications:</p> <p>KET/2014/0733 – Mr Von Bujtar – 31 Copelands Road, Desborough – Full Application: Dwelling to rear of no. 31.</p>
14	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Update The clerk stated that he'd now received authorisation to move funds between the budget headings of the accounts, from Locality administrators.</p>
15	<p>Councillor Updates Cllr Sawford asked for an update on the A24 junction 10a funding. Cllr Soans replied stating that 50% of the money will come from Central Government, with the remaining being sought. The Weekly and Warkton bypass will be funded by Northamptonshire County Council. Cllr Sawford reported that the Pocket Park activity dates for next year are: 7th March 15 16th May 15 11th July 15 3rd October 15 These dates were AGREED by Councillors.</p>
16	<p>Date of next meeting and items for the agenda: Thursday 15th January 2015 commencing at 7pm, Desborough Library, High Street, Desborough.</p>
	<p>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:55 PM</p>