

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at the Library, High Street, Desborough on Thursday 19th March 2015.

PRESENT

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

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"> • Congratulated Cllr Howes on the birth of his daughter.
2	<p>Apologies for absence –, Cllr M Dearing (work commitments)</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>
4	<p>Police Report – PCSO Breeze and PCSO Miller presented the crime statistics for February. Cllr Watson expressed her concerns at the unacceptable situation with vehicles outside Loatlands School, stating that she had received a serious complaint from a member of the public regarding a near miss with a child and a car which mounted the pavement. Details are to be passed to PCSO Miller to investigate and stated that as he was the allocated PCSO for Loatlands he would increase his presence at the school when possible. PCSO Miller did state that this issue was felt across all schools. Northamptonshire County Council are to be contracted for an update on the agreed double yellow lines which were agreed to be place in the area. Cllr Matthews thanked and gave PCSO Breeze The Councils best wishes as she is leaving after 8 years’ service to become a Police Office.</p>
5	<p>Representations from members of the public – Cllr Tebbutt stated that he had received a complaint from a member of the public regarding the amount of rubbish on the railway sidings near the Railway House. The clerk was asked to contact Network Rail to have this removed.</p>
6	<p>Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19th February 2015</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 Derbyshire and seconded by Cllr King).
7	<p>Matters Arising Minute 9.2/February 15 County Cllr Matthews Report – Street Lighting. Several Councillors raised concerns regarding the lighting around areas of the town which are in progress of being changed. Councillors were asked to wait until the work was completed and ask for a snagging walk about in the dark to assess any concerns.</p> <p>Minute 9.2/February 15 Borough Cllr Tebbutt Report – Cllr Tebbutt stated that he was continuing to liaise with Kettering Borough Council Officers regarding the triangle</p>

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	<p>piece of land in front of the shops. Cllr Sawford asked for an update on the Pedestrian Crossing. Cllr Matthews stated that he was in contact with colleagues at Northamptonshire County Council and would update the Council at the next meeting.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Update Cllr Soans</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Planning consultants – the final sites review has now been received by the group and is available to view on the Desborough NP website. I am arranging for a hard .copy to be given to the clerk to hold on behalf of the Town Council 2) Project plan – The issues and options discussions group held at Marlow House on Saturday 7th March was a huge success. All residents of Desborough were invited to attend and take part in the discussion groups. Each group was led by 1 or 2 steering group members and covered - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure Green environment Housing Local economy Town centre Heritage and local character <p>Some 40 residents of Desborough attended and took part in the discussions and a number of useful outcomes resulted. The event was fully supported by Planning Aid England and Kettering Borough Council planning department. The results obtained will now allow us to move forward, with the aim of having the plan written by the end of September this year. The next Neighbourhood Planning Meeting will be held on Thursday 26th March at 7pm. It was agreed (proposed by Cllr Soans and seconded by Cllr Watson) that Desborough Town Council would apply for a further grant from Locality. Cllr King stated that the event was a great success with over 40 members of the public attending. Cllr Watson registered the Councils thanks to all the public for attending and the public members of the Steering Group for the hard work put in.</p>
<p>9 9.1</p>	<p>To receive reports from: County Councillor Matthews NCC Development Control Committee – 17th March 2015 I received a request from Fresh Air Desborough [FAD], after the February Town Council, to speak for the Town and FAD, in opposing an application by the developers of the Corby Storefield Gasification Plant to vary conditions 20 and 21 of their planning permission. To put this into perspective, the original permission allowed a catchment area of 30 miles for the collection of waste used to convert into energy. This latest application was lodged to get an extension to a “90 minute travel time” for the road transport importing this waste. The Origin Proposal for Desborough has some similarities with the Storefield Plant, so the concern was that an approval for Corby could be used as a precedent for Desborough, which was also approved with a 30 mile catchment area. After much discussion and representations from all the objectors and the developers, the Committee approved the application - 5 votes for and 3 votes against. What this 90 minute travel time means is an area, where transfer stations are located, covering most of the East and West Midlands, Central England, Home Counties up to North London and parts of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk and Lincolnshire.</p>

	<p>The heaviest concentrations of transfer stations are in the Birmingham, Wolverhampton and a swathe of stations around Nottinghamshire and Stoke on Trent. My objections centred on what I considered to be the absurdity of our County Council’s policy of having contracted to export all of our black bin rubbish out of the County for treatment and disposal, but then being prepared to endorse imports of 120,000 tonnes of waste per year to process in this County. Origin’s plan is to import 90,000 tonnes per year. To be fair the limits on imports have not been increased, but the extension is required to ensure that the proposed plant at Corby maintains a regular supply of affordable refuse. Rubbish, it appears, is in great demand and attracts high prices in the recycling market place. The extra lorry movements, the extra pollution and the extra congestion on the roads are deemed acceptable to achieve increases in renewable energy. Cllr Soans reported that Gasification Plants did not form part of Kettering Borough Councils Energy Plan.</p>
<p>9.2</p>	<p>Borough Councillors Cllr Tebbutt’s activity report to Desborough Town Council MARCH 2015 A reminder that the consultation period on the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) ended on March 9th North Northants Core Spatial Strategy (JCS) update:- Timeframe is still Plan Submission is scheduled for March 2015 Examination for April-November 2015 And Adoption for December 2015 A number of important reports were presented and agreed at the Planning Policy Committee meeting on Tuesday 3rd March:- The Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document for Northamptonshire was reviewed, members endorsed the comments set out in section 2 of the report to be sent as KBC’s response to the consultation. A report was presented on an overview of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Pre-Submission Plan, discussion ensued and members resolved to endorse the comments indicated in the report. A report was presented on Managing Renewable Energy Facilities in the Borough, whilst a Statement of intent was proposed, it was agreed that as it would have no planning weight, National Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) and the JCS draft policy 26 were of significance and members resolved not to proceed with the Statement of Intent at this time. Item 15 of the Executive on 15th March is headed Former Lawrence’s Factory Site – Outcome of Marketing exercise. Item 16 on the same subject, which is of a financial nature it is understood will exclude members of the press and public. Cllr Soans stated that Kettering Borough Council Executive had a closed meeting last night, where the Lawrence Site was discussed. A Statement would be published by the end of March.</p>
<p>9.3</p>	<p>Clerk’s Report <u>Ncalc Course – Openness & Transparency</u> should parish councils bother Who should attend? - This course is suitable for clerks and councillors from all sizes of parish and town council. Date and Time - Tuesday 28 April 2015 10.00am to 12noon Venue - Litchborough Village Hall, Manor Farm Close, Litchborough Course Tutor - Danny Moody, Chief Executive, Northants CALC Cost - £34 per delegate - members It was agreed that Desborough Town Council would not send anyone on this course.</p>

	<p><u>Desborough Town Council Annual Litter Pick</u> The Town Council are to agree that the Litter Pick will take place on either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Saturday 18th April 2015 ○ Saturday 25th April 2015 <p>It was <u>agreed</u> to hold the litter pick on Saturday 25th April 12noon – 2pm The clerk is to liaise with Kettering Borough Council regarding the equipment required.</p> <p><u>Outdoor Gym Update</u> Work is due to start on 7th April. A site meeting with the contractors will take place on Wednesday 25th March at 9,30am.</p> <p><u>Correspondence File:</u> This month's file contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nealc Course – Openness & Accountability (emailed to Cllrs 04/02/15)
<p>10 10.1 10.2 10.3 10.4 10.5 10.6 10.7</p>	<p>Community Reports</p> <p>Civic Society – Belinda Humphry reported that the Heritage Centre had been short listed in three categories of the East Midlands Awards.</p> <p>Town Centre Partnership – None available</p> <p>Twining – A newsletter had been distributed.</p> <p>Youth - Cllr King reported that the lighting work had now been completed. Fund raising for the heating system work was well on the way to being raised.</p> <p>European Charter – Cllr Watson reported that 58 delegates would be visiting Desborough in 2016 and would be discussing sustainable renewable energy.</p> <p>Pocket Park Cllr King reported that Kettering Borough Council were supporting the clearing of debris in the pond which could be hazardous. The Rothwell Road entrance was in need of being Tarmaced. It <u>agreed</u> (proposed by Cllr Sawford and seconded by Cllr Pearce) to pay the gravel invoice through Desborough Town Council's accounts. It was <u>agreed</u> that Country Gardens and Ground Care would continue to cut the grass for 2015/16 (proposed by Cllr Sawford and seconded by Cllr Soans). Community Speed Watch Cllr King reported that 9 sessions have now taken place with a further 3 planned.</p> <p>Cllr Derbyshire asked when the next training session would be held. Cllr King confirmed that the date was 28th March in Northampton. Stating that he would asked if training could be held in Desborough in future. Cllr Sawford asked if volunteers met any hostility whilst carrying out their work. Cllr King stated that they did, however on balance it was well managed and covered in the training which they have received.</p>
<p>11 11.1 11.2</p>	<p>Update from existing Working Parties</p> <p>Community Right to Build 'Hawthorns Forum': Mrs Paula Holmes reported that work was ongoing.</p> <p>Fresh Air Desborough (FAD): None available.</p>
<p>12 12.1</p>	<p>Financial report</p> <p><u>Accounts for Payment:</u> The following payments were <u>APPROVED</u> (Proposed by Cllr Derbyshire and seconded by Cllr Pearce):</p>

	Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment
	101469	£1,164.46	Mr J McKechnie	Salary, Back Pay & Expenses (March 15)
	101470	£420.55	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (March 15)
	101471	£33.40	Talk Talk Business	Telephone Line Rental / Broadband + calls (March15)
	101472	£33.60	NCC Library	Room Hire Town Council Meeting (March 15)
	101473	£966.00	Vision ICT Ltd	Website hosting April 15 to March 16 and redesign & Upgrade of Council Website
	101474	£265.00	Mrs P Holmes	Neighbourhood Planning - Leaflet Printing & Food for Public Engagement Event
	101475	£60.00	Vine Community Trust	Neighbourhood Planning – Public Engagement Event
	101476	£150.00	Albany Aggregates	Bulk Aggregate for Pocket Park
	101477	£550.00	Kettering Borough Council	Annual rent for Desborough Town Council Office 2015/16
12.2	Receipts:			
	Paid into Barclays	Amount	Received from	Reason for Receipt
	12/02/15	£3,144.52	County Cllr Matthews Empowering Fund	Contribution towards Power Sockets on Street Lights & Section 50 Licence for Speed Signs
	20/02/15	£700.00	Community Development Trust	Final 10% payment from Grant
12.3	Monthly Bank Reconciliation: Noted			
12.4	Payroll Outsourcing It was agreed (proposed by Cllr Tebbutt and seconded by Cllr Soans) that if necessary to be compliant with the Pension Regulator, that Desborough Town Councils payroll would be outsourced to a compliant body with the associated costs.			
13	Desborough Town Council Grant Policy & Procedures Desborough Town Councils Grant Policy & Procedures were agreed (proposed by Cllr Tebbutt and seconded by Cllr Pearce) with the following amendment: Point 8 to read “will not normally exceed £2,500. Desborough Town Council Grant Scheme be advertised immediately, however no grant applications would be allowed until 8 th May 2015.			
14	The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or to be made at the meeting:			
14.1	KET/2015/0098 – Mr Brown – 37 Rowan Close, Desborough – Full Application: Conservatory to rear. No objection. KET/2015/0114 – Mr Bugg – The Insurance Shop, Mansfield Close, Desborough – Full Application: Conversion of Office to 2 no. flats. Objection – Revised application, still has no car parking on site, but typical of this street as public car park adjacent. Appearance still bland, lack of garden space.			

	<p>KET/2015/0057 – Mr Lillyman – 87B Braybrook Road, Desborough – s.73 Application: Convert garage to living space. No objection, as it appears to still allow 2 or 3 cars to park off road.</p> <p>KET/2015/0047 – Mrs Wegener GST Developments – 1B Lower King Street, Desborough – Full Application: Erection of 1 no. dwelling to create a terrace of 3 houses. No objection subject to – Concern with access to car parking. Neighbours on Union Street must not object to being overlooked.</p> <p>KET/2015/0147 – Mr & Mrs Stonebridge Executors of Mrs E Guilford - 75-77 Harrington Road, (land to rear of)), Desborough – Outline Application: 2 no. detached two storey dwellings with new access from Whitehill Road. No objection subject to - Neighbours must not be disadvantaged and vehicle access is appropriate.</p> <p>KET/2015/0020 - Miss Ginns – Unit F, 29E Station Road, Desborough – Full Application: Change of use to school childcare facility, centre for young children and children’s parties. No objection subject to – car parking is very restricted and no details available regarding the internal fittings and catering facilities.</p> <p>KET/2015/0193 – Mr Gilbert – 1 Church View Road, Desborough – Full Application: Add new dormer window over garage to south elevation and remove window in garage gable wall to west elevation. No Objection.</p>
14.2	<p><u>Re-notification</u> KET/2015/0043 – Mr Von Bujtar – 31 Copelands Road, Desborough – Full Application: Annex to existing dwelling with conservatory link. No objection, previous comments still stand.</p>
14.3	<p><u>Notices of Approval received:</u> KBC has approved permission for the following applications:</p> <p>KET/2014/0860 – Mr Hall – 3 Woodwell Hill, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey side and rear extension.</p> <p>KET/2015/0005 – Mr & Mrs Sreaton – 34 The Ridings, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey front extension and new pitched roof to existing conservatory to rear. KET/2014/0810 – Mr Sharman Willjammer Consulting Ltd – Revive Coffee Shop, 43A Station Road, Desborough – s.73 Application: Variation of condition 2 of KET/2012/0788, in respect of approved plans.</p> <p>KET/2015/0043 – Mr Von Bujtar – 31 Copelands Road, Desborough – Full Application: Annex to existing dwelling with conservatory link.</p>
14.4	<p><u>Notices of Refusal received:</u> KBC has refused permission for the following applications:</p> <p>KET/2015/0059 – Mr North – 48 Alexandra Road, Desborough – Full Application: 1 no. dwelling with vehicular access. 1. The proposal by virtue of its design; being single storey and detached; and its set back position, is out of character within the street scene, which primarily comprises of rows of two storey terrace dwellings set on a similar building line to the north and to the south a pair of semi-detached single storey properties. The proposal is therefore considered contrary to policy 7 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and policy 13 (h) of the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy. 2. The application site is distant from Desborough town centre in an area where onsite parking facilities could normally be expected to be provided. The lack of off-street car parking provision</p>

	for number 48 will lead to further demand to park on adjoining public highway, which is already heavily trafficked. The resultant on street car parking would be detrimental to highway safety, contrary to Policy 13(n) of the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy.
15	Website Update Cllr King gave an update on the new up and running Council Website. Social Media links and any further updates would not take place until after the elections in May.
16	Employee Contract of Employment – Pension wording amendment. It was agreed (proposed by Cllr Pearce and seconded by Cllr Howes that the Local Government Pension Scheme Offer would be include in the employee’s contract.
17	Desborough Town Council Premises A debate was had on the current and future options for Desborough Town Councils Office. This is to be placed on April’s public agenda.
18	Date of next meeting and items for the agenda: Thursday 16 th April 2015 commencing at 7pm, Desborough Library, High Street, Desborough.
	THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:14 PM