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The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at the Library, High Street, Desborough on Thursday 18^{th} June 2015.

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr Matthews (Chairman), Cllr K Sills, Cllr D Soans, Cllr D Howes, Cllr M Tebbutt, Cllr R Brooks, Cllr J Putt, Cllr R Marlow, Cllr J Pearce, Cllr A Turigel, Cllr R Cutsforth, Cllr J Derbyshire

Clerk: James McKechnie

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

1	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:			
	 Welcomed the Mayor Cllr Derbyshire to her first meeting. 			
	Congratulated Cllr Marlow on the birth of her son Dylan.			
	Congratulated the Clerk on his successful CiLCA Qualification			
	Thanking Cllr Matthews for attending the Rothwell Civic Service			
	Cllr Tebbutt reported that he had attended the Rothwell Proclamation			
	Attended Daventry Civic Service			
	The Women's Cycling Road Race passes through Desborough tomorrow 19 th June			
	On behalf of Desborough in Bloom, also asked for helpers for the Millennium Green on			
	Saturday 20th June.			
	Cllr Tebbutt will be attending Kettering Civic Service on 5 th July.			
	Desborough Carnival takes place on 27 th June, Councillors are asked to support the			
	Marshalling of the event and to report at the top of Dunkirk Avenue at 1pm.			
	• Councillor training with the Clerk is scheduled for 25 th June at 7pm at the Library.			
	• The Council will be hosting Adam Simmonds the Police Commissioner on 25 th August			
	at 11.30am.			
	Network Rail has cleared the Railway Sidings of the rubbish.			
	• Concerns with the flowers on the pedestrian crossing on Rothwell Road has been passed			
	to Northamptonshire Police for comment.			
2	Apologies for absence – None, all Councillors present			
3	Declarations of Interest by Councillors - Cllr Soans stated that he would not vote or express a			
	decision 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.			
	Cllr Howes – Agenda item 17.1 - KET/2015/0297 – Mrs Crew RAF Desb' Ltd - Desborough			
3.1	Airfield, Desborough Road, Stoke Albany Full Application with EIA: Solar Photovoltaic			
	park of up to 49.9 megawatts and ancillary infrastructure.			
4	Police Report – Police Special Constable 3655 Brogan confirmed that he was the new Parish			
	Constable for Desborough.			
	The crime statistics were presented showing 22 crimes for the month against 36 for the same			
	period last year. With 42 crimes recorded for the year to date against 74 for the same period last			
	year, which shows a good reduction.			
	Cllr Howes asked about the spate of Diesel thefts in the rural community.			
	PSC Brogan stated that there was an active operation going on to tackle this issue.			
	Cllr Turigel asked about the issue of Speeding, in particular Station Road.			
	PSC Brogan stated that he had now completed the training to enable him to use the Speed Gun,			
	that he would be liaising with the Community Speed Watch Group to address the concerns.			
	Cllr Brooks raised concerns of Quad Bikes in the area of Braybrooke Road, Desborough.			
	Cllr Tebbutt raised concerns of a bag of empty alcohol bottles being left in the Car Park nearest			
5	to Mansfield Road. Penyagantations from members of the public. None.			
5	Representations from members of the public – None			

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Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21st May 2015 6 The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the above date were unanimously approved and signed as a true record (Proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Pearce). Matters Arising – None 7 8 To Receive Reports from: 8.1 **County Councillor NEW STREET LIGHTS** The walkabout on Monday evening this week looked at specific locations in Hathersage Close, Rutland Court, Hereford Close, Westmorland Drive, Pine Close, Rushton Road, Cherry Tree Close and Broadlands. We were joined by Steve Lilley of Kier WSP and David Cameron from Balfour Beatty. Also discussed was the need for an additional lamp close to the new small development named Christopher Close - end of Rothwell Road. The conclusions were in three broad categories: [1] End of cul de sacs - lighting is minimum standard but still adequate = Hathersage Close, Hereford Close, Pine Close and Cherry Tree Close. [2] Houses on non-highways land which will not be lit by NCC = Rutland Court and Westmorland Drive. [3] Poor light spread due to overgrown trees = Rutland Court, Pine Close, Broadlands and Rushton Road. Lighting for the new Christopher Close development is still being considered. It will be noted that some locations have more than one issue affecting the light spread. Where trees are preventing the light spread [3], they are all trees on private property except the massive foliage on Rushton Road outside the cemetery where the trees are the responsibility of KBC and, on inspection, the light flow does not appear to be a danger to pedestrians using the footpath on the opposite side of the road. Note: the new lights are automatically dimmed at around 10 pm each evening, as an economy measure. FISHING LAKES AND LORRY MOVEMENTS The County Council hosted a meeting this week between representatives from KBC, NCC and the Environment Agency to discuss at length the problems associated with the constant lorry movements to and from this fishing lakes development. The volume of lorry movements, the wear and tear on the roads and vibrations in private properties have become intolerable for the residents in the St Giles ward of our town, especially for many residents in both Dunkirk Avenue and Rushton Road. County Councillor Hakewill [Rushton] and I updated a group of seven representatives about the long running issues, directly arising from the levels of activity on the site and deliveries to and from this development since permission was given in August 2010. Various courses of action are being evaluated because there seems to be "no end in sight" to what residents of Desborough thought would be an 18 month to two year excavation and build operation for three lakes. We are reviewing all aspects of the original plan, the operational conditions and the permission from the Environment Agency about imports of materials, necessary [only] for the construction of the lakes and roadways. I will report on this again next month. 8.2 **Borough Councillors** Cllr Tebbutt's Borough Council activity report to Desborough Town Council JUNE 2015 The North Northamptonshire Planning Committee met on 4 June to review the representations made during the recent consultation on the Pre-Submission Joint Core Strategy (JCS) too small. The Planning Committee agreed the proposals made by the JPU as the basis for the JPU's case at

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representations. These will be published for 6 weeks consultation in June/July.

A number of Focussed Changes to the JCS were agreed which addressed matters raised in the

The Pre-Submission JCS, Addendum of Focussed Changes and updated evidence base will then

the forthcoming examination.

be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination.

A report will be presented at the KBC Planning Policy meeting on 23^{rd} June with KBC's proposed response to the latest issues.

Following the recent election; Appointments to Committees have now been made, my appointments are as follows:-

- Research and development Committee Substitute
- Monitoring and Audit Committee Member
- Planning Policy Committee Chairman
- Joint Consultative Forum Member
- Tenants Forum Member
- Joint Planning Committee (North Northamptonshire) Member
- A6 Towns Forum Member

North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit Website http://www.nnjpu.org.uk

Cllr Soans Borough councillors report to DTC 18th June 2015

Further to the recent elections I have been appointed to the following Committees:-

- Monitoring and Audit substitute
- Planning Deputy Chair
- Licencing
- Employment substitute
- Member development Substitute
- A6 towns forum

The planning committee have already met the number of planning meetings are likely to be about 20 during the course of the year, as opposed to an average of 4 for the others. The main reason being the huge amount of work required to guide Kettering East through the planning process.

8.3 Clerk's Report

Pension Regulator

I can confirm that the Pension Regulation Declaration for Desborough Town Council has been completed returned and acknowledged.

Operator's License Application

I can confirm that as request a letter has been sent to Northamptonshire County Council, Northamptonshire Police and Kettering Borough Council requesting that they represent Desborough residents and Desborough Town Council at the upcoming Public Enquiry. I've contacted the Traffic Commissioner stating that Desborough Town Council would like to attend the Public Inquiry as an Interested Party.

Temporary Traffic Order

I can confirm that this Temporary Traffic Order is now in place.

The temporary amendment of the weight limit to allow HGV's to use the route from the Trout Farm through Pipewell up to the Oakley Hay roundabout and the requisite signing to indicate this is in place so the vehicles using this route are doing so legally and this was all in place when Cllr Matthews and the Clerk met with Northamptonshire County Council, the Police, County Councillor Hakewill and Councillors from Rushton Parish Council at the initial meeting on March 26th.

Christmas Lights Update

I've received the following update from Jim McInally who has enquired on Desborough Town Councils behalf on the price to purchase the Christmas Lights used in Desborough in 2014. Dear Jim

Thank you for your recent enquiry for Christmas lighting decorations.

We would be happy to offer a discount to help with budget based on quantities mentioned (20 units), costs will be as follows:-

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QUOTATION	Unit Cost
Ø LED Branch Decoration Bright White Static	£204.25
(Ref. 059243) c/w rectifier	
Ø In line replacement rectifiers (Ref. 059130)	£11.14

All prices plus VAT - Carriage may apply

We hope you find this information of interest and look forward to hearing from you soon, in the meantime should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Outdoor Gym Update

Wren has now paid the Grant in full. The HAGs Invoice is on the table of payments. I'm delighted to be able to confirm that the Mayor of Kettering Cllr June Derbyshire will be officially opening the Outdoor Gym at Desborough Carnival on Saturday 27th June 15 at 14.50 hours.

Councillor Training

A Training Session for all Councillors will take place on Thursday 25th June at 7pm. The objective is to take Councillors through the Good Councillors Guide and any other subjects Councillors feel they would benefit from. An opportunity for questions and discussion will also be included.

I continue to liaise this NCALC regarding training opportunities for Councillors and will communicate dates to Councillors in due course.

Civic Service Date

Desborough Civic Service will he be held on 11th October 2015

Police Commissioners Walkabout

Adam Simmonds Police Commissioner for Northamptonshire has confirmed that the will conduct the walkabout in Desborough on 25th August 11.30am for 30 minutes

Network Rail - Railway Siding Clearance Work

The clerk gave an update on the clearing of the Railway Sidings by Network Rail. A report containing photographs had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. This will be placed on the Town Council's Website and a letter hand delivered to the residents of the properties which back on to the Railway Sidings.

9	Community Grant Scheme
9.1	Advertising the Scheme

Cllr Pearce Reported – Posters had been placed on the Town Council Notice Boards, in the Library and on the Website.

9.2 Working Party Terms of Reference

	The Terms of Reference were adopted by the Town Council (proposed by Cllr Derbyshire and		
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	seconded by Cllr Brooks)		
10	Community Reports:		
10.1	Civic Society – None available		
10.2	Town Centre Partnership - None available		
10.3	Twinning – None available		
10.4	Youth – None available		
10.5	European Charter – None available		
10.6	Pocket Park – None available		
10.7	Highways – None available		
10.8	Community Speed Watch – a report from Mr King was circulated to Councillors prior to the		
	meeting.		
	A reminder that the next Speed Watch session will take place between 27 th June and 8 th		
	August. The equipment will be shared with Rushton, with Desborough holding the equipment in		
	weeks 1, 3 and 5.		
	For new councillors unfamiliar with the Speed Watch scheme, please see circulated leaflet.		
	If any councillors would like to join the team of volunteers and I to monitor the traffic, you will		

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need to attend the training this **Saturday 20th June**, between 9.30 – 12.30. The training will take place at Caroline Chisolm School, Wooldale Road, Northampton, NN4 6TP.

If you would like to attend the training please email Matt O'Connell and Gary Wright (copied into this email) asap, and please copy me in.

10.9 **Forthcoming Events**

Desborough Town Council Civic Service – confirmed that this will take place on 11th October 2015

11 Financial report

11.1 Accounts for Payment: The following payments were APPROVED (Proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Derbyshire):

Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment
- 101			
101493	£913.35	Mr J	Salary & Expenses (June 15)
		McKechnie	-
101494	£402.48	HM Revenue &	PAYE & NI (June 15)
		Customs	
101495	£388.74	NCC Pension	Pension Contributions Employer &
		Fund	Employee (June 15)
101496	£35.94	Talk Talk	Telephone Line Rental / Broadband + calls
		Business	(May 15)
101497	£33.60	NCC Library	Room Hire Town Council Meeting (June
			15)
101498	£24,036.00	HAGS-SMP	Outdoor Gym
101499	£3,434.40	Morelock Signs	2 Driver Speed Feedback Signs
		Ltd	

11.2 **Receipts:**

Paid into Barclays	Amount	Received from	Reason for Payment
21/05/15	£25.00	Barclays Bank	Compensation for poor
			service
26/05/15	£19,030.00	Wren Waste recycling	Outdoor Gym Grant
		Environmental Ltd	•

Monthly Bank Reconciliation: Noted 11.3

Asset Register – Outdoor Gym 11.4

It was agreed to add the Outdoor Gym to the Asset Register. It was noted that it did not need to be added to the Town Council's Insurance Policy as all liability had been accepted by Kettering Borough Council and is on their Insurance and Maintenance Schedule.

12 Birchfield Springs (Trout Farm, Ruston Road) Update

Cllr Matthews reported on this in his County Councillors Report.

The Clerk will contact Mr Thomas to enquire if the new Councillors could visit the site.

Planning Applications 13

The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or to be made at the meeting:

KET/2015/0408 - Mr Lillyman - 87B Braybrook Road, Desborough - s.73 Application: Convert garage to living space. No objection subject to parking must remain off road to ensure access to other properties.

KET/2015/0374 - Mr Williams - 51 Roman Way, Desborough - Full Application: Single storey side and rear extensions. No objection

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	elopment Co Ltd – 135 Rothwell Road, of condition 13 of KET/2016/0384 (4 no
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Houses and new access) in respect of Aboricultural Survey & Report. No objection subject to the green "countryside" vista should not be reduced by this development. Only trees which cause problems for neighbouring property should be considered for removal or reduction with their concerned. Very concerned about the tress being removed, will need to plant new trees for the trees removed. Removing trees which have been established over many years just because they are of a "lower amenity value than previously thought" is not a good reason for spoiling a pleasant view approaching the town via Rothwell.

KET/2015/0430 - Mr Prescott - Chaplins Lane (land off), Desborough - Outline Application: Dwelling with detached garage. No objection subject to adequate car parking off road is made. No parking on road should be permitted as it's too narrow. The responsibility for maintenance of the road and busy footpath should be very clear in any conditions.

Notices of Withdrawn received:

KET/2014/0820 - Lodge House Ltd - Bridge Road (land to the west of), Desborough - Full Application: 10 Dwellings.

Notices of Approval received:

KET/2015/0408 – Mr Lillyman – 87B Braybrook Road, Desborough – s.73 Application: Convert garage to living space.

14 **Desborough Town Council Premises**

A debate took place regarding the suitability of the current and the proposed office in the Library.

Cllr Howes raised the issue of the Library location gave greater access to the public to engage the Town Council Clerk.

Cllr Tebbutt reported that he had been asked if Councillors could visit the existing Councils premises and look at the current options before any decision is made including a stair lift to make the office fully accessible. A review of the large old Town Council Chamber to establish if that it could be used for Town Council meetings.

Councillors will visit the premises on Thursday 25th June at 18.45hrs.

15 **Christmas Lights**

The Clerk gave an update in his report to the Council. Stating that he was liaising with Pamela Goodman from Desborough Town Centre Partnership, who was keen to support in the costs of purchasing the new lights. The Clerk will update the Council in July.

Cllr Sills enquired about having more lights in other areas of the town, which could be solar powered as other local towns have.

The clerk will investigate.

Cllr Pearce raised the matter of the position of the Burger Van for the Gala Night for the Christmas Light Switch On.

16 Neighbourhood Plan Update

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Cllr Soans

16.2 1) Financial report

Budget presentation will be made by Cllr Allan Matthews, Finance officer, as separate report.

2) Milestone progress report.

The technical resource direct support package provided by AECOM awarded through the DCLG grant process has now been confirmed and the detailed discussions on each stage of its use will start in the next week.

The recent work of the steering group focussing on the Vision & Objectives, site allocations and policies, has provided all the necessary background information required by AECOM to produce the Strategic Environmental Assessment required by KBC, which we anticipate will be

seful for

	the first piece of technical work undertaken.	
	Following the request to report against the Plannin	ng aid mile markers, it is probably us
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councillors if we put these into perspective and explain what they are. Mile markers are a resource that PAE has developed to assist their facilitators, some of which have been turned into more formal documentation made available for groups.

The mile marker stages are

- 1 Project plan
- 2 Working with partners
- 3 Creating a vision
- 4 The planning system
- 5 Basic conditions
- 6 Community engagement
- 7 Planning vs Non Planning
- 8 Gathering evidence
- 9 Making policies
- 10 Allocating land sustainable plans
- 11 Structure & layout
- 12 Pre-submission consultation

Mile Marker completion leads to Planning Aid project plan MILESTONES being reached (these are necessary for reporting purposes to DCLG), so reporting against these milestones is also very important. Completion of mile markers 1 to 5 result in milestone 1 being achieved (understanding of legal plan requirements and basic plan work). Mile markers 6 to 12 achieve milestone 2 (draft plan completion). There are no further mile markers available but milestone 3 (receipt of the examiner's report) will be achieved by completing the work for milestone 2 plus review of pre-submission comments, plus any reworking necessary due to the examiners comments.

The steering group has now completed the full work for milestone 1 and are now moving forward by completing the initial work for milestone 2 (neighbourhood plan drafting) and are in the process of undertaking more detailed work to allow completion of mile marker 11 to allow 12 to take place. Mile markers for milestone 2 will not be fully completed until the draft plan is produced, as the process is iterative, with refinements of the policies and their wording being made as more information comes forward.

However, we are on target against our project plan and will remain so, subject to appointing a planning consultant (to actually write the plan) by the end of June and that there are no unforeseen delays to this process occurring.

The further community engagement consultation at the Carnival will be a useful cross check and this will be followed by a leaflet drop to the whole town asking for views on the emerging policies. This will be the key time for the draft plan, as it will indicate whether the town agrees with the conclusions of the Steering group.

3) Further meetings

16.3

The training meeting for new councillors appointed to the steering group will take place on Monday 22nd June. At 6.30 PM at the Heritage centre in station Rd. this will be followed by further training for the whole steering group.

The next formal meeting of the steering group will be on Tuesday 23rd June also at the Heritage centre at 7.30 PM.

Finance Budget – **Cllr Matthews** reported that whilst we're awaiting quotes for forthcoming work and will report in due course.

Cllr Tebbutt reported that the request for seeking quotes against the Specification for the next phase of work had been received and asked the clerk for an update.

The Clerk reported that the Specification had been sent out to 5 parties to consider and would report back after the closing date of 29th June.

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:

Desborough Town Council Contracts

The Clerk gave an update to Councillors on any current contracts.

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	The Press and public were re-admitted to the meeting – none were present.					
18	Items for the Next Agenda:					
	Cllr Sills & Cllr Brooks asked for the following to be placed on the agenda					
	 Flower Pots on the Pedestrian Crossing on Rothwell Road 					
	Cllr Sills asked for the following to be placed on the agenda					
	Flying of Flags					
	 Parking 					
	Cllr Howes – asked for a vote of thanks to the Town Council Clerk who has worked					
	very long and hard.					
	Cllr Tebbutt concurred noting that it was very sincere thanks and asked for the number of hours					
	worked over to be brought to the next Council meeting for resolving.					
	All Councillors agreed and thanked the Clerk.					
19	Date of next meeting and items for the agenda: Thursday 16th July 2015 commencing at 7pm,					
	Desborough Library, High Street, Desborough.					
	THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:59 PM					

Chairman Date