

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at the Library, High Street, Desborough on Thursday 15th October 2015.

PRESENT

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

Clerk: James McKechnie

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

1	<p>Chairman’s announcements The Vice 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> <p>Cllr Mike Tebbutt firstly apologises for not being able to attend this evening, as he has been required to represent the Borough at the Joint Planning Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I attended Rushden Civic Service. • Thanks to everyone who attended last Sunday’ Civic Service and to St Giles Church for their welcome. • Please note the informal consultation on South Desborough by the Joint owners at St Giles Community Hall on Saturday 17th October from 11am to 3.30pm. • The Borough Civic Ball will take place at the Ritz on Friday 13th November. • The Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 8th November, the march from the Co-op will take place prior, please assemble by 9.20am.
2	<p>Apologies for absence – Cllr Tebbutt & Cllr Derbyshire</p>
3	<p>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.</p> <p>Cllr Putt Youth Group Grant Application</p> <p>Cllr Cutsforth Youth Group Grant Application</p>
4	<p>Police Report – No Officer present. The Crime Statistics were circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
5	<p>Representations from members of the public –</p> <p>Barclays Bank Mia Cooper, Anne Bradshaw and David Hardisty representatives from Barclays Bank gave an overview of how customers would access banking services through the Post Office in Desborough and other Barclays Banks in other towns. Workshops have been arranged to support local residents. It is hoped that local businesses will be able to obtain change through the local post office in early 2016.</p> <p>Terry Blissett – Spoke regarding the issue of Barclays Bank closing and small businesses not being able to get change. It was explained that in the short term they will have to get it from local branches, but this will hopefully be rectified early 2016.</p> <p>Cllr Cutsforth asked Barclays Bank how they propose to deal with small business persons looking for support from Barclays Bank. It was explained how the Barclays team work with all small start-up businesses through different branches, through the first contact being direct to the relevant team, which is normally received a phone call, internet or branch. This is the same across the country with only 250 branches with business managers.</p> <p>Richard King asked what are the Councillors thoughts on KBC and Co-op public consultation on the development south of Desborough on Saturday, whilst the Town’s Neighbourhood Plan is being completed. Will the Town Council make known to KBC the residents annoyance at the</p>

Chairman

Date

timing of these events. Secondly will the councillors present support the residents in the fight to stop the destruction of the Ise Valley as we know it? Thirdly I am also concerned that the steering group of the Neighbourhood Plan included to present the consultation document, on 8th October 15 and completed on 19th November 15, meanwhile Kettering Borough Council march on with their agenda which opposes parts of this plan.

Cllr Howes stated that we are all anxious to go along to the public consultation on Saturday to understand what it's all about. I can assure you that we did not know anything about this.

Cllr Brooks stated that personally he was against it. I want to hear what's coming out before we can decide to object to it.

Cllr Cutsforth stated that there is much we can do but there may not be much we can do to oppose this.

Grahame Bayliss stated that he has been attending the Neighbourhood Plan Meetings and am appreciative of the hard work people are putting in, but I'm becoming increasingly concerned that this thing is not working. I'm concerned again that this consultation period is going back four months. Kettering Borough Council granted us the opportunity to develop this plan, it was stated that it can't go on for ever it needs to be completed. I'm concerned that we are not getting there. I suggested that the consultation was a small project in its own right and needed a working party to work on this. We need to look at our Town Plan and decide where we are going with it.

Paula Holmes spoke about the Asset of Community Value, NPPF Para 76

I was concerned that there was some confusion on what an Asset of Community Value, and outlined what it was, stating that it was applied for by DCDT and fully supported by Desborough Town Council. The Neighbourhood Plan paragraph 76 states that local communities through local Neighbourhood Plans can identify special areas of land important to them. So it's not a done deal with Kettering Borough Council, if we move on the Neighbourhood Plan and have this in it. We feel very strongly about this valley and want the council to support us.

Belinda Humhrey I was shocked that individuals did not know what an Asset of Community Value was. The community have a lot of rights from the Localism Bill. KBC know we are working on this plan, but they have rushed ahead with it. This is an area of natural green area of importance. I hope that Councillors will do something with KBC at once. To take notice of the Government's Investments Bill which Kettering Borough Council seem to ignore. We want you to do support the community.

Cllr Howes stated again that we have only been notified at the same time as the community and we will attend the consultation.

Bob Martin spoke about the Hawthornes development proposal and along the River Ise. Concern raised that not only is Kettering Borough Council looking to develop the Hawthorns, but didn't envisage Central England Co-op working with them joining all the fields up through to the B576, including the Dams.

As some of the housing will be on higher land, there will be a greater runoff of rain-water into the valley, possibly flooding a large area being detrimental to wildlife and hamper the work of the Wildlife Trust. Also taking away large areas of public access along Tailby's Meadow and the long awaited route to Rothwell.

The Dams, stream flows through a pleasant valley, lined with trees and hawthorn hedge giving a magnificent view back to the magnificent St Giles Church.

John Kemp asked when he would hear if his Community Grant Application was successful.

Cllr Howes explained that all the Grant Applications would be considered later in the meeting under agenda point 9.

	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 Matthews and seconded by Cllr Cutsforth).
7	Matters Arising - None
8	To Receive Reports from:
8.1	<p>County Councillor Cllr Matthews reported that the highway patching work on Rushton Road, Desborough had now been deferred until 2016. Rothwell Road (B576) will very soon have temporary Traffic Lights at the Green Bean Development to allow service pipes to be laid.</p>
8.2	<p>Borough Councillors - Cllr Soans Planning issues I will be attending a Special Planning meeting on 27th October 2015 where 9 applications for gypsy/traveller dwellings will be considered.</p> <p>Desborough town plan steering group report to DTC for 15th October 2015 Membership Richard Turner confirmed as representative of Civic Society, subject to ratification by DTC It was <u>AGREED</u> (proposed by Cllr Brooks and seconded by Cllr Putt) to ratify Richard Turner’s appointment.</p> <p>Planning consultant The first draft of the plan will be complete by 20th October. Hard copies will be distributed to all Councillors and to all other members of the steering group.</p> <p>Consultation Meeting to develop new project plan to take place at the Council offices on 22nd October. The chairman, clerk, Carry Murphy (KBC) and Jon Phipps (Lathams) to attend.</p> <p>Presentations Presentations and discussions on first draft plan will take place as follows<- Town council Monday 9th November Steering Group Wednesday 11th November.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt’s Borough Council activity report to Desborough Town Council OCTOBER 2015 presented in writing in advance of meeting.</p> <p>The North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee is meeting on 15th October to review the implications of recent changes in National Policy and guidance on policies in the Joint Core Strategy (and where the Inspector is likely to ask whether the JPU wished to propose modifications). The two most important areas relate to the Government’s announcement that it is not introducing Zero Carbon housing requirement and Allowable Solutions in 2016; and the deletion of national guidance restricting affordable housing contributions to developments of 11 or more dwellings. The Inspectors hearing is due to commence on November 17th and last for two to three weeks. It is pleasing to note that following the efforts of East Midlands Councils and their MP’s Lobbying, to which I referred last month the pause in the improvements to the Midland Main line, including its electrification, has been removed. Line speed and capacity improvement works already in hand, will be added to, with electrification of the line north of Bedford to Kettering and Corby by 2019 and the line North of Kettering to Leicester, Derby/Nottingham and Sheffield by 2023. A meeting of LANRAC, which I attended last week, welcomed the above announcement and concluded that it was now essential for a feasibility study on the requirements for rolling stock was commissioned. The public consultation on Historically and Visually Important Open Space, which is part of the Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document is anticipated to be commenced before the</p>

<p>8.3</p>	<p>end of October. The element specific to Desborough will need our considered comments.</p> <p>Clerk’s Report The Clerk attended the NCALC Course – Planning Nuts & Bolts on Wednesday 7th October 15.</p> <p><u>Flower Display on Pedestrian Crossing Rothwell Road</u> The Clerk has been in touch with Kettering Borough Council and is awaiting the results of the audit which is to be carried out on pedestrian crossings in Kettering. The Town Centre Partnership have been informed of this.</p> <p><u>Brooke Smith Planning Informal Public Engagement Event 17th October 2015 from 11am to 3.30pm at St Giles Community Centre</u> Kettering Borough Council and East Midlands Co-Op will be holding an Informal Public Engagement event to deliver a presentation on the Land to the South of Desborough & Hawthorne’s Site Proposed Development.</p> <p><u>Safer Roads – Red Route Meeting</u> I attended a meeting- Red Routes in Northampton on Tuesday 13th October, where the B576 (old A6) was discussed. It was agreed that representatives would attend and work closely with Desborough Town Council’s Speed Working Party and carry out a site visit to explore any options available to reduce the speed of vehicles.</p>
<p>9 9.1</p>	<p>Community Grant Scheme Cllr Pearce Reported Napoleon Hill an American author once said “Think twice before you speak, because your words and influence will plant the seed of either success or failure in the mind of another.” In 1889, two or three houses within Desborough were inspected, and found to be dirty. The assumption was made and duly reported that the people of Desborough were dirty. Despite it being hotly contested, I have heard that phrase in the last twelve months. Desborough is still being judged by the preconceived assumptions of one person made 126 years ago. Preconceived ideas and prejudices areas wonderful time saver. They allow us to form opinions without having to get the facts. But as we look at each Grant Application in turn, in the words of Abraham Lincoln “We cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow, by evading it today.”</p> <p><i>Cllr Putt & Cllr Cutsforth left the room</i></p> <p>Desborough Youth Centre They are requesting a grant to help finance the replacement of the centre’s heating system which is no longer adequate during the colder months. As well as the comfort of the children that attend the Youth Club, the building is let to the Oaktree Club that run a breakfast club for nursery aged children and upwards, an Afterschool Club and a Holiday Club which provides childcare during School Holidays. If the temperature within the building is too low the Oaktree Club could not legally operate, and I believe they are quite a major source of income for the Youth Club.</p> <p>Total cost of Project £5,000 (estimate) Grant Working Party Recommendation: Award £5,000 Town Council <u>AGREED</u> (proposed by Cllr Marlow and seconded by Cllr Matthews) to award £5,000</p> <p><i>Cllr Putt & Cllr Cutsforth invited back into the room</i></p> <p>Desborough Indoor Bowls Club – Junior Section They are requesting grant to purchase Junior Woods having seen their Junior Membership rise significantly over the last three years.</p>

Total cost of Project £519.96
 Grant Working Party Recommendation Award: £519.96
 Town Council **AGREED** (proposed by Cllr Soans and seconded by Cllr Turigel) to award £519.96

Desborough in Bloom

They are requesting a grant towards the cost of funding their activities around the Town. Desborough in Bloom relies completely on donations both monetary and practical.

Total cost of Project £1,000
 Grant Working Party Recommendation: Award £1,000
 Town Council **AGREED** (proposed by Cllr Putt and seconded by Cllr Matthews) to award £1,000
Cllr Sills abstained.

3rd Desborough Scout Group

They have requested a grant to purchase 12 Trangia Gas Burners to convert their existing meths burners within their portable cookers. Currently only the Scouts are allowed to use the cookers because of the safety implications. By using bottled gas not only is it safer when lighting the cookers, but the flame is fully controllable. Also unused gas can be stored and re-used which meths cannot. Also because the meths burns at a lower temperature it prolongs the cooking time while they are on camp which not only impacts on other activities but also extends the period of time for serious accidents involving fire and Scouts.

Total cost of Project £660
 Grant Working Party Recommendation: Award £660
 Town Council **AGREED** (proposed by Cllr Cutsforth and seconded by Cllr Soans) to award £660

Vine Community Trust – Marlow House

They are requesting a grant to replace a Fire Door and Frame, to fit a new Overhead Door Closer and to re-decorate the Lobby. The initial damage was caused by flooding and over time the damage is worsening. Eventually they will fail to comply with Fire Regulations.

Total cost of Project £1,782
 Grant Working Party Recommendation: Award £1,782
 Town Council **AGREED** (proposed by Cllr Putt and seconded by Cllr Marlow) to award £1,782

Desborough Town Football Club

They are requesting a grant for the purchase of Aluminium Goal Posts, nets and installation. The current Posts are over 50 years old and are extremely heavy to take out and reposition and are fast approaching the time when they will become structurally dangerous. Aluminium Goal Posts are also considered safer in the event of collisions by players especially with the Junior Members.

Total cost of Project £1,600
 Grant Working Party Recommendation Award £1,600
 Town Council **AGREED** (proposed by Cllr Turigel and seconded by Cllr Soans) to award £1,600

St Giles Church

They have requested a grant in order to restore the Brass Eagle Lectern which is in fact a World War One Ware Memorial. From a distance the condition could be described as fair but closer inspection reveals the damage to be quite extensive. It is the believe that the people of Desborough where asked to contribute to the Memorial at a time when the population was

	<p>approximately 2,500 of which nearing 150 didn't come home. The Church has raised £1,675</p> <p>Total cost of Project £2,752.90 Grant Working Party Recommendation differed pending further investigations. Since the last meeting of the Grant Working Party, I have discovered the Memorial is registered as a War Memorial. <i>Frank Theodore by divine permission Lord Bishop of Peterborough....</i> <i>....It hath been represented unto us by a Petition under the hands of the Rev Henry James Theodore Eacott(?) Dobbs and Frederick Fisher Church Wardens and other Parishioners and inhabitants of the Parish of Desborough that a War Memorial was proposed in accordance with the design which accompanied the said Petition to place a stained Glass Window and a Brass or Oak Lectern in the Parish Church of Desborough aforesaid....</i> <i>...,A meeting of the said parish dully summoned and held on Thursday April 21st 1921 in Desborough Church Schools it was resolved as follows: that Application ne be made for a Faculty to place in the Desborough Parish Church a Stained Glass Window and a Brass or Oak Lectern. The resolution was passed unanimously....</i> <i>...The cost of the lectern would be One Hundred and twenty pounds to be collected by the parishioners.....</i> <i>Dated 28th May 1921</i></p> <p>Church Council Minutes <i>May 25th 1921</i> <i>..... Thank the congregation for the magnificent support they had given the total collection for the day amounting to £112-2-9,,,</i> <i>....that the vicar go to London and choose the lectern</i> <i>...Sub-committee settle what form the inscription take on same</i> <i>....Arch Deacon asked to unveil at the Induction Service on Saturday June 18th 1921.</i></p> <p>June 30th 1921 <i>Mr Fisher reported cost of the Lectern was £115 plus [unknown word] about £5 and that the collections on the day when the Lectern was unveiled by the Arch Deacon should go towards making up the deficit on same.</i> Award £2,752.90</p> <p>Town Council AGREED (proposed by Cllr Cutsforth and seconded by Cllr Soans) to award £2,752.90</p> <p>Desborough Town Cricket Club They have requested a grant to replace their outside all weather nets which are vital for the training of youngsters and to be able to attract new members. The total cost of the project is £28,000. However if they can raise £14,000 the English Cricket Board will match fund.</p> <p>Total cost of Project £28,000 Club to raise £14,000 Asking for £2,500 Grant Working Party Recommendation: Deferred pending further investigations Town Council Decision: Deferred.</p>																
10	Community Reports: None																
11 11.1	<p>Financial report Accounts for Payment: The following payments were APPROVED (Proposed by Cllr Soans and seconded by Cllr Turigel):</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="295 1848 1444 2047"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No.</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Reason for Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>101520</td> <td>£1,859.49</td> <td>Mr J McKechnie</td> <td>Salary & Expenses (October 15)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101521</td> <td>£999.72</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI (October 15)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101522</td> <td>£791.29</td> <td>NCC Pension</td> <td>Pension Contributions Employer & Employee</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment	101520	£1,859.49	Mr J McKechnie	Salary & Expenses (October 15)	101521	£999.72	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (October 15)	101522	£791.29	NCC Pension	Pension Contributions Employer & Employee
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	101523	£38.40	Talk Talk Business	Telephone Line Rental / Broadband + calls (September 15)
	101524	£33.60	NCC Library	Room Hire Town Council Meeting (October 15)
	101525	£30.00	Desborough Civic Society	Town Plan Meetings 15 th September 15
	101526	£34.00	Northants CALC	Clerk Course – Planning Nuts & Bolts 7 th October 15
	101527	£700.00	Mr M Tebbutt	Chairman’s Allowance 2015/16
	101528	£30.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation to cover the costs of the Remembrance Wreath
11.2	Receipts: None			
	Paid into	Amount	Received from	Reason for Payment
	Barclays			
	16/09/15	£33,500.00	Kettering Borough Council	Precept Payment Part 2 (50%)
	07/09/15	£2.38	Barclays Bank	Interest -Business Saver Account
11.3	Monthly Bank Reconciliation: Noted			
11.4	Q2 Financial Analysis: Noted			
11.5	Budget 2016/17			
	It was AGREED (proposed by Cllr Pearce and seconded by Cllr Soans) that the Council would meet informally to discuss budget in advance of the Town Councils meeting in November.			
12	Birchfield Springs (Trout Farm, Ruston Road) Update			
	The clerk reported that the outcome from the hearing heard in Public by the Deputy Traffic Commissioner was still awaited.			
	Cllr Howes reported that one of the lakes had now been filled with fish.			
13	Planning Applications			
13.1	The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or to be made at the meeting:			
	KET/2015/0712 – Mr Churcher – 66 Station Road, Desborough – Full Application: Change of use to B1, 2 no. replacement windows to front and no. replacement window to rear. No objection subject to – The drawing shows white windows which would not be ‘appropriate’. Unclear how toilets on first floor would be accessible for both male and female use.			
	KET/2010735 – Mr Masson – 3 Cherry Tree Close, Desborough – Full Application: Detached garage to front. No objection subject to – the neighbours natural light is not compromised, or view and is adjacent to existing garage at No 4 Cherry Tree Close.			
	KET/2015/0754 – Mr Tibuleac – 23 Upper Dane, Desborough – s.73 Retrospective Application: Single storey front and rear extensions (alternative scheme), installation of external wall insulation and boarding to front elevation. No objection subject to – The neighbours are not compromised, and adequate off road parking exists for all cars in the household. Surprised that the agent did not identify that this would be a retrospective application.			
	KET/2015/0784 – The Vine Community Trust – Marlow House, Harborough Road, Desborough – Full Application: Conversion of barn to create 2 no. dwellings. No objection.			
	Notices of Approval received:			
	KET/2015/0606 – Mulberry Property Developments Ltd – Wildacre, Furlong Road,			

	Desborough – Full Application: Relocation of garage to Plot 1. Reconfiguration of garage roof.
14	Desborough Town Council Premises No further update available
15	Items for the Next Agenda: Cllr Soans – Gypsy & Traveller Planning Meeting update
16	Date of next meeting and items for the agenda: Thursday 19th November 2015 commencing at 7pm, Desborough Library, High Street, Desborough.
	THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.19PM

Chairman

Date