

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at the Library, High Street, Desborough on Thursday 17th March 2016

PRESENT

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

Clerk: James McKechnie

Also in attendance: 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: A number of members of the public have contacted the Town Council concerning our local precept. Under the Localism Act responsibilities are being passed from Central Government to local government, Our proposals to react to these new responsibilities and start to address issues which have long been raised as concerns have been discussed in recent Town Council meetings. The programme for commencement next financial year includes: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of Leisure Facilities for children in LOATLAND ward. • Provision of a Skate Park to replace that lost from the Hawthorns following vandalism- A specification is being prepared. • Replacing grass/muddy area between the Library and the shops –scheduled for completion April/May. • Provision of Outdoor Gym in LOATLAND ward, following that installed in Dunkirk Avenue Recreation Ground. • Improving Car Parking in the Town Centre using the area known as the ‘Rain Forest’. This is being investigated at present and has high priority, but may take time to deliver as detailed Planning and Legal hoops have to be jumped through. • We rent the Council Office from Kettering Borough Council; they are examining the repair of the building and to make it possible for the Council Chamber to be re-used and to provide improved toilet facilities for all tenants and better access to the rented upstairs areas. • Introducing a 20 MPH speed limit into Station Road is being pursued. • Tackling speeding on Rothwell/Harborough Road will see sensors indicating ‘smiley faces’ deployed. • Improving the Pocket Park, for which DTC have been managing through volunteers for 20+ years needs £20k + spending this year to remove silt built up in the ‘Dipping Pond’. • Improved accessibility to DTC Website – the new website went live last week. <p>These activities and many others we have to take responsibility for and your continued support is respectfully requested.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Apologies for absence –Cllr J Derbyshire (Mayoral Duties) and Cllr Howes (work commitments) It was RESOLVED to accept these apologies (proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Pearce)</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Declarations of Interest by Councillors - Cllr Soans stated that he sat on the Planning Committee at Kettering Borough Council (KBC).</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Police Report – No Officer present. The Crime Statistics were circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Representations from members of the public – Rachel Tysoe – Questioned the Council Tax rise. Jude Campbell – Asked about what was being built for the children and young with the Council</p>

Chairman

Date

	<p>Tax. Kes Husey – Questioned the raise in the Council Tax. Matthew Peloszol – Questioned the raise in the Council Tax and if a Skate Park was really what was needed. Mr Keys – Questioned the raise in the Council Tax and why.</p> <p>Cllr Tebbutt referred to his statement he made in his Chairman’s Announcement under agenda item 1.</p> <p>Richard King – Wrote in asking the Council - I would like to ask a question in the public’s right to speak would you ask the question on my behalf please? The reasons given for refusal of Gladmans planning application also apply to Co-op Ise Valley application so I will expect a refusal of this as well on the same grounds. Does the Council agree with me and if not why not? Cllr Tebbutt referred to the application refusal notice, stating: The proposed development would be sited in open countryside outside of the designated settlement boundary for Desborough where development is restricted by Policy 1 of the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy, emerging Policies 1 and 11 of the Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and saved Policy 7 of the Local Plan for Kettering Borough. The proposals do not include the use of previously developed land and the Local Planning Authority can demonstrate the availability of a five-year supply of deliverable housing land; Development Plan policies are therefore up-to-date and continue to carry due weight. The proposals would contribute to a dispersed and unsustainable pattern of development which dilutes the focus on Growth Towns and would represent an unsustainable and visually significant excursion beyond a clearly defined settlement boundary and into the open countryside at odds with the character and appearance thereof. Accordingly, the proposals fail to accord with Policies 1, 7, 9, 10 and 13 of the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy, emerging Policies 1, 3, 8, 11, 15, 28 and 29 of the Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, saved Policy 7 of the Local Plan for Kettering and Policy 6 contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.</p>
<p>6 6.1</p> <p>6.2</p>	<p>Minutes Minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting held on 16th February 2016 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 Marlow and seconded by Cllr Pearce).</p> <p>Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 18th February 2016 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 Marlow and seconded by Cllr Pearce).</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Matters Arising – None</p>
<p>8 8.1</p>	<p>To Receive Reports from: County Councillor Cllr Matthews reported to the meeting: Straight Furlong [bridleway UC11] The confusion surrounding this link between Harborough Road and [ultimately] Braybrooke Road has been explained to me as follows. Definitive maps of byways, rights of ways and rural tracks were published in the 1950s, following consultations with local parishes. The maps resulting from these consultations showed distinct classifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish footpaths • Parish rights of way • Parish carriageways • Private roads • Byways <p>Disputes and challenges to these maps have been fluid, since they were published. It seems that Straight Furlong was originally a narrow rural road, on which motor vehicles were allowed to travel between Harborough Road and Braybrooke Road, over the railway bridge. In the 1980s a Traffic Regulation Order [TRO] was passed banning motor vehicles from using this rural road, but not motorcycles [it appears]. The effect of this TRO was to transform this rural road into a bridleway. A permanent prohibition of driving order came into force at the end</p>

	<p>of 1996, restricting vehicle movements along the whole stretch of this bridleway. Bellway Homes agreed to a County Council request [at planning stage] to improve the surface of the road and install barriers, to enforce the TRO. Recent complaints, about the lock on the barrier, led to Bellway agreeing to a five foot, hard surface, extension to the side of the barrier post, thus allowing horse riders, pedestrians and cyclists, easier access to the bridleway. Provision has also [now] been made for third parties, with legitimate vehicle access needs, to be supplied with keys for the barrier. The £39k, s.106 money from Bellway, will be used to resurface the bridleway from Braybrooke Road to the railway bridge.</p> <p>Weed Spraying Programme The most likely dates, for the two rounds of weed control in Desborough, are June and August. These dates are provisional and dependent on weather conditions and the sub contractor’s availability, but I am advised that any reasonable request to increase the number of weed sprays, using volunteers or the Community Payback programme, will be encouraged. If there are any strong views on areas not covered on previous programmes, we have time to make requests before the schedule is finalised.</p> <p>Road Maintenance NCC has received additional funds from Central Government for road maintenance. Pothole repairs will be prioritised and I have requested that a sympathetic view is taken to provide a solution to the dreadful condition of the carriageway in Princes Avenue. Princes Avenue has [probably] the most “pock marked” tarmac road in our town? Many residents and councillors report road surface problems and the complaints are logged for attention but, sadly, not all of the complaints can be dealt with immediately. Potholes which have a coloured “marker ring” have already been allocated a repair note. The timing of the repairs is based on safety considerations and availability of the repair gangs.</p>
<p>8.2</p>	<p>Cllr Tebbutt’s Borough Council activity report to Desborough Town Council Borough Cllr Tebbutt – Stated that the Litter Pick will take place this Saturday 19th March, meeting outside the Council Office at 12noon. The North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee met on 25th February and agreed that on completion of the consultation on the Proposed Main Modifications to the Submitted North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) which ended at 5pm on Wednesday 16th March, the responses received will be forwarded to the Inspector, who will consider them in completing his examination of the JCS. It is estimated that the Inspector’s report could be available in June 2016. A meeting of the Joint Committee to consider this report will be convened hopefully by mid-July. Agreement was reached on the JPU response to the consultation on Proposed Changes to National Planning Policy. KBC Planning Policy committee will met on Tuesday the 15th March where the above was be reviewed. At the meeting of the Full Council of Kettering Borough Council on March 1st the Budget for the forthcoming financial year was debated and approved. I attended a meeting of the East Midlands Councils Transformation Board on March 2nd. I attended a meeting of the Northamptonshire Waste Partnership board on March 8th. I attended the Tenants Forum meeting on March 10th, which regrettably had to be suspended and will be reconvened.</p> <p>Cllr Soans reported that Planning Application KET/2016/0044 – Land South of Desborough was due to go before Kettering Borough Council’s Planning Committee on 5th April at 7pm.</p>
<p>8.3</p>	<p>Desborough Neighbourhood plan steering group report to DTC for 18th February 2016 Cllr Soans reported: Progress on public consultation 2 events have been held to date. Following the low attendance for the first event of Sat/Sun 13th& 14th February, it was agreed to distribute a further leaflet to all households to further promote the consultation.</p>

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Following the further promotion, the second event on Sat/Sun 5th& 6th March was well attended with approx. 200 residents attending over the two days
The final event will take place today (17th March) at the market. a verbal update will be given.

Collation of comments

Collection and collation of comments from the public has commenced and will be completed by 29th March.

Comments are also being received from statutory bodies which will be incorporated into the final plan.

Time scale

A detailed post consultation time scale has been agreed and is attached to this report.

Printing and publishing

The steering group has agreed to negotiate with Lathams to assist with the final plan rewriting, publishing and printing, as an extension to their contract, subject to ratification by the Town Council.

This authorisation is therefore requested.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the steering group has been fixed for Tuesday 29th March at the Heritage Centre 7.30 PM.

It was **AGREED** (proposed by Cllr Soans and seconded by Cllr Brooks) that Lathams would continue to work on the Neighbourhood Plan and be engaged to support the Policies and the publishing the Draft Plan, as the budget allowed for this.

Clerk’s Report

Pre Internal Audit Visit

Tina Charteress Ncalc Internal Auditor visited the Council on Friday 11th March. This was an initial visit to get to know the Council as this is Tina’s first year of auditing Desborough Town Council. No issues were raised from this visit.

Pocket Park Lease

I met with Shirley Plenderleith on Thursday 16th March. A good dialogue was had, I now await the outcomes in due course from Kettering Borough Council, to be able to report the New Heads of Terms and move forward.

Desborough Greenspace – Outdoor Gym Proposal

A site visit was conducted by the Chairman Cllr Mike Tebbutt, Cllr Pearce and the Town Clerk hosted by Dave Lane from Kettering Borough Council. The site originally identified is confirmed as the most suitable area for the Gym.

Desborough Skate Park

As part of the site visit for the Outdoor Gym, the same group visited the Leisure Centre to discuss the proposed siting of the Stake Park. It was viewed that the best site would be on the existing area at the Leisure Centre where the half pipe is located. Designs and costings are now being sought.

Play Area (pre-school age) Loatlands Ward

I am awaiting more information from Dave Lane of Kettering Borough Council to confirm the scheme and costings.

Website

The new website has now been built and is now live. There are no changes to the address and it can be accessed as before.

Asset Register

The Town Council’s Asset Register has been up-dated to include the recent purchases of Christmas Lights and Flags. The Town Council is asked to consider if these are to be included in the ‘All Risks’ part of the Insurance Schedule, as the excess is £100 per

	<p>claim. The up-dated Asset Register will be sent to the Town Council’s Insurance Company.</p> <p><u>Town Centre Premises</u> Cllr Tebbutt, Cllr Pearce and I met with the Head of Property from Central England Co-op to understand which properties the Co-op own, properties which have been sold and the restrictive covenants in place for these properties. This meeting was beneficial.</p> <p>I recommend that a meeting with the Town Centre Partnership, to liaise with all relevant premises owners, to take this matter forward.</p>																												
9 9.1	<p>Community Reports: Community Speed Watch Cllr Matthews reported on the Community Speed Watch had still been unable to appoint a co-ordinator and asked if anyone was available to take in the equipment from Northamptonshire Police to ensure that the forthcoming campaign can go ahead. It was suggested that the equipment could be delivered to the Police House on Federation Avenue. Cllr Cutsforth also offered to receive the equipment.</p>																												
10 10.1	<p>Financial report Accounts for Payment: The following payments were APPROVED (Proposed by Cllr Soans and seconded by Cllr Pearce):</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>101569</td> <td>£1,446.27</td> <td>Mr J McKechnie</td> <td>Salary & Expenses (Mar 16)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101570</td> <td>£713.29</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI (Mar 16)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101571</td> <td>£598.28</td> <td>NCC Pension Fund</td> <td>Pension Contributions Employer & Employee (Mar 16)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101572</td> <td>£38.40</td> <td>Talk Talk Business</td> <td>Telephone Line Rental / Broadband + calls (Mar16)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101573</td> <td>£332.40</td> <td>Contract Printing Services Ltd</td> <td>Public Consultation Leaflet Printing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101574</td> <td>£32.00</td> <td>Mr Terry James</td> <td>Printing & Laminating Neighbourhood Plan Signs</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment	101569	£1,446.27	Mr J McKechnie	Salary & Expenses (Mar 16)	101570	£713.29	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (Mar 16)	101571	£598.28	NCC Pension Fund	Pension Contributions Employer & Employee (Mar 16)	101572	£38.40	Talk Talk Business	Telephone Line Rental / Broadband + calls (Mar16)	101573	£332.40	Contract Printing Services Ltd	Public Consultation Leaflet Printing	101574	£32.00	Mr Terry James	Printing & Laminating Neighbourhood Plan Signs
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10.2	Receipts: None																												
10.3	Monthly Bank Reconciliation: Noted																												
10.4	<p>Asset Register – Update & Insurance Values The Town Council’s Asset Register has been up-dated to include the recent purchases of Christmas Lights and Flags. The Town Council AGREED (proposed by Cllr Marlow and seconded by Cllr Turigel) not to include the Christmas Lights purchased in 2015 on the ‘All Risks’ part of the Insurance Schedule. The up-dated Asset Register will be sent to the Town Council’s Insurance Company.</p>																												
11	<p>Planning Applications The following applications have been received and comments made under delegated procedures or to be made at the meeting:</p> <p>KET/2016/0075 – Mr Steel – 2 Cedar Close, Desborough – Full Application: First floor side extension. No objection.</p> <p>KET/2016/0077 – The Vine Community Trust – Marlow House, Harborough Road,</p>																												

Desborough – Full Application: Conversion of barn to create 2 no. dwellings. No objection.

KET/2016/0096 – Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) PLC – Overhead Lines, Thorpe Underwood - Overhead Line Application (Circ. 14/90): Line A to B – Replace 3 wire 11KV overhead line (like for like). Line C to D – Replace 3 wire 11KV overhead line (like for like). Line E to F – Replace 2 wire 11KV overhead line with 3 wire. No objection.

KET/2016/0033 – Mr Cave – 54 Dunkirk Avenue (Land adj to), Desborough – Full Application: Detached dwelling and garage. No objection

KET/2016/0110 – Mr Maan – 48 Raman Way, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey side extension. No objection

KET/2016/0116 – Mr Johnson Tophaven Sustainable Construction Ltd – Chaplins Lane, Desborough – Approval of Reserved Matters: Access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale details in respect of KET/2015/0430. No objection subject to - Construction should meet Kettering Borough Council Borough aspirations – Code Level 4 no number of cars to be parked is stated condition must be placed that none should be on the road. The Lane is part of a Safe Route to School. A single dwelling appears to fit the site and location better than a pair of semi-detached houses. Allows better turning space on the plot rather than reversing out onto Chaplins Lane.

KET/2016/0125 – Mr Coe – 57 Breakleys Road, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear and two storey side extensions. No objection.

KET/2016/0086 - Mr Crick – Miholme, 6 Station Road (land adj), Desborough – Outline Application: 2 no. two-bedroom semi-detached dormer bungalows. No objection subject to – The only concern is the potential increase in traffic accessing the housing, causing difficulties with adjacent bungalows and housing on Station Road.

KET/2016/0136 – Mr A Singh – Glebe Farm, Rothwell Road, Desborough – Full Application: Demolition of existing house and erection of 1 no. five-bedroom replacement dwelling. No objection subject to – The proposal is in Rothwell Parish and raises many complex issues which Kettering Borough Council Planners only can resolve. Visually the building proposed is significantly larger and will alter the outlook to travellers approaching Desborough. The new design should be shielded by the leylandi growth retained.

KET/2016/0084 – Mr Allott – 48 Braybrooke Road, Desborough – Full Application: Provision of off-road parking, including dropped kerb to front. Support – Off road parking will help in the congested area.

Notices of Approval received:

KET/2015/0991 – Mr MacKinnon – 9 Queen Street, Desborough - Full Application: Two and single storey rear extension. Conversion of dwelling into 2 no. flats. Double garage to rear.

KET/2016/0033 – Mr Cave – 54 Dunkirk Avenue (Land adj to), Desborough – Full Application: Detached dwelling and garage.

KET/2016/0005 – Mr Parker – 16 Beech Close, Desborough – Full Application: Detached garage.

Notices of Refusal received:

KET/2015/0978 – Gladman Developments Ltd – Willowbrook Stud Farm, Rushton Road, Desborough – Outline Application: Residential development of up to 147 dwellings and associated access.

12	<p>The Manor House on Gold Street – Listed Building Status Cllr Pearce reported that she would update the council at the next meeting, after she had visited the records office in London.</p>
13	<p>Items for the Next Agenda: Cllr Sills – Enquired if the Town Council were able to purchase commercial premises. Cllr Matthews – Asked if an update from Kettering Borough Council’s Planning Committee where the Planning Application KET/2016/0044 – Land South of Desborough.</p>
14	<p>Date of next meeting and items for the agenda: Thursday 21st April 2016 commencing at 7pm, Desborough Library, High Street, Desborough.</p>
	<p>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.31PM</p>