

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at the Library, High Street, Desborough on Thursday 16th March 2017

PRESENT

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

Clerk: James McKechnie

Also in attendance: Members of the Public

046/17	To receive apologies for absence – Cllr J Pearce and Cllr J Derbyshire. It was reported that Cllr D Howes and Cllr A Turigel would be late joining the meeting. It was Resolved to accept these apologies.
047/17	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th February 2017 The minutes of the meeting held on 16 th February 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
048/17	To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on the agenda for report only None
049/17	To receive declarations of interest – Cllr D Soans stated that he sat on the Planning Committee at Kettering Borough Council (KBC).
050/17	Chairman's Announcements – Cllr Matthews announcement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The A6 Bypass Road closure work is going according to plan. • Planned Road Closure of Station Road & Havelock Street to repair the Pedestrian Crossing will take place on 8th March between 7pm and 9pm.
051/17	Police: Monthly Report & Crime figures – No officer present. The Clerk reported that the crime figures were distributed in advance of the meeting and posted on the website. The Clerk is to contact Sgt Little of Northamptonshire Police to invite him to the next meeting to report on crime and state if it is increasing in Desborough.
052/17	Representations from Members of the Public – A member of the public spoke on Borough Councillor Reports. A member of the public spoke on Planning Application regarding the relief road for Rothwell. A member of the public spoke about meeting minutes and code of conduct.
053/17	To Receive reports from: <p>a. County Councillor Matthews reported: The A6 bypass continued to be closed with the issue being on the northern section of the road. The County Council were working with all agencies to complete the required work as soon as possible. Traffic management continues to be an issue in Desborough, all reasonable options are being explored. I continue to be in contact with Northamptonshire County Council Officers. Yellow Lines on Pioneer Avenue were removed by Northamptonshire County Council under traffic regulations. I continue to work with officers to explore solutions to the parking issue. Cllr D Howes joined the meeting.</p> <p>b. Borough Councillors Cllr Tebbutt reported: At its Full Council meeting on March 1st, the Council Tax level for 2017/8 was agreed to be unchanged for the seventh successive year a fantastic achievement for the Conservative administration. A balanced budget has again been achieved with no cuts to frontline services or support to the voluntary sector. The first new Council Houses built for a generation will be completed imminently and work continues to refurbish much of the oldest stock in Desborough as part of the 'Homes for the Future' project. Council house rents were agreed to be reduced by a further 1% following agreement by the Tenants Forum and Full Council. The revised Local Development Scheme 2017-2020 previously agreed by Planning Policy Committee at its January 25th meeting was unanimously ratified and adopted by Full Council.</p> <p>Cllr Soans reported: Liaisons with the developer, of the Desborough North Development of 700 houses liaisons with the developer were going well, with all the Section 106 conditions still in place and the Primary School confirmed to be built at the completion of the 300th property.</p>

Chairman

Date

	<p>c. Clerk – <u>Leisure Centre Multi Use Games Area</u> Kettering Borough Council have contacted Desborough Town Council for its views on the Multi Use Games Area at the Leisure Centre being transformed into a 3G Football Pitch, with the loss of Tennis and Basketball provision. Information on the current amount of use for basketball and tennis which would be lost if the MUGA is transformed has been shared.</p> <p>Desborough Town Council Resolved (proposed by Cllr Tebbutt and seconded by Cllr Brooks) the following statement response to Kettering Borough Council:</p> <p>Desborough Town Council believe that it is a fantastic opportunity to introduce a well needed artificial football pitch and accept that the basketball provision is covered by the use of the main sports hall.</p> <p>However, Desborough Town Council cannot support the change of use without alternative tennis provision being identified, which must be able to be developed on the Leisure Centre Site or at the Recreation Ground on Dunkirk Avenue.</p> <p>Furthermore, Desborough Town Council seek the assurance that the materials used in 3G pitches are safe.’</p> <p><u>Annual Audit: Internal & External</u> I can confirm that Desborough Town Council received its Pre-Internal Audit visit on Friday 17th February, with no issues raised. The Internal Audit date has been set for: Friday 28th April 2017 at 11am at Desborough Town Council Office.</p>												
054/17	<p>Reports from Community Groups: Mrs J Watson reported that the latest Twinning Newsletter had been published and distributed.</p>												
055/17	<p>Car Park Update a. Surveyor costs – Desborough Town Council Resolved (proposed by Cllr Brooks and seconded by Cllr Cutsforth) to accept the cost of £1,200.00 +VAT.</p>												
056/17	<p>Neighbourhood Plan for Desborough – Cllr Putt gave a report to the Council The Housing Site Assessment is underway and will be incorporated into the plan once completed. It’s been established that further specialist work is required, and therefore a continuation of the contract with Latham is needed to complete the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscape Character Appraisal Employment Land Review Analysis of new and additional evidence Modifications to the current draft Enhanced policy review Production of consultation material Sustainability Appraisal <p>At a total cost of £9,000.00. It is a huge sum of money, but there simply isn’t the skill set within the Steering Group to undertake these critical pieces of work. Council have budgeted for Plan expenditure, and obviously, we will look for any available grant funding to help cover the cost. However, council is asked to resolve to spend the money.</p> <p>A desk top study has identified the potential route of the Green Perimeter walk, and now each aspect of the walk will be assessed for its practicality, before land owners are approached. All being well, we are at this time still looking at June for the public consultation.</p> <p>Desborough Town Council Resolved (proposed by Cllr Sills and seconded by Cllr Cutsforth) to agree the work with Lathams at the Cost of £9,000.00</p>												
057/17	<p>Financial: a) Accounts for Payment RESOLVED: The following payments were APPROVED (Proposed by Cllr Brooks and seconded by Cllr Cutsforth):</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 1917 1386 2051"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payed By</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Reason for Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td></td> <td>Mr J McKechnie</td> <td>Salary & Expenses (Mar 17)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td></td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI (Mar 17)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payed By	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment	BACS		Mr J McKechnie	Salary & Expenses (Mar 17)	BACS		HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (Mar 17)
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BACS		NCC Pension Fund	Pension Contributions Employer & Employee (Mar 17)
BACS	£32.94	Talk Talk Business	Telephone Line Rental / Broadband + calls (Mar17)
BACS	£144.00	Kettering Borough Council	Ground Maintenance Pocket Park
BACS	£2,000.00	Desborough in Bloom	Grant Award
BACS	£700.00	Mr A Matthews	Chairman's Allowance for 2016/17
BACS	£222.00	Quantum Print	Leaflet Printing
BACS	£300.00	Direct Letterbox Marketing	Leaflet Delivery

b) **Receipts** – None

c) **Monthly Bank Reconciliation** – noted for February

d) **Earmarked Funds**

Desborough Town Council **Resolved** (proposed by Cllr Brooks and seconded by Cllr Tebutt) to earmark the following sums into the financial year 2017/18:

Multi Use Sports Facility £125,000.00

Play Park £50,000.00

e) **Asset Register Update** – Desborough Town Council **RESOLVED** (proposed by Cllr Howes and seconded by Cllr Putt) the updated asset register with the new office equipment and to dispose of the old telephone.

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Planning:

Cllr D Howes stated that he would not be commenting on Planning Application KET/2017/0111.

a) **Planning Applications received**

KET/2017/0088 – Mr Emeney – 52 Church View Road, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey front extension with pitched roof to garage. Relocate first floor windows to front elevation. Replace panelling to front elevation with facing brick. No objection subject to - If the neighbours at No. 50 Church View Road do not object re: view from the bedroom window at front. Re-notification – No objection.

KET/2016/0889 – Mr Stapleford – 19 Station Road, Desborough – Full Application: Change of use of part of ground floor from bank branch to restaurant. Alterations to shopfront and installation of extractor system. No objection.

KET/2016/0854 – Mr Smith C/O Agent (MVG Design) – Pioneer Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Construction 4 No. dwellings with associated parking spaces and access. Objection – Still an over development of the site, with 2 cars parking spaces in front of the house. The house design is very poor and out of character. Does not improve the street scheme and does not comply with NNJCS – Policy 8d.

KET/2017/0135 – Mr Barker – 6 Chestnut Drive, Desborough – Full Application: First floor side extension and conversion of garage to habitable room. No objection, nor to the re-notification.

KET/2017/0129 – Mr & Mr M & G James & Davies – 94 Pioneer Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: First floor rear extension. No objection.

KET/2016/0147 – Mr Burley Beechdale Builders – 75/77 Harrington Road (land adjacent), Desborough – Full Application: Construction of 1 no. four bedroom dwelling and 2 no. three bedroom bungalows. No objection subject to – Where refuse collection bins will be placed on collection day as the shared drive is PRIVATE (not highway) and entrance is on a corner currently use for parking cars when collecting children from Loatland School. Sufficient car parking needs to allocated.

KET/2016/0111 – Mr Williams – 52 Braybrooke Road and land adj to 2 Ash Grove, Desborough – Full Application: 1 no dwelling, creation of shared vehicular access on land adj to No. 2 Ash Grove and creation of vehicular access and parking spaces to No. 52 Braybrooke Road. Objection – The rear garden is wholly inadequate for this proposed dwelling providing almost no amenity space and does not comply with the current standards.

	<p>The driveway does not allow for entry/exit of second car.</p> <p>KET/2016/0249 – Ms Chastney CJC Developments Ltd – Desborough (Off Stoke Road) – Approval of Reserved Matters: First 175m of highway into Phase 1 of the development in relation to KET/2011/0235 (Residential development of up to 700 dwellings including provision of a local centre, primary school, green infrastructure, and creation of accesses). Objection – The sustainability statement needs to be fully revised as it does not state how it complies with the adopted North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JTS) adopted 2016. It needs to be resubmitted.</p> <p>The road layout drawings are very unclear, they do not appear to provide 2 lines of traffic to exit, nor to provide a right turn entrance to the site. Unclear whether footpaths/cycleway are provided. An additional entrance off Back Lane is needed. A detailed master plan for this site needs to be urgently produced and consulted on. No mention of allotments and electric vehicle charging points. Ironwood Avenue is still largely un-adopted – no evidence that CJC have applied for adopting of all the roads. No additional access from Back Lane. Drawings 7A 100/101/102 are very confusing with reference to refuse collection lorry movements.</p> <p>KET/2017/0169 – CJC Development Co Ltd – North Desborough (land at), Desborough – s.73 Application: Variation of conditions 19 & 20 (Energy Strategy), condition 21 (Code for Sustainable Homes), condition 22 (Lifetime Homes), condition 24 (Sustainability Report) and condition 25 (Interim Design Stage Assessment Certificate) of KET/2011/0235. Objection – The replacement for condition 24 makes no reference to residential houses.</p> <p>KET/2017/ 0141 – Mr Cooper Coopers Builders – 120 Federation Avenue, Desborough – Outline Application: 4 no. dwellings with access and layout only considered. Objection – This is an over development of the site and is out of character for the street.</p> <p><u>Notices of Approval received:</u> KBC has approved permission for the following applications:</p> <p>KET/2016/0820 – Mr Webb – 50 Addison Road, Desborough – Full Application: Erection of 2 no. bedroom annex to rear.</p> <p>KET/2016/0879 – Mrs R Goosey - 17 Upper Steeping, Desborough – Full Application: First floor front extension.</p> <p>KET/2017/0026 – Mr Harris – 78 Federation Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey front extension, new pitched roof to existing single storey rear extension with insertion of bi-fold doors and 3 No. roof lights, loft conversion with partial hip to gable roof extension, dormer to rear and 4 No. roof lights to front.</p> <p><u>Notices of Refused received:</u> KBC has refused permission for the following applications:</p> <p>KET/2016/0387 – Mr M Harris – Watermill Close (land to the East of), Desborough – Outline Application: Residential development of up to 113 dwellings (all matters reserved except access) with associated community and use class A3, A4, B1, C2, D1, D2.</p>
<p>059/17</p>	<p>Town Centre Regeneration – Cllr Sills asked for the following to be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It the opening hours of business in the town centre could be reviewed as they seem to be out of sync with most other town centres. • Window Posters placed in vacant business premises on Station Road, like other towns to give a better appearance. • The owners of the Kings Arms to be approached to ask if the car park could be used until it is redeveloped, this would help with town centre parking. <p>Cllr Matthews expressed his disappointment that Kettering Borough Council had not yet joined the County Council parking enforcement scheme. He continued stating that the Town Centre Partnership were the best organisation to approach about these matters.</p>
<p>060/17</p>	<p><i>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:</i></p> <p>Cllr A Turigel joined the meeting. Cllr M Tebbutt gave his apologies and left the meeting.</p> <p>Employment Matters</p>

	<p>Desborough Town Council Resolved (proposed by Cllr Cutsforth and seconded by Cllr Brooks) the Employers Pension contributions for the next three years to 2020.</p> <p>Cllr Matthews presented a report to Councillors for consideration</p> <p>Desborough Town Council Resolved (proposed by Cllr Brooks and seconded by Cllr Howes) the employment of the Administration Assistant.</p> <p><i>The Press and public were re-admitted to the meeting.</i></p>
061/17	<p>Items for the next agenda –</p> <p>It was asked for the Annual Litter Pick to be added to the agenda</p>
062/17	<p>To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 20th April 2017 commencing at 7.00pm, Desborough Library, High Street, Desborough.</p>
	<p>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.06PM</p>