

The Meeting of the Desborough Town Council held at the Library, High Street, Desborough on Thursday 15th June 2017

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr J Pearce (Vice Chairman). Cllr A Matthews, Cllr J Putt, Cllr R Cutsforth, Cllr D Soans. Cllr E Gilbey, Cllr R Marlow, Cllr J Derbyshire

Clerk: James McKechnie

Also in attendance: Members of the Public

105/17	To receive apologies for absence – Cllr R Brooks, Cllr D Howes, Cllr A Turigel & Cllr M Tebbutt
106/17	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th May 2017 The minutes of the meeting held on 18 th May 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Vice Chairman, with the following amendments Minute Ref: 088/17 to insert the word ‘secret’ between the words A and ballot Minute Ref: 091/17 to insert the words ‘for Desborough North’ between the words monies and report
107/17	To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on the agenda for report only None
108/17	To receive declarations of interest – Cllr D Soans stated that he sat on the Planning Committee at Kettering Borough Council (KBC).
109/17	Community Grant Scheme – Presentation from grant recipients Vine Community Development Trust (Marlow House) – A report was given on how valuable the grant towards the heating system is to Marlow House and supporting the community.
110/17	Police: Monthly Report & Crime figures – None present. The crime report was circulated in advance of the meeting and placed on the website.
111/17	Representations from Members of the Public – A member of the public spoke on Desborough Town Council’s on parking restrictions on Pioneer Avenue and presented a petition to the Council from local residents. Cllr Matthews stated that he will take on this matter. A member of the public spoke on Desborough Town Council’s appointment of Councillors to working parties and the town centre road improvements. Cllr Matthews read out a report received from the Head of Northamptonshire County Council Highways department: <i>I am contacting you regarding the programme of works for Highways Improvements in respect of two schemes in Desborough Town for a one way-system in Gladstone Street / Nichols Street and a zebra crossing on High Street.</i> <i>As you will be aware, due to the limited funding we have available we have to prioritise every request that is received. This means that in reality many schemes have to wait a number of years before reaching a stage where funding is available. To put this into context, the available budget for the whole County in any one year is £500k and the cost of the schemes waiting to be funded in just the Daventry and Kettering area alone is circa £3.6m. As is the case with all highways funding the programme is reviewed annually and there is no guarantee that the current funding levels will be maintained.</i> <i>In respect of the two schemes referred to above, whilst I acknowledge that they have been discussed for a number of years I regret to inform you that they have not been prioritised for funding in 2017/18 and given the uncertainty over future funding levels, or indeed changes as a result of new prioritised schemes being included on the programme, I am currently unable to give any guarantee with regards to the viability of these schemes being funded in 2018/19.</i> Cllr Matthews read out a further report from a Northamptonshire County Council Highways Officer: <i>With regard to the request for measures to address the traffic issues along Gladstone Street this was first raised in 2010 and the request for the installation of a zebra crossing in High Street was initially made in 2011.</i> <i>The requests for larger schemes such as these were put onto our list of “outstanding requests” at the time and were subsequently included in the ranking system for consideration from the Countywide Network Improvement (CNI) budget. These schemes are then prioritised on the number of benefits the scheme gives and the value for money they offer. It must however be pointed out that the number of requests we receive each year far exceeds the available budget, however all outstanding requests remain on the list for subsequent years. Although outstanding requests are carried forward to future years, it is often the case that new requests are received each year which score more highly and are implemented, whilst others</i>

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	<p><i>may be close to the top but are then 'overtaken' by new requests each year.</i></p> <p><i>To put this into context in the Kettering and Daventry areas alone we have 93 sites where we have outstanding requests for works from this budget, of which 26 are for either new or upgraded pedestrian crossing facilities. The total cost of the implementation of all the outstanding schemes in the Kettering / Daventry area alone would cost in the region of £3,600,000 to implement.</i></p> <p><i>I look forward to our continuing our close working relationship with the Town Council.</i></p>
112/17	<p>To Receive reports from:</p> <p>a. County Councillor Matthews reported: Rushton Road near the Fish Farm will be closed for road repairs between 9am and 6pm on 24th June 2017. A number of roads on the Grange Estate have still not been formally adopted and that, they are unlikely to be until Ironwood Avenue is fully adopted. This can take a very long time. Until this happens the maintenance and repairs are the responsibility of the developer. Parking in Princes Avenue / Dunkirk Avenue - parking restrictions around this junction are being considered. However, it will be some time before this can be resolved, any works will be scheduled along with other works in the Borough.</p> <p>b. Borough Councillors Cllr Soans reported: That the travellers on the unauthorised encampment behind the leisure centre have now left following enforcement action taken. Cllr Pearce noted that Cllr Tebbutt's report was circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>c. Clerk – Matters covered on elsewhere on the agenda.</p>
113/17	<p>Councillor Email Addresses – To consider purchasing individual gov.uk email addresses for each councillor at an annual cost of £25.00 per address. RESOLVED: To purchased individual gov.uk email addresses for each councillor at an annual cost of £25.00 (proposed by Cllr Pearce and seconded by Cllr Cutsforth).</p>
114/17	<p>Desborough Community Development Trust Report</p> <p>a. Lawrence Site report & to consider any council response Cllr Pearce stated that the Council noted the Kettering Borough Council Executive Committee Meeting held last night and acknowledge that Desborough Town Council has been mentioned and, for that reason, we are urgently requesting a tri-party working party to establish what is being asked of the Council. At this stage, we are not able to expand any further.</p>
115/17	<p>Play Park – To consider holding an extraordinary meeting on Thursday 22nd June 2017 to consider the tender bids to supply & build the play park. Cllr Pearce reported that this meeting was no longer required.</p>
116/17	<p>Reports from Community Groups: Desborough in Bloom - A report was given, including that Desborough in Bloom has entered East Midlands in Bloom Competition and to note the following important dates: Litter Pick 1st July Judging Date 7th July</p>
117/17	<p>Car Par Report and Update – Cllr Soans reported that the working party would now work through the feasibility study, will liaise further with stakeholders and report to the full council in due course.</p>
118/17	<p>Neighbourhood Plan for Desborough – Cllr Pearce reported the following: The Steering Group have had a very good policy workshop with a considerable amount of ground covered. Work as always continues and the date for the public consultation will be released imminently</p>
119/17	<p>Multi Wheeled Sports Facility Health & Safety – To consider the shared cost of £4,750.00 for the alternative site access. RESOLVED: To accept the shared cost of £4,750.00 for the alternative site access. (proposed by Cllr Pearce and seconded by Cllr Matthews).</p>
120/17	<p>Financial:</p> <p>a) Accounts for Payment RESOLVED: The following payments were APPROVED (Proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Cutsforth):</p>

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Payed By	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment
BACS		Mr J McKechnie	Salary & Expenses (June 17)
BACS		Mrs R Jones	Salary & Expenses (June 17)
BACS		HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (June 17)
BACS		NCC Pension Fund	Pension Contributions Employer & Employee (June 17)
BACS	£27.54	Talk Talk Business	Telephone Line Rental / Broadband + calls (June17)
BACS	£348.00	SLCC	Clerk's Leadership Course
BACS	£4,200.00	Derek Latham & Co Ltd	Neighbourhood Plan & Car Park Feasibility Study
BACS	£2,460.00	Shelley Signs Ltd	Pocket Park Signage
BACS	£2,252.80	Vine Community Trust	Community Grant Scheme Award
BACS	£1,290.00	Desborough Indoor Bowls Club	Community Grant Scheme Award
BACS	£2,500.00	Citizens Advise Service	Community Grant Scheme Awa

b) Receipts

Paid into Barclays	Amount	Received from	Reason for Payment
12/05/17	£6.349.27	HM Customs & Revenue	VAT Refund

c) Monthly Bank Reconciliation – to receive the account balances

Current Account Balance £313,411.32

Business Saver Account £19,137.16

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Planning:

a) Planning Applications received

KET/2017/0325 – Mr & Mrs Black – 116 Rothwell Road, Desborough – Full Application: First floor extension and balcony – No objection

KET/2017/0325 re-notification – Mr & Mrs Black – 116 Rothwell Road, Desborough – Full Application: First floor extension and balcony – No objection

Corby Borough Council

17/00180/OUT - West Corby Urban Extension Uppingham Road Corby Northamptonshire - Outline application for a sustainable urban extension comprising of 4,500 dwellings, 46,850sqm of Class B1/B2, two local centres/mixed use A1-A5, B1, C2, C3 and D1/D2, secondary schools, primary schools, public open space, drainage, access and associated infrastructure works.

Demolition of existing buildings - Objection - Convergence towards and potentially joining Kettering is not supported. Substantial development which will need improvements to A6003 road to Oakley Hay will have massive input on medical provision locally. As we have seen with the A6 closures all surrounding roads have been over loaded, a development of this overuse will cause strain on the surrounding road structure therefor all of these require improved and detailed traffic control

KET/2017/0357 – Mr & Mrs Parsons – 2 Wilton Close, Desborough – Full Application: Extension to front porch, two storey side extension, flue and alterations to openings. Erection of boundary fence and gate – Objection – Out of character with the rest of the street. *Possible privacy issues with neighbouring property. *In effect building an almost complete house giving impression of terrace rather than semi that is.

KET/2017/0386 – Mr & Mrs Beale – 132 Dunkirk Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear extension – No objection

KET/2017/0429 – Mrs Phippen – 1-4 Christopher Close, Desborough – Full Application: Front sliding entrance gates and fence – Objection - Concern 10.5m will not be sufficient space for refuse vehicle to reverse in and operate and not obstruct either the highway or the pavement which is the main pedestrian route to local secondary school. Lorries may be 8 to 10 meters in length. Any large vehicle once committed to turn in would not be able to clear the highway.

KET/2017/0370 – Mr Burbage Albany Sheds and Co Ltd – Bottom Farm, Stoke Albany Road,

	<p>Desborough – Full Application: Erection of storage building – No objection.</p> <p><u>Notices of Approval received:</u> KBC has approved permission for the following applications:</p> <p>KET/2017/0270 – Mr Dolling – 30 Prince Rupert Avenue, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear extension.</p> <p>KET/2017/0274 – Mr Maan – 48 Roman Way, Desborough – s.73A Retrospective Application: Single storey side extension</p> <p>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.</p> <p>KET/2017/0296 – Mr Crowther – 15 Wilton Close, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey front extension</p> <p>KET/2017/0287 – Mr & Mrs Rippon – 31 The Ride, Desborough – Full Application: Single storey rear extension, insertion of window to ground floor and insertion of entrance gate to side elevation</p> <p><u>Withdrawn Applications?</u></p> <p>KET/2017/0157 – Mr Kalsi – 47, 47A, 47B, Station Road, Desborough – Full Application: Replacement windows.</p> <p>KET/2017/0243 – Mr Crick – 49 Copelands Road, Desborough – Full Application: 1 no. dwelling house.</p> <p>Planning Appeal KET/2016/0044 scheduled for 19th June has been cancelled and a Public Enquiry will be held, no date has been set.</p>
122/17	<p>Items for the next agenda – Cllr Pearce reported that the Desborough Carnival will be held on Saturday 24th June and asked for volunteers to marshal the even and thanked the Carnival Committee for all the hard work they put into the Carnival every year.</p>
123/17	<p>To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 20th July 2017 commencing at 7.00pm, Desborough Library, High Street, Desborough.</p>
	<p>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.50PM</p>