

## The Meeting of Desborough Town Council held at The Library, High Street, Desborough

On Thursday 21 June 2018

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** G Holmes (Chairman), J Read, J Taylor, S Draycott, C Archer, B Keys, I James, L Burnham, S Stroud, B McElhinney.

**Also in Attendance:** Members of the public.

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| 075/18 | <p><b>Chairman's Welcome and Announcements:</b> The Chairman's announcements included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Town Clerk, James McKechnie has left the employment of Desborough Town Council by mutual agreement.</li> <li>- Becky Jones, Admin Assistant, has tendered her resignation and leaves at the end of June She is now using her holiday entitlement until the end of the month.</li> <li>- The recruitment process for a new Town Clerk is now underway.</li> <li>- KBC have issued consultation regarding the Unitary Authorities. There is a consultation website and the councillors have received documents from KBC.</li> <li>- An invitation has been received from The Order of St John to attend their Civic Service in Northampton on Wednesday 18 July at 7pm, if anyone wishes to attend.</li> <li>- Other invites had been received from Rowell Fair and Civic Service which had been attended by the Chairman, and Kettering Civic Service.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 076/18 | <p><b>To receive apologies for absence-</b><br/> <b>RESOLVED:</b> The apologies for Cllr P Sawford was accepted.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 077/18 | <p><b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th May 2018.</b><br/> <b>RESOLVED:</b> The minutes were <b>APPROVED</b> as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 078/18 | <p><b>To receive declarations of interest under the Councils Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda:</b><br/>         Planning applications: Cllrs S Draycott –KET/2018/0217, Cllr B Keys – KET/2018/0313,<br/>         Grant applications: Cllrs: L Burnham – DTJFC, G Holmes – Men's Shed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 079/18 | <p><b>To receive a report from the local Police Support Officer:</b> Due to training and work pressures, no one was available to attend the meeting this month.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 080/18 | <p><b>Representations from Members of the Public:</b> <i>(Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included on the agenda. The session will last for a maximum of 30 minutes. Any individual members of the public may only speak once lasting a maximum of 3 minutes. Representations shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate. Members of the public should address the chairman of the meeting, who may direct that a written or oral response be given).</i></p> <p><b>Pamela Goodman</b> read out her Annual Report of Desborough Towns Lands Charity and Loakes Charity – attached <i>(Appendix A)</i>.</p> <p><b>Daniel Howes</b> of Eckland Lodge Business Park spoke of the recent Open Evening at Eckland Lodge where the new Lincoln Building was officially opened. He extended an invitation to those Councillors who had not been able to attend previously. Please contact Leigh Parkin on 01536 762300.</p> <p><b>Simon King</b> Chairman of Desborough Town Welfare Committee read out a history of the Committee – attached – <i>(Appendix B)</i>.</p> <p><b>Jo Watson</b> spoke of Desborough Twinning Society – see attached report. <i>(Appendix C)</i>.</p> |
| 081/18 | <p><b>To receive a report from County Councillor:</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Matthews who was unable to attend the meeting. He had however sent in a short report regarding the Library and the ANPR Speed Cameras – attached. <i>(Appendix D)</i>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 082/18 | <p><b>To receive reports from Borough Councillors:</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Dearing. Apologies were received from Cllr Tebbutt but he had submitted a short report – attached. <i>(Appendix E)</i>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|        | <p style="text-align: center;">JSH</p> <p>↑</p> <p>Cllr Soames reported that Birchfield Springs Trout Farm have breached the Enforcement Order served by KBC many times, and as there is enough evidence they are to prosecute. The case is expected to be heard sometime in July. This information was received very favourably by all in the room. Cllr Soames also reported that there is to be an A6 Towns Forum Meeting at the council chamber in Kettering next Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and all DTC Councillors are entitled to attend. The main item for discussion will be The Consultation on the Unitary Authority.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 083/18 | <p><b>To discuss the Pocket Park and resolve payments to suppliers:</b> Rachel Bosworth gave a report on the history of the Pocket Park. Funding was made available to them by DTC last year for clearing a 2<sup>nd</sup> pond that was heavily silted. The approximate cost was £7,000 to £8,000 plus VAT. However, they were subsequently told by the TC not to go any further as a licence was needed, but it wasn't applied for and the work wasn't done. Rachel is asking on behalf of Pocket Park for that funding to be available this year, but the costings will have to be redone etc. The Restoration Project papers are available to the Council. Other payment requests were £255.24 to repair the dipping platform, and a £220 shortfall in their fundraising efforts for picnic benches. There will also be a further amount needed for installing the picnic benches. The Chair explained that as a Council we are VAT exempt, so it would be best for Rachel to send in a letter and DTC will then deal with raising an order etc. Rachel thanked Cllr Taylor and Cllr Archer for joining their committee.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED by Council</b> that Rachel submits a letter for the total figure for the July meeting, so that it can be added to the agenda as a payment.</p>                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 084/18 | <p><b>To consider and resolve community grant application under the grant scheme.</b></p> <p><b>Desborough Men's Shed</b><br/>Gary Berridge explained that they are trying to finance themselves by making and reselling articles etc, although they do receive some funding from other Trusts. However the rent for the two sheds are £400 and £250 pcm, and there is a shortfall each month after taking membership fees into account.<br/><b>RESOLVED</b> to award a grant of £4000. Proposed by Cllr Burnham and seconded by Cllr Taylor.</p> <p><b>Desborough Youth Club</b> Jude Campbell explained that she would like to setup Crafting and Sewing sessions and has done this previously using her own sewing machine which isn't ideal. She needs to buy two sewing machines at an approximate cost of £220 each, and materials. The machines are operated by a hand switch which gives more control for the person using it rather than use the pedal.<br/><b>RESOLVED</b> to award a grant of £500. Proposed by Cllr Holmes, seconded by Cllr Read.</p> <p><b>Desborough Town Junior Football Club</b><br/>The Chairman read the application out which had been submitted under the previous administration, but hadn't been considered. The major expense of £2000 pitch hire fees at the Leisure Centre that they have to use during the winter months.<br/><b>RESOLVED</b> to award a grant of £500. Proposed by Cllr McElhinney, seconded by Cllr Taylor.</p> |
| 085/18 | <p><b>To receive an update from the Rothwell North Working Party:</b> Cllr Burnham submitted a report – attached (<i>Appendix F</i>).</p> <p>Cllr Burnham also spoke of the petition that is currently being circulated and urged all residents to sign as 2500 signatures are required for it to be heard by the Borough Council. Petition forms were available at the meeting should anyone wish to take one away with them.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 086/18 | <p><b>To discuss the current situation and future of Desborough Library:</b> Cllr Holmes explained that there has been an enormous amount of work done into producing the Stage 2 document. The deadline is midday on Monday 25 June, and there is still some work to do over the weekend. It is a paper exercise to get us to the next stage. Last year the previous council administration put £120,000 in the budget, which allows us to lease the building in the short term. We need the building to be known more as a Community Hub, and to raise revenue by diversifying the use of the building, but we will need the support from the residents of the town to help us keep it open. Cllr Keys stated that with the population of Desborough</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|        | <p>being the 8<sup>th</sup> largest population in the county, it was scandalous that Desborough Library was down for closure.</p> <p>Thanks were extended to Paula Holmes for her sterling work in producing the document. Cllr McElhinney and Paula have been invited to a meeting at KBC on Friday 22 June to discuss the possibility of KBC buying the building.</p> <p>There is to be a Judicial Review which was instigated by Desborough, and is due to be heard in Birmingham in the last week in July, and it would be good as many people as possible attend. Borough Cllr Soames said that he has an agreement in principle with KBC to pay rent for the KBC service desk facility, which will provide another income stream.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 087/18 | <p><b>To consider ANPR Speed Cameras on Rothwell Road:</b> The Chair stated that speeding is an ongoing problem for residents. A Feasibility Study had been done last year but both options (roundabouts at Gold Street and Lower Street or road narrowing / chicanes etc) were cost prohibitive.</p> <p>Kevin O'Brien reminded everyone that the Speedwatch campaign starts on 21 July and volunteers are always welcome and the training will be on Sat 14 July. Please contact him for more details.</p> <p>A resident told the meeting that contractors have now been appointed to complete the work on the double yellow lines on Pioneer Avenue and other areas in the town. He will keep the council informed of progress.</p> <p>There was a proposal to fund an ANPR camera on Rothwell Road at a cost of £10,450 + VAT for a 5 yr. package including maintenance, plus an installation cost of £300. It is all police managed, and all info goes to a terminal in a police station. This type of system will not result in prosecutions, and it was felt that some people regard the receipt of a letter as a badge of honour.</p> <p>It was decided that further work needs to be done at looking at costings for a system that will lead to prosecutions and points on licences.</p> |
| 088/18 | <p><b>To consider and resolve a Citizen Certificate Programme:</b> An email had been received as a suggestion that a good deed done by a citizen in Desborough should be recognised. Jo Watson suggested that it should be on a regular basis which could then lead to an annual Pride of Desborough event.</p> <p>Following some discussion it was decided that a working group be set up and. Cllr J Taylor and Jo Watson volunteered to work on it and bring to the next meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 089/18 | <p><b>To consider and resolve Council Engagement methods:</b> Suggestions had been put forward on the way that the public can engage with the Councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A survey of what people want in the town.</li> <li>• Via the The Youth Council to engage with younger residents in the town</li> <li>• A rota for councillors to be available prior to the monthly council meetings which could run for a 3 month trial period.</li> </ul> <p>The Town Council books will be open and available for scrutiny from 22<sup>nd</sup> June for the statutory period of 10 working days until 27 July. As we do not have admin support on this occasion please contact a councillor with your request to look at the books and it will be accommodated.</p> <p>As an aside – the new Town Clerk (when recruited) will be office based.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 090/18 | <p><b>To receive an update from Desborough Community Groups:</b></p> <p><b>Desborough and District Twinning Committee</b> - Jo Watson reported that there are many fundraising events throughout the year. In October there will be 35 visitors from Esch in Holland and in November (Gala weekend) there are visitors from France. Offers of accommodation for them are always gratefully received.</p> <p><b>Men's Shed</b> - Gary Berridge said that they are going from strength to strength, and recently received some donated machinery which was accepted with open arms. Helping with the Carnival Queens float, and having a stall selling bird boxes, hedgehog houses, and bat boxes that members have made.</p> <p><b>Desborough in Bloom</b> - Paula Holmes reported The East Midlands in Bloom judging day is Thursday 5 July at 2pm. Meeting at the Fire Station, then on to Revive, up to the little garden on Gladstone Street, down Buckle Street to the Pocket Park, up Lower Street, back onto High Street. We desperately need help with watering all the pots and tubs etc, so if anyone can help we would appreciate it. If you can weed, pick up litter etc, and want to help please let us know.</p>                                                                    |

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| 091/18                                      | <p><b>Financial: Finance Report and approve the Accounts for Payment:</b><br/>The Finance Report had been sent to all councillors prior to the meeting – attached (<i>Appendix G</i>).<br/><b>RESOLVED:</b> The payments shown in Appendix G were unanimously <b>APPROVED</b>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 092/18                                      | <p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>a. To receive and note the Planning Report:</b> The report had been circulated to all councillors in advance of the meeting - attached (<i>Appendix H</i>).</p> <p><b>b. To consider Planning Applications:</b></p> <p><b>KET/2018/0366</b> – Mr Hindle &amp; Ms A Trystram – 10 Chestnut Drive, Desborough – Full Application: First floor side extension – <b>NO OBJECTION</b>.</p> <p><b>KET/2018/ 0339</b> - Mr S Biddlecombe – 4 Ashford Lea, Desborough – Full Application: Two storey side and single storey rear extension – <b>NO OBJECTION</b>.</p> <p><b>KET/2018/0325</b> – Travis Perkins - Bridge Building, Pipewell Road, Desborough – Full Application: Erect 4.5m high racking to rear of building – <b>NO OBJECTION</b>.</p> <p><b>KET/2018/0296</b> – BP Oil UK Ltd - Bear Way (land off), Desborough – Full Application: Petrol filling station and associated works – Some concerns regarding light and noise, but it appears that these have been addressed. <b>NO OBJECTION</b>.</p> <p><b>KET/2018/0357</b> - Britwind Limited - The Deer Farm, Stoke Albany Road, Desborough – Full Application: Replacement hub and blades of two wind turbines – <b>NO OBJECTION</b>.</p> <p><b>KET/2018/0313</b> - Mr P Wilson - 21 - 23 Church View Road, Desborough – Full Application - 2 no. dwellings – <b>NO OBJECTION</b>.</p> <p><b>KET/2018/0217</b> - Mr &amp; Mrs T Clifton - Yaffle Crescent/Swift Close (land to the rear of), Desborough – Full Application: Change of use from amenity land to garden land and erection of boundary treatment – <b>NO OBJECTION</b>.</p> <p><b>KET/2018/0395</b> - Mrs S Baker - 44 Rushton Road (land adj), Desborough – Full Application: 3 no. dwellings – <b>NO OBJECTION</b>.</p> |
| 093/18                                      | <p><b>Employment Matters:</b><br/>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.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The exclusion of the press and public was <b>APPROVED</b>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 094/18                                      | <p><b>To agree the date of the next meeting:</b> To be held on the third Thursday 19th July 2018</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p><b>THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20 PM</b></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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