

**Minutes of the meeting of Desborough Town Council
held in Desborough Library on Thursday 14 December 2023**

Councillors present: T Healy (Chair), A Coleman, D Cornwall, J French, J Gardiner, D Larmour,
B McElhinney, B Murphy-Ryan, S Roberts, and P Sawford

Councillors not present: A Window and H Wood

Also present: NCCllr Howes, five members of the community, and the Town Clerk

99./23 TO CONSIDER AND IF SO RESOLVED TO APPROVE REASONS FOR APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Window.

RESOLVED that:-

the apology be noted.

100./23 TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-

To consider any requests for dispensation for Councillors with an interest to be allowed to speak in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

The Town Clerk reported that written requests for dispensation had been received from Councillors McElhinney to be allowed speak (until 1 May 2025) on matters relating to the Desborough Developments Working Party on the grounds that it “is in the interests of persons living in the authority’s area”, and Murphy-Ryan to be allowed to speak and vote (for the current meeting) on matters relating to the Desborough Developments Working Party on the grounds that it “is in the interests of persons living in the authority’s area”.

Following a full discussion it was RESOLVED that:-

dispensations be granted to allow Councillor McElhinney to speak on matters relating to Desborough Developments Working Party until 1 May 2025; and Councillor Murphy-Ryan to speak and vote on matters relating to Desborough Developments Working Party for the remainder of the meeting on 14 December 2023.

101./23 REGISTER OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST & OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-

Members are reminded that they are personally responsible for ensuring that these declarations are complete and are kept up to date and that they should be submitted to the Monitoring Officer at North Northamptonshire Council. This is a legal requirement. Any Councillor who has an interest in any item to be discussed at the meeting should declare that interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Cllr Murphy-Ryan and McElhinney declared an interest in item Minute 108.2/23 “Desborough Developments Working Party”.

Cllr Gardiner declared an interest in relation to item Minute 110/23 “To consider any response to the Town Improvement Clauses Act 1847 - Postal Naming and Numbering”

RESOLVED that:-

the declarations be noted.

102./23 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 16 AND 30 NOVEMBER 2023

Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-

The draft minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 16 and 30 November 2023 have been circulated.

RESOLVED that:-

the minutes be approved and signed by the Chair.

103./23 TO DISCUSS CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND PROPOSALS BY BELLWAY HOMES LIMITED

Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-

Unfortunately Bellway Homes have again been unable to attend the meeting.

It was stated that there were many matters to discuss and it was suggested that a public consultation meeting or a meeting in public be held with representatives from Bellway Homes Ltd in attendance.

RESOLVED that:-

the report be noted.

104./23 TO HEAR REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-

Note: no decisions can be made in response to matters raised under this item.

Members of the public spoke about the Annual Waiting Restriction Review 2023/2024, the Council's Facebook posts and the refusal of an application for a community grant for the Desborough Developments Working Party.

RESOLVED that:-

the comments be noted.

105./23 TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS ON ACTIVITY FROM NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLORS

North Northamptonshire Councillor Howes reported on recent activity including the proposed North Northamptonshire Council budget and a case of homelessness. He also spoke about the Beech Close unit which was currently surplus to requirements, and about funds under Section 106.

RESOLVED that:-

- i) Desborough Town Council working with North Northamptonshire Councillors seeks a meeting with NNC Officers to discuss expected future income from S.106 and how it might be best accessed by DTC; and,**
- ii) the information be otherwise noted.**

106./23 ANNUAL WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW 2023/2024

Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-

As Members will be aware North Northamptonshire Council receives a large number of requests to change or introduce parking restrictions across the County. Requests are considered in a programme of annual reviews, initially with local councils and councillors giving their views on locations requiring investigation. A review for the Kettering area has been conducted and NNC is requesting the Town Council's input into the proposals.

Proposal plan(s) for parking restriction changes are set out in Appendix A.

- (a) Cockerel Rise – vehicles are parking close to the supermarket and restrictions would allow for a free flow of traffic including buses along this section and keep the immediate area of Ironwood Avenue junction clear;*
- (b) Ironwood Avenue – to protect the junctions and prevent vehicles parking obstructively*
- (c) Rushton Road – to protect the junction on to a busy road as vehicles park too close to the junction with Regent Street.*

The Council is REQUESTED to give its views on each of the proposed restrictions.

It was stated that each proposal would result in unnecessary displacement, there was no public benefit, and there were no compelling reasons for any of the proposals.

RESOLVED that:-

an objection be lodged against each proposal.

107./23 TO DISCUSS POLICE MATTERS**107.1./23 TO RECEIVE ANY REPORT ON ACTIVITY FROM THE POLICE**

It was noted that no report had been received.

RESOLVED that:-

the information be noted.

107.2./23 NEW LOCALLY IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES FOR KETTERING & RURAL AREAS

Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-

As is usual at this time of year, Northamptonshire Police has invited people living and working across the county to complete a short survey and share their views about any issues affecting their local community. The findings from the survey, together with local crime statistics and information from partner agencies, help identify the issues that will form the focus of NPT's work in the following months.

These locally identified priorities are based on the issues that are of most concern in that particular area. For the Kettering area, the three local priorities from 1 December 2023 until the end of March 2024, will be:-

- Road Safety and Road Traffic Offences*
- Drug Dealing/Misuse*
- Burglary*

Members of the public and Councillors are invited to share thoughts and feedback for the next set of Locally Identified Priorities on the following link:

www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk/LocallyIdentifiedPriorities

The Council is REQUESTED to give its views

RESOLVED that:-

Councillors respond to the consultation individually.

107.3./23 TO NOTE THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER PRECEPT CONSULTATION

Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-

The Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) has launched their council tax precept survey for police and fire. The police and fire precepts are the amount that Northamptonshire residents pay towards policing and the fire service through their council tax – together, both precepts amount to around 18% of the council tax a household pays. The Commissioner is recommending an increase in the policing precept of £15 a year for a Band D household, and of £5 a year in the fire precept for 2024/25, which is the amount of funding both services need to sustain both budgets at their current level and meet cost pressures.

Members of the public as well as Councillors are able to complete the online survey which explains the impact that different council tax precept options would have on the policing and fire budgets. The survey is at the following link: <https://www.research.net/r/PreceptConfidence2024-25> and closes on 14 January 2024.

The Council is REQUESTED to note the consultation details.

It was stated that the options available were not reasonable alternatives and did not appear to be designed to improve quality.

RESOLVED that:-

the consultation be noted.

108./23 TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS IN RELATION TO COMMUNITY GRANTS

Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-

A meeting of the Advisory Panel took place and considered applications for community grants which had been submitted. The Advisory Panel RECOMMENDED that no changes be made to the Community Grants Awarding Policy.

RESOLVED that:-

the recommendation be accepted.

Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-

The Advisory Panel’s recommendations for making grants under powers contained in s19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 are as follows:-

108.1./23 DESBOROUGH MEN’S SHED ASSOCIATION

Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-

A grant of £2,000 was requested towards the cost of heating and lighting. The Advisory Panel recommended a grant of £2,000 be made.

RESOLVED that:-

the recommendation be accepted.

108.2./23 DESBOROUGH DEVELOPMENTS WORKING PARTY

Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-

A grant of £1,000 was requested towards the cost of ongoing activities for arranging meetings, producing banners, documents, and other associated material over the course of many years. The Advisory Panel recommended no grant be made.

RESOLVED that:-

the Advisory Panel be requested to reconsider the matter.

108.3./23 AIR AMBULANCE

Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-

A grant of £1,000 was requested towards the cost of emergency care. The Advisory Panel recommended deferral of consideration for further information.

RESOLVED that:-

the recommendation be accepted.

108.4./23 SUNSHINE PRE-SCHOOL**Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-***A grant of £1,500 was requested towards the cost of play equipment, sandpit, and balance bikes. The Advisory Panel recommended a grant of £1,500 be made.***RESOLVED that:-****the recommendation be accepted.****109./23 TO CONSIDER ANY RESPONSE TO PLANNING AND LICENSING APPLICATIONS AND NOTE ANY RESPONSES MADE****Cllr Gardiner declared an interest in this Application: [AOC/0673/2201](#) Harborough Road (land off), Desborough (Bloor Homes), left the meeting, and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.****Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-***The Council is REQUESTED to consider making comment on any planning or licensing matter set out in the report attached at Appendix B and to note any comments made.***RESOLVED that:-****the information be noted.****110./23 TO CONSIDER ANY RESPONSE TO THE TOWN IMPROVEMENT CLAUSES ACT 1847 - POSTAL NAMING AND NUMBERING****Cllr Gardiner declared an interest in this matter, left the meeting, and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.****Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-***The Council has been advised that the following suggestions have been submitted for the naming of streets at the development on land off Harborough Road, Desborough:-*

Albatross	Cormorant	Curlew	Dunlin
Egret	Gadwall	Plover	Razorbill
Tattler	Avocet	Snipe	Petrel

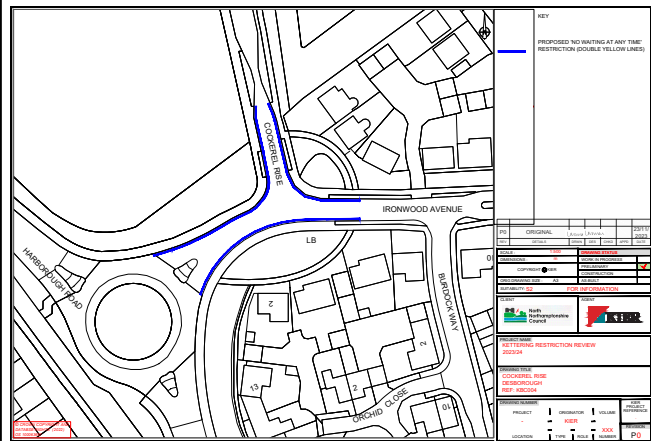
*The Council is REQUESTED to consider if the names are appropriate and if not to comment accordingly.***RESOLVED that:-****the proposals be rejected and names linked to the cultural and industrial heritage of the town be preferred for all developments.****111./23 TO RECEIVE THE FINANCE REPORT****Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-***The Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the report (Appendix C).***RESOLVED that:-****the report be approved.****112./23 TO CONSIDER AND IF SO RESOLVED TO NOTE AND APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT****Extracted from the report of the Town Clerk:-***The report set out at Appendix D details those invoices and payments for payment, those authorised in accordance with the scheme of delegation, and those where payment is by continuous authority; and the Council is RECOMMENDED to approve payments. Details in the report may be updated before the meeting as information is received.***RESOLVED that:-****the payments made and proposed in the appendix and during the meeting be noted and approved.****The meeting closed at 20:22**

Appendix A

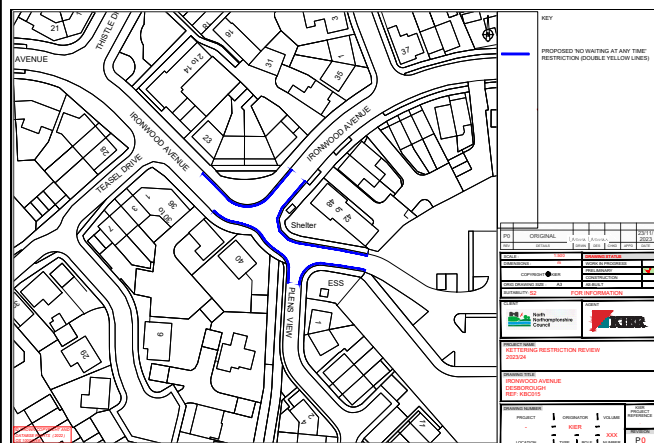
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Annual Waiting Restriction Review 2023/2024

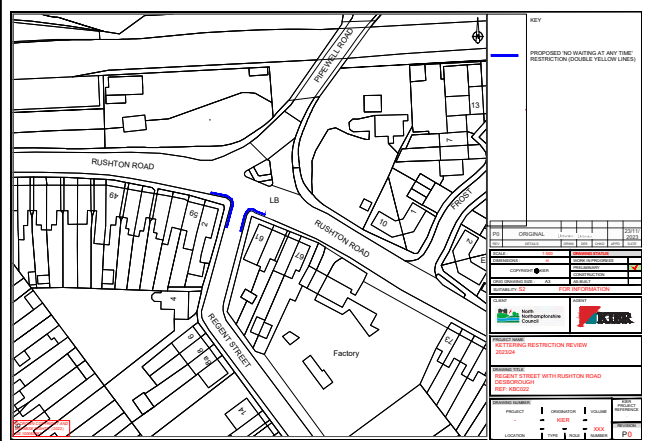
Cockerel Rise – Request as vehicles are parking up close to the supermarket and restrictions will allow for a free flow of traffic including buses along this section and keeps immediate area of Ironwood Avenue junction clear.



Ironwood Avenue – Request to protect the junctions and prevent vehicles parking obstructively.



Rushton Road – Request to protect the junction on to a busy road as vehicles park too close to the junction



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Planning and Licensing Matters

Click the underlined text to go to details of the application on the Planning Portal of North Northamptonshire Council (link is outside the Town Council's control).

- Application: [NK/2023/0725](#)
Location: 81 Breakleys Road, Desborough
Proposal: Single and two storey extensions to the rear
- Application: [AOC/0249/1602](#)
Location: Land at North Desborough (Bellway Homes East Midlands)
Proposal: Condition no. 3 (Construction Management Plan) of KET/2016/0249
- Application: [AOC/0169/1713](#)
Location: Land at Desborough North, Stoke Albany Road, Desborough (Bellway Homes East Midlands)
Proposal: Condition no. 11 (Construction Management Plan) of KET/2017/0169
- Application: [AOC/0673/2201](#)
Location: Harborough Road (land off), Desborough (Bloor Homes)
Proposal: Condition no. 11 (Noise) of NK/2022/0673
- Application: [NK/2023/0763](#)
Location: Manor House, Gold Street, Desborough, NN14 2PF
Proposal: T3 Horse Chestnut - fell; T5 Sycamore - fell; T8 Cedar of Lebanon - cut back branches; T9 Weeping Ash - cut back overhanging limbs from building
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Appendix C

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Finance Report
Monthly Bank Reconciliation (30/11/2023)

Unity Trust Bank Current	£1,987.42
Unity Trust Bank Saver	£3,000.00
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund	£276,018.91
Reconciled Balance	£281,006.33

The dividend from the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund is reinvested each month into the fund. The yield in the last period was about 5.26%. The dividend reinvested was £1,292.08. Other income of £315 was received from pitch fees in relation to Gala night and £22 for room hire.

Appendix D

Accounts for payment

Items may be added or adjusted as information is confirmed.

	Power	Supplier	Description	Reason	S137	VAT	Total Amount
+	1	Desborough Library and Community Hub	Town Council Office	Office Rent	-	£0.00	£798.00
+	1	Lloyds bank	Administration	Lloyds bank card fee	-	£0.00	£3.00
+	2	Talk Talk Business	Town Council Office	Internet and telephone	-	£8.33	£49.96
+	4	LGSS Pensions, HMRC, and Mr G Thomson	Democratic Services	Pension & salary payments (Nov)	-	£0.00	£3,048.65
+	7	North Northants Council	Administration	Section 50 Licence	-	£0.00	£740.00
+	24	Parkrun UK	Administration	Community Grants	-	£400.00	£2,400.00
+	7	Cllr J French	Events - 1940s	Masking Tape	-	£1.67	£10.00
	1	Starboard Systems Ltd	Administration	Software	-	£93.60	£561.60
+	7	Poppy Design Studios	Events - Gala	Design	-	£20.00	£120.00

Duties and Powers

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Paid in accordance with delegated or continuous authority 1 Local Government Act 1972 s.111 & s.150 2 Local Government Act 1972 s.112 3 Local Government Act 1972 s.133 4 Local Government Act 1972 s.140 & s.140A and s.145 & s.150, Local Government Act 2000 s.101 5 Local Government Act 1972 s.142 6 Local Government Act 1972 s.143 7 Local Government Act 1972 s.144 & s.145 8 Local Government Act 1972 s.144 & s.145, Public Health Act 1936 s.87 9 Local Government Act 1972 s.145 10 Local Government Act 1972 s.150 11 Local Government Act 1972 s.150 & Data Protection Regulations 2018 12 Local Government Act 1972 s.174 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Emergency purchase in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation 13 Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015 14 Highways Act 1980, s.274A & Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s.30 15 Local Government Act 1972 s.137 16 Public Health Act 1936, s.234 17 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s72, Highways Act 1980, s96 18 Town and County Planning Act 1990, s.61F(1),(2), & Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, s.38C(2) 19 Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended) s36 20 Local Government Act 1972, s150 & Data Protection Regulations 2018 21 Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 22 Local Government Act 1972 s15(5) & s34(5) 23 Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s 29 24 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19 |
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