

Agenda/Meeting Minutes

1. Purpose of Meeting

Desborough Town Plan Steering Group

Date of Meeting:	Wednesday 8th March 2017 7.00pm	Location:	Desborough Town Council Office
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2. Attendance at Meeting

Name	Name	Name	Name
Phill Conaty	James Putt		
Ray Brooks	Jane Pearce		
Carry Murphy	Allan Matthews		
Bob Martin	Richard Turner		
James McKechnie			
Members of Public			
Mr Kevin O'Brien	Mrs L. Berridge	Mrs Sian McLennan	Mr Richard Hill

3. Apologies

David Soans	Pamela Goodman	Neil Clarke	
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4. Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Apologies for absence
3. Membership
4. Housing Site Assessment
5. Character Appraisals
6. Additional work
7. Any other business followed by questions from public in attendance
8. Date of next meeting

Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

1) Welcome and introductions

Jane Pearce welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Apologies

Cllr David Soans, Rev. Neil Clarke, and Mrs Pamela Goodman

3) Membership

Mr Bob Martin was welcomed as a new member of the steering group

4) Housing Site Assessment

Ongoing

5) Character Appraisals

Character assessments of streets in Desborough are under way, utilising the documentation included in the Oxford Character Assessment Toolkit.

Federation Avenue may require two separate assessments to cover change in differences in character and housing styles between the top and bottom halves of the road.

Pipewell Road due to be completed by coming Thursday/Friday.

Town Centre area needs to be completed by Monday 13th March:

Nichols Street and Gladstone Street (Ray and Allan)
Mini roundabout by large Co-op down to Pipewell Road bridge (Ray and Allan)
Station Road along with streets branching off it (Ray, Allan, James)
High Street from Kings Arms to Lower Street (Phil and Richard)
Lower Street to Kings Arms along old A6 then up to Harborough Road bridge (Phil and Richard)
Victoria Street (Ray, Allan, James)
Saxon Close/Hazeland House (Ray, Allan, James)

Most of these appraisals will be undertaken on Saturday 11th.

6) Additional Work

Jane Pearce proposed that Lathams should be engaged to undertake the following pieces of work where the steering group lack the required skill set:

- Landscape Appraisal
- Sustainability Appraisal

Each of these will cost £2000.

The alternative would be for the group to be trained by Lathams which would also incur a cost both financially and in time.

The steering group agreed that Lathams should undertake the work pending a full breakdown of what work will be done; this will be provided by Lathams so that it can be presented to the next Desborough Town Council meeting for resolution.

6) Additional Work (continued)

Materials for consultation in June to be provided by Lathams - £1500

The steering group agreed that this cost should also be presented to the Town Council for approval.

A promotional leaflet for the consultation will also need to be produced. Printing and method of distribution needs to be considered.

7) Any other business

Bob Martin – Discussion on green environment:

- 1) Concerns over 304 houses planned for Ise Valley. Appeal from the developers is still pending.
- 2) Green Lane at the end of Harrington Road; a small strip has been downgraded to a bridleway by Highways Agency. "Badger Gate" has also apparently been stolen.
- 3) Perimeter path – UC11 (Straight Furlong). Path from Judges Bridge to Pevrel Place like a quagmire and in a poor state.

Tail end of perimeter path will need reworking down by the area near the entrance to the Rushton Road entrance to the fishing lakes, with difficulties crossing the railway.

Questions from the public:

Mrs Sian McLennan:

Q:- Are there any developments planned for the end of Harrington road? Would Green Lane and the designated bridleway affect access to that site?

A:- As far as we know, no developments have come forward for that site.

Mrs L. Berridge:

Q:- Is the green area on the end of Braybrooke Road being considered for a recreation area?

A:- The space is not very large but it would be desirable to at least tidy up the green space and make it look more attractive, perhaps including benches.

Mr Richard Hill:

Q:- Have there been any objections submitted during the Ise Valley footpath consultation?

A:- As far as we know there have been no objections (clarified by Phil Conaty)

Mr Kevin O'Brien:

Q:- Will the Neighbourhood Plan be able to help in the enforcement of the town boundary, with regards to developments adjacent to the town? How much weight is there in the Neighbourhood Plan to help with overturning developments and are there any examples of where a Neighbourhood Plan has been successful in this regard?

A:- Once adopted, the Neighbourhood Plan should have the same weight as the Joint Core Strategy document

Richard Turner cited an example of a development being overturned in Earls Barton.

Carry Murphy – Broughton and Desborough Neighbourhood Plans are the furthest advanced within the Kettering Borough. Moving the town boundary is not as simple as the recent appeal by developers has made it out to be.

8) Date of next meeting

Wednesday 19th April 2017

Meeting closed at 8:09pm