

Agenda/Meeting Minutes

1. Purpose of Meeting

Desborough Town Plan Steering Group

Date of Meeting:	Monay 30th November 2015 7.30pm	Location:	Desborough Heritage Centre
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2. Attendance at Meeting

Name	Name	Name	Name
David Soans	James Putt	Terry James	Allan Matthews
Ray Brooks	Belinda Humfrey	Richard Turner	Kevin Sills
Ruth Brown	Jon Phipps- Lathams		
Council Officer	James McKecknie(DTC)		
Members of Public	Rob Price		

3. Apologies

Neil Clarke	Ray Brooks	Ben King	Carry Murphy (KBC)
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4. Meeting Agenda

- 1) Welcome and introductions
- 2) Membership –Notification of Cllr J Pearce to replace Cllr Alex Turigel
- 3) Apologies for absence
- 4) Minutes of meeting held 10th November
- 5) Matters arising from minutes
- 6) Draft plan progress report – further work required
- 7) Consultation - statutory bodies
- 8) Consultation Desborough businesses and organisations
- 9) Consultation Desborough residents
- 10) Questions and comments from members of the public
- 11) Any other business
- 12) Date and venue of next meeting

Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

1. Welcome and introductions.
David Soans welcomed all to the meeting, and announced that Ben King has tendered his resignation.
2. Membership –Notification of Cllr J Pearce to replace Cllr Alex Turigel.
This was put to a vote and carried unanimously
3. Apologies for absence - Neil Clarke, Ray Brooks and Ben King
4. Minutes of meeting held 10th November 2015 (already circulated).
Minutes from last meeting read and approved.
5. Matters arising from minutes. – James McKecknie said that we would like not to accept Ben's resignation, and for him to stay on. Allan and David agreed to speak to Ben about this.
6. Draft plan progress report – further work required
Allan was trying to put it all together. It needs to be democratically dealt with, and all need to stick with it. Members could vote against any proposal and that would be minuted. The Plan was 36 pages and would go up to around 44 pages now. Jon Phipps to collate into a printed plan, anything which needs clarifying not to be in plan yet. Double columns would be best for plan with plans and maps fitted in to suit. We will need at least a week to look at the new Plan.
Housing numbers – 1350 needed – around 900 already with Planning permission. Need to look at types of Housing to get to figures
Next meeting needs to be in early January.
7. Consultation - statutory bodies
NCC schools – what are projected needs for all schools in our plan? Ask when a new school would be needed. Ask Carry for a list of Statutory bodies and a list of who we need to send our final draft plan to. Ask Nene Clinical Group, NHS England and local GP's about forward planning on local health needs. Current figures – 20,500 current patients, 60% in Desborough and surrounding villages, 40% Rothwell. 11 Practise and 1 salaried Doctor, this is under the national average. We should ask Ben to complete the work he has started. Dental – 3 Dentists available in the town, and not fully used.
8. Consultation Desborough residents
We need to find out employment numbers in the town, National Office of Statistics to be consulted. Check with KBC on Business rates to find out how many businesses are in the town. Ask Carry how to consult with these businesses. See how other plans deal with consultation. A meeting is being held with Carry next week about consultation.
9. Consultation Desborough residents
We need to decide how to consult with residents – Open evenings, letters to residents, plan on website and on request at library.
10. Questions and comments from members of the public
Has the timescale slipped- yes it has because it was too rigid and not enough information was available to go forward.
Has there been any interference by KBC – no. The consultation is planned to start at the beginning of February 2016.
Higham Ferrers took 14 to 18 months to complete. Uppinham's 1st plan in 2012 and consulted on in 2013, 19 months.
Rob Price - We should look at the risk of delaying plan further. Perhaps offer online consultation and use social media.
A healthier population would help with the Surgeries and also use open spaces.
11. Any other business – none
12. Date and venue of next meeting – Tuesday January 5th 2016 7.30pm at Heritage Centre.