

# DEFFORD & BESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Notice is given of the Annual Parish Council meeting of Defford & Besford Parish Council on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7 pm in Besford Court Hall

*Lynne Yapp* Clerk

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – *Opportunity for Parishioners to ask questions / raise issues.*

## 1. APOLOGIES -

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest:

- a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
  - b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
  - c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
  - d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting.
- Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## 4. CO-OPTION – *no applications received*

## 5. FINANCE

- a) Approval of receipts and payments to 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (made since last meeting)
- b) Payments for authorisation:

	1351	Lengthsman April	192.00
SO		Clerks Expenses	15.00
SO		Clerks Salary	312.72
	1352	Insurance	640.41
	1353	Hall Hire	82.00
	1354	Clerks PAYE	248.39
	1355	Lengthsman May	192.00
	1356	Cllr Training	36.00
	1357	Grass Cutting	537.50
	1358	Clerks Expenses	22.50
	1539	Lengthsman June	192.00

Account Balances:

Current Account: £18,144.47

Deposit Account: £4,069.27

- c) Unity Bank – closure of accounts at Lloyds and transfer to Unity in hand

## 6. HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS (to include traffic calming)

- a) PRow – to consider and approve re-allocating of some reserves to cover additional cost for LM works
- b) Any other Highway issues

## 7. PLANNING:

- a) 22/02614 - Land and Building at OS 9137 4249 Upton Road – *approved by WDC*
- b) 22/02706 – Land Adjacent, Hillside, Upper Street, Defford – *awaiting decision by WDC*

c) 23/01224/PIP - Shazam, Upper Street, Defford - Permission in Principle for the construction of 2 to 8 housing units - *awaiting decision by WDC*

**8. REPORTS:**

- Lengthsman – report from Cllr Lamont
- Neighbourhood Watch – report from Cllr Hale

**9. COMMEMORATIVE BENCHES** - *awaiting suggestion for suitable location of commemorative bench for Besford before seeking approval from WCC*

**10. TRAINING** - *feedback from Cllrs following training opportunities*

**11. MERGING OF DEFFORD WITH BESFORD PARISH COUNCIL** - to consider the merging of Besford with Defford (from an Electoral perspective) – currently Besford has no representation. This will be dependent on consultation with parishioners from both Defford & Besford which will be carried out by WDC

**12. CORRESPONDENCE / EMAILS:** have been circulated to Cllrs.

**13. OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Review of ALL policies

**14. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm, at Defford Village Hall**