

DEFFORD & BESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Notice is given of the Parish Council meeting of Defford & Besford Parish Council on Wednesday 17th January November 2024 at 7 pm in Defford Village 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 meetings on 15th and 30th November 2023

4. FINANCE

- a) Approval of receipts and payments to 8th January 2024 (made since last meeting)
- b) Payments for authorisation:

Hall Hire	20.00
Street Lighting	189.35
Expenses - Millennium Green	14.29
Lengthsman September	192.00
Tree Works - Churchyard	432.00
British Legion Donation	80.00
Grass Cutting	537.50
Clerks Salary	338.12
Clerks Expenses	15.00
Trsfr to Unity	4091.61
Grasscutting	307.50
River Avon Pollution Testin	130.00
Clerks PAYE	311.20
Clerks Expenses	15.00
Clerks Salary	568.52
Payrol Services - Addt'l Fe	10.00
Hire - INV 211387	25.00
Dog waste bin emptying	220.49
Service Charge / Fee	18.00

Account Balances:

Unity Trust Current Account: £14,638.44

Unity Trust Savings Account: £8,729.05

Lloyds Bank Savings Account: Account now closed

- c) Budget / Precept Request – draft budget circulated to Cllrs for consideration and approval – *to include provision to increase and build on reserves towards Phase 2 of the Church Wall,*

'projects' reserve, Smartwater 'whole' parishes roll-out and increases in general running costs for the PC.

5. COUNTY CLLR / DISTRICT CLLR REPORTS

6. HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS (to include traffic calming)

- a) PRoW – *to receive report from Cllr Marshall*
- b) Any other Highway issues:
 - Bus Shelter, Besford – LM to remove
 - Millennium Green - signage received and to be installed

7. PLANNING:

- a) 22/02706 – Land Adjacent, Hillside, Upper Street, Defford – *awaiting decision by WDC*
- b) W/23/01857 – Dower House, 12 Besford Court Estate – *awaiting decision by WDC*
- c) 23/02133 - St Lawrence, 1 Besford Court Estate - *approved by WDC*
- d) 23/02180 – Wickford House, 24 Lower Drive, Besford – *approved by WDC*
- e) 23/02044 - Oak Inn, Defford – *refused by WDC*

9. REPORTS:

- Lengthsman – *report from Cllr Lamont*

10. CORRESPONDENCE / EMAILS: have been circulated to Cllrs, but to include:

- Grant Funding Opportunities – Millennium Green and to consider – options include :
 - Community Legacy Grant – *Note: timescales are limited*
 - Natural Networks – *Note: more flexible with a focus on bio-diversity / environment*

11. OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Besford Parish Vacancies

12. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 20th March 2024 7pm, at Defford Village Hall Plus future meeting dates to approve