

# DEFFORD & BESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Notice is given of the Parish Council meeting of Defford & Besford Parish Council at Defford Village Hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 @ 7pm

*Lynne Yapp* Clerk

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

### **1. APOLOGIES -**

### **2. CO-OPTION-** to consider application for co-option from Sebastian Soukup (Besford)

### **3. 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.

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from meetings on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### **5. FINANCE / GOVERNANCE**

- a) Approval of receipts and payments to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (made since last meeting)
- b) Payments for authorisation:

Clerks Expenses	15.00
Clerks Salary	568.52
Millenium Green Signs	43.08
Tree Works - Churchyard	576.00
Website Management	150.00
Street Lighting	309.91
Clerks Salary	363.72
Clerks Expenses	15.00
Expenses - Churchyard	24.95
Lengthsman January	192.00
Painting - Church Gates	265.00

Account Balances:

Unity Trust Current Account: £12,917.64

Unity Trust Savings Account: £8,729.05

- c) Financial Regulations – review of Financial Regulations already circulated to Cllrs for consideration.
- d) Standing Orders – review of Standing Orders already circulated to Cllrs for consideration.
- e) Scheme of Delegation – Review of Scheme of Delegation already circulated to Cllrs for consideration.

### **6. COUNTY CLLR / DISTRICT CLLR REPORTS**

### **7. HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS (to include traffic calming)**

- a) PRoW – *to receive report from Cllr Marshall*
- b) Upton Drive, Flooding – *communication already circulated by Cllr Lamont and County Cllr A Hardman*

**8. PLANNING:**

- a) W/23/01857 – Dower House, 12 Besford Court Estate – approved by WDC
- b) 24/00188 – Glenavon, Upton Road, Defford – *change of use of land for the keeping of horses and erection of stables - awaiting decision by WDC*
- c) 24/00189 – Glenavon, Upton Road, Defford – *alterations and extensions to existing garage and erection of garden room – awaiting decision by WDC*
- d) 24/00245 - Land Adjacent, Hillside, Upper Street, Defford - *awaiting decision by WDC*

**9. REPORTS:**

- Lengthsman – *report from Cllr Lamont*
- Smart Water – *report from Cllr Hale*

**9. MILLENNIUM GREEN;**

- Natural Networks grant funding opportunity
- Pedestrian Access Gate – to consider quotes received for a pedestrian access to MG – quotes circulated to Cllrs prior to meeting for consideration
- Fencing (or alternative) to rear of goal posts – *to consider options*

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

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

- Besford Parish Vacancies

**13. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 7pm, at Besford Hall

Plus, future meeting dates:

July 17th at Defford

September 18th – Besford

November 20th – Defford

January 15th 2024 – Defford