

DEFFORD & BESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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[Defford & Besford Parish Council \(defford-besfordparishcouncil.co.uk\)](http://defford-besfordparishcouncil.co.uk)

Notice is given of the Parish Council meeting of Defford & Besford Parish Council on Wednesday 19th March 2025, following Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 6.30pm in Defford Village Hall

Lynne Yapp Clerk

Public Participation - Opportunity for Parishioners to ask to questions / raise issues. *The time allocated is at the discretion of the chairman. Residents are invited to give their views on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration. Members of the public may not take part in the parish council meeting itself. **This period does not form part of the formal meeting.***

Members of the public are requested to write to the clerk in advance of the meeting with any queries or comments on any of the agenda item (where possible).

Note: Comments from parishioners are welcomed but in line with our Standing Orders (available to view on our website:

<https://defford-besfordparishcouncil.co.uk/index.php/category/policies/> *time will be **strictly limited to maximum of 15 maximum minutes or to be included as an agenda item at the next parish council meeting. **Note: if multiple residents are in attendance the allocated time for this part of the meeting will be shared accordingly*****

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 15th January 2025

4. FINANCE / GOVERNANCE

- a) Approval of receipts and payments to 12th March 2025 (made since last meeting)

Clerks Expenses	15.00
Clerks Salary	380.08
Website Admin	180.00
Street Lighting	318.18
Lengthsman December	192.00
Street Light shield	142.62
VAS Signs	5014.78
Service Charge	6.00
Clerks Salary	380.08
Clerks Expenses	15.00
Legthsman January	192.00

Service Charge	6.00
HMRC Clerks PAYE	285.00
MG - Repairs	443.46
Clerks Salary	380.08
Clerks Expenses	15.00

b) Account Balances:

Unity Trust Current Account: £4,500.28

Unity Trust Savings Account: £18,929.29

5. COUNTY CLLR / DISTRICT CLLR REPORTS

6. HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS (to include traffic calming)

a) PRoW – *to receive report from Cllr Marshall*

7. PLANNING:

a) 21/02561 – Land at (OS 9164 4305) Harpley Road – *Awaiting decision by WDC*

b) 24/01822 – Crabbe Tree Farm, Besford Road, Wadborough – *awaiting decision by WDC*

c) 24/02599 – Besford Water Tower – *application withdrawn by applicant*

d) W/24/02596/FUL Bowbrook House, Besford Bridge - *approved by WDC*

e) Planning Inspectorate APP/H1840/D/24/3356365: Atalaya, Upper Street, WR8 9BG - *Appeal dismissed*

9. REPORTS:

- Lengthsman – report from Cllr Lamont
- Highways – report from Cllr Rees following meeting with WCC Highways
- Traffic Calming – VAS signs *awaiting installation and line marking 30mph roundels*
- Smart Water – update from Cllr Hale

10. MILLENNIUM GREEN;

- Grant funding opportunities
- Maintenance and future improvements

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

12. CORRESPONDENCE / EMAILS: have been circulated to Cllrs

13. OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

13. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 21st May at Besford Court Hall and to include Besford Annual Parish Meeting