

Defford and Besford Parish Council

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 6th March 2018 at Besford Village Hall

Present: Councillors Clive Woods (Chair), Julian Clarke, Ian Spires, Nicky Szabranski, Hazel Wakefield, Ron Davis

In Attendance: Clerk & 2 members of the public

1. Apologies, Cllrs Jane Thompson, Roger Atter & Patricia Steele.
2. Declaration of interest
 - a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests. NONE
 - 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 an 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. Public Question Time, notes attached
4. Minutes from January meeting were approved, proposed by RD and seconded by NS
5. Councillors' reports: for information and items for future agendas
 - (a) County Councillor Adrian Hardman: the Council agreed to write to AH mentioning parishioners concern at his absence and to address some of the Parish issues.
 - (b) District Councillor Ron Davis – The budget has been finalised, Wychavon made a pledge to not increase council tax for the next few years. NHB will be changing, RD will notify councillors of these changes in due course. £50k grant scheme closes 23/3 if the PC wants to make any application.
 - (c) West Mercia Local Policing Team, other than the break in at the school, there was nothing to report.
6. Councillors / Chairman's report
 - 22/2 CW and IS had a meeting with AH looking at Church Road, Defford, inspecting the damage caused by heavy lorries. AH has agreed to get highways to fill in the ditch and install additional kerb stones, timescale will be dependent upon other County Council priorities.
 - Development at the end of Church Lane, CW met the project manager who said he has met many of the residents, who have been concerned about the repair of the ditch at the side of the road caused by the installation of mains services which will be made good on completion of the development.
 - CW & ME met the Lengthsman to discuss the level of expenditure this year, he felt the charges this year will be within the budget and no further increases are expected in 2018/19. CW will be meeting later in the year to update the routine procedures and maintenance.
 - The Chairman thanked local farmers and the County Services for doing a sterling job keeping the roads cleared during the snow around Defford and Besford..

Parish Clerks Report

- Complaint received from resident regarding parking in front of a driveway near to the school, it was agreed to put a note on Facebook and in the parish magazine asking residents to be considerate.
- Website for Millennium Trust cannot be found www.tinyurl.com/5tovdjd . Annual return has been completed for 2015-16 and 2016-2017. It was agreed that at the next PC meeting the councillors would nominate Cllr NS and JT to become trustees.

7. Planning

- To consider planning applications for comment and decision notices received.
- It was reported that a Barn built at Woodmancote, had no planning permission had recently been sold to a local company DigAway and ClearAway, a recycling company, who were alleged to be seeking an application for an operators licence for the site. More information was requested to confirm these matters.

18/00390/HP	Avonside Upton Road DEFFORD WR8 9BU	Minor extension of an existing dwelling on site, with loft conversion to provide additional annexe accommodation for 3G living (multi-generational family living). No objection	Pending decision
18/00181/FUL	Land Off Church Lane Defford	Construction of four new dwellings and creation of new access - as approved under planning permission ref. no. W/16/02441/PN but without compliance with condition no. 7 (to allow provision of air source heat pump instead of solar roof panels). No objection	Pending decision
18/00107/FUL	Land Adjacent To Keppel Gate Upton Road Defford WR8 9BD	4no. detached dwellings with new vehicular access No objection	Pending decision

c. Planning applications approved

18/00062/HP	15 Besford Court Estate BESFORD WR8 9LZ	Permission to Fit garage doors to existing car ports for 9,7,11,15 Besford Court	Approved
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- An appeal for the 'The Barn, Oak Drive, Woodmancote, Defford, WR8 9BN' was refused by the inspector. Details can be found online.

- Wychavon Sport, notices have been placed in the parish magazine, website and on Facebook yet the PC have not had any response, it was agreed to take a step back.
- Enterprise bus, widely promoted too with no interest from residents, agreed not to take further

10. Finance

- (a) Bank Balance - Bank statements have not been received
- (b) To approve any payments due

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheq no</u>
1	P Denning	Tree service	£150.00	0	£150.00	1004
2	N Power	Street lighting	£109.11	£5.46	£114.57	1005
3	M English	Wages & Expenses	£574.02	0	£574.02	1006
4	Defford Village Hall	Hall hire	£16.00	0	£16.00	1007
5	Pendas	Website	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00	1008
	Totals		£874.13	£10.46	£884.59	

11. Parish Council Aims and Objectives

Update on issues raised and feedback from Councillors

<u>Aim/ Objective</u>	<u>Responsible</u>
1) Speeding – junction of Bourne Road and A4104 Update on actions/discussions with Highways representative(s) <i>Agreed to mention this to AH, AH agreed to have the drains cleared</i> Unaware of any further developments concerning speeding on the A4104/Bourne Rd and re Strensham Services.	RA & IS
2) Lengthsman - <i>CW and ME meet with the Lengthsman, it was noted that the PC would be in line with the budget for 2017/18. Costs not expected to raise in 2018/19</i>	ME
3) Resurfacing of village car park – see New Homes Bonus <i>Will resurface when the weather improves.</i>	IS & HW
4) Upkeep of Millennium Green (MG) /Play Area inspection. <i>Millennium Green new equipment – order to be place.</i> <i>NS will investigate fencing behind the goal post further. Ask developer if they will contribute towards this.</i>	NS
5) Campaign to reduce dog fouling in the village, <i>on going</i>	NS
6) Parish Council Website, <i>needs tidying up and archiving previous years. PC does not own the domain name. Agreed to do a costing and recommendation to move this to another server.</i>	JC
7) Defibrillator, waiting for spring to renovate tel. box. Number of volunteers have had defib training in Pershore.	JT
8) Millennium Green Trust/Charity as above <i>Website for Millennium trust cannot be found www.tinyurl.com/5tovdjd. Annual return has been completed for 2015-16 and 2016-2017. It was agreed that at the next PC meeting the councillors would nominate Cllr NS and JT to become trustees.</i>	CW
9) Wayleave, no progress. The poles may be on the diocese land, it was agreed to investigate the boundry line	IS
10) Railway Memorabilia, <i>agreed that the frame will need to be hung on the wall. Permission to be sought from the village hall management</i>	JT & ME
11) Diocese land Nothing to report at this time.	RA

12. Street Naming and House Numbering – development at Church Lane

- a. All agreed on Church Close

13. New Homes Bonus

Progress update:

- Localism Panel approved the two proposals at it's meeting as follows:
 - £5,510.52 for the play equipment and
 - £3,500 for the village car park drainage and resurfacing
 - Unfortunately they didn't approve the sign. Proposed to move the sign by the village hall onto the main road. Request AH to action.
- Football goal posts – look into replacing hedge behind the goal posts with sports fencing. NS getting quotes.
- Bins at village hall – look into replacing a few, quotes from a few companies, Wychavon will advise which bins are to be used.

14. Correspondence for Information: sent out via email

15. The date of the next meetings; Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM) is on Tuesday 15th May at 6.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at Defford Village Hall. With nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 9pm.

Future meeting dates

Tuesday 15 th May	Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting, Defford.
Tuesday 3 rd July	Parish Council meeting – Besford
Tuesday 4 th September	Parish Council meeting – Defford
Tuesday 20 th November	Parish Council meeting - Defford

Signed:
Councillor Clive Woods, Chairman

Date:

Public question time

- Village Hall Signage is still outstanding, it was reported that highways were unaware about this matter
- There have been 2 accidents in the last few weeks, village sign damaged with debris is still in the road.
- Speed seems to be the reason for accidents.
- Sign saying bridge is closed is now missing.
- Residents were upset County Councillor is not present.
- Main Defford sign from Pershore is dirty and bent, needed replacing.
- Website is not up to date.
- Noticeboard moisture due to bad weather made reading the notices and agenda difficult.
- NHB, really pleased both were approved, could we get money for community policing ?

