

Defford and Besford Parish Council

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2019 at Defford Village Hall

Present: Councillors Clive Woods (Chair), Jane Thompson, Ian Spires, Hazel Wakefield, Ron Davis, Julian Clarke & Nicky Szabranski, Roger Atter, Clerk & CC Hardman

1. The chairman welcomed councillors and eleven members of the public present.
He thanked Mrs Patty White for her commitment to the Parish and congratulated her on receiving The Lifetime Achievement Award from Wychavon District Council, that had been recommended by the Parish Council. A well deserved award in recognition of the contribution Patty continues to make to the villages of Defford and Besford over more than 40 years organising events, fund raising, supporting the Church and helping needy residents.
An appeal for members of the parish to take part in the forth-coming elections and to join the Parish Council has been made by a door drop leaflet and advertisement in the Parish News.
2. Apologies were received from Cllr Steele
3. Declarations 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 any 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.

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4. Public participation - The chairman closed the meeting at 19h50 to open the floor to the public.
 - a. *Mr Cheetham asked if the Parish Council had had a response from the developers in Church Lane. There had been no response to date. It was suggested that homeowners write to Wychavon and highways with their concerns*
 - b. *It was reported that big lorries going through the village were a concern as they were ruining the roads as well as leaving mud on the roads. Cllr Davis agreed to take this up with enforcement.*

The meeting reconvened at 20h00

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5. Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were approved as true and correct
 6. Councillors' reports: for information and items for future agendas
 - (a) County Councillor Adrian Hardman, none
 - (b) District Councillor Ron Davis, The budget has been set and precept frozen for a 3rd consecutive year making Wychavon one of the top 10 for the lowest Council Tax in the country.
 - (c) West Mercia Local Policing Team, none
 7. Chairman's report
 - a. Increased the precept by 1.2%, for the year 2019/20. There was likely to be a minor overspend on the budget for the current year due to projects
 - b. Continuing to look for a footpath warden
 - c. A second letter was sent to Churcham Homes, no response
 - d. New Homes Bonus of £8273 is available, if any community groups or residents have a project in mind, please contact the Parish Council.
 8. Parish Clerks Report, Transparency Policy confusion discussed, agreed to make an amendment to the minutes dated September 2018, item 9. The Parish Council continues to comply with the external audit procedure, see annual audit report.

9. Planning

- a. To consider planning applications for comment and decision notices received.

19/00594/SCR	Defford Aerodrome Rebecca Road Besford Worcester WR8 9ES	Screening opinion for proposed solar farm.	Pending decision
19/00311/FUL	Land Adjacent To Keppel Gate Upton Road Defford	Erection of 5no dwellings	Pending decision
19/00456/HP	1 Abbey Place Defford Road Persore WR10 1JF	Proposed alterations to existing gateway and minor internal alterations	Pending decision
19/00457/LB	1 Abbey Place Defford Road Persore WR10 1JF	Proposed alterations to existing gateway and minor internal alterations - Listed Building Consent	Pending decision
19/00477/OUT	Land Off Harpley Road Defford	Application for outline planning permission for five self-build dwellings with garages and improved access and village amenity space Change of use from equestrian to residential land and amenity space (demolition of existing stables)	Pending decision

- b. Planning applications approved

10. Finance

8.a	Bank balance as at 18th Feb 2019	£15,992.77
8.b	Cheques below approved.	

Ref	Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Cheque no
1	Defford Village Hall	Meeting costs	£ 16.00		£ 16.00	1118
2	M English	Wages / Expenses	£ 547.59		£ 547.59	1121
3	Pendas	Website	£ 60.00		£ 60.00	1122
4	PATA	Pay roll	£ 18.50		£ 18.50	1124
5	M English	Expenses	£ 18.00		£ 18.00	1125

The above cheques were approved, proposed Cllr Wakefield, Seconded Cllr Spiers

9. Parish Council Aims and Objectives

Update on issues raised and feedback from Councillors

<u>Aim/ Objective</u>	<u>Responsible</u>
1) Lengthsman, training course & risk assessment complete	ME
2) Resurfacing of village car park, drainage to be completed in the next few months	IS & HW

3) Upkeep of Millennium Green (MG) /Play Area, inspection complete, benches are in need of repair	NS
4) Campaign to reduce dog fouling in the village, on going	NS
5) Parish Council Website, Chair stated that the website was not very user friendly	JC
6) New Homes Bonus Proposals put forward so far <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dog bins - Tidy up cemetery - Play equipment for old children - Lighting - Village Hall flooring 	All
7) Telephone Box 7.1 Defford , defibrillator to be fitted 7.2 Besford, agreed to sign the contract, RA made the Council aware that even though the Besford individuals will maintain the phone box, it will always remain the Councils responsibility. RD proposed that the Council wait until a new council be formed in May, Seconded IS and HW. JC proposed the documents be signed and the Council move forward, seconded CW. Voted in favour JT, CW, RA, NS motion to sign the contract and proceed was carried.	JT PS
8) Street lighting, clerk to set up meeting with Prysman once a new council has been elected	ALL
9) Highways, Byways, Flooding & Village Hall Signage, still outstanding, Clerk to follow up with CC Hardman Clearing of Borne Road, appalling job, IS to contact CC Hardman	ALL
10) Footpath Warden appointment, an approached to the Lengthsman has been made	ALL
11) Electric Car charging points, presentation given, agreed to follow up with new council	JC
13) Elections, campaign to recruit new councillors discussed	ALL
14) Repair to Church wall, it was unsafe and unlikely to last 5 years. Quotes to be passed to the clerk.	HW

11. Correspondence for Information: To note the appendix of items which have been circulated or will be available for inspection at the meeting (if applicable)

12. With nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 21:30

13. Future meeting dates

21 st May - Defford	16 th July – Defford	17 th September – Besford	19 th November – Defford
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Signed

Chairman

Date