

## Defford and Besford Parish Council

### The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Defford Village Hall

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Present: Councillors Clive Woods (Chair), Jane Thompson, Patricia Steele, Ian Spires, Hazel Wakefield, Ron Davis

1. The chairman welcomed councillors and five members of the public present.
2. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Clarke & Szabranski
3. 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. Cllr Spires on the Village Hall Car park & Cllr Wakefield on item 7e
  - 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.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were amended as follows:- Item 8.6 (sale of Defford Telephone Box was removed as it was an incorrect statement) Minutes were then approved.  
Proposed by JT & seconded by PS

5. The chairman closed the meeting at 19h45 to open the floor to the public. Comments raised were;
  - *Parish Council Agendas to be put in the parish council notice board by the church. – Key has been located, Cllr HW agreed to put notices on the board.*
  - *Church lane – Kerb stones and tarmac have been laid but not up to residents expectations - Cllr AH*
  - *Village Hall signage still outstanding - Cllr AH*
  - *Drain cover outside the pub is still outstanding – Cllr AH*
  - *Speeding still an issue*

Meeting reconvened at 20h00.

5. Councillors' reports: for information and items for future agendas

(a) County Councillor Adrian Hardman, no report

(b) District Councillor Ron Davis

a. Change of Leadership at Wychavon

b. Wychavon currently doing budgets, hoping for a 0% increase

c. Mid year review has proved that retention of business rates has been a good investments

(c) West Mercia Local Policing Team

*4 incidents to report for the last 2 months. On the 10/10 a report that 3 trailer wheels were stolen from a property on Bourne Road. On the 18/10 and again on the 26/10 2 separate reports that damage had been caused to 2 vehicles in Upper Street. The first had paint damage and the second had screws put in the tyre.*

*A report on the 26/10 of criminal damage to a gate chain which had been broken enabling vehicle access to a field on Harpley Road, fencing bordering the railway had also been cut. Nothing was stolen but a vehicle had been across the field in the previous 6 days.*

*Encouraging all residents to review their home and garden security as a priority as we are receiving reports of a number of sheds and outbuildings being broken into and a number of burglaries have already been reported in the surrounding area. For further advice please visit [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)*

*Also in the last week we have received reports of a scam call from HMRC or Pensions Department telling the caller that there is a warrant for their arrest. The caller is then demanding personal details.. Please share amongst the local residents especially the elderly who appear to be the main victims of these calls. HMRC will never contact you by phone and no company should ever contact you requesting personal details. If anyone receives a call like this they should hang up without engaging with the caller, then after checking they have a dial tone call 101 and report it.*

## 6. Parish Clerks Report

Clerk reminded councillors of the forthcoming 2019 elections. It was agreed to encourage residents to stand for Election. Notices would be placed on Facebook and in the Parish Magazine.

## 7. Planning

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

<a href="#"><u>18/01894/PIP</u></a>	Defford Motors Upton Road Defford Worcester WR8 9BA	Permission in principle for residential development of a minimum of 5 no dwellings and up to a maximum of 8no. dwellings	Refused
<a href="#"><u>18/01568/CLPU</u></a>	6 Box Tree Close Defford Worcester WR8 9BX	Rear extension	Decision – more information required.
<a href="#"><u>18/01448/HP</u></a>	Candleford Harpley Road Defford WR8 9BL	Front extension to enlarge living space and create porch area.	Approved
<a href="#"><u>18/01615/FUL</u></a>	Land Off Bourne Road Defford	Solar farm and associated development - as approved under planning permission ref. no. W/15/01323/PN but without compliance with condition no. 6 (to discontinue on or before 40 years rather than 25 years)	Approved

## 8. Finance

- (a) Bank Balance  
Current account balance as at 2<sup>nd</sup> November £20,434.68
- (b) Budget for 2019/20 – it was agreed that Cllrs on the finance committee would meet on the 10<sup>th</sup> January at 18.45 in the Church room to discuss and agree the budget.
- (c) The payments below were agreed

Ref	Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Cheque no
1	New Farm Ground	Lengthsman – June	£ 375.00	£ 75.00	£ 450.00	1100
	New Farm Ground	Lengthsman – August	£ 260.00	£ 52.00	£ 312.00	
	New Farm Ground	Lengthsman – September	£ 280.00	£ 56.00	£ 336.00	
	New Farm Ground	Lengthsman – October	£ 365.00	£ 73.00	£ 438.00	
2	LA Garden Service	Mowing	£ 540.00		£ 540.00	1101
3	British Legion	Poppy	£ 50.00		£ 50.00	1102
4	PATA	Payroll - Oct, Nov,Dec	£ 12.50		£ 12.50	1103
5	HMRC	PAYE	£ 108.80		£ 108.80	1104
6	M English	Wages / expenses	£ 534.29		£ 534.29	1105

7	Pendas	Website update	£ 45.00		£ 45.00	1106
8	N Power	Electricity	£ 61.34	£ 3.07	£ 64.41	1107
9	Eon	Electricity	£ 68.59	£ 3.43	£ 72.02	1108
10	Defford Village Hall	Hire cost	£ 16.00		£ 16.00	1109
11	I Spiers (Village Car Park)	Hire cost	£ 407.63		£ 407.63	1110
	TOTALS		£ 3,124.15	£ 262.50	£ 3,386.65	

- (d) Grass cutting contract. The grass cutting contract was awarded to LA Gardens for a period of 3 years. Clerk to issue a written contract.
- (e) Old Yew Trees removal. Agreed that the Church committee would obtain quotations for the work to be done and the Parish Council would consider providing a grant towards this work.

## 9. Parish Council Aims and Objectives

Update on issues raised and feedback from Councillors

<u>Aim/ Objective</u>	<u>Responsible</u>
1) Lengthsman, no report	ME
2) Resurfacing of village car park Very good job, thanks to Cllr Spiers, to date spent £2087.62. still have the drainage and entrance to do. PS proposed IS be remunerated for his time, Cllr IS did not accept the offer	IS & HW
3) Upkeep of Millennium Green (MG) /Play Area, Completed ¼ equipment check, legal sign has arrived. Bench is in need of maintenance. It was agreed to get prices for the January meeting	NS
4) Campaign to reduce dog fouling in the village, ongoing	NS
5) Parish Council Website, all previous years detail removed. Agreed that Cllr JC should produce a written contract to Pendas	JC
6) Defibrillator Still not had confirmation that the defib can be placed on the Church Room wall. It was noted that the Church could be a listed building and if so nothing can be put on the wall. Defib charity to approach the Dioceses and ask if it is a listed building. Look into possibility of locating the defib in the village hall temporarily.	JT
7) PACT – report on front page.	All
8) New Homes Bonus	All
9) Telephone Box 9.1 Defford – Gary Cheetham - Possibility to raise the money to put power to the telephone box, will know by the January meeting 9.2 Besford – Wychavon will only enter into an agreement with the PC therefore an indemnity order would have to be raised with the resident wanting to take on the Phone box. Cllr PS tasked in finding out what the phone box would be used for. It was agreed that if Councillors were happy with the use it would be discussed and agreed at the January meeting	JT PS
10) Street lighting	
11) Highways, Byways, Flooding & Village Hall Signage 4 big hinges have been dumped along the Croom road at the end just past Next Generation. Clerk to report to County Flooding down Bourn Road still an issue Footpaths – Cllr Hardman agreed to clearing the footpaths down the side of the Defford arms, still outstanding Footpath by Defford Motors down to the Brook is in need of repair	ME

12) Footpath Warden appointment – agreed to advertise with CALC, and in the parish news, Facebook - ME. to send advert to Jane	ME
13) Bus Service – It is noted that the service will be further reduced.	PS

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

11. With nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 21:25. The Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

12. Future meeting dates

15th January – Defford	19 <sup>th</sup> March – Defford	21 <sup>st</sup> May – Besford
16 <sup>th</sup> July – Defford	17 <sup>th</sup> September – Besford	19 <sup>th</sup> November – Defford

Signed

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Chairman

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Date