

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Beech Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 28th January 2019

PRESENT: Councillor David Woodroofe (Chairman)
Councillor Ruth Duffin
Councillor David Fazakerley
Councillor Ian Hardy
Councillor Graham Webb
Councillor Daniel Gordon
Mrs Louisa Thomson – Clerk to the Council

Neighbourhood Plan Working Party members

19.09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - There were no apologies for absence.

19.10 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**
The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th January 2019, copies previously circulated. **Proposed as a true record by David Fazakerley, Seconded by Graham Webb and signed by Chairman David Woodroofe.**

19.11 DECLARATION OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest.

19.12 EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN

i) Presentation held on Monday 14th January 2019 – Attended by Councillor Graham Webb and members of Neighbourhood Plan Working Party, Graham Webb reported:

The session was an introductory session on the draft Local Plan, slides forward to the Clerk for distribution.

Assuming the Council approved the draft Local Plan then the EHDC public consultation will run from 5th February to 19th March 2019. Parish Councils will be expected to use the same response mechanisms as the general public, - making comments online or alternatively, sending them by email. There are various public open sessions being held around the area.

ii) **Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded David Fazakerley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Graham Webb should review the Local Plan and circulate possible comments to Council prior to the meeting on 25th February when council will agree comments to be forwarded to EHDC.

19.13 EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting held on 28th January to clarify the impact of the EHDC Local Plan on the draft Beech Neighbourhood Plan, attended by David Woodroofe, David Fazakerley and Ruth Duffin and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.

David Woodroofe reported the comments made by members of EHDC:

The plan with the newest date would take precedence, so if the Beech Neighbourhood Plan was adopted before the EHDC Local Plan it would need reviewing once the Local Plan was adopted so the Neighbourhood Plan had the newest date.

Proposed David Fazakerley, Seconded Daniel Gordon and Unanimously Resolved to suspend Standing Orders so members of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party can speak.

David Woodroofe also reported that the strategic gap in the draft Neighbourhood Plan along the A339 which is field to field may not be allowed.

The policy regarding Thedden ‘don’t develop’ is too negative and should be changed to a positive statement by setting the planning bar high to ensure the type of development the village would be happy with.

The type of housing in the draft Neighbourhood Plan is open to interpretation by EHDC.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan states planning would be for 3 parking spaces per household and the draft Local Plan states 2 parking spaces.

Proposed Graham Webb, Seconded David Fazakerley and Unanimously Resolved to reinstate Standing Orders.

19.14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- i) **Proposed Graham Webb, Seconded Daniel Gordon and RESOLVED BY MAJORITY** (Ruth Duffin abstained because EHDC and Beech Parish Council’s District Councillor advised BPC not to proceed, as according to the District Councillor Bentworth Parish Council have put their Neighbourhood Plan on hold.)
That having considered the report from David Woodroofe the draft Beech Neighbourhood Plan should go to Regulation 14 Public Consultation.
- ii) **Proposed David Fazakerley, Seconded Graham Webb and RESOLVED BY MAJORITY** (Ruth Duffin abstained) that the Village Hall will be used for a public event on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th February 2019 between 10am and 4pm and the draft Neighbourhood Plan will also be available to view at the village social on Friday 22nd February.
The Public Consultation period will run from 5th February for 8 weeks ending 2nd April.

19.15 MEDSTEAD ROAD FOOTPATH

Proposed Ruth Duffin, Seconded Graham Webb, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that having received a revised quotation from Premier Grounds following a site visit that PJ Grace’s quotation should be accepted totaling £470 plus VAT.

19.16 RIGHTS OF WAY VEGETATION PRIORITY CUTTING LISTS 2019

Following a report from David Fazakerley, **Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Ruth Duffin, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the following footpaths are added to the cutting list:
703 - Wellhouse Road to Wivelrod Road
710 – Will Hall Farm to Warren Farm on A339
712 – White Down Lane to Ackender & Bushy Leaze Woods.

19.17 WELLHOUSE ROAD NOTICEBOARD

Proposed Ian Hardy, Seconded David Fazakerley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to accept the quotation £1,250 including installation from Notice-It to replace the existing Wellhouse Road noticeboard which will match the new Medstead Road noticeboard.

19.18 HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS TRAINING

- Proposed Graham Webb, Seconded Ruth Duffin, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**
- i) Clerk to attend Minute taking course costing £45.
ii) Either David Woodroofe or Graham Webb will attend Annual Conference costing £75.

19.19 ACCOUNTS 2018/2019

Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Ian Hardy and Unanimously Resolved to approve the following payments:

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| a) | Westcotec Limited – Supply new speed limit reminder sign battery | £105.00 |
| b) | Beech Village Hall – Parish Council additional January meeting | £16.38 |
| c) | Mr A Ransley – Neighbourhood Plan expenses | £16.00 |

19.20 Confirmed the date of the next Council meeting as Monday 25th February 2019 at 7.30pm with public question time at 7.15pm.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

Signed:
Chairman Beech Parish Council
date: 25th February 2019