

Minutes of the Meeting of Beech Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 15th July 2019

PRESENT:

Councillor Graham Webb (Chairman)

Councillor Ruth Duffin

Councillor Alana Coombes

Councillor Tony Ransley

Mrs Louisa Thomson – Clerk to the Council

Members of the public

19.101 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – NON AGENDA ITEMS

Councillor Ruth Duffin was concerned about Councillors use of social media and making sure that it was clear the opinions expressed were that of individuals and not Councillors and also that comments should not be made on planning applications which could be considered pre- determination.

19.102 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Daniel Gordon.

19.103 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th June 2019, copies previously circulated,

Proposed as a true record by Ruth Duffin, Seconded by Alana Coombes and signed by Chairman Graham Webb.

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes and Unanimously Resolved that Councillor Ruth Duffin takes the Chair for the next item so Graham Webb can speak as a member of the public.

19.104 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Graham Webb read a statement regarding the planning application for 10 Kings Hill detailing his concerns and objections to the application.

The applicant from 10 Kings Hill then explained the reason for the application.

Graham Webb then returned to the Chair.

19.105 CODE OF CONDUCT

All Councillor's present signed a copy agreeing to abide by the Code of Conduct adopted in July 2018.

19.106 PLANNING - Council considered severn applications, the comments of the Council to be forwarded to East Hampshire District Council:

Councillor Ruth Duffin left the meeting.

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| a) | 32501/004 | 7 Medstead Road, Beech | NO OBJECTION |
| | | Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use or operation – Continued use as a dwelling (C3 residential) without complying with agricultural occupancy condition. | |
| | | Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes and Unanimously Resolved. | |
| b) | 58327 | 9 Medstead Road, Beech | NO OBJECTION |
| | | Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use – the property has been occupied in breach of the relevant occupancy condition for a period in excess of 10 years. | |
| | | Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes and Unanimously Resolved. | |
| c) | 32501/005 | 7 & 9 Medstead Road, Beech. | NO OBJECTION |
| | | Removal of condition 1 of AUD317 – to remove agricultural occupancy (CONE). | |
| | | Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes and Unanimously Resolved. | |
| d) | 54482/003 | Strathyre, 41 Medstead Road, Beech. | OBJECT |
| | | Outline application (some matters reserved) – three detached dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping (OUT). | |
| | | Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes and Unanimously Resolved | |
| | | The proposed three storey high development which is backland development and high up the hillside is not in keeping with the character of the village. | |
| | | The access is inadequate being on a bend and opposite a junction with potentially twelve vehicles. | |
| | | Councillors have asked the clerk to contact the planning officer and ask for a meeting to discuss the development and that this should be included on the agenda for the next meeting for further comments. | |

Councillor Ruth Duffin rejoined the meeting.

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| e) | 20447/004 | Glenderry, 52 Wellhouse Road, Beech
Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation (HSE).
Proposed Ruth Duffin, Seconded Alana Coombes and Unanimously Resolved
If the application is approved council would request a condition: prior to construction commencing the Applicant shall submit a design, and obtain approval, for disposal of all surface water within the site. The submission should include calculations to BRE365 substantiating the design. | NO OBJECTION |
| f) | 54047/012 | Beechanger, 59 Wellhouse Road, Beech.
Two houses with integral garages, associated parking, landscaping & bin storage following demolition of existing dwelling.
Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ruth Duffin and Unanimously Resolved
The plot sizes are not 0.2 HA and do not conform to the H10 policy.
The development would also change the character of Medstead Road, as referred to in the recent Landscape Character Assessment by removing the trees.
The Beech Village Design Statement states under "Design Guidelines - Landscape and Setting - 9. manage existing mature trees, hedges and shrubs and ,where appropriate, replace any such vegetation lost through property development so as to maintain the rural character of the parish."
If however the application is approved council would request a condition: prior to construction commencing the Applicant shall submit a design, and obtain approval, for disposal of all surface water within the site. The submission should include calculations to BRE365 substantiating the design. | OBJECT |

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley and Unanimously Resolved that Ruth Duffin takes the Chair for the next item.

Councillor Graham Webb left the meeting.

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| g) | 30797/026 | Kings Hill Cottage, 10 Kings Hill, Beech.
Lawful Development Certificate for existing use – Change of use of land to amenity land (LDCE).
Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley and Unanimously Resolved
This would urbanise this area of the countryside and it should remain agricultural. | OBJECT |
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Councillor Graham Webb rejoined the meeting and retook the Chair.

19.107 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – GOOD COUNCILLOR GUIDE

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes and Unanimously Resolved to order two copies totalling £11.00.

19.108 SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY – This item to be carried forward to a future meeting.

19.109 FOOTWAY ALONGSIDE MEDSTEAD ROAD AND KINGS HILL AND FURTHER TRAFFIC CALMING
This item to be deferred until the next meeting.

19.110 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley and Unanimously Resolved that the following amendments are included in the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

- a) The date on the front cover needs to be changed to June 2019.
- b) All the maps (apart from the historic map) needs to include the OS Copyright number on them – EHDC have advised that the following is required: after the Index on page 2 a separate sentence reading All mapping kindly provided by East Hampshire District Council © Crown Copyright Data Base Rights Ordinance Survey Licence Number 100024238
It also requires at the foot of each map the code LC10002438
- c) Flowchart on page 5 - in the 2019 arrow the first two bullet points should not be in bold
- d) The crispness of the font disappears on Page 7, 25 and 38
- e) Page 15 list of SINC - need to add Chawton Park Wood
- f) Page 26 in 2) it should be a capital P when referring to Policy BPC 07(c)
- g) Policy BPC 11 b) footpath is changed to footway to differentiate it from a PROW
- h) Policy BPC 14 c) change “has been” to “ will be “

19.111 MAILCHIMP

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes and Unanimously Resolved to not use mailchimp any longer and the clerk to email the subscribers to inform them.

19.112 EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEET THE FUNDERS

Report from Graham Webb

‘Meet the Funders’ Event, 24 June 2019 at Penns Place, Petersfield

Report by Councillor Graham Webb, Beech Parish Council

The event consisted of a series of presentations by funders, organised jointly by EHDC and Community First (the local umbrella organisation for charities and other ‘third sector’ organisations).

1. Funding available from EHDC

- **Councillor grants:** Each district councillor has £4,500 available to distribute in their area in the year commencing 3 June 2019, with each grant a maximum of £1,000.
- **Unallocated S106 money:** We know about this. The current round of applications closes on 31 July, and applications will reopen later this year.
- **Supporting Community Grant:** Opens in April 2020. Will make grants of up to £25,000 for capital projects, principally for the purpose of “reducing social isolation”.
- **EHDC Community Lottery:** Will launch later in 2019 but will benefit only charities.

2. National Lottery Community Fund

- **Awards for All:** Grants of up to £10,000.
- **Reaching Communities:** Grants of over £10,000 (up to £500,000 or more).

Parish councils are eligible to apply, and grants can be made for capital projects. They can’t make grants to replace public authority funding, or to pay for projects that have already been completed. (Their website tnlcommunityfund.org.uk seems to show they have made plenty of £10,000 grants towards footpaths within and between villages.) Could also be relevant to Beech Village Hall for their mooted expansion scheme.

3. National Lottery Heritage Fund – n/a to Beech**4. Arts Council National Lottery Grants – n/a to Beech**

5. **Sport England – Community Asset Fund, and Small Grants Scheme** – grants of up to £10,000. Could be of interest to Beech Village Hall re initiatives for the Recreation Ground or Village Green.
6. **Hampshire & IOW Community Foundation** –do not fund capital projects (and specialise in small grants relating to disadvantaged beneficiaries).
7. **South Downs National Park Trust – Communities Fund** – will not fund projects whose main benefit will fall outside the national park.

19.113 BUSHY LEAZE WOOD FOOTPATH

To be deferred to a future meeting.

19.114 ACCOUNTS 2019/20

Proposed Ruth Duffin, Seconded Alana Coombes and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the following payments are approved:

a)	Clerk's Salary (July 2019)	£710.57
b)	Clerk's Expenses (July 2019)	£39.57
c)	Hampshire Pension Fund (Clerk's pension – July 2019)	£159.52
d)	DCK Accounting Solutions Ltd – Monthly Payroll processing	£60.00
e)	Beech Village Hall & Recreation Ground – July, Aug & Sept meetings	£49.14
f)	OCS Group UK Ltd – Speed Limit reminder sign deployment	£78.00
g)	Mr Graham Webb – Expenses	£79.60
h)	Clerk's Salary (August 2019)	£710.57
i)	Hampshire Pension Fund (Clerk's pension – August 2019)	£159.52

19.115 MEETING DATES - Confirmed the date of the next scheduled Council meeting as Monday, 29th July 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 9.15 pm.

signed:

Chairman Beech Parish Council

date: 29th July 2019