

Minutes of the Meeting of Beech Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 23rd September 2019

PRESENT:

Councillor Graham Webb (Chairman)
Councillor Daniel Gordon
Councillor Tony Ransley
Mrs Louisa Thomson – Clerk to the Council

19.145 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Alana Coombes and Ruth Duffin.

19.146 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th August 2019, copies previously circulated,
Proposed as a true record by Daniel Gordon, Seconded by Tony Ransley and signed by Chairman Graham Webb.

19.147 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor emailed offering his future support for the proposed Medstead Road footway and any further traffic calming measures.

19.148 PLANNING

Council considered three applications their comments to be forwarded to East Hampshire District Council, comments to include reference to the draft Beech Neighbourhood Plan where applicable.

- i) 54482/004 41 Medstead Road, Beech **NO OBJECTION**
Two storey front and two storey rear extensions, detached double garage at rear.
Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: *Council has no objection to the application subject to all conditions relevant to the garage in the approval of planning application 54482/001 are maintained.*
- ii) 37347/003 October Cottage, 34 Wellhouse Road, Beech **NO OBJECTION**
T2 Douglas Fir to the north east corner of the rear garden - Selective tip reduction of approx 20 overlong branches throughout the canopy by up to 3 metres to natural pruning points and with a maximum wound diameter of 75mm leaving a final height of 25 metres and canopy spread of N 5 metres, E 5 metres, S 5 metres and W 5 metres (see photograph SAL1 for indicative reduction of overlong branches). Remove dead branches over 300mm diameter throughout the canopy T3 Lawson Cypress to the west of the rear garden – Reduce crown height by 7 metres to leave a final height of 18 metres (see photograph SAL2)
Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Daniel Gordon and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: *No objection.*
- iii) 58458 Lansdales, 106 Medstead Road **NO OBJECTION**
Double car port with storage over.
Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: *Council has no objection to the application providing:*
1. *Ground treatment for the carport and new driveway leading to it is as per the arboricultural report.*
 2. *A condition: prior to construction commencing the Applicant shall submit a design, and obtain approval, for the disposal of additional surface water within the site. The submission should include calculations to BRE365 substantiating the design.*
 3. *Condition 16 of planning application 32221/019 is applied to the carport.*

19.149 EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN – LARGE DEVELOPMENT SITES CONSULTATION

Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: that the comments in Appendix A are forwarded to East Hampshire District Council.

19.150 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – POLICY CONSULTATION 5G MOBILE COVERAGE IN RURAL AREAS

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Daniel Gordon and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: that the Councils responses are forwarded as follows:

Question 1.1: If these in principle proposals (set out in Questions 2 to 5) were taken forward, what impact would they have on meeting the Government’s ambitions in relation to mobile coverage including addressing ‘total not-spots’ and ‘partial not-spots’?.

Most sharing between the different providers would go most of the way to meeting the governments ambitions.

Question 3.1: Do you agree with the principle of amending permitted development rights to allow an increase in the width of existing ground-based masts by more than one third, to support 5G deployment and encourage greater utilisation of existing sites?

No comment.

Question 5.1: Do you agree in principle with amending permitted development rights to increase the height of new masts, subject to prior approval?

No comment.

19.151 ALTON TO BEECH CYCLE PATH PROJECT

Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: that the Clerk will contact the Alton Town Council Clerk to request the Councils work together on the project and Councillor Tony Ransley is appointed a Beech Parish Council representative.

19.152 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Daniel Gordon and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: having reviewed the report from planning consultant John Slater Planning Ltd detailing the Regulation 16 representations, that the amended comments are fed back to John Slater for final approval and submitted to East Hampshire District Council to forward to the examiner as per Appendix B.

19.153 FOOTPATH ALONGSIDE MEDSTEAD ROAD AND KINGS HILL

This item to be included on the agenda for October when hopefully the decision on the application for S.106 money will have been received.

19.154 COMMUNITY ASSET APPLICATION – BUSHEY LEAZE WOOD

Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to resubmit the application.

19.155 SPEED LIMIT REMINDER SIGN

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Daniel Gordon and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to change provider from OCS Group Ltd to PHS.

19.156 ALTON GROUP OF RAMBLERS

Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: that the following statement is forwarded:

To whom it may concern,

Beech Parish Council has numerous rural public footpaths and bridleways within the parish boundaries. All of these routes are highly valued by residents, and all require regular attention in order to keep them clear for use.

The Parish Council is grateful to the Alton Group of Ramblers for their voluntary work in contributing to keeping these public rights of way clear for use. We would support any application that they make to grant making bodies to help fund their expenses in performing this valuable work.

19.157 VICTIM SUPPORT HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT – GRANT APPLICATION

Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to approve the grant application for £50.

19.158 ACCOUNTS 2019/2020

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Daniel Gordon and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the following payment is approved:

a)	Clerk's Salary (September 2019)	£710.57
b)	Clerk's expenses (September 2019)	£ 56.72
c)	Hampshire Pension Fund (Clerk's Pension – September 2019)	£159.52
d)	HM Revenue & Customs (July, August & September PAYE)	£ 15.09
e)	OCS Group UK Ltd – Speed Limit reminder sign deployment	£156.00
f)	East Hampshire District Council – Election Fees	£119.60
g)	Information Commissioner – Data Protection Fee Renewal	£40.00
h)	DCK Accounting Solutions Ltd – Monthly payroll processing	£30.00
i)	Hampshire Association of Local Councils – Councillor finance training	£108.00
j)	Victim Support – Grant (if approved)	£50.00

19.159 MEETING DATES - Confirmed the date of the next scheduled Council meeting as Monday, 21st October 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 9pm.

signed:

Chairman Beech Parish Council

date: 21st October 2019