

**Minutes of the Meeting of Beech Parish Council  
held in the Village Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

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

19.183 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Apologies were received and accepted from Alana Coombes and Ruth Duffin.

19.184 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – **RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019, copies previously circulated,  
**Proposed as a true record by Tony Ransley, Seconded by Graham Webb and signed by Chairman Graham Webb.** (Daniel Gordon abstained as he did not attend the November meeting)

19.185 PLANNING

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

- i) 29769/026 Hillside Nurseries, Basingstoke Road **NO OBJECTION**  
Retrospective application for the creation of an earth bund.  
**Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Graham Webb and RESOLVED**  
(Tony Ransley abstained, Graham Webb used his Chairman’s casting vote)
- ii) 55816/003 The White Cottage, 35 Wellhouse Road **NO OBJECTION**  
Variation of condition 8 of 55816 to allow substitution of plan 002 (proposed site plan) showing change of access position.  
**Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED.**

19.186 FOOTPATH ALONGSIDE MEDSTEAD ROAD AND KINGS HILL AND TRAFFIC CALMING

- i) **Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:**  
The public meeting will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.
- ii) **Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Daniel Gordon and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:**  
wording of flyer as follows:

**Beech Parish Council**

**Public Meeting on Village Road Safety,  
Traffic Calming & Footpath Initiatives**

**Meeting objective: To form a Working Group to investigate whether there are any possible measures that can be taken to reduce traffic speed and/or improve road safety in Beech for pedestrians and cyclists, including the development of footpaths.**

The danger created by speeding traffic through Beech village, along roads with no pavements, is consistently stated by villagers to be the most pressing issue facing the village. This is not just a matter of road safety; the perception of unsafe roads deters walking and cycling along the whole length of Medstead Road and Kings Hill, which in turn inhibits social interaction and physical activity throughout the village.

The Parish Council invites Beech residents to take the lead in looking for solutions to this problem.

**7.30pm on Friday 24 January 2020  
at Beech Village Hall**

- iii) **Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Daniel Gordon and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to approve the proposed slide presentation.
- iv) **Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** that Beech Village Hall delivery volunteers distribute the flyer and it is also posted on the Parish Council website and noticeboards and on Nextdoor Beech.

19.187 TRAFFIC CALMING – WHITE LINING AND SIGNS

Extra white lining to be installed on Kings Hill on the south side between No's 7 and 23.

19.188 SPEED LIMIT REMINDER SIGN

**Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Daniel Gordon and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to approve expenditure for:

- a) Battery £80.00 plus VAT
- b) Charger £60.00 plus VAT
- c) Carriage £ 7.50 plus VAT

19.189 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- i) Public hearing on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February subject to confirmation from the examiner, Graham Webb, Tony Ransley and Daniel Gordon to attend.
- ii) **Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Daniel Gordon and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** that Graham Webb and Tony Ransley draft the Parish Council's opening statement and answers to the examiner's questions both to be approved at the January meeting.
- iii) **Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to approve the estimated expenditure of £945.30 for planning consultant John Slater to: i) comment on the draft opening statement and written answers, and ii) to attend the public hearing as an adviser to the Parish Council.
- iv) There is no change to the budget or expenditure.

19.190 LOCAL ELECTRICITY BILL

Council have not enough information to comment.

19.191 PENSION FUND

- i) The Parish Council has the ability to repay any deficit over a period of time if the clerk ceases to be a member of the pension scheme.
- ii) If Beech Parish Council ceases to exist any liability will be passed to whichever Council who has Beech in its area.

19.192 THE PENSION REGULATOR RE-ENROLMENT

**Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** that DCK Accounting Solutions process the re-enrolment.

19.193 SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

**Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to approve expenditure for the renewal of clerk's membership costing £140.00.

19.194 GRIEVANCE & DISCIPLINARY POLICY

Clerk to find out if it is a legal requirement for the council to have this policy.

19.195 RIGHTS OF WAY VEGETATION PRIORITY CUTTING LIST

**Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Daniel Gordon and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** that the following are requested to be added to the list.

- 702 FP Kings Hill to Wivelrod
- 704 BW Wellhouse Road to Thedden
- 713 BW Recreation Ground to Bushy Leaze
- 710 FP Great Wood
- 714 FP Medstead Road to A339 via Wyards Farm

19.196 ACCOUNTS 2019/2020

**Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the following payments are approved:

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| a) | Clerk's expenses (December 2019)                     | £ 64.22 |
| b) | Society of Local Council Clerks – membership renewal | £140.00 |
| c) | PHS – Speed Limit Reminder sign repositioning        | £ 78.00 |

19.197 MEETING DATES - Confirmed the date of the next scheduled Council meeting as Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 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 8.50pm.

signed: .....

Chairman Beech Parish Council

date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020