

Minutes of the Meeting of Beech Parish Council

Monday 17th August 2020

(Due to Coronavirus and Government social distancing advice this meeting was virtual)

PARTICIPANTS : Councillor Graham Webb (Chairman)
Councillor Ruth Duffin
Councillor Alana Coombes
Councillor Tony Ransley
Mrs Louisa Thomson – Clerk to the Council

Beech Road Safety Working Group
(Chairman)

20.101 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Daniel Gordon.

20.102 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - **RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 20th July 2020, copies previously circulated,
Proposed as a true record by Ruth Duffin, Seconded by Alana Coombes and RESOLVED

20.103 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Ruth Duffin declared an interest in agenda item 11. 41 Medstead Road.

20.104 ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Ruth Duffin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders so the Working Group Chairman can report.

- a) Charles Cockburn reported to Council that the Working Group had spent time pegging out three potential footpath routes and had agreed the route which ran approximately 4 meters from the side of the road was thought to be best, it was also agreed that the section of the footpath in the woods would need some sort of lighting. The Working Party will contact Hampshire Highways to see if they can create a route using mainly Highways land and to check road width in the centre of the village to ensure the footpath would be allowed the Working Group can then confirm how much Forestry England land would be needed for the footpath. The private land owner who owns part of the wood the footpath would run through is very enthusiastic about having a proper footpath.

Tony Ransley reported to Council he had been in contact with Forestry England regarding using their land for part of the footpath and is still awaiting their answer which he will chase. The Parish Council may want to consider making a contribution towards the ongoing maintenance of a footpath and also towards any trees that may have to cut down for the installation of the footpath.

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

- b) The Working Party have finalised the quotation for the Speed Posters, **Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to accept the quotation for £400.**

20.105 SPEED LIMIT REMINDER SIGN (SLR)

- a) Tony Ransley updated Council that at this stage Hampshire Highways will not agree to permanent posts being used for the SLR sockets. He has also contacted Hampshire Highways regarding an application for a new licence for the SLR which would include a fourth position opposite the Village Hall. Ruth Duffin questioned Tony applying for a licence without Council approval, Tony reassured Council he had not applied for the licence only contacted Hampshire County Council to find out how a new application with a fourth position might be viewed.
Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESLOVED that the Clerk should contact Hampshire Highways regarding applying for a new licence including the fourth position.

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders so the Working Group Chairman can speak.

Charles Cockburn suggested Hampshire Highways may look more favourably on having permanent posts installed if they were also used for the Road Safety Posters and whether there were some existing sign posts that could also be used for the SLR.

Proposed Ruth Duffin, Seconded Alana Coombes and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

- b) Tony Ransley has already begun to investigate the possibility of using existing sign posts for the SLR and will do further work on this and report.

20.106 PLANNING

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

- a) 58585/002 Brant Storage & Removals, Basingstoke Road **NO OBJECTION**
Retrospective application for the change of use from an agricultural building to B8 storage use.

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes and RESOLVED BY MAJORITY (Ruth Duffin abstained.)

Beech Parish Council supports this application as it is in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan Policy BPC09 supporting existing storage businesses in Beech.

- b) 52462/004 17a Kings Hill, Beech
Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order
1 x Ash tree – fell.

Proposed Ruth Duffin, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

Beech Parish Council defers to the East Hampshire District Council Arboricultural Officer on this application. If the application is successful Council would request that a replacement tree is planted.

- c) 20447/005 Glenderry, 52 Wellhouse Road **NO OBJECTION**
Single storey extension to rear and alterations to roof above garage/study.

Proposed Ruth Duffin, Seconded Alana Coombes and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED.

- d) 37704/003 Beech View, Basingstoke Road **NO OBJECTION**
Removal of Condition 6 of permission 29769/001 to allow occupation of the dwelling by persons not employed in Agriculture.

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes and RESOLVED BY MAJORITY (Ruth Duffin abstained).

- e) 37704/004 Beech View, Basingstoke Road **NO OBJECTION**
Replacement of garage and new boundary wall following demolition of garages and boundary fence. Re-siting of driveway within curtilage.

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley and RESOLVED BY MAJORITY (Ruth Duffin abstained).

Ruth Duffin left the meeting for the next item.

20.107 EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: That Graham Webb should approach EHDC to suggest a meeting with Victoria Potts and Planning Officer Susie Ralston to explain the elements of the Beech Neighbourhood Plan relevant to this application. If a meeting is arranged Graham Webb, Tony Ransley and Alana Coombes would be willing to attend and to also invite District Councillor Tony Costigan to attend.

Ruth Duffin rejoined the meeting.

20.108 NOISE COMPLAINT – CLAY PIGEON SHOOT

Proposed Ruth Duffin, Seconded Alana Coombes and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Having received complaints from members of the public and having contacted East Hampshire District Council, Council have been advised by EHDC Environmental Department that individuals affected should raise a complaint to them. Council agreed this was not a matter they should get involved in.

20.109 DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS – England Tree Strategy
Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ruth Duffin and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Council are not qualified to comment.

20.110 ACCOUNTS 2020/2021

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

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| a) PHS Group – Speed Limit Reminder sign repositioning | £108.00 |
| b) P J Grace – clearing vegetation from speed sign position | £216.00 |
| c) Create Design Studio – Website work | £ 90.00 |

20.111 MEETING DATES

Confirmed the date of the next scheduled Council meeting as Monday, 21st September 2020 at 7.30pm, with public question time at 7.15pm. This will be a virtual meeting in line with Government advice.

CLOSURE OF MEETING – Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

signed:

Chairman Beech Parish Council

date: 21st September 2020