

Minutes of the Meeting of Beech Parish Council

Monday 21st September 2020

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

PARTICIPANTS : Councillor Graham Webb (Chairman) Beech Road Safety Working Group
Councillor Daniel Gordon (Chairman)
Councillor Alana Coombes
Councillor Tony Ransley
Mrs Louisa Thomson – Clerk to the Council

Part I

20.112 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Ruth Duffin.

20.113 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - **RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th August 2020, copies previously circulated,
Proposed as a true record by Alana Coombes, Seconded by Daniel Gordon and RESOLVED

20.114 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ingrid McCormack introduced herself to Council and explained her reasons for wanting to become Councillor.

20.115 COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

Councillor Tony Ransley proposed Mrs Ingrid McCormack of Foxwood, 35A Wellhouse Road, Beech, Seconded Councillor Daniel Gordon. **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** That Mrs Ingrid McCormack is co-opted to Beech Parish Council.

Ingrid McCormack will sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and join the October meeting.

20.116 ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

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

Charles Cockburn reported to Council that the road safety posters were on order and should be delivered within three to four weeks, the Speed Limit Reminder sign needs to be working to see how effective the posters are.

The Working Group have pegged out the proposed footpath and are waiting to see if Hampshire County Council will accept the proposed route. Members of the Working Group are meeting Hampshire Highways on site next week to show the proposed route and to discuss other options. The Working Group hope to have a report ready by the end of October to be considered at the November Parish Council meeting.

20.117 SPEED LIMIT REMINDER SIGN (SLR)

- a) Tony Ransley updated Council that the Church sign post opposite the bus stop can be extended and used as a fourth position for the SLR.
- b) Hampshire County Council have confirmed that the Councils existing SLR licence covers the fourth position.
- c) Council would like to identify four further existing posts that can be used for the SLR.

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

Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Alana Coombes and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to order the post extension and fixings for the new SLR position.

20.118 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 Brant Storage & Removals, Basingstoke Road **OBJECT**
Notification of Planning Appeal
Change of use of existing land to B8 usage – storage area predominately caravan/motorhome storage and associated storage.

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

Beech Parish Council reiterates it's comments made on the original application which are as follows: Beech Parish Council OBJECTS to the use as caravan/motor home storage because:

- i) Road Traffic - a of large numbers of towed vehicles using the entrance / exit would be dangerous.*
- ii) Landscape - the field is generally open with occasional use for car boot sales and should be kept so rather than the permanent installation of vehicles and structures.*
- iii) Council would request, if permission is granted, that a condition is placed that there can be no permanent residential use.*

Beech Parish Council would add - We would prefer not to see permanent storage on this site however if the appeal is successful we would request the following:

- 1) No erection of permanent or temporary structures on site.*
- 2) No storage of vehicles other than towed caravans or motorhomes.*
- 3) No habitation on site whether over night or during the day.*
- 4) All stored vehicles are to be concealed at all times under green covers as set out in the planning application.*

- b) 53286/003 Beechwood, 38A Wellhouse Road
Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order
T10 – Fell Ash Tree suffering from Ash Die-Back.

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:
Beech Parish Council defers to the EHDC Arboricultural Officer on this application. If this application is successful Council would request that a replacement tree is planted.

- c) 58911 122 Medstead Road
T1 Ash – Fell, replace with 2.5m Field Maple.
T2 Ash – Fell, replace with standard 2.5m Field Maple.
G1 Ash – Fell, replace with Beech Tree.

Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Tony Ransley UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:
Beech Parish Council defers to the East Hampshire District Council Arboricultural Officer on this application.

- d) 29083/005 Flintstone Manor, 65 Wellhouse Road
Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order
G1 x 3 Beech – Crown height reduction of 5m leaving crown height of approx 20-25m.
Crown lift to 5m, crown width reduction SW and NE by 3m leaving 5m.

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:
Beech Parish Council defers to the East Hampshire District Council Arboricultural Officer on this application.

- e) 30021/070 NOTIFICATION OF PRE-DECISION AMENDMENT Consultation of Variation of Condition application. Proposal: Variation of conditions of 30021/066 - condition 1 - to be reworded, condition 4 & 5 - change drawing number to 17.2046/SL-041Rev.AC1, condition 11 & 15 to be reworded and condition 16 - substitution of approved plans (as amended by plans and additional information received on 09/09/2020). Site Address: Land at Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital Site, Chawton Park Road, Alton

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Daniel Gordon and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: *Council make no comment.*

20.119 PLANNING APPLICATION 54482/005 – 41 MEDSTEAD ROAD

Graham Webb reported on email correspondence with East Hampshire District Council regarding the Beech Neighbourhood Plan and how the planning department apply it to applications, Graham Webb will continue to try to engage with EHDC planning department, email correspondence previously circulated to Councillors.

20.120 REFORM OF THE PLANNING SYSTEM IN ENGLAND

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government recently published three consultations on reform of the planning system in England.

- a) Consultation on Changes to the current planning system.
Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Alana Coombes UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: No response.
- b) Consultation on Transparency and competition: a call for evidence on data on land control.
Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: No response.
- c) Consultation on Planning for the Future white paper (deadline 29 October).
This item postponed until the October meeting.

20.121 ACCOUNTS 2020/2021

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Daniel Gordon and RESOLVED that the following payments are approved:

a)	Clerk’s Salary (September 2020)	£715.04
b)	Clerk’s Expenses (September 2020)	£ 50.18
c)	Hampshire Pension Fund (Clerk’s Pension – September 2020)	£180.75
d)	PHS Group – Speed Limit Reminder sign repositioning	£ 78.00
e)	DCK Accounting Solutions – Payroll processing	£ 30.35
f)	Information Commissioner – Data protection fee renewal	£ 40.00
g)	Mr A Ransley – Road sign posters	£122.28
h)	HM Revenue & Customs	£ 3.63

20.122 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – No members of the public and press were present.

Part II

20.123 NEW PAY SCALES 2020/2021

National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) announced new pay scales for 2020/2021 to be backdated to 1st April, clerk’s October pay will adjusted to reflect the change - NOTED.

20.124 MEETING DATES

Confirmed the date of the next scheduled Council meeting as Monday, 19th October 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 9pm.

signed:
Chairman Beech Parish Council
date: 19th October 2020