

# Minutes of the Meeting of Beech Parish Council

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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

PARTICIPANTS : Councillor Graham Webb (Chairman) District Councillor Tony Costigan  
Councillor Ruth Duffin Member of the public  
Councillor Alana Coombes  
Councillor Tony Ransley  
Councillor Daniel Gordon (Joined the meeting late due to technical difficulties)  
Mrs Louisa Thomson – Clerk to the Council

20.131 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Ingrid McCormack.

20.132 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - **RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, copies previously circulated,

**Proposed as a true record by Tony Ransley, Seconded by Alana Coombes and RESOLVED**

20.133 DECLARATION OF INTEREST - Graham Webb declared an interest in planning item 6. Kings Hill Cottage.

20.134 BEECH VILLAGE HALL ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

**Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED the following:**

- a) Permission to store name, email address and physical address in the HallMaster software – approved.
- b) Text in description of booking: Beech Parish Council.
- c) Add online link to Beech Parish Council website.
- d) Level of privacy for the calendar entry: Public.

**Graham Webb left the meeting for the next item.**

**RESOLVED that District Councillor Costigan should act as Chairman for the next item.**

20.135 PLANNING

Council considered one planning item, their comments to be forwarded to East Hampshire District Council and the Planning Inspectorate comments to include reference to the draft Beech Neighbourhood Plan where applicable.

30797/028	Kings Hill Cottage, 10 Kings Hill	OBJECT
	Notification of receipt of Planning Appeal	
	Lawful development for an existing use or operation – change of use of land for residential amenity use (C3).	

**Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Alana Coombes and RESOLVED:** (Ruth Duffin abstained).

*Beech Parish Council OBJECTS on the basis:*

1. A similar application was made by the resident to register a barn as a habitable dwelling in 2005. That barn was effectively used as an annex and was close to the main building. That building was later converted in 2 habitable dwellings now rented out by the owner
2. This application is vastly different in the sense that the structure in question is a long way away from the main curtilage.
3. The building in question was originally erected as a small timber horse stable with a lean to cover for hay storage. This was used by the daughter and friends of the owner to keep 2 horses.
4. It is a significant distance over 300m from the main building. There is no made up drive to the stable.
5. At no time planning permission was sought to convert the stable to a habitable dwelling.
6. There are no known public utility services connected to the stable.
7. The stable is outside the Beech Settlement boundary and because of its remote location very much in the countryside. Development in the countryside contravenes the Beech Neighbourhood Plan Policy BPC02, which limits residential conversion of redundant or disused rural buildings to use for essential infrastructure that cannot be located elsewhere. It falls within the open countryside defined in that policy (see BPC02 see note 1 ii)
8. The stable falls within the area defined in BPC04 relating to the preservation of the historic parkland within the village. BPC04 states clearly that no new development should be located in the area in question.

**Graham Webb rejoined the meeting**

## 20.136 COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley, RESOLVED** (Ruth Duffin abstained) that Council meetings should not be recorded.

## 20.137 ANNUAL BUDGET 2021/2022

Graham Webb and Tony Ransley to meet with Clerk to review the budget and precept for 2021/2022 to be presented to Council at the November meeting.

## 20.138 ACCOUNTS 2020/2021

D) Summary of Receipts & Payments for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 presented to Council detailing bank reconciliation as follows:

Current Account Balance	1,589.19
Less: Cheques drawn but not debited as at 30.09.20	-473.58
Deposit Account Balance	12,666.57
Money Market Balance	<u>24,673.77</u>
	38,455.95

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

a) Clerk's Salary (October 2020)	£838.32
b) Clerk's Expenses (October 2020)	£ 14.01
c) Hampshire Pension Fund (Clerk's Pension – October 2020)	£215.39
d) DCK Accounting Solutions – Payroll processing	£ 30.35
e) Mr A Ransley – SLR post extension, padlock & bolt cutter hire	£105.10
f) Westcotec Limited - SLR post brackets	£ 129.00

## 20.139 REFORM OF THE PLANNING SYSTEM IN ENGLAND

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

**Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Alana Coombes, RESOLVED** (Ruth Duffin abstained due to internet connection problems) that Councils responses to the consultation on Planning for the Future white paper are as attached Appendix A.

## 20.140 CPRE Hampshire – Changes to the Planning System

CPRE Hampshire have requested Parish Councils write to your local MP, Sign the CPRE petition and share their social media posts.

**Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Ruth Duffin, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Council take no action.

## 20.141 MEETING DATES

Confirmed the date of the next scheduled Council meeting as Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 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 9.34pm.

signed: .....

Chairman Beech Parish Council

date: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020