

Minutes of the Meeting of Beech Parish Council

Monday 14th December 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
Councillor Alana Coombes
Councillor Tony Ransley
Councillor Daniel Gordon
Councillor Ingrid McCormack Mrs Louisa Thomson – Clerk to the Council

20.153 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - **RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th November 2020, copies previously circulated,
Proposed as a true record by Alana Coombes, Seconded by Daniel Gordon and RESOLVED

20.154 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

District Councillor Tony Costigan updated the council as follows:

- The Government Planning White Paper was very comprehensive.
- The East Hampshire District Council Local Plan is hoped to be in place within a reasonable time to be effective in the district.
- The draft Infrastructure Policy is to be published in the New Year.
- Beech Parish Council may need to review the Neighbourhood Plan when the new Local Plan is adopted.
- An independent review of the culture within the District Council is in process, the report isn't available yet, District Councillor Costigan isn't in a position to comment on this at the moment.
- Should any Parish Council have any complaints about the District Council they should contact District Councillor Costigan who will follow up with the District Council.
- Ash Die Back – various Government grants seem to be targeted at large land owners while the whole district is affected, Councillor Costigan will follow this up the District Council.

20.155 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.

58585/003 Brant Storage & Removals, Basingstoke Road **OBJECT**
Proposed use of land as a vehicle hand wash (sui generis)

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Ingrid McCormack and RESOLVED: *Beech Parish Council OBJECTS to this application, the reduction in car parking spaces proposed will reduce spaces for existing businesses/customers and there will be and increase car parking demand with the car parking capacity being reduced.*

20.156 MODEL COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Proposed Ruth Duffin, Seconded Ingrid McCormack and RESOLVED (by majority, Tony Ransley abstained) in principle to adopt the National Association of Local Council new model code of conduct. The code will be amended for Beech Parish Council and presented to Council for confirmation at the January meeting.

20.157 ACCOUNTS 2020/2021

Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Ruth Duffin and RESOLVED that the following payments are approved: (Resolved by majority, Tony Ransley voted against paying the SLCC membership renewal).

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| a) | Hampshire Association of Local Councils – Councillor training | £ 72.00 |
| b) | Westcotec Limited – SLR battery | £105.00 |
| c) | Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership renewal | £144.00 |

20.158 MEETING DATES - Confirmed the date of the next scheduled Council meeting as Monday, 18th January 2021 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 8.20pm.

signed:

Chairman Beech Parish Council

date: 18th January 2020