

Minutes of the Meeting of Beech Parish Council

Monday 19th October 2020

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

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

Beech Road Safety Working Group
(Chairman)

20.125 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Ruth Duffin and Daniel Gordon.

20.126 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - **RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st September 2020, copies previously circulated,
Proposed as a true record by Tony Ransley, Seconded by Alana Coombes and RESOLVED.

20.127 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Ingrid McCormack declared and interest in items 9. b) and c) Beech Village Hall grant applications.
Councillor Graham Webb declared and interest in item 11. Planning Appeal – 10 Kings Hill.

20.128 ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

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

Charles Cockburn reported to Council that he and another member of the Working Group had a site meeting with Mr Ian Janes from Hampshire County Council Highways. Unfortunately it has been difficult to get accurate maps showing the boundary of both the private land and the Forestry England owned land for the proposed footpath route.

The road safety post / driver awareness posters have been installed.

The Working Group are preparing their report ready to distribute prior to the Parish Councils November meeting.

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

20.129 SPEED LIMIT REMINDER SIGN (SLR)

- a) Clerk to contact Hampshire County Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee to see if there is any progress regarding the installation of permanent posts for the SLR.
- b) Co-ordination of the road safety posters and the SLR is not possible until the SLR can be moved.
- c) **Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of a new battery for the SLR costing £87.50 plus VAT.

20.130 GRANT APPLICATIONS

- a) **Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes RESOLVED BY MAJORITY** to not approve the grant application for £50 from Victim Support Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

Councillor Ingrid McCormack left the meeting.

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders so members of the Village Hall committee can speak.

- b) The Village Hall committee have applied to East Hampshire District Council for a S.106 grant of £3,600 towards the removal of the trees due to Ash Dieback this will increase the Village Hall's expenditure by £400 as the application requires replacement tree planting.

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

The grant application to the Parish Council will be postponed until the Village Hall have received a response to their application to EHDC.

- c) Beech Village Hall grant application to refurbish the telephone box and convert it to a book exchange postponed until a future meeting after the Village Hall have tried to raise funds locally.

Councillor Ingrid McCormack rejoined the meeting.

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED close the meeting due to technical difficulties causing the council to not be able not fulfil their obligations under *The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020* as those present could not hear proceedings.

CLOSURE OF MEETING – Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.07pm.

signed:

Chairman Beech Parish Council

date: 26th October 2020