Minutes of the Meeting of Beech Parish Council Monday 21st June 2021

PARTICIPANTS: Councillor Graham Webb (Chairman)

Councillor Alana Coombes Members of the Road Safety Working Group

Councillor Tony Ransley Councillor Kim Eakers

Councillor Ingrid McCormack District Councillor Tony Costigan

Councillor Daniel Gordon

Mrs Louisa Thomson – Clerk to the Council

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Daniel Gordon raised the matter of possible Cemetery in Beech, he will look into this further and may discuss the possible use of land with the Abbey.

21.064 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Ruth Duffin.

21.065 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 24th May 2021, copies previously circulated,

Proposed as a true record by Daniel Gordon, Seconded by Kim Eakers and RESOLVED

21.066 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public raised concerns about the route of the proposed new footpath, which at certain points due to its elevated position means anyone using the path can look directly into their house.

21.067 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Councillor Tony Costigan informed Council that East Hampshire District Council Enforcement Officers are talking to the agent appointed by the owners of Keepers Lodge and that the events for the next two months have been removed from their website.

He also informed Council that East Hampshire District Council Enforcement Officers were dealing with the caravan storage at Brant Storage.

Councillor Costigan continues to work towards reducing the speed of traffic and sends regular speeding figures to the police, the worst case was 85mph recorded in Bentworth. He is hoping that Beech, Froyle and Bentworth may sign up to a camera trial. The Police recognise there is a problem but confirm the number of incidents reported are minimal.

Councillor Costigan won't support a 20mph speed limit as he feels no one takes any notice and it's not enforceable, 25mph limit maybe a possibility and Beech may qualify.

He will continue to liaise with Councillor Tony Ransley and Charles Cockburn from the Beech Road Safety Working Group to move this issue forward.

Chairman Webb elected to change the agenda order so the planning items can be dealt with next.

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

The neighbour to the proposed planning application of land adjacent to 122 Medstead Road, raised concerns to the Parish Council regarding the nature of the development and the proximity to their boundary which raised issues of privacy for the adjoining property and also potentially for the owners of the new property and hoped that East Hampshire District Council would take their objection into consideration and request the house is moved further away in the plot.

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

21.068 PLANNING

Council considered three planning items, their comments to be forwarded to East Hampshire District Council.

a) 59292 Land adjacent to 122 Medstead Road

OBJECT

Detached two – storey dwelling house with a lower ground floor integral double garage together with landscaping.

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Kim Eakers, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

Beech Parish Council objects to this planning application ref.59292 on the following grounds:

- It breaches Beech Neighbourhood Plan Policy BPCO7(b) in that the house is positioned too close to the boundary with No.122 Medstead Road, therefore having an excessively adverse effect on the privacy and outlook of the occupants of No.122 Medstead Road. In our opinion this could be alleviated by moving the house to the centre of the plot, significantly further away from that boundary, and by replacing or augmenting that boundary fence with hedging and/or other vegetation (see below)
- It breaches Beech Neighbourhood Plan Policy BPCO7(c), which states that the plot should be enclosed, preferably by hedgerows. Currently there is no 'green' boundary to the west of the plot (bordering the new driveway to No.140) or to the east of the plot (where there is a close-board fence bordering No.122 Medstead Road).
- There is no information on the design of the vehicle access to Medstead Road, which makes it impossible to judge compliance with Beech Neighbourhood Plan policy BPC10(b), which states that the design should reflect the rural nature of Beech's roads. In particular, any gates should be set well back off the road to allow a waiting vehicle to turn off the carriageway.

In addition, we would wish that any eventual permission of this planning application should have planning conditions attached identical to those attached to expired permission ref.54047/011. Suitably updated, they all remain relevant. In particular, Condition 6 relating to preventing surface water discharge onto the highway is essential.

b) 54068/002 120 Medstead Road

Application for consent for works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order. T1 – Field Maple – Fell

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:Beech Parish Council defers to East Hampshire District Council Arboricultural Officer for this

application but would request if the tree is felled it is replaced with a similar mature tree.

c) 30021/071

Land at Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital Site, Chawton Park Road, Alton Variation of condition 1 (external materials), condition 4 (windows and doors), condition 5 (obscure glazing) and condition 16 (approved plans) of 30021/070 (amendment to Reserved Matters application 30021/066 (pursuant to outline application 30021/056) — Development comprising 280 dwellings and a Country Park with access from Chawton Park Road with associated internal access roads, parking, landscaping, open space, footpaths and sustainable urban drainage (SuDS)), detailing changes to housing types, mix, internal layout and parking to plots: 46-50, 57-95 and 97-98

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:Beech Parish Council has no comment to submit.

21.069 ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP/SPEED CAMERAS

- I) Following the report, Appendix A, from Working Group Chairman Charles Cockburn.
- a) **Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Kim Eakers, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:**The Working Group will drop the 400 meter section of proposed footpath from Kings Hill to the Abbey from the plan as suggested by Hampshire County Council as this didn't pass the safety audit. The Working Group will revisit this as a later date.
- b) **Proposed Daniel Gordon, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** The Working Group will hold a public event detailing the proposals and there will be a public consultation.

- c) **Proposed Ingrid McCormack, Seconded Kim Eakers, RESOLVED:** (Tony Ransley abstained) The Working Group are granted a budget of up to £200 for the hire of the Village Hall for the public exhibition and printing and any other costs involved in setting up the exhibition. This will be revisited at the July Parish Council meeting.
- II) Update on educational camera systems and the Police position report from Tony Ransley, Appendix B.

Councillor Daniel Gordon left the meeting.

21.070 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This item to be put on the agenda of the August/September meeting.

21.071 ALTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Kim Eakers, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Council have no comments to submit.

21.072 SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Proposed Ingrid McCormack, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to add the following to the Social Media Policy. 'All Councillors use the social media disclaimer so it's not assumed they are speaking as a Parish Councillor and all Councillors must have two social media accounts, one private and personal and one as a Councillor to avoid any confusion.'

21.073 ACCOUNTS 2021/2022

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the following payments are approved:

a)	Clerk's Salary (June 2021)	£734.20
b)	Clerk's Expenses (June 2021)	£ 15.27
c)	Hampshire Pension Fund (Clerk's Pension – June 2021)	£195.59
d)	HM Revenue & Customs	£ 9.96
e)	DCK Accounting Solutions – Payroll processing	£ 30.35
f)	Beech Village Hall & Recreation Ground – Hall Hire	£ 40.97

21.074 MEETING DATES

Confirmed the date of the next scheduled Council meeting as Monday, 26th July 2021 at 7.30pm with Public Question Time. This meeting will be socially distanced in line with Government advice.

CLOSURE OF MEETING – Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

signed:	
Chairman Beech Parish Council	
date: 26 th July 2021	