

BEECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Monday 20th September 2021

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

21.094 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Daniel Gordon.

21.096 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - **RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23rd August 2021, copies previously circulated,
Proposed as a true record by Kim Eakers, Seconded by Tony Ransley and RESOLVED

21.097 ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

- a) New Footways Project Consultation – 15 consultation response forms have been received to date which is a little disappointing, all Parish Councillors to encourage residents to complete the consultation. The Road Safety Working Group are to provide quotations for the October meeting for Highways Consultant to draw up the proposed footway in a detailed design that can be presented to Hampshire County Council if the consultation response is favourable.
- b) Community Speedwatch
- Hampshire County Council Highways have a special project group that manages traffic speed surveys. The Police have suggested that a speed survey be conducted in the Lower Froyle, Bentwath and Beech areas, possibly using the AutoSpeedWatch cameras, so they can further evaluate the issues around the use AutoSpeedWatch cameras in the area.
 - Police and Crime Commissioner be attending the Hampshire Association of Local Councils AGM this may offer an opportunity to discuss the speed issues we face with the PCC. Also note: the PC is trying to get the PCC to attend a future PC meeting.
 - Speed in the village seems to have reduced to on average 25mph so it may be possible to get a 20mph limit in the centre of the village. However still more than 30 % of vehicles traverse the village at over 35mph some travelling at speeds above 60mph during the hours between 8am and 7pm.
 - Gloucester have officially approved use of Autospeedwatch.

21.098 NEW KINGS HILL BOLLARDS

Hampshire Highways in principle understand the point about the type of bollard and would agree to install possibly wooden posts with reflectors in the future. Beech Parish Council to contact Hampshire Highways in the new financial year, April 2022 .

21.099 EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Proposed Kim Eakers, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Council response to the consultation on Land at Brick Kiln Lane and Basingstoke Road, Alton & Beech is submitted as attached Appendix A.

21.100 CHAWTON PARK FARM SITE

- East Hampshire District Council will hold a full council meeting on the 23rd September to discuss / ratify the site.
- All four large sites are still being considered.
- Chawton Parish Council is planning to employ planning consultants to look at the sustainability proposal of the site, and to prove it is not sustainable in the National Planning Policy terms.
- The workshop on 15th September was attended by Graham Webb and Ruth Duffin.
- **Proposed Kim Eakers, Seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Graham Webb should speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the EHDC meeting on the 23rd September re: the Chawton Park Farm site and that he should also write to the District Council regarding the Whitedown site.

21.101 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WHIGHT – DONNA JONES

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the following comments should be forwarded in response to the Draft Police and Crime Plan:

- There should be customer focused police handling.
- Internet reporting request should retain basic personal information for police reporting for ease of use.
- Police don't seem to reinforce, District Council planning enforcement issues.
- Improved outcomes for victims should not detract from primary crime fighting role.
- Community Police Officer attendance at meetings every quarter.
- 24 hour response ability.

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21.102 CLIMATE CHANGE

Proposed Kim Eakers, seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

Council recognises that we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent action by all levels of government, including this Parish council.

With a view to developing and implementing, as its highest priority, a climate emergency response by Council and the Beech Parish community, Council to decide on the following:

1. Develop a comprehensive climate emergency action plan with a focus on community-wide engagement leading to:
 1. Emissions (CO2) reduction with Beech Parish being
 - a. Less than the UK average of 13 t CO2e per household by 2030 (-54%)
 - b. Carbon neutral by 2050.
 2. Eliminate non recycleable waste (especially plastic) by 2030
 3. Increased biodiversity
2. Make climate a key focus when making all decisions
3. Encourage other councils and higher levels of government to also take climate emergency action
4. Appoint a Climate Action Working Group, further discussion at the October meeting on how to launch the working group and potentially hold a public meeting.

21.103 BANK MANDATE

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Ruth Duffin, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED all new Councillors must be included on the Bank Mandate.

21.104 ACCOUNTS 2021/2022

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Kim Eakers, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to make the following payment:

a)	Clerk's Salary (September 2021)	£734.20
b)	Clerk's Expenses (September 2021)	£ 23.37
c)	Hampshire Pension Fund (Clerk's Pension – September 2021)	£195.59
d)	HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE (July, August & September)	£ 9.96
e)	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd – Payroll processing	£ 30.35
f)	Beech Village Hall and Recreation Ground – PC meeting August (£24.36 & New Footways Project Consultation display (£175.50)	£199.86
g)	PKF Littlejohn LLP – Limited Assurance Review	£240.00
h)	Treloar Trust (IKC) – Printing Footways Consultation Flyer	£ 20.00
i)	Digitus Printing Limited – Neighbourhood Plan Printing	£ 85.00
j)	Information Commissioner – Data Protection renewal fee	£ 40.00

21.105 MEETING START TIME

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that all future meeting of Beech Parish Council will start at 7pm with public question time (non-agenda item) at 6.45pm.

21.106 MEETING DATES

Confirmed the date of the next scheduled Council meeting as Monday, 18th October 2021 at 7pm.

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

signed:

Chairman Beech Parish Council
date: 18th October 2021