

BEECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Monday 22nd November 2021

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

21.128 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

21.129 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - **RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st November 2021, copies previously circulated,
Proposed as a true record by Tony Ransley, Seconded by Ingrid McCormack and RESOLVED

21.130 ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

a) Draft Footways Project Consultation Report and Appendix previously circulated to Council.

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders so members of the Working Group can speak regarding the report.

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

Proposed Ingrid McCormack, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to publish the report and appendix on The Parish Council website.

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Graham Webb updated Council that the Working Group had a number of 'Next Actions' to complete on the Footways Project before it would be ready to be taken to the next stage, detailed design.

b) Autospeedwatch

Tony Ransley report (previously circulated) as follows:

There are some positive and some disappointing items to report.

Firstly, the cameras are in place and have identified a significant number of speedsters. See attached data for Medstead road 100. Regrettably, the cameras do not operate quite as effectively as hoped. We believe this may possibly be due to the HCC Speed Volume and Velocity radar measurement system. Personally, my initial impression is that speeds have already reduced because of the presence of the cameras. We will know more when we get the data.

So far, we have only been able to measure speed uphill, i.e. travelling to the west.

Secondly the local police have shown a positive interest in the cameras especially as we have identified some untaxed vehicles and one without an MOT. They are also interested in working with us to deploy the Police operated speed gun more effectively. They have requested we pass the attached policy at our meeting tomorrow. They hold an Alton Rural operational meeting weekly, and the proposed permanent use of the cameras will be discussed and possibly decided on in that meeting.

Thirdly we have not as yet been able to determine the use of the cameras as average speed devices because of the lack of operational effectiveness presumed to be due to the HCC radar units' presence.

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I will be receiving the HCC traffic volume and speed data later next week and will keep you updated with the numbers revealed in that.

As I was assured by HCC that it would be unlikely that the 2 radar systems would interfere with each other, we have requested that we can keep the ASW units in place for a further 10 days. That should enable us to evaluate the impact of the HCC radar device on the units.

To measure the effectiveness of the ASW system downhill (i.e., travelling East), we will have to move the units to the other side of the road, that may incur some additional cost for further posts and signs, but that cost should still let us remain within the budget as approved at the last meeting.

Tony Ransley also reported that Hampshire County Council Highways have agreed to keep the camera trial going and he will also carry out sight assessments of the individual camera positions.

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt the Autospeedwatch Camera Policy.

- c) S106 Transport Money – this item to be postponed until the final costs are confirmed.

The Parish Council thanked the members of the Road Safety Working Group for all their time and hard work.

21.131 PLANNING

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

- a) 53286/004 Beechwood, 38A Wellhouse Road **NO OBJECTION**
4 x Beech – Proposed works
Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Beech Parish Council have no objection to this application and would defer to the East Hampshire District Council Arboricultural Officer.
- b) 29083/009 Flintstone Manor, 65 Wellhouse Road **NO OBJECTION**
Rear garden office
Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Beech Parish Council have no objection to this application.
- c) 58585/006 Brant Storage & Removals, Basingstoke Road **NO OBJECTION**
Demolition of existing retail unit & replacement building enlarged to include use of roof space for additional storage units in association with the existing storage business.
Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, RESOLVED (Tony Ransley abstained): Beech parish Council have no objection to this application.

21.132 EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNERS VISIT

Graham Webb reported to Council that eleven planning officers visited Beech on the 5th November and were walked round the village by Graham Webb and Tony Ransley so they could put the Beech Neighbourhood Plan in context of the village. The planners were all given a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan and agreed it was a very useful visit.

21.133 EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN

- a) Chawton Park Farm workshop was attended by Graham Webb and Ruth Duffin. The District Council have further work to do on sustainability and layout.
- b) **Proposed Ingrid McCormack, Seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to contribute up to £800 towards Alton Town Council costs of screening the deer park for ancient monument status.

21.134 CLIMATE ACTION

- a) The Climate Action Working Group has been set up and there will be a meeting in December where the Working Group will present a resolution for Council's approval.
- b) To allow Kim Eakers access to the Parish Council website so he can update the Climate Action page.
Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: that the clerk shall remain the sole administrator of the Parish Council website.

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- 21.135 HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS AGM
Graham Webb attended the AGM, the presentation slides have been circulated to Council and the minutes will be circulated when they are received from HALC.
- 21.136 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GRANT REPAYMENT
The balance of the grant is due to be repaid by the end of March 2022, this item will be deferred until nearer the time.
- 21.137 VICTIM SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATION
Proposed Ingrid McCormack, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve grant application of £50.
- 21.138 CLERK'S LAPTOP
Proposed Ingrid McCormack, Seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a new laptop from Cato Computers for £500 plus the cost of transferring the data from the old laptop costing up to £90 plus antivirus software.
- 21.139 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2022/2023
Proposed Ingrid McCormack, Seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Council reviewed and approved the budget and agreed to set the precept at £17,500.
- 21.140 ACCOUNTS 2021/2022
Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve these payments:
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| a) Clerk's Salary (November 2021) | £ 734.20 |
| b) Clerk's Expenses (November 2021) | £ 20.42 |
| c) Hampshire Pension Fund (Clerk's Pension – November 2021) | £ 195.59 |
| d) DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd – Payroll processing (November & December) | £ 60.70 |
| e) Beech Village Hall and Recreation Ground – November PC meetings | £ 28.98 |
| f) Mr A Ransley – Autospeedwatch cameras and equipment | £2,177.58 |
- 21.142 MEETING DATES
Confirmed the date of the next scheduled Council meeting as Monday, 13th December 2021 at 7pm.
- CLOSURE OF MEETING – Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

signed:
Chairman Beech Parish Council
date: 13th December 2021