

# BEECH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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

### 21.143 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Daniel Gordon.

### 21.144 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - **RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, copies previously circulated,  
**Proposed as a true record by Alana Coombes, Seconded by Tony Ransley and RESOLVED**

### 21.145 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Alana Coombes, Ruth Duffin and Tony Ransley all declared an interest in item 10. b) Strathyre, 41 Medstead Road.

### 21.146 ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

The consultation report approved at the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 has been loaded on the Parish Council website, there has been minimal positive feedback on Nextdoor.

The Working Group have started to measure the road width and note features that will be used to draw the detailed design of the scheme.

### 21.147 AUTOSPEEDWATCH - Tony Ransley updated Council.

The autospeedwatch cameras are working but as they rely on solar power this isn't the best time of year.

Several cars have been detected using the average speed check.

The cameras at the Village Hall and on Kings Hill haven't been working properly.

Hampshire County Council radar for the Traffic Velocity and Volume survey is back in the middle of the village as it didn't work properly previously.

Permission has been given to keep the cameras in place for longer, the two cameras that had not been working properly have been moved to new locations and are working well.

Hopefully permission will be given to carry on using the cameras after the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021, if possible to use the cameras on an open ended basis to prove the trial data.

The cameras will be moved to the other side of the road.

The highest speed has reduced by approximately 30%.

The average speed is now below 30mph.

### 21.148 CLIMATE ACTION

**Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, RESOLVED** (Ruth Duffin abstained) to accept and action the following subject to 60 households signing up for the survey, this will be reviewed at the January meeting.

1. Offer a chargeable external Thermal Survey to each Beech householder to:
  - a. Raise awareness of household heat loss and the overall impact on CO2 emissions;
  - b. Identify opportunities for reducing heat loss;
  - c. Drive actions that reduce CO2 emissions from home heating, for example:
    - i. Draught proofing
    - ii. Increased loft insulation
    - iii. Double glazing and or door replacement
2. Subject to achieving a minimum of 60 Beech householders committing to the external Thermal Survey by the end of January 2022:
  - a. Contract with the specialist company, [iRed](#) for the delivery of the Thermal Survey and production of individual reports for each participating household and an aggregated summary
  - b. Deliver the Thermal Surveys by the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022
  - c. Run a workshop with iRed and Alton Energy specialists on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to help householders understand their report and identify actions
  - d. To run a follow up email survey with the participants of the Thermal Survey to identify actions taken and results achieved.
3. Deliver a set of communications to the Beech Parish with the objective of maximizing participation in the Thermal Survey
  - a. A Thermal Survey sign up leaflet to be delivered to each householder
  - b. A follow on visit by a member of the Climate Action work group
  - c. A set of communications using NextDoor, Facebook and the Parish Council website
  - d. A 'walk in' presence at the Beech Coffee and Cake shop

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4. Enable a set of payment options for the cost of the Thermal Survey that enable timely and simple signup
  - a. The Parish Council will enable online banking for the Parish Council bank account to support timely reconciliation of bank transfer payment with householder sign up for the Thermal Survey
  - b. The Parish Council will create an iZettle online payments account and purchase an iZettle card reader to enable
    - i. Face to face payment by credit card and debit card
    - ii. The use of payment links to mobile phones and email address for card payment
  - c. The Parish Council will create an account with GOV.UK PAY to assess feasibility of using GOV.UK Pay to take online payments for the Thermal Survey
5. Commit up to £180 funding to the Thermal Survey project:
  - a. Printing of leaflet, 300 copies, A4, colour, double sided, estimate, £50
  - b. Printing of terms and conditions, 60 copies, A4, single sided, black and white, estimate £25
  - c. iZettle card reader, £29
  - d. Hire of Beech Village Hall to run follow up workshop, £75
  - e. Contingency, £30
  - f. Total of £179
6. Charge Beech residents a fee for the Thermal Survey and workshop  
The fee will be £30.50 per household.

## 21.149 PLANNING

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

(Kim Eakers temporarily left the meeting.)

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| a) | 59564 | Ash Leaze, 87 Medstead Road<br>Single storey side & rear extension. | NO OBJECTION |
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(Kim Eakers rejoined the meeting.)

(Ruth Duffin, Alana Coombes and Tony Ransley left the meeting for the next item.)

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| b) | 54482/012 | Strathyre, 41 Medstead Road<br>Variation of condition 13 of 54482/005 to allow the substitution of the Site Layout Plan and<br>Indicative Site Section on drawing 420.P01B to be replaced with Site Layout Plan and Indicative<br>Site Section on drawing 420.P03B | OBJECT |
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**Proposed Kim Eakers, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:**

Beech Parish Councils previous objection and comments stand.

(Ruth Duffin, Alana Coombes and Tony Ransley rejoined the meeting.)

## 21.150 ACCOUNTS 2021/2022

**Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ruth Duffin, RESOLVED to approve these payments:** (Tony Ransley abstained.)

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| a) | Clerk's Salary (December 2021)  | £ 734.20 |
| b) | Clerk's Expenses (December 2021)                                      | £ 20.89  |
| c) | Hampshire Pension Fund (Clerk's Pension – December 2021)              | £ 195.59 |
| d) | Mr A Ransley – Autospeedwatch cameras and equipment                   | £ 341.95 |
| g) | Hampshire County Council – Volume & velocity traffic survey equipment |          |
| h) | Victim Support – Grant  | £ 50.00  |
| i) | Hampshire Association of Local Councils – training                    | £ 36.00  |
| i) | SLCC Membership renewal   | £ 144.00 |

## 21.151 MEETING DATES

Confirmed the date of the next scheduled Council meeting as Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7pm.

CLOSURE OF MEETING – Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

signed: .....  
Chairman Beech Parish Council  
date: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022