

BEECH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Louisa Thomson
Telephone: 01420 562130 E-Mail: clerk@beechpc.com

Minutes of the Meeting Monday 17th October 2022

PARTICIPANTS : Councillor Graham Webb (Chairman)
Councillor Ruth Duffin
Councillor Tony Ransley
Councillor Kim Eakers
Councillor Alana Coombes
Louisa Thomson - Clerk

22.105 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Ingrid McCormack.

22.106 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - **RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th September 2022, copies previously circulated,

Proposed as a true record by Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes, RESOLVED: signed Chairman Graham Webb

22.107 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Councillor Tony Costigan reported:

Bin Collections – The drivers at the central depot had been offered more money by a competitor to leave, EHDC decided to concentrate on household waste collections. A decision was made to increase the wages to recruit more staff, with larger bottle banks in place in the area. Bin collections are now back to normal and the larger bottle banks will be removed in due course.

The split with Havant and Waterlooville is complete and EHDC can now set up their own contract with Norse. Officers are now back in Penns Place and will be able to get on top of the workload.

There is no news on the proposed North Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Congratulations on AutoSpeedWatch in Beech, hopefully the system will become enforceable by the police, other Parishes are very interested in the system.

Tony Ransley asked if there were plans to shut the Alton recycle centre because he had notice there seemed to be a shortage of staff. Tony Costigan said there are no plans for it to shut.

22.108 PLANNING

Council considered one planning application, their comments to be forwarded to East Hampshire District Council.

21720/010 36 Wellhouse Road, Beech

T1- Field maple, remove dying crown to main fork and reduce remaining live branches by 4-5m leaving an overall height approx 13m.

T2- Ash, fell due to early on set of ash dieback. Replant Rowan/Mountain Ash.

T3-Oak, reduce over extended limb by 3-4m to reduce risk of failure in strong winds.

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Kim Eakers, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to defer to the EHDC Arboricultural Officer for decision on this application.

22.109 ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

i) **Beech Road Safety Working Group - Report to Parish Council 17 October 2022**

On-road Footways: We are chasing Ian Janes (HCC Safety Engineer) as to progress with designing the on-road footways for the village centre and Kings Hill.

New Off-Road Footways: Since the last council meeting the HCC feasibility study has started, with a briefing call followed by a site visit by the HCC engineer on 5th October. He will be returning shortly to take some detailed measurements along the relevant sections of road. The engineer's initial thoughts were as follows.

- East of Bushy Leaze Wood entrance: The principal design challenge is the method by which the path negotiates the 8 road drainage grips and ditches along this section, leaving their functionality unhindered (or possibly even enhanced). The engineer's initial thought is to lay a section of pipe in the mouth of each ditch, filled in with earth on either side, over which the path may pass. He will have to discuss with his drainage team colleagues.
- West of Bushy Leaze Wood entrance: The engineer confirmed that there looks to be insufficient width of HCC-owned roadside verge to construct an engineered footway in this section. The Working group has therefore initiated contact with Forestry England on the subject of clearing a (probably unsurfaced) path on their land, from the Bushy Leaze Wood entrance to the existing unsurfaced roadside path in Seong-Gi Seo's woodland.

BEECH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Louisa Thomson
Telephone: 01420 562130 E-Mail: clerk@beechpc.com

Minutes meeting 17th October 2022 page 2 of 2

- Upper Kings Hill: The engineer saw the merits of an unsurfaced elevated woodland path running west from 72 Kings Hill, and of a rural-style surfaced path running east from Old Park Farm. An unsurfaced woodland path would be an unusual arrangement for HCC, but it is the appropriate option if damage to trees and routes is to be avoided. The chief difficulty may be identifying a safe designated crossing point – north side to south side of road – with adequate traffic visibility.

In general, the HCC engineer will be having to consult many colleagues in different Highways functions before coming to his conclusions. The study is due to be complete in December.

Councillor Ruth Duffin asked if the cost of the Laurel Plants being used to screen the woodland footpath could be funded by the EHDC tree grant scheme.

- ii) Road Incident Reporting System – the Working Group are looking into this and will report at a future meeting.

22.110 SPEED CAMERAS & SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

- i) Report from Tony Ransley attached Appendix A.
- ii) Template letter to be sent to owners of speeding commercial vehicles – to be approved at a future meeting.

22.111 BRIDLE PATHS

Tony Ransley reported that he had met with voluntary groups who were unwilling to lose a bridleway but would be happy to have a new additional bridleway. The proposal is therefore to leave the bridleway from the Recreation Ground to Medstead Road, with an improved surface, and have an additional bridleway through Forestry England land.

22.112 NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS SURVEY

Council to complete the survey as individuals.

22.113 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) NEIGHBOURHOOD PORTION

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to apply to EHDC for the funds.

22.114 ACCOUNTS 2022/2023

- I) Summary of Receipts & Payments for 2nd Quarter Ended 30th September 2022 presented to Council detailing bank reconciliation as follows:

Current Account Balance	£2,407.21
Less: Cheques drawn but not debited as at 31.03.22	-£1,243.79
Deposit Account Balance	£32,689.86
Money Market Balance	<u>£24,751.38</u>
	£58,604.66

- II) **Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ruth Duffin, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

a) Clerk's Salary (October 2022)	£ 744.33
b) Clerk's Expenses (October 2022)	£ 17.19
c) Hampshire Pension Fund (Clerk's Pension – October 2022)	£ 208.29
d) DCK Accounting Solutions Ltd – Monthly payroll processing	£ 36.36
e) Beech Village Hall – Hampshire Constabulary meeting	£ 45.01
f) Victim Support – Grant	£ 50.00

22.115 MEETING DATES

Confirmed the date of the next scheduled Council meeting as Monday, 31st October 2022 at 7pm with public question time at 6.45pm.

CLOSURE OF MEETING – Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.12pm.

signed:
Chairman Beech Parish Council
date: 17th October 2022