

# BEECH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

PARTICIPANTS : Councillor Graham Webb (Chairman) Members of the public  
Councillor Tony Ransley  
Councillor Kim Eakers  
Louisa Thomson - Clerk

### 22.116 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Ingrid McCormack, Ruth Duffin and Alana Coombes

### 22.117 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - **RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022, copies previously circulated,

**Proposed as a true record by Tony Ransley, Seconded Kim Eakers, RESOLVED: signed Chairman Graham Webb**

**Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Kim Eakers, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders so members of the public can speak about the next item.**

Neighbours of the applicant expressed their objections to the proposed dwelling due to the size and proximity to their property. The proposed dwelling will completely fill the width of the plot and the side elevation will be "like the side of a supermarket". The neighbours are also very concerned that the trees between the properties which provide the only screening, will be damaged during construction, and wouldn't have any light following construction. They are concerned the trees have been under valued on the applicants tree report. They are also totally opposed to the height, 6.6 meters, and materials, potentially white PVC.

**Proposed Kim Eakers, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.**

### 22.118 PLANNING

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

30084/002 Catalpa, 66 Wellhouse Road

#### **OBJECT**

Two storey dwelling with basement and integral double garage, with associated parking and landscaping following demolition of existing dwelling.

**Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Kim Eakers, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:**

Beech Parish Council **OBJECTS** to this planning application.

The size and shape of the proposed new house, taken together with its monolithic design, is excessively (and oppressively) overbearing on the close-by neighbouring properties on each side. The effect is exacerbated by the largely featureless nature of the building's side walls, and by the fact that the full-height building extends across virtually the full width of the plot.

This means that the proposed new house conflicts with the Beech Neighbourhood Development Plan in two respects:-

- It conflicts with Policy BPC06(b) in that the massing of the building is excessive compared to that of neighbouring houses, and is excessive for the plot width and the proximity to neighbouring houses.
- It conflicts with Policy BPC07(b) in that the effect on the immediately neighbouring residents will be to significantly adversely affect their outlook and, in some aspects, sunlight.

Policy BPC06(a) states support for "appropriate innovative design". In our view a house of this mass and design might be considered appropriate if sited significantly further away from neighbouring properties; but that seems unlikely to be possible on this plot if the established building line is to be respected as per Policy BPC06(b).

Also, we note that the applicant proposes to retain all existing trees and hedges on the plot, which would comply with Policy BPC07(c) and which might provide some screening to neighbouring properties. But it seems unlikely that this could be achieved given the proximity of the building works to vegetation on the plot boundaries in particular. We ask that EHDC's Arboricultural Officer reviews this application for acceptability in terms of tree/hedge protection and retention during and after construction.

We also note that there is no environmental impact assessment in the application.

If this application were to be permitted, we ask that the following conditions be applied:

- That the flat roofs (above the ground floor and above the first floor) will not be permitted to be used as living space or for recreational purposes.
- That there is a prior approved plan for tree and hedge protection during construction.
- That any trees or hedges (anywhere on the plot) that are removed or damaged during construction, or which die in the first five years after construction, should be replaced with equivalent planting (or more durable and effective planting if the dieback is caused by proximity of the new house), all as per Policy BPC07(c).
- That there is a prior approved plan for external lighting that minimises light pollution and any adverse impact on the neighbouring properties (as per Policy BPC07(d)).

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- That there is a prior approved plan for the disposal of spoil from the extensive basement excavation, and for any landscaping measures elsewhere on the plot that form part of the spoil disposal plan.

## 22.119 AUTOSPEEDWATCH

- Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Kim Eakers, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve annual data renewal expenditure of £444, £148 per camera per annum.
- Meeting with AutoSpeedWatch and Hampshire Constabulary, Tony Ransley reported:

'It is not until you see the detail behind the Hampshire Police community speed management that you realise how much effort goes into ensuring people drive within the speed limit on our roads. The dedication required by police officers to make the system work is astounding.

The current police speed management systems have been refined using data from Hampshire Speedwatch and the Road Policing units to effectively manage deployment of Roadside Speedwatch and the Police 'Home Office approved' cameras (both handheld and Vans). The output of that management system results in addressing offenders via the 'Letters, Police Visits, speed awareness courses, fines, prosecutions' process.

As a result of recent discussions, the East Hampshire District Commander, Chief Inspector Habib Rahman, has committed to putting forward proposals to run a three-month trial in Beech to evaluate and test the data produced by community speed cameras. The trial will also address how best to migrate the camera data into the current police community speed monitoring and management systems.

By using the community speed cameras that are already available and being utilised in Beech, the project will, in a relatively short timeframe, be able to establish whether the AutoSpeedWatch camera data can be used by the police to help further reduce speeding across the district.

The district will need approval to proceed before starting the trial. They will also need some funding to modify and enhance the existing IT systems. The East Hampshire Chief Inspector has committed to explore all available channels so that the trial can proceed.'

## 22.120 BRIDLE PATHS – Nothing to update

## 22.121 ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

Graham Webb updated that's Hampshire County Council have carried out the on-site survey for the on road footways.

## 22.122 HAMPSHIRE PENSION FUND

**Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Kim Eakers, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to remain in the Town and Parish Council Group of employers.

## 22.123 ACCOUNTS 2022/2023

**Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Kim Eakers, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

a)	Cato Computers – Tony Ransley expense	£ 19.99
b)	AutoSpeedWatch	£444.00
c)	Beech Village Hall – Parish Council meetings September & October x 2	£69.88

## 22.124 MEETING DATES

Confirmed the date of the next scheduled Council meeting as Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 8.10pm.

signed: .....  
Chairman Beech Parish Council  
date: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022