

# BEECH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

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

### 22.125 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Ingrid McCormack

### 22.126 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - **RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022, copies previously circulated,

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

### 22.127 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Ruth Duffin declared an interest in planning item 59914 – Sarum, 1 Snode Hill.

### 22.128 PLANNING

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

**(Councillor Ruth Duffin took no part in the discussion or decision for this item.)**

59914 Sarum, 1 Snode Hill, Beech

**NO OBJECTION**

4 bay garage with office/ancillary accommodation above following removal of existing car port.

**Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Kim Eakers, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** Beech Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application.

### 22.129 ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

#### i) **Beech Road Safety Working Group - Report to Parish Council 21 November 2022**

**On-road footways:** Ian Janes (HCC) has informed us that he carried out his detailed design site visit in the last week of October. He aims to provide us with his detailed proposals by the end of December, workload permitting.

**Off-road footways:** HCC have started work on the Feasibility Study of our proposed new off-road footways. The draft report is expected in mid December. The Chairman is due to have a progress call with HCC on this, later this week.

Contact has been made with Forestry England regarding the proposed woodland path on the edge of Bushy Leaze Wood opposite 180 Medstead Road, and also about the FE/HCC boundary on the verge further down Medstead Road. The FE land surveyor has advised that he is unlikely to engage on these issues until the New Year.

On 17 November residents and volunteers planted the permanent laurel screen alongside the private woodland footpath, opposite 188-194 Medstead Road. The residents will water the young plants over the winter. The construction date for the temporary fence screen is planned to be in the first two weeks of December.

HCC is due to report in January on its consultation on introducing 20mph limits and zones on some of the county's roads.

ii) Road Incident Reporting System – the Road Safety Working Group need to carry out more work before reporting to the Parish Council.

### 22.130 SPEED CAMERAS & SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

i) The Speed Indicator Sign (SID) batteries need to be charged; they aren't getting enough sunlight to charge. The AutoSpeedWatch (ASW) cameras are only working for part of the time due to the poor weather which consequently means the batteries aren't charging.

Representatives from the Police and East Hampshire District Council are meeting with members of Beech Parish Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> November to discuss funding and timing of an ASW trial. The Police are keen to see if EHDC can fine speeders.

The cameras recorded 1000 vehicles per day with the average speed below 30mph, 5% ignore all signage and cameras.

ii) Template letter to be sent to owners of speeding commercial vehicles; this is on hold at the moment and maybe reviewed at a later date.

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- 22.131 BRIDLE PATHS – Waiting for a response from Forestry England.
- 22.132 EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN SEMINAR  
Graham Webb reported: This was an introduction to the Local Plan Consultation, presentation slides from EHDC have been circulated to councillors. The Parish Council will respond to the consultation at the next Parish Council meeting. There will be a public presentation by EHDC at the Assembly Rooms on the 7<sup>th</sup> December.
- 22.133 CITIZEN ADVICE EAST HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE  
Presentation slides have been circulated to councillors by Tony Ransley.
- 22.134 ANNUAL CO2 SELF ASSESSMENT FOR HOME ENERGY CONSUMPTION  
The CO2 self-assessment will be repeated in January, either by completing a paper form which will be circulated with the Beech Newsletter in early January or by completing an electronic form which will be available on the Parish Council website. A summarised version of improvements will be published by the end of February and a workshop will be held in March.
- Proposed Ruth Duffin, Seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to agree the approach in principle, approve the form for distribution and authorise the form printing costs of up to £30.
- 22.135 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2023-2024  
Council reviewed and confirmed the proposed budget for 2023-2024.  
**Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Kim Eakers, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to set the precept for 2023-2024 at £18,000.
- 22.136 INTERNET BANKING – Clerk to confirm further details with HSBC.
- 22.137 COUNCIL TELEPHONE CONTACT DETAILS  
**Proposed Kim Eakers, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to use email contact details only.
- 22.138 ACCOUNTS 2022/2023  
**Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Kim Eakers, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:
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| a) | Clerk's Salary (November 2022)                            | £744.33 |
| b) | Clerk's Expenses (November 2022)                          | £19.57  |
| c) | Hampshire Pension Fund (Clerk's pension November)         | £208.29 |
| d) | DCK Accounting Solutions Ltd – Monthly Payroll processing | £36.36  |
| e) | Beech Village Hall – Parish Council meeting               | £23.29  |
| f) | Anthony Ransley – ASW expenses                            | £40.60  |
| g) | PJ Grace – Medstead Road Footpath strimming               | £720.00 |
- 22.139 MEETING DATES  
Confirmed the date of the next scheduled Council meeting as Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm with public question time at 6.45pm.
- 22.140 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – No members of the public or press were present.
- 22.141 CLERK'S SALARY  
**Proposed Ruth Duffin, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to approve the Clerk's pay increase in line with the recent Local Government Association pay agreement, pay increase to be back dated to the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

CLOSURE OF MEETING – Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

signed: .....  
Chairman Beech Parish Council  
date: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022