

15th May 2023 Minutes – Appendix A

Beech parish council objectives for the financial year 2023-24

1. To carry out in full, and in line with Government rules and regulations, all of the statutory duties and functions of Beech parish council.
2. To hold a parish council meetings in at least 10 calendar months of the year, and to hold council meetings more frequently than monthly where council business so demands.
3. To provide a forum for public questions prior to each parish council meeting, and to hold an Annual Parish Meeting in March each year.
4. To review every planning application and planning appeal for which the parish council is a statutory consultee, subject to adequate lead times being given.
5. To uphold and implement the policies of the Beech Neighbourhood Development Plan.
6. To consider responding to public consultations when invited to do so by EHDC, HCC and other public bodies.
7. To broadly maintain the previous financial year's items of regular expenditure, allowing for inflation.
8. To levy a council tax precept that covers the budgeted regular expenditure, plus a modest contingency amount, so as to avoid the regular expenditure depleting the council's reserves if possible.
9. To continue operating the village's AutoSpeedWatch camera system and to obtain its approval by Hampshire Constabulary for speeding enforcement in the manner of Community SpeedWatch. Also to pursue with HCC a 20mph zone in Beech if and when HCC policy permits.
10. To complete the full design of new footways the full length of Medstead Road and Kings Hill, and to have completed, as a minimum, all planned new on-road footway construction.
11. To fund expenditure on new footway schemes, speed camera initiatives, speed indicator devices and footpath/bridleway improvements from (i) CIL & S106 monies received from EHDC; and (ii) grant monies from other external sources, augmented where necessary by funds from the parish council's reserves earmarked for road safety measures.
12. To pursue Beech parish council's climate change initiative, principally through education and public participation, with any expenditure on the initiative principally met by participating Beech residents.
13. To facilitate the provision of fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) broadband to those parts of the village that do not already enjoy it.