

BEECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Monday 31st July 2023

PARTICIPANTS : Councillor Graham Webb (Chairman) Louisa Thomson (Clerk)
Councillor Kim Eakers
Councillor Nikki Pickard
Councillor Ingrid McCormack
Councillor Ruth Duffin
Councillor Alana Coombes

23.100 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Tony Ransley and Alana Coombes, Alana arrived late.

23.101 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th June 2023, copies previously circulated,
Proposed as a true record by Kim Eakers, Seconded by Ruth Duffin RESOLVED and signed by Chairman Graham Webb

23.102 PLANNING

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

59749 Buena Vista, 70 Wellhouse Road, Beech

NO OBJECTION

The demolition of the existing house and outbuildings, the construction of a replacement 5-bedroom dwelling, car port and repositioned access.

Proposed Kim Eakers, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Beech Parish Council has no objection to this planning application. We are content with the repositioning of the dwelling on the plot, following the building line, and that its design is in keeping with its surroundings.

We support the environmentally-friendly measures that are being proposed for the new house, but ask that the applicant considers a more energy efficient heating system, in line with Policy BPC07(e) of the Beech Neighbourhood Plan.

We request that any permission be accompanied by the following condition. That the design and materials of the driveway and the parking area in front of the house be such that:

- surface water does not drain onto Wellhouse Road from the plot, and is instead disposed of within the plot itself; and
 - gravel or similar loose material is not washed onto Wellhouse Road in heavy rain.
- Details should be supplied to EHDC, and approved, before any development starts.

23.103 SOUTH EAST WATER

Proposed Kim Eakers, Seconded Ruth Duffin, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to suspend Standing Orders so a member of the public can address the council.

A member of the public told the council of all the problems they have experienced at their property due to the high water pressure.

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Kim Eakers, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to reinstate Standing Orders.

Proposed Nikki Pickard, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to approve the expenditure of up to £80 distribute a flyer, create an online form, and hold an event in the Village Hall to recruit volunteers for a Water Working Group and SpeedWatch Group.

23.104 EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL PLAYING PITCH AND SPORTS FACILITIES

Proposed Kim Eakers, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to respond to the EHDC survey as follows: Interest has been expressed in the provision in the village of: tennis court; cricket nets; basketball practice hoop; outdoor gym. Beech village has no sports facilities other than the relatively small outdoor spaces of the village green and the recreation ground, both of which are owned by the village hall trustees and cater for informal play/recreation only. Therefore only small sports facilities would be feasible. Beech is close to Alton, which provides facilities for many organised sports and has a large array of pitches and indoor sports facilities.”

23.105 FOOTWAYS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Update from Graham Webb

- Beech Road Safety Working Group have a meeting scheduled with EHDC to discuss further applications for CIL funding.
- Bridleway Medstead Road to the Recreation Ground – the timber has been delivered and the handrail will be installed on Thursday 14th September.

23.106 PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL – move from Roundcube to Googledocs

This item to be postponed until more information is found on how this would work and how it would be administered.

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23.107 ACCOUNTS 2023/2024

Proposed Kim Eakers, Seconded Alana Coombes and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: payments are approved. Items c – f will be paid immediately and authorised by Ingrid McCormack, items a and b to be paid later in August and will be authorised by Graham Webb.

a)	Clerk's Salary (August 2023)	£ 799.99
b)	Hampshire Pension Fund (Clerk's pension August 2023)	£ 223.46
c)	Nikki Pickard – travel expenses councillor training	£ 25.70
d)	Mr A Ransley – ASW camera batteries purchase	£176.56
e)	Elan City Ltd – ASW camera battery housing	£300.58
f)	Mr G Webb – handrail fixings	£42.98

23.108 MEETING DATES

Confirmed the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Monday, 25th September 2023 at 7pm with public question time at 6.45pm.

CLOSURE OF MEETING – Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8pm.

signed:
Chairman Beech Parish Council
date:25th September 2023