

BEECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Monday 25th September 2023

PARTICIPANTS : Councillor Graham Webb (Chairman) Louisa Thomson (Clerk)
Councillor Kim Eakers
Councillor Nikki Pickard District Councillor Tony Costigan
Councillor Ingrid McCormack
Councillor Tony Ransley Member of the public
Councillor Ruth Duffin
Councillor Alana Coombes

23.109 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 31st July 2023, copies previously circulated,

Proposed as a true record by Tony Ransley, Seconded by Ingrid McCormack RESOLVED and signed by Chairman Graham Webb

23.110 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

East Hampshire District Councillor Tony Costigan reported.

Speeding:

- The same car has been recorded speeding through Beech 134 times.
- Hampshire County Council can't deal with speeding without consent from the police. Tony is pushing the Police to get involved.
- Tony wants fines to be issued to get the message through to drivers.
- The Police have realised there's lots of data from the cameras that they can use.
- Many Parish Councils missed the deadline for the AutoSpeedWatch camera application.
- A BBC interviewer is meeting Tony Costigan and Tony Ransley together with a PR officer from EHDC, hopefully the interview will be aired on the southern news.

The camera Kings Hill isn't working properly and needs replacing, Tony has told the clerk to submit a grant application form to him to cover the cost of a new camera.

Since the elections the number of cabinet members has reduced which means that Tony is now responsible for six portfolios.

23.111 PLANNING

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

34394/007 Old Park Farm, Abbey Road, Medstead, Alton **NO OBJECTION**
Installation of 72 solar panels on nine ground mounted racks on land currently used for agricultural purposes.

Proposed Kim Eakers, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Beech Parish Council has no objection to this application.

23.112 PUBLIC MEETING 15TH SEPTEMBER

i) South East Water

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to suspend Standing Orders so Nick Ward can address the council.

- Following the public meeting Nick Ward is forming a small working group to gather data to find which houses are effected and if there are any common appliances which are effected.
- A paper questionnaire will be delivered to every household and an online form will be available on the Parish Council website. The Parish Council website will have a dedicated page. Hopefully a good response will be received, the more evidence that can be gathered will provide a stronger argument with South East Water.
- Carry out a review of the water industry standards and specifications for standard equipment.

Proposed Ruth Duffin, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to reinstate Standing Orders.

ii) Speedwatch / Speeding Data

Update from Tony Ransley

- Police have spent some time in the village with speed guns.
- In the last two weeks traffic volumes have reduced and therefore less speeders.
- Typically, 25% of traffic speeds but speeds are generally reducing.

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23.113 FOOTWAYS AND BRIDLEWAYS

- **Proposed Kim Eakers, Seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** that Graham sends an email conveying the Parish Councils thanks to the Alton Ramblers for their help with installing the handrail on the bridleway from Medstead Road to the Recreation Ground.
- **Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** the clerk claim the balance of the S106 money to use against the Hampshire County Council feasibility study invoice.

23.114 PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL

Proposed Ingrid McCormack, Seconded Tony Ransley, CARRIED (Ruth Duffin abstained): to use Google Drive, update the Parish Councils policy documents to incorporate the management of working documents within an overall online filing system and approve the expenditure of £1.59 per month.

23.115 ACCOUNTS 2022/2023

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: the Conclusion of Audit notice remains on the notice board and website until the 17th October.

23.116 ACCOUNTS 2023/2024

Proposed Kim Eakers, Seconded Nikki Pickard and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: payments are approved and will be authorised by Ingrid McCormack.

a)	Clerk's Salary - September 2023	£799.99
b)	Clerk's Expenses – September 2023	£55.01
c)	Hampshire Pension Fund - Clerk's pension September 2023	£223.46
d)	HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE July, August & September	£30.09
d)	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd – monthly payroll processing August & September	£72.72
e)	BDO LLP – Limited Assurance Review	£252.00
f)	East Hampshire District Council – Election Fees	£95.00
g)	Information Commissioner – Data Protection fee renewal	£40.00
h)	Beech Village Hall – (Public meeting £30 + monthly meeting £23.29)	£53.29
i)	AJD Precision – ASW camera housing	£950.40
i)	Wildly Upbeat Printers – Public meeting leaflet printing	£40.00

23.117 MEETING DATES

Confirmed the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Monday, 23rd October 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 8.40pm.

signed:

Chairman Beech Parish Council

date:23rd October 2023