

# BEECH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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

### 23.142 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Kim Eakers.

### 23.143 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023, copies previously circulated,

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

### 23.144 PLANNING

Council considered two planning applications, their comments to be forwarded to East Hampshire District Council.

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| i)  | 31446/005 | Woodlawn, 104 Medstead Road, Beech<br>Detached dwelling<br><b>Proposed Nikki Pickard, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:</b><br>Beech Parish Council objects to this application on the basis the proposed new plot would be less than 0.2 ha, in contravention of the principle requirement of BPC06 d) of the Beech Neighbourhood Plan.  | <b>OBJECT</b> |
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| ii) | 27887/015 | Keepers Lodge, Basingstoke Road, Alton<br>Application to determine if prior approval is required for an agricultural building for storage of machinery and hay for agricultural use.<br><b>Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Nikki Pickard, RESOLVED BY MAJORITY (Ruth Duffin abstained):</b><br>If prior approval is required, Beech Parish Council objects to this application. The large size of the proposed building, in particular its 9 metre height, will have an adverse effect on the intrinsic character and beauty of the surrounding countryside (in contravention of Beech Neighbourhood Plan Policy BPC02). The very tall building would be close to the A339 and would be very obtrusive. | <b>OBJECT</b> |

### 23.145 BRANT STORAGE

Invitation to council to tour the site – Graham Webb to write declining the invitation.

### 23.146 AUTOSPEEDWATCH CAMERAS

Update from Councillor Tony Ransley:

- Cumbria use ASW cameras to monitor 20mph zones.
- Gloucester police write 10 letters to speeders for each camera each week, Parish Councils pay for the postage.
- Hampshire and Thames Valley police recommended to the Police and Crime Commissioner not to use the ASW data.
- The Department of Transport agreed to set up a committee to look into speeding regulations.
- It's hoped that local police will deploy speed guns based on the ASW data.

### 23.147 SOUTH EAST WATER

Report from Working Group attached as Appendix A.

### 23.148 FOOTWAYS PROJECT – no update

### 23.149 DRAINAGE GRIPS AND DITCHES

Graham Webb has sent a standard letter to HCC on behalf of the Parish Council and still awaits a reply.

### 23.150 LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT FOR EAST HAMPSHIRE

**Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to remind EHDC of the Beech Landscape Character Assessment included in the Neighbourhood Plan, and request it's included.

### 23.151 CLERK'S CONTRACT

**Proposed Ruth Duffin, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, RESOLVED BY MAJORITY (Tony Ransley abstained):** to confirm the changes to the Clerk's contract.

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## 23.152 ACCOUNTS 2023/2024

**Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** the following payments are approved and will be authorised by Graham Webb.

a)	Clerk's Salary - December 2023	£842.46
b)	Clerk's Expenses – December 2023	£6.30
c)	Hampshire Pension Fund - Clerk's pension December 2023	£238.62
d)	HMRC – October – December	£224.12
e)	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd – monthly payroll processing December 2023	£36.36
f)	Beech Village Hall – Monthly meeting room hire	£23.29

## 23.153 MEETING DATES

Confirmed the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 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: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024