

BEECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Monday 20th January 2025

PARTICIPANTS : Councillor Kim Eakers - Chairman
Councillor Tony Ransley
Councillor Ingrid McCormack
Councillor Nikki Pickard
Councillor Alana Coombes
Louisa Thomson – Clerk to the Council

25.001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Ruth Duffin.

25.002 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th November 2024, copies previously circulated,
Proposed as a true record by Alana Coombes, Seconded by Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED and signed by Chairman Kim Eakers.

25.003 PLANNING

Land at Whitedown Lane, Basingstoke Road, Alton

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders so members of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party can address councillors.

Recommend drafting comments referencing compliance with the Beech Neighbourhood Plan.

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: that Graham Webb from the Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group will draft comments for council to review when they have received a formal application from EHDC.

25.004 BEECH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

a) Alana Coombes updated

- The Working Group will meet once a fortnight.
- They have a meeting arranged with EHDC on the 28th January, the Working Group are hoping to gauge the EHDC draft plan.
- Consultant John Slater can attend the meeting at EHDC.

Proposed Ingrid McCormack, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders so members of the Working Group can address councillors.

The meeting with EHDC is an initial meeting with John Slater present, hopefully it will inform John which items need addressing:

- How the District Council will progress housing allocations.
- Potential changes to the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Marry together the process for the Neighbourhood Plan review and align with the EHDC timeline.

Proposed Ingrid McCormack, Seconded Nikki Pickard, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

25.005 OLD GRANGE ROAD

Proposed Ingrid McCormack, Seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders.

Members of the Beech Road Safety Working Group are looking for their next project and would be happy to take on the review of footpaths in Beech.

Proposed Ingrid McCormack, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

OLD GRANGE ROAD:

1. Beech Road Safety Working Group review overall footpath inventory and prioritise where they need improvement which will provide benefit to the village.
2. Work with Tony Ransley to review costings and work for Old Grange Road.

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, RESOLVED (Tony Ransley objected)

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25.006 ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

Proposed Ingrid McCormack, Seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to members of the BRSWG can update council.

Beech Road Safety Working Group updated the final walk through with Hampshire Highways will take place on the 22nd for final project sign off.

Check with Hampshire Highways regarding:

- 20mph considerations.
- Possible signage / road markings to mark footpath crossings
- Request return of Beech signs which were removed by Hampshire Highways.

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

25.007 AUTOSPEEDWATCH CAMERA AND SPEED INDICATOR SIGN

a) November ASW report attached Appendix A.

b) Update from Tony Ransley:

- So far the average speed has reduced by 1mph, hopefully the on road footway will reduce it further.
- Tony attended a meeting at the Houses of Parliament where it was proposed that following frequent AutoSpeedwatch offences the offender will be required to attend a speed awareness course.
NOTE: following three Speedwatch offences the offender will receive a visit from the police is the current practice but does not apply to AutoSpeedWatch offenses.
- Police and Crime Commissioner is supporting action against frequent speeders.
- Two additional ASW cameras have been installed, the third will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

25.008 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

The ASW information can be used to support the 20MPH application for Medstead Road however for Wellhouse Road to be included it will be necessary for Hampshire Highways to carry out a traffic count.

The proposed 20mph zone would cover Wellhouse Road and part of Medstead Road from the Bushy Leaze entrance to the 40pmh limit.

Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Ingrid McCormack, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: to approve expenditure of £326 for Hampshire Highways to carry out a traffic count on Wellhouse Road. The Clerk will contact Hampshire Highways for the count to be carried out outside St Peter's Church, Wellhouse Road.

25.009 DEFIBRILLATOR

Waiting for a reply from the insurance company as to whether the defibrillator is insured if the cabinet is left unlocked.

25.010 HAMPSHIRE ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Hampshire Association of Local Councils passed the motion, Clerk to ask for an update.

25.011 SOUTH EAST WATER

Kim Eakers updated following a meeting with South East Water Operations representatives in November. South East Water committed to implementing a new process to expedite repairs where pressure is higher than the bar and draft a communication which will be sent to 110 households confirming the process.

Kim Eakers will chase for the draft communication.

25.012 ACCOUNTS 2024/2025

l) Summary of Receipts & Payments for 3rd Quarter ended 31st December 2024 were presented to Council detailing bank reconciliation as follows:

Current Account Balance	£ 1,357.30
Deposit Account Balance	£17,223.89
High Interest Deposit Bond –0296	£ 8,759.10
High Interest Deposit Bond - 3231	<u>£17,962.61</u>
	<u>£45,302.90</u>

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- II) **Proposed Alana Coombes, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the following payments are approved, payments will be authorised by Kim Eakers.

a) Clerk's Salary (December 2024) - Paid	£881.75
b) Hampshire Pension Fund (Clerk's Pension December 2024) – Paid	£248.78
c) HMRC – October, November and December 2024 – Paid	£175.84
d) Clerk's Salary (January 2025)	£881.95
e) Clerk's Expenses (January 2025) – including HOST100 beechpc.com renewal	£223.66
f) Hampshire Pension Fund (Clerk's pension – January 2025)	£248.78
g) DCK Accounting Solutions Ltd – Monthly Payroll processing Dec '24 & Jan '25	£72.72
h) Beech Village Hall and Recreation Ground – January 2025 meeting	£24.76
i) Tony Ransley - AutoSpeedWatch Camera repairs and installation	£62.27
j) AutoSpeedWatch – Camera (S106 funded) – Paid	£943.59

25.013 MEETING DATES - Confirmed the date of the next Council meeting as Monday, 17th February 2025 at 7pm.

CLOSURE OF MEETING - Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting.

signed:
Chairman Beech Parish Council
date: 10th February 2025