

BEECH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Monday 17th March 2025

PARTICIPANTS : Councillor Kim Eakers – Chairman
Councillor Tony Ransley
Councillor Ruth Duffin
Councillor Nikki Pickard
Councillor Alana Coombes

Louisa Thomson - Clerk
Members of the Public and Working Groups

25.026 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Ingrid McCormack.

25.027 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th February 2025, copies previously circulated.

Proposed as a true record by Nikki Pickard, Seconded by Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED and signed by Chairman Kim Eakers.

25.028 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Ruth Duffin declared a possible interest the planning item.

25.029 PLANNING

Council to decide if they have any further comments to forward to the Planning Inspectorate

APP/M 1 7 10M 12513359870

NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF A PLANNING APPEAL TOWN AND COUNTRY
PLANNING ACT, 1990

Land North Of 24 Wellhouse Road, Beech

Outline application for 5 dwellings, access & associated parking (Access
only to be Considered all other matters reserved) (amended description 27.09.241.

Chairman Eakers suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.

Chairman Eakers reinstated Standing Orders.

Proposed Tony Ransley, Seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: Beech Parish Council stands by its original objections which will have been forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate from EHDC.

25.030 BEECH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

Alana Coombes updated that the Housing Site Consultation had been delivered to all households and public meeting will be held on Saturday 22nd March to allow members of the village to speak with the Working Group. The results of the consultation will be analysed and the results used to decide how to take the review forward.

Chairman Eakers suspended Standing Orders to allow Graham Webb from the Working Group to update council.

Graham updated that to date 20 responses had been received on paper and online. The consultation closing date is the 31st March 2025.

Chairman Eakers reinstated Standing Orders.

Kim Eakers thanked the Working Group.

25.031 BEECH ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

- a) **Proposed Ruth Duffin, Seconded Alana Coombes, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to change the working group name to Beech Road Safety and Footpaths Working Group (BRSFWG)
- b) Graham Webb in conjunction with Alton Ramblers is walking the footpaths in Beech to assess their condition and any works that need carrying out.

Chairman Eakers suspended Standing Orders to allow Graham Webb from the Working Group to address council.

Graham raised the issue of the blocked grips and ditches in the village, he will source quotations to have them cleared, and asked if CIL money could be used for this.

Chairman Eakers reinstated Standing Orders.

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25.032 AUTO SPEEDWATCH

February report attached Appendix A and is available on the Parish Council website.

25.033 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT

- a) **Proposed Ruth Duffin, Seconded Tony Ransley, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** to approve expenditure of £175 for Hampshire County Council Technical assessment of 20mph speed limit application.
b & c) Will be added to the April agenda.

25.034 SOUTH EAST WATER

Chairman Eakers suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the Working Group to speak.

Nick Ward confirmed the letter from South East Water will be sent to residents with pressure over 10 bars.

Chairman Eakers reinstated Standing Orders.

Kim Eakers updated

- South East Water are looking at a long term solution in their 5 year plan.
- The letter to residents has been agreed and will be sent from South East Water.

25.035 HEDGE MAINTENANCE – Nothing to agree.

25.036 ACCOUNTS

Proposed Alana, Seconded Ingrid, RESOLVED (Tony Ransley abstained) that the following payment are approved, payments will be authorised by Kim Eakers.

a)	Clerk's Salary - March 2025	£881.75
b)	Clerk's Expenses – March 2025	£26.19
c)	Hampshire Pension Fund - Clerk's Pension March 2025	£248.78
d)	HM Revenue & Customs – January, February and March 2025	£90.46
e)	DCK Accounting Solutions Ltd – Monthly Payroll Processing March 2025	£36.36
f)	Beech Village Hall and Recreation Ground – February and March 2025	£49.52
g)	Hampshire County Council – Automatic Traffic Count	£391.20
h)	Hampshire County Council - Technical assessment of 20mph speed limit application	£175.00
i)	Wildly Upbeat Printers – Housing Site Consultation printing	£135.00
k)	Tony Ransley – ASW / SID expenditure	£236.50

25.037 MEETING DATES

The next scheduled Council meeting will be Monday, 14th April 2025 at 7pm public question time (non-agenda items) at 6.45pm.

CLOSURE OF MEETING – Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.44pm

signed:

Chairman Beech Parish Council

date: 14th April 2025