

**Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Frilsham Parish Council held on
Wednesday 30th March 2022 in Frilsham Clubroom.**

Present

Cllr. M. Allum (Chairman)
Cllr. G. Barber
Cllr. D. Benning
Cllr. B. Lyon
Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk)

Fiona Miller – Chair of Beechfield Lane Residents Association
Wendy Grogan – Secretary of Beechfield Lane Residents Association

1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr. A. Arnold, Cllr. M. Goodenough and District Cllr. Culver.

2 To receive declarations of interest.

There were no changes to the register of interests. Cllr. Benning declared an interest in Beechfield Lane.

3 Beechfield Lane Improvement Project.

3.1 Legal Position.

Any contribution made to Beechfield Lane Residents Association (BLRA), must be made within the powers of FPC. Having consulted with both the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), the only way in which FPC can currently legally contribute to the project is using Section 137, which is limited to £8.41 per electorate in FY21/22 and £8.82 in FY22/23. In FY21/22, FPC has used this power to contribute £300 to the WB libraries. When using S137 funds, the amount must be commensurate with the benefit.

If FPC had the General Power of Competence, it would have “*the power to do anything an individual may do*”. To claim the General Power of Competence, three conditions must be met: two thirds or more of councillors must be elected (rather than co-opted), the Clerk must be qualified with at least the Certificate in Local Council administration (CiLCA) and FPC must resolve to adopt the General Power of Competence. The Clerk is currently working towards the CiLCA qualification, once obtained, FPC would be eligible to make this claim.

3.2 Contribution and power to be used.

It was unanimously agreed that S137 payments of £1,844.55 for FY21/22 and of £2,249.10 for FY22/23 would be made to the BLRA. It was agreed that improvements to the surface of Beechfield Lane are a benefit to the wider community.

There was a discussion about FPC claiming the General Power of Competence, once the Clerk has completed the CiLCA qualification, at which time further funds may be available for Beechfield Lane, but this could not be committed to.

It was further agreed that CIL money would be used for this donation because it improves the local infrastructure.

4 Annual Parish Assembly – Wednesday 18th May.

There was a discussion about possible speakers for the Annual Assembly. The options suggested included:

- the Police and Crime Commissioner (Matthew Barber),
- a representative from the Joint European Torus at Callum Laboratories to speak on the European fusion research programme,

- a representative from the Samaritans.

It was agreed to invite a representative from the Samaritans. This year the event will be advertised using posters around the community and the WhatsApp group. Fliers will not be distributed.

5 Any other business.

5.1 The BMX track in the Beechwood.

There was a sharing of information and discussion about the BMX track which has been built in the beechwood and the use it is attracting.

5.2 Fly Tipping.

There has been an incidence of fly tipping near the motorway; this has been reported to WBC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Annual meeting of Frilsham Parish Council: Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm.

Annual Parish Assembly: Wednesday 18th May at 7.30pm.

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