

**MINUTES**  
**BEAN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.00 pm at**  
**Bean Village Hall**

Members noted that the guillotine would be in operation and that the meeting would close before 9.00 pm.

Members noted that following a resolution passed at the October 2010 Meeting, Item 7, and in accordance with Standing Orders 12a the Minutes of the previous meeting would be taken as read. Prior to the Meeting the Chair drew attention to the protocol regarding the audio and visual recording of the Meeting or of any part thereof.

Present: Cllr. K Burgin, Cllr. D Hammock, Cllr. K Impiazzi, Cllr. A Munday Cllr S Weeks, Cllr. D Wood.

Apologies: Cllr. C Bates

Two members of the public were also present.

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b> Were received and accepted from Cllr. Bates	
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Declaration of Pecuniary Interests pertaining to this agenda</u></b> None	
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Minutes</u></b> Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 that they be received as a true and complete record and that the resolutions contained therein be deemed to be the resolutions of the Council.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be approved and adopted as a true record.</b>	
<b>4.</b>	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b> <b>4.1 War memorial</b> Cllr. Weeks advised that she had spoken with the Rector of St. Nicholas, Southfleet who has confirmed that he would be very pleased to lead a short 10-minute Service of Remembrance at the Memorial at 2pm on Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November. Cllr. Weeks will also invite representatives and flag bearer from The British Legion to attend. Councillors agreed that it was very important that the village continues to recognise the importance of Remembrance Day.  <b>4.2 Community Forum Social Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July held at the Arrow Riding School at 6pm</b> Was attended by Councillors Bates, Impiazzi and Munday and the Clerk.	

5.	<p><b><u>Community Warden</u></b> Due to the long-term absence of the Community Warden there was no report.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b> The following correspondence was noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MyForest newsletter</li> <li>- The Rural Bulletin</li> <li>- Presentation from recent DBC Code of Conduct and Use of Social Media training</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b><u>KALC/SLCC/NALC</u></b> <b>7.1 June KALC Newsletter</b> Was noted.</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>Borough &amp; Parish Forum</u></b> <b>8.1 Parish Forum held on 2 July 2019</b> Due to work commitments Cllrs Burgin and Impiazzi were unable to attend this meeting. Subsequent to the meeting the Democratic Services Officer from DBC advised the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Councillor Iris Gutteridge (Darenth) was elected Chairman of the Forum and Cllr. Ann Allen (DBC) Vice-Chairman, for the ensuing 2019-20 municipal year.</li> <li>- The Chairman asked Parishes for nominations for a new Forum representative to the Joint Transportation Board (JTB), following the retirement of the former representative. Swanscombe and Greenhithe representatives attending the Forum last night specifically advocated a Parish Member for this role. Swanscombe &amp; Greenhithe are also represented on the JTB by one Councillor who is also a DBC Member, and another Councillor who is also as a KCC Member.</li> <li>- Parishes are also asked for Work Plan proposals for 2019-20.</li> <li>- The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019.</li> </ul> <p>Members discussed items for the Work Plan and agreed that the following item be proposed for consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fly tipping and the availability of covert cameras and the protocols on their use.</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b><u>Consultations/Training</u></b> No matters to consider.</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>GDPR</u></b> No matters to consider.</p>	
11.	<p><b><u>Kent Police</u></b> <b>11.1</b> The response from Dartford CSU to the crime figures supplied by PCSO and the figures supplied by Kent Police website was NOTED. <b>11.2</b> Arson attacks in the village took place during the early hours of Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June which included arson with intent to endanger life at properties in Stonewood and Beacon Drive. 3 vehicles were damaged as well as the bin areas at Stonewood flats. The Parish Chairman has visited all victims and produced a report including a timeline of incidents for the police.</p>	

12.	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b> The following were NOTED</p> <p><b>12.1</b> Weekly planning list from DBC</p> <p><b>12.2</b> Weekly planning list from EDC</p> <p><b>12.3</b> Development Control Board's Decision on: <b>18/01669/FUL</b> – revised application Adjacent 31 School Lane The application was unanimously refused on the following grounds:</p> <p>01 The proposal would result in inappropriate development of garden land resulting in harm to the character of the local area and is considered to be overdevelopment of this site adjacent to the edge of the rural area due to the loss of space between buildings. The proposal will also result in loss of diversity of garden sizes in the village. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy DP7 of the Dartford Development Policies Plan 2017.</p> <p>02 The proposal is considered to be overbearing development, out of character with the houses in the local area and resulting in loss of trees on site and the opportunity for soft landscaping at the side and front of the existing dwellings. The proposal is therefore considered to result in harm to the street scene contrary to Policy DP2 of the Dartford Development Policies Plan 2017.</p> <p>03 The proposal is windfall development and as development of a green-field site (garden land) it does not meet the Council's criteria for sustainable development. Given the harm resulting from the overdevelopment of the site it is not considered that the benefits of a single dwelling outweigh the disbenefits of the development. The proposal is therefore contrary to CS10:4 of the Cores Strategy 2011 and Policy DP6 of the Dartford Development Policies Plan 2017</p>	
13.	<p><b><u>Ebbsfleet Development Corporation/Eastern Quarry</u></b> No matters to consider.</p>	
14.	<p><b><u>Highways</u></b></p> <p><b>14.1 Drain and gully work</b> was re-scheduled to take place in Beacon Drive on 27 June but unfortunately, despite notices being delivered to adjacent houses and announcements made on social media, because the contractors omitted to put out cones a number of parked cars were left in the vicinity and when the lorries arrived they were unable to carry out the planned works.</p> <p><b>14.2 Installation of bollards to prevent verge parking on Bean Hill</b> Members considered the quotations for various bollards. It was NOTED that Kent Highways had agreed to pay for the installation of 11 bollards stretching from outside the boundary of No. 8 Bean Hill Cottages down to the 1<sup>st</sup> pedestrian entrance to Beacon Woods on the brow of the hill. Members expressed concern that a distance of 4m between the bollards was too great and would still allow some vehicles to park on the verge. After discussion the following was proposed by Cllr. Hammock and seconded by Cllr. Weeks and agreed unanimously.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>That quotations be obtained for extending the positioning of the bollards all the way down Bean Hill to the start of 9-16 Bean Hill</b></p>	

	<p><b>Cottages and that the distance between bollards be confirmed.</b></p> <p><b>14.3</b> Temporary Road Closure – Shellbank Lane, Bean – from 30 July 2019 for up to 2 days The road will be closed outside Prospect Place. The alternative route is via B260 Green Street Green Road, B262 Sandbanks Hill, B255 Southfleet Road/High Street and vice versa. The closure is to enable a new electric supply to be carried out by UK Power Networks.</p> <p><b>14.4</b> KCC have confirmed that the soakaways in the banking opposite the shop were cleaned in July 2018.</p>	
<p><b>15.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Environmental Issues</u></b></p> <p><b>15.1</b> Fly-tipping The following reported cases of fly tipping were NOTED June 24<sup>th</sup> – entrance to Beacon Woods <i>Target Completion Date: 07/07/2019 08:41</i>. Cleared 5/7 June 25<sup>th</sup> – Southfleet Road <i>Target Completion Date:07/07/2019 08:52</i> June 26<sup>th</sup> – Bean House access road June 29<sup>th</sup> – Sandy Lane July 2<sup>nd</sup> – entrance to Beacon Woods. Cleared 8/7 July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Southfleet Road</p> <p><b>15.2</b> <b>Bean School – Re-cycling project</b> The school have signed up to <a href="https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/">https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/</a> to collect re-cycling waste from the school and are looking for wheelie bins for storage of the items before dispatch. The Chair advised that he may have sourced 2 bins. The Council resolved the following should he be unsuccessful. <b>RESOLVED</b> <b>That should the Council be unable to source 2 second-hand wheelie bins at no cost that the Council purchases 2 wheelie bins for Bean School at a cost of approximately £50/each.</b></p> <p><b>15.3</b> <b>Pepperhill recycling centre</b> It was NOTED that from Sunday 18 August 2019, the Pepperhill Household Waste Recycling Centre will be closed for approximately 9 weeks. This is to rebuild the roof following a fire in April 2018.</p>	
<p><b>16.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Footpaths</u></b></p> <p><b>16.1</b> <b>DR22</b> TPO Order has been granted for 6 Oak Trees No. 3 2019</p> <p><b>16.2</b> <b>DR22</b> Clerk to seek advice from SL-Tree Care on removing low branches from T4 and T5.</p> <p><b>16.3</b> <b>DR22</b> It was NOTED that some local residents are disposing of garden waste and grass cuttings adjacent to the footpath. <b>RESOLVED</b> <b>That should residents continue to dispose of garden waste and grass</b></p>	

	<p><b>cuttings adjacent to DR22 that the clerk write to residents advising them that their action is considered fly-tipping and that they could be subject to prosecution.</b></p>	
17.	<p><b><u>Beacon Woods</u></b>  <b>17.1</b> Pedestrian entrance to Beacon Woods opposite School Lane. Members discussed the report received from FoBW with their suggestions to prevent entrance/egress for motor bikes.  <b>RESOLVED</b>  <b>That the Council purchase kissing gates at a cost of approximately £370 +VAT for installation by the Parish Handyman at the top of the steps of the pedestrian entrance to Beacon Woods opposite School Lane.</b>  <b>That advice be sought on the possibility of making the main entrance gates, when closed, inaccessible for motor bikes.</b></p> <p><b>17.2</b> Police have agreed to drive in and out of Beacon Woods whilst out on Patrol.</p> <p><b>17.3</b> Section of land in front of Alison's bench – FoBW are currently investigating the cost of refurbishing the hard-standing path which passes in front of the bench and will include a hard-standing area for the bench in the costings.</p> <p><b>17.4 FoBW AGM</b>  Will take place at Beacon Woods in the picnic area at 1pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019.</p>	
18.	<p><b><u>Recreation Facilities</u></b>  <b>18.1</b> Painting of rusted areas on equipment has been completed.  Plastic stick-on instructions for the keep-fit equipment have been installed.</p>	
19.	<p><b><u>Bean Village Hall</u></b>  Next meeting of the Hall Committee – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Time to be agreed.</p>	
20.	<p><b><u>Allotment Association</u></b>  Members were informed of the recent confrontation between a resident and an allotment user. The incident has been reported to the Police.</p>	
21.	<p><b><u>Residents' Association</u></b>  <b>21.1</b> Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 were NOTED  <b>21.2</b> A verbal report on meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 was received.</p>	
22.	<p><b><u>Spirit's Rest</u></b>  No report.</p>	
23.	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b>  <b>23.1</b> <u>Expenditure to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019</u></p>	

By BACS transfer			
Date	Payee		Amount
7/6/19	RD Fabrications	Repair to playground equip.	96.00
8/6/19	Transfer to No 2	Vat reclaim 2017-18	229.74
18/6/19	Castle Water	Beacon Woods	1.78
3/7/19	Citizens Advice	Donation	150.00
3/7/19	Comm. Serv.	Grass cut 10 April 2019	151.08
3/7/19	Admin costs	June 2019	664.75
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,293.35</b>

**23.2** The following items were approved for payment

**23.2.1 By Cheque**

201630 Mrs Kirby, litter picking	41.32
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**23.2.2 By BACS**

Mrs Becket, June-July expenses	57.58
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**RESOLVED**  
That payments itemised in 23.2.1 and 23.2.2 totalling £98.90 be paid

**23.3 Hall Accounts as at 3rd July 2019**

Balance No. 2 account	11,837.31
Petty Cash	( 13.90)
	<b>11,823.41</b>

**RESOLVED**  
That the balance in No. 2 Account and Petty Cash of £11,823.41 is noted

**23.4 Expenditure to date**  
Expenditure against budget as at 3 July 2019 was NOTED

**24. Items of interest**

**24.1 Chairs Items**  
The Chairman proposed the purchase of flagpole for the Village Hall together with a St. George's Cross and a bespoke Parish flag. Members supported the suggestion and it was agreed that full costings be brought before the September meeting for consideration.

**24.2 Borough Councillor's Items**  
None

**24.3 Clerks Items**  
None

**24.4 Members Items**

**24.4.1** The Chair has been in conversation with the owners of the shop to install an additional CCTV camera directed at the defibrillator. It is suggested that until the CCTV is installed and the defibrillator placed back in the casing that a cover be placed over the casing.

**24.4.2** MacMillan Coffee Morning. It was suggested that the clerk obtain an information pack with a view to holding an event on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

