

MINUTES
BEAN PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 9th January 2023
at 7pm
at
Bean Village Hall

Present: Cllr. C Bates, Cllr. K Burgin (Chair), Cllr. K. Clarke, Cllr D Hammock,
Cllr. S Weeks

Mrs J Becket (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. A Munday

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.

	Agenda Item
1	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Were received, and accepted, from Cllr Munday.
2	<u>Declarations of interest</u> 2.1 There were no updates to the Register of Interests 2.2 There were no declarations of interest against an agenda item.
3.	<u>Minutes</u> 3.1 To APPROVE the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 12 th December 2022 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. RESOLVED: <i>That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th December 2022 be approved and adopted as a true record</i>
4	<u>Matters Arising</u> 4.1 Santa's visit to Bean This was very well attended and the Clerk was instructed to pass the Council's thanks to Dartford Borough Council for organising the visit.
5	<u>Announcements from the Chair</u> 5.1 Elections, 4 May 2023 5.1.1 Members discussed how the Council might effectively advertise the forthcoming elections to ensure that all interested parties may participate in the election process.

	<p>RESOLVED: <i>That the election material provided by KALC be published on BPC website, BPC FaceBook page and Bean FaceBook pages and the local notice board, together with information regarding training for prospective Councillors</i></p> <p>5.1.2 It was noted that the LGA 1972 Schedule 12, part II, para 7 (2) states</p> <p><i>In a year which is a year of ordinary elections of parish councillors, the annual meeting of a parish council shall be held on, or within fourteen days after, the day on which the councillors elected at that election take office, and in any other year the annual meeting shall be held on such day in May as the parish council may determine.</i></p> <p>As Monday 8th May is a Bank Holiday it is proposed that the first meeting of the new Council takes place on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7pm</p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That the first meeting of the new Council will take place on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7pm</i></p> <p>5.1.3 It was noted that the Clerk will be attending a presentation at DBC on 24th January on Election Act and Nomination Process for 2023 Local Elections</p> <p>5.1.4 April Meeting of Bean Parish Council. It was noted that in April the 2nd Monday of the month falls on Easter Monday.</p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That the April meeting be moved to Tuesday 10th April and that this meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.</i></p>
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6	<p><u>Community Rural Warden</u> 5th Information and warm hub was held on Monday 9th January 2023 1.00 – 3pm at Bean Village Hall. The Clerk will seek confirmation of future dates for this event.</p>
7	<p><u>Correspondence</u> The following were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rural Bulletin 13, 20 December 2022, 4 January 2023 - Guidance on Local Government Association Councillor Code of Conduct for Local Councils - Kent Wildlife Trust - Wilder Kent Parish Council Winter Newsletter
8	<p><u>KALC/SLCC/NALC</u> The following were noted.</p> <p>8.1 Open letter from Cllr Keith Stevens - NALC chair</p> <p>8.2 Elections bulletin No. 1</p> <p>8.3 KALC Winter training programme</p>
9.	<p><u>Parish Forum</u></p> <p>9.1 Draft agenda for Forum meeting 17 January 2023 was received and noted.</p> <p>9.2 Proposed LGA Item for consideration at the Borough & Parish Forum 17 January 2023 – “Working between the Tiers” Local service delivery and place-shaping. A framework to support parish and town councils</p>

	<p>We have been advised that: Following discussions between Council Directors earlier this morning, and subsequently between the Chief Officer Sarah Martin and the Leader Cllr. Kite, the above item has been formally accepted onto the B&P Forum agenda for 17 January.</p> <p>In arriving at their joint decision, the Leadership Team and the Leader noted that the Council is already undertaking many of the proposals that the LGA guidance paper [it is a non-statutory document] seeks to promote between the tiers of local government, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - engaging with its Parishes through having an established forum and has done so for many years [currently the B&P Forum formerly the DAPTC]; - passing funding down to the Parishes through the Capacity Fund and through contributions to compensate for the loss of income from the council tax reduction scheme. <p>As far as devolution of services or passing down of assets, any proposals would need to be both realistic and sustainable, bearing in mind the limited capacity of the Parishes.</p> <p>The Leader will expand further on those latter issues from the Council perspective when he attends the Forum on 17 January.</p>
10	<p><u>GDPR</u> No matters to consider.</p>
11	<p><u>Lower Thames Crossing</u> No matters to consider.</p>
12	<p><u>Consultations</u> 12.1 Kent Fire and Rescue Service - Safety and Wellbeing Plan 2023 public Consultation The survey closes on Friday 13 January 2023 at 9am. Plan link – https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/report/safety-and-wellbeing-plan-2023 Survey link - https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/CCQS9WV</p>
13	<p><u>Kent Police</u> 13.1 Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Scott's winter newsletter was noted</p>
14	<p><u>Planning</u> The following were noted. 14.1 Weekly planning lists from DBC including Planning Decisions taken under delegated powers 14.2 Weekly planning lists from EDC</p> <p>The Council considered 14.3 22/01440/TPO Application for 1. Oak tree (in a woodland TPO) over the steps at ///scouts.army.gains reduce the overextended low branch by up to 2.5m, to retain suitable secondary branches; 2. Hazel group to the rear of the brick outhouse: ///cone.nurses.grabs-Lift the crown to clear the roof by approximately 2m; 3. Oak tree</p>

	<p>to the rear of car parking area: ///lands.sooner.cages-Remove significant deadwood that may affect the parking area -for all see annotated photos subject to Tree Preservation Order</p> <p>The Thrift Between Bean Lane And Sandy Lane North Of Beacon Drive Bean Kent</p> <p>There were no objections or comments.</p>
15	<p><u>Highways</u></p> <p>15.1 It was noted that the signage for the 20mph speed limit through Bean has been implemented but that there are still some signs that require changing from 30mph to 20mph. It was further noted that on social media some residents have requested that speed cameras be installed to support the new speed limit.</p>
16	<p><u>Environmental Issues</u></p> <p>No matters to consider.</p>
17	<p><u>Footpaths</u></p> <p>No matters to consider.</p>
18	<p><u>Beacon Woods</u></p> <p>18.1 WIG – Woodland Improvement Grant 28757 - Beacon Wood Country Park The Parish Council received a letter from the Forestry Commissions regarding the grant we obtained in August 2012 running until 2017/18.</p> <p>Under the terms and conditions of the Grant, public access must be maintained for 10 years, with the start date being the date the grant was issued, ie up to 2022.</p> <p>Bean PC has fulfilled its legal obligation to the Forestry Commission</p> <p>18.2 Beacon Wood website Has been purchased.</p> <p>18.3 Annual Inspection of Trim Trail Took place on 9 January 2023</p>
19	<p><u>Recreation Facilities</u></p> <p>19.1 Annual Playground Inspection Took place on 9 January 2023</p>
20	<p><u>Bean Village Hall</u></p> <p>20.1 Quotation for new internal doors £4,497.00 was APPROVED. Work will take place during the Easter break.</p> <p>20.2 New cooker has been installed.</p>
21	<p><u>Allotment Association</u></p> <p>No matters to consider.</p>

22	<p><u>Residents' Association</u></p> <p>22.1 It was noted that the Bean RA broadband and email provider for the last 20 years has closed. New email addresses as follows. beanra@live.co.uk beanra70@gmail.com</p>														
23	<p><u>Community Bus and 474/475</u></p> <p>23.1 It was noted that discussions regarding banking arrangements remain ongoing</p> <p>23.2 The FaceBook conversation regarding the replacement of the 474/475 between Leader of DBC and residents on the Longfield & New Barn FaceBook page was noted.</p>														
24	<p><u>Spirit's Rest</u></p> <p>The Sanctuary is very grateful to all those who support them with donations of food, equipment, bedding and rugs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 700 people attended the visit by Santa with the fire engine. • Collaborative work continues with North Kent RSPCA • 2 ponies have joined the other equines at Spirits Rest both of which have required vet treatment which has proved to be very expensive. 														
25	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>25.1 Bank and Scribe reports up to 31 December 2022 The following were noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-op Bank transactions on all accounts 1- 30 December 2022 - Bank reconciliation on all accounts - Monthly breakdown of receipts and payments - Net position by cost centre and code - Receipts and payments forecast - Summary of receipts and payments all cost centres and codes - Cost centre year comparisons <p>25.2 Balance as at 31 December 2022 on all accounts <u>Bean Parish Council</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="331 1391 1209 1547"> <tr> <td>Reserve Account</td><td>8,924.84</td></tr> <tr> <td>Current Account (No. 1 account)</td><td>7,689.14</td></tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash</td><td>62.66</td></tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td><td>16,676.64</td></tr> </table> <p><u>Bean Village Hall</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="331 1619 1209 1733"> <tr> <td>Current Account (No. 2 account)</td><td>19,452.68</td></tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash</td><td>46.37</td></tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td><td>19,499.05</td></tr> </table> <p>25.3 Expenditure – November 2022 It was noted that a purchase from Costco #143 on 3 November 2022 against the Village Hall debit card for a total of £67.04 does not have a supporting receipt. The Clerk confirmed that the purchase was as follows:</p> <p>1 x 150 insulated paper cups – £18.99 incl VAT 90 x XL Black Trash Bags - £29.29 incl VAT 1 x box photocopy paper - £18.76 incl VAT</p> <p>The Council APPROVED the above transaction.</p>	Reserve Account	8,924.84	Current Account (No. 1 account)	7,689.14	Petty Cash	62.66	TOTAL	16,676.64	Current Account (No. 2 account)	19,452.68	Petty Cash	46.37	TOTAL	19,499.05
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26	<p><u>Items of interest</u> There were no items of interest to consider.</p>
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The Chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Chair..... Date