

## BEAN PARISH COUNCIL

The COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic and the unprecedented Government measures in response to the crisis (e.g. prohibitions on gatherings, social distancing, self-isolation and shielding of those deemed to be the most vulnerable) have meant that the requirement for local authorities to hold public meetings in person with all members present in one place cannot currently be met. The statutory requirements for meetings are mainly contained in the Local Government Act 1972 (“the 1972 Act”) and the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (“the 1960 Act”). In recognition of the difficulties of holding and attending meetings, the Government included s.78 in the Coronavirus Act 2020 and provided the Secretary of State with the power to make Regulations for the provision of holding alternative format meetings.

As such, this meeting will be held under terms agreed by Members being to conduct the Council business via internet link.

Additionally, the legislation allowed for the cancellation of the Annual Parish Council meeting and all current appointments continue until May 2021.

**MINUTES**  
**BEAN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.00 pm**  
**via MS Teams**  
**Members of the public were asked to contact the Clerk should**  
**they wish to join the meeting**

**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 will be taken as read.**

**Present:** Cllr D Hammock, Cllr. K Impiazzi, Cllr A Munday (Vice-Chair), Cllr S Weeks,

**Apologies:** Cllr C Bates, Cllr. K Burgin

**Clerk:** Mrs JS Becket

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Burgin, the Vice Chair Cllr Munday chaired the meeting.

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b> Were received and accepted from Cllr Bates (ill health) and Cllr Burgin (work commitments). No apology was received from Cllr. Wood.	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Declarations of interest</u></b> <b>2.1 Updates to the Register of Interests</b> None <b>2.2 Declarations of interest against an agenda item</b> Cllr. Hammock declared an interest in item 14.3 planning application EDC/20/0131. As Ward Borough Councillor, Cllr Hammock had supported the initial application for its current use.	
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Minutes</u></b> <b>3.1</b> Minutes of the Council Meeting held via MS Teams on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	

	<p>January 2021 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.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <i>That the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be approved and adopted as a true record</i></p>	
4	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p><b>4.1 Public attendance at Parish Council Meetings</b> Members agreed that they would assist in advertising Council meetings to residents when they resumed in the Village Hall. The Clerk will continue to advertise meetings on the notice board, council website and Facebook.</p> <p><b>4.2 Operation London Bridge and Forth Bridge</b> It was noted that photographs have kindly been supplied by DBC. Photo frames and a black table cloth have also been purchased.</p> <p><b>4.3 Attendance at Council meeting by EDC Health and Wellbeing Hub Project Manager</b> Has been deferred to the March meeting. Ms Rouse advised that they have not conducted a survey amongst the residents of EGC that directly asks the question as to whether they have had any problems in registering with a GP and accessing health care but they did conduct a survey in Summer 2021 which asked residents to share how well their homes and local community facilities had served them through lockdown and what else they would like to see in the local area which did raise some feedback around GPs.</p> <p>Henley Camland are about to launch the Health Impact Assessment, which will be carried out by CBRE to look at capacity and need for GPs locally and this spring they will be launching our resident's satisfaction survey which will be another chance for residents to feedback about their local area and its facilities.</p>	
5	<p><b><u>Announcements from the Chair</u></b> None</p>	
6	<p><b><u>Community Rural Warden</u></b> No matters to consider.</p>	
7	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b> - Rural Bulletin – 12 January 2021 and 2 February 2021</p>	
8	<p><b><u>KALC/SLCC/NALC</u></b> All information received from the above relating to COVID-19 and other urgent matters have been forwarded to Councillors on receipt.</p> <p><b>8.1</b> KALC January newsletter <b>8.2</b> Planning Workshop, “An Introduction to Planning” on 17<sup>th</sup> February and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 commencing at 2pm. The event is via the Zoom platform. The cost is £50 plus VAT.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <i>Cllr Munday will attend the Planning Workshop as a representative from BPC.</i></p>	

	<b>8.3 NALC Chief Executives bulletin – 1 February 2021</b>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b><u>Parish Forum</u></b>  The Parish Forum held on 12<sup>th</sup> January was attended by the Cllr. Munday and the Clerk. Chaired by Cllr Iris Gutteridge (Chair Darenth PC)  In attendance:  DBC Leader of the Council - Cllr Kite  KCC Chair of the Council - Cllr Allen  Parish/Town Councils - Chairs &amp; Clerks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Emergency Planning</b> Presentation by Tony Cannon-DBC Emergency Planning Officer. Detail given of process for DBC reporting into KCC regarding: <p>Covid-19  EU Transition  Winter Pressures</p> <p>Should parishes/town have any concerns regarding any issues in respect of the above 3, they should be fed to the Emergency Planning Officer via the Clerks.</p> </li> <li><b>Local Plan Update.</b> Jamie van Iersel gave timetable regarding the Local Plan <p>2017 Initial Consultation  2018 Consultation on amendments  2020 Consultation on final draft  1/02/21 Proposal for approval by DBC at Extraordinary General Meeting  Mid 2021 Examination (legalities) by Planning Inspectorate  2022 Formal Adoption</p> </li> <li><b>General Points</b>  Cllr Kite gave an update on DBC's response to Covid <p>-using officers rather than volunteers to deliver physical aid  -2<sup>nd</sup> testing centre opened at Swanscombe Centre in addition to Larkfield  -Local Business Support help still available-contact DBC for advice</p> <p><u>Census 2021</u>  Presentation from the Census Engagement Manager, North West Kent has been rescheduled for 5pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February via zoom.  Cllr Munday and the Clerk will be attending</p> </li> </ol>	
<b>10</b>	<b><u>GDPR</u></b> No matters to consider at date of publication.	
<b>11</b>	<b><u>Ebbsfleet Development Corporation /Bean Triangle/ London Resort</u></b> <b>11.1 DBC Infrastructure Delivery Plan – December 2020 Update</b> To NOTE	

	<p><b>Waste</b>          Bean Triangle          Project: Provision of a new Materials Recycling Facility (MRF).          Need: To provide additional capacity for household waste recycling and waste transfer facilities within the County.          Lead delivery agent: KCC          Funding: KCC, EDC, CIL          Delivery issues/comments: KCC Waste has produced a “Case for Waste” that sets out the need for additional capacity across the County. This identifies existing issues at Pepperhill and the need for a county-wide MRF. KCC would seek funding for the MRF facility from development across the County. Pre-applications discussions with EDC has resulted in an alternative site being explored for the MRF and a smaller site for a Waste Transfer Facility being considered to resolve capacity issues at Pepperhill. Site search expanded beyond Bean Triangle.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b>  <i>That Bean PC supports DBC Infrastructure Delivery Plan</i></p>	
12	<p><b>Consultations</b></p> <p><b>12.1 Have your say on plans to improve transport links between Abbey Wood and Ebbsfleet</b>  <a href="https://abbeywood2ebbsfleet.com/">https://abbeywood2ebbsfleet.com/</a>          Survey ends 28 February 2021. It was agreed that Councillors would respond as individuals.</p> <p><b>12.2 Dartford Local Plan</b>          Documents can be viewed on the following link  <a href="http://committeedmz.dartford.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Mid=3013&amp;x=1">http://committeedmz.dartford.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Mid=3013&amp;x=1</a></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b>  <i>That Bean PC supports the Dartford Local Plan</i></p> <p><b>12.3 Vision Zero: The Road Safety Strategy for Kent 2020 – 2026</b>  <a href="https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/visionzero/consultationHome">https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/visionzero/consultationHome</a>          The consultation closes at 23:59 on 15 March 2021. It was agreed that Councillors would respond as individuals.</p>	
13	<p><b>Kent Police</b></p> <p><b>13.1</b> Police newsletter for Bean and Village Park, January 2021 was received.</p>	
14	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>The following were NOTED</b></p> <p><b>14.1</b> Weekly planning lists from DBC  <b>14.2</b> Weekly planning lists from EDC</p> <p>7.30pm Cllr. Burgin joined the meeting</p> <p>Members considered the following applications</p> <p><b>14.3 EDC/20/0131</b>          Old Service Station, Watling Street, Bean, Kent DA2 8AH</p>	

	<p>Log on to <a href="http://applications.ebbsfleetdc.org.uk/online-applications/">http://applications.ebbsfleetdc.org.uk/online-applications/</a> and enter <b>EDC/20/0131</b>.</p> <p>This is a 14-day re-consultation letter as additional information has been supplied.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b>  <i>That Bean Parish Council was pleased to see that the description has been amended to show Temporary Use and No Petrol Station and supports the revised application.</i></p> <p><i>The Council agrees with Bean RA that the Car Wash part of the application should be Retrospective, so we suggest: -</i></p> <p><i>(a) Backdating 5-year temporary permission to 8th January 2020; or</i>  <i>(b) Granting 4-year temporary permission.</i></p> <p>The Clerk was requested to seek clarification on the statement highlighted below.</p> <p>3.0 Visual Impact</p> <p>3.4 It is therefore considered that the applicant is limited with what can be done in respect of improving the appearance of the site. Given that the proposal is, in the main, associated with the use of the land, as opposed to built form (which in any case is more than 20m from the highway), and in light of the previous temporary consents, it is not considered that the site as presented should result in it being difficult to support Graham Simpkin Planning Ltd. File Ref: 2124.PN Page   4 the proposed uses for a further temporary period. <b>At the end of the five-year period, it may be the case that the land to the north has transferred to the applicant's ownership, which could then be used to improve the appearance of the site in connection with any subsequent permission</b></p> <p>7.35 pm Cllr. Burgin left the meeting</p> <p><b>14.4 Proposed base station upgrade at VF 80690 – Bean Road Highways land off Watling Street, adjacent Wood Lane, Bean, Dartford, Kent DA2 8BB</b></p> <p>Members had no objections and hoped that the upgrade would improve the current poor reception in Bean.</p> <p>Permission has been GRANTED for</p> <p><b>14.5 DA/20/01334/FUL</b>        8 Ashwood Place        Erection of a single storey front extension and new windows to right-hand side elevation</p>	
<b>15</b>	<p><b><u>Highways</u></b></p> <p><b>15.1 Late night heavy vehicle traffic through Bean 2/3 and 3/4 February</b>        Following complaints from residents the Clerk contacted KCC Highways regarding the above. Highways responded</p> <p><i>It appears that the HGV's are making their own route through the village</i></p>	

	<p><i>as this is not an agreed signed diversion route due to the width restrictions and unsuitability of the routes available. Additional signage has been requested to be placed in the area and team responsible have been requested to monitor any unlawful HGV access as further measures may be required if it continues.</i></p> <p><i>Currently, there are signs stating 'No Access to A2 Bean' and 'Residents Only' as well as a blue 6'6" restriction on the roundabout (Hope Cottages). They have also narrowed the road width with cones as you exit the roundabout heading south of the bridge but this also has not stopped the HGVs.</i></p> <p><i>We are now awaiting a further update shortly as to what further measures can be put in place.</i></p> <p><b>15.2</b> BRA comments on the building of a temporary bund behind Beacon Drive houses and the crossing of DR19 with heavy machinery were NOTED.</p> <p><b>15.3</b> It was NOTED that Balfour Beatty have confirmed that following the re-design of Hope Cottages roundabout, they can now confirm that there should be no impact to the memorial trees.</p> <p><b>15.4</b> Balfour Beatty newsletter dated 29 January 2021 was NOTED.</p> <p><b>15.5</b> Members discussed the matters raised by residents regarding traffic access and egress from the Balfour Beatty compound in Bean Lane and the use of local roads for contractor parking.</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to bring these matters to the attention of Balfour Beatty and the Chair &amp; Vice-Chair will arrange a visit to meet with a resident of Hope Cottages to discuss outstanding issues of parking, littering and anti-social behaviour in the area.</p> <p><b>15.6 Traffic Calming measures for Bean</b> It was agreed that members would inspect various alternative traffic calming measures deployed within the borough, particularly those at The Bridge development, prior to arranging a meeting with Kent Highways to discuss what measures might be suitable for Bean.</p>	
<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b><u>Environmental Issue</u></b></p> <p><b>16.1</b> Two reports of fly-tipping in Sandy Lane have been reported. The first, reported on 2 February 2021, reference 210253 relating to rubbish dumped at the entrance to a field on the left-hand side from the junction of Sandy Lane and Park Corner Road was cleared within 24 hours. The second, reported on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021, reference 210524 refers to conifer branches and shredded conifer blocking a drain grid at the junction of Sandy Lane and Blue House Lane.</p> <p><b>16.2</b> Members received a report from the Clerk on anti-social behaviour and off-road biking within the parish and Cllr Hammock confirmed that the CSU were aware of this activity and were actively pursuing the individuals concerned.</p>	

	<p><b>16.3 Fly-tipping</b> The Clerk was instructed to ask DBC if there had been an increase in fly-tipping since</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Charges at Pepperhill had been imposed</li> <li>2) COVID</li> </ol>	
17	<p><b><u>Footpaths</u></b></p> <p><b>17.1</b> A date for commencement of work on DR22 is to be confirmed. It was NOTED that a branch from one of the Oak trees seems to have ‘dropped’. The Clerk will bring this to the attention of the tree surgeon.</p> <p><b>17.2</b> Sewage leak on to DR 23 by The Mount was reported to Thames Water and it would appear this has been resolved.</p>	
18	<p><b><u>Beacon Woods</u></b></p> <p><b>18.1</b> An advertisement for volunteers urgently required to open Beacon Woods on Tuesday and Thursday mornings was posted on Facebook and a resident of Bean has kindly come forward to help.</p> <p><b>18.2</b> Awaiting full report of tree inspection.</p> <p><b>18.3</b> Reports of man approaching lone women walking their dogs in the woods and asking for directions to the nearest shop have been reported to the police. Notice put on board asking those walking on their own to take care.</p> <p><b>18.4</b> Sighting of 2 men with rifles in the woods on Sunday 31 January has been reported to the police.</p>	
19	<p><b><u>Recreation Facilities</u></b></p> <p><b>19.1</b> Awaiting the latest Inspection report to determine the remedial work to be carried out.</p> <p><b>19.2</b> Quotations and recommendations from Vitaplay for an item of play equipment to replace the Typhoon Spinner in the Toddler Area had been received.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <i>To purchase 1250 mm long Secret Wood Crawl Through Play Tunnel at a £1,680.00 plus vat (installed).</i></p> <p><b>19.3</b> It was NOTED that the wire frames behind the goal mouths have been pulled away. Clerk to organise remedial work.</p>	
20	<p><b><u>Bean Village Hall</u></b> No matters to consider at date of publication</p>	
21	<p><b><u>Allotment Association</u></b> No matters to consider at date of publication</p>	
22	<p><b><u>Residents’ Association</u></b> To note the updates from the Asst. Secretary.</p>	
23	<p><b><u>Spirit’s Rest</u></b> As with many small rescues we have really struggled over the past year We raise money to keep going by attending fetes, boot fairs, pub quiz’s equine</p>	

	<p>boot fairs and other community events which due to the pandemic have all been cancelled over the past 12 months so as you can imagine we are struggling  Many of you may not know that we have had to relocate to a new site due to both my home and sanctuary being blighted by Highways England to make way for a new road  We have been treated fairly by all agencies involved but still a stressful time for us and all our rescues  We could not have continued with the care of our resident rescues or the many new cases without the support of our long standing and new supporters  The past 3 months have been extremely busy.  Thank you to everyone who have donated dog and cat food and other food for our resident cats and foxes We have also been able to set up a feeding program for the wild foxes in this area which have been pushed from their homes due to building of new houses many are starving and suffering from mange  We also help with dogs whose owners are struggling at this very difficult time</p> <p>Cllr Hammock, seconded by Cllr. Munday proposed that the Council make a donation of £100 to Spirit's Rest</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b>  <i>That a donation of £100 be made to Spirit's Rest.</i></p>															
24	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <p><b>24.1 Bank and Scribe reports up to 3 February 2021</b>  The following were noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-op Bank transactions on all accounts 1January – 3 February 2021</li> <li>- Bank reconciliation on all accounts</li> <li>- Monthly breakdown of receipts and payments</li> <li>- Net position by cost centre and code</li> <li>- Receipts and payments forecast</li> <li>- Summary of receipts and payments all cost centres and codes</li> <li>- Cost centre year comparisons</li> </ul> <p><b>24.2 Balance as at 3 February 2021 on all accounts</b>  <u>Bean Parish Council</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="333 1529 1208 1682"> <tr> <td>Reserve Account</td> <td>20866.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current Account (No. 1 account)</td> <td>11611.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash</td> <td>75.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td><b>32,552.72</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Bean Village Hall</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="333 1794 1208 1906"> <tr> <td>Current Account (No. 2 account)</td> <td>12136.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash</td> <td>170.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td><b>12306.54</b></td> </tr> </table>	Reserve Account	20866.01	Current Account (No. 1 account)	11611.22	Petty Cash	75.49	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,552.72</b>	Current Account (No. 2 account)	12136.12	Petty Cash	170.42	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12306.54</b>	
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25	<p><b><u>Items of interest</u></b>  <b>Chair's Items</b>  None</p>															



	<p><b>Borough Councillor's Items</b>  Cllr. Hammock thanked Cllr Munday for chairing the meeting and Cllr Burgin for joining the meeting during a short break from his work. Cllr Burgin is Senior Resuscitation Officer (Paediatric and Neonatal) at Barts Health NHS Service and during COVID-19 has been working extra night shifts in A&amp;E to support his colleagues. On behalf of Bean Parish Council Cllr. Hammock thanked Cllr. Burgin and his colleagues for their work during the current pandemic.</p> <p><b>Members' Items</b>  None</p> <p><b>Clerk's Items</b>  None</p>	
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**There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.05pm**

**Chair**..... **Date** .....