

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 7 May 2021.

MINUTES
BEAN PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 19th April 2021 at 7.00 pm
via MS Teams
Members of the public are asked to contact the Clerk should they
wish to join the meeting

This meeting had been postponed from 12th April 2021 following the death of Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh on 9th April 2021

Present: Cllr Keith Burgin (Chair), Cllr Dave Hammock, Cllr Anna Munday (Vice-Chair),
 Cllr SA Weeks

The meeting was quorate.

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 Cllrs. Bates, Impiazzi and Wood	
2	<u>Declarations of interest</u> 2.1 Updates to the Register of Interests None 2.2 Declarations of interest against an agenda item. None	
3.	<u>Minutes</u> 3.1 Minutes of the Council Meeting held via MS Teams on Monday 8 th March 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>RESOLVED: <i>That the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 8th March 2021 be approved and adopted as a true record</i></p>	
4	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>4.1 Members received a verbal report on the webinar attended by Cllr Munday and the Clerk on sourcing external grants and funding. The presentation was very interesting but the cost of subscribing to this service was very high and although there was the possibility of joining together with other parishes for specific projects, at present Bean does not have a project which would warrant the cost of the subscription.</p> <p>Members discussed other methods of sourcing funding streams.</p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That the clerk contact KCC to ascertain if they still operate a group/committee tasked with identifying various funding streams which may be of interest to BPC.</i></p>	
5	<p><u>Announcements from the Chair</u></p> <p>5.1 Death of Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh 1921 -2021 The following announcement was placed on the Council website.</p> <p>Following the sad news that His Majesty the Duke of Edinburgh had passed away on Friday 9th April 2021 the thoughts of the residents of Bean Parish are with the Royal Family as they grieve for their Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather.</p> <p>The Duke demonstrated extraordinary dedication and commitment to duty throughout the Queen's reign and did so with strength and admirable determination. He supported Her Majesty throughout decades of change, from the dark post war years through to the new horizons of the 21st century, enabling her to provide essential continuity for the nation.</p> <p>In accordance with government guidance, we were advised that the online book of condolence opened on the Royal family's official website royal.uk should be the sole portal for the public to express personal tributes. Residents who wished to lay flowers during the mourning period were advised that they might do so at the Bean memorial at the entrance to the village and to please follow the COVID rules. Residents were asked that all/any plastic wrap should be removed before laying flowers. At the end of the mourning period, from 9am the day following the funeral (Saturday 17th April 2021), floral tributes will be removed and suitably located to decompose.</p> <p>A written letter of condolence has been sent on behalf of Bean Parish to Brigadier Archie Miller-Bakewell, Private Secretary to His late Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, Buckingham Palace, London, SW1A 1AA</p> <p>Flowers will be removed from the Bean Memorial on Sunday 18th April 2021 in accordance with the above instructions.</p>	

	<p>5.2 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council</p> <p>The following communication has been received from Luke Hall MP, Minister of State for Regional Growth and Local Government at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government with regard to Local Authority Meetings.</p> <p><i>The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 do not apply to meetings on or after 7 May 2021.</i></p> <p><i>Extending the regulations to meetings beyond May 7 would require primary legislation. The Government has considered the case for legislation very carefully, including the significant impact it would have on the Government's legislative programme which is already under severe pressure in these unprecedented times. We are also mindful of the excellent progress that has been made on our vaccination programme and the announcement of the Government's roadmap for lifting Covid-19 restrictions. Given this context, the Government has concluded that it is not possible to bring forward emergency legislation on this issue at this time.</i></p> <p><i>While I appreciate that a greater number of authorities will be subject to elections this year due to the postponement of the 2020 elections, those councils who are not subject to elections could also consider conducting their annual meetings prior to 7 May, and therefore do so remotely while the express provision in current regulations apply.</i></p> <p>In view of the above the Chair moved that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council be brought forward from Monday 10th May to one of the following dates of the Council's choosing, Tuesday 4th or Wednesday 5th May 2021.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p><i>That the date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council be brought forward from Monday 10th May to Tuesday 4th May at 7pm, unless the High Court ruling states that virtual meetings may continue in which case the May meeting will take place as originally scheduled on Monday 10th May 2021.</i></p>	
6	<p><u>Community Rural Warden</u></p> <p>No matters to consider.</p>	
7	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The following correspondence was noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rural Services Bulletin 30 March, 7, 13 April 2021 - London Resort Spring 2021 newsletter - 	
8	<p><u>KALC/SLCC/NALC</u></p> <p>All information received from the above relating to COVID-19 and other urgent matters have been forwarded to Councillors on receipt.</p> <p>8.1 March newsletter was noted.</p>	

9.	<p><u>Parish Forum</u></p> <p>9.1 It was noted that due to lack of agenda items the meeting scheduled for 6 April 2021 was cancelled by the Chair.</p>	
10	<p><u>GDPR</u></p> <p>No matters to consider at date of publication.</p>	
11	<p><u>Ebbsfleet Development Corporation /Bean Triangle/ London Resort</u></p> <p>11.1 London Resort Community Liaison Group on 9th March 2021 Minutes of the 4th meeting of the CLG were noted and it was also noted that the presentation slide pack is available on the website via the following link https://londonresort.info/media/1193/lr-clg-meeting-4-210309.pdf</p> <p>It was further noted that part of the London resort area has now been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).</p> <p>A Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is a formal conservation designation. Usually, it describes an area that's of particular interest to science due to the rare species of fauna or flora it contains - or even important geological or physiological features that may lie in its boundaries.</p> <p>SSSIs often contain important habitats such as grasslands, parkland and woodland. Some even contain ancient woodland and ancient trees. In other words, these areas have high conservation value, and need to be protected.</p> <p>11.2 Access to the Garden City from Bean At a recent meeting with EDC, Bean PC asked how people could safely enter the Garden City from Bean and also raised the importance of local families being able to access the parks, facilities, community spaces etc on offer there safely on foot or by bike. BPC also asked if there were any plans for access routes from Bean into the Garden City.</p> <p>EDC have responded that as part of the Eastern Quarry Development the developer is obliged to provide a pedestrian route from/to the southern development access on Watling Street to (not including) the Sandy Lane underpass including a traffic signal-controlled crossing across Watling Street. Ebbsfleet Development Corporation and Highways England will upgrade the Sandy Lane underpass and other routes along Watling Street to ensure good access into Eastern Quarry.</p> <p>BPC has been asked if the Council would like a representative from EDC to attend a future meeting to discuss cycle paths, walkways, the Bean Triangle work, etc.</p> <p><i>RESOLVED</i> <i>To request if a representative from EDC would attend the July meeting to discuss cycle paths, walkways and Bean Triangle work plan.</i></p>	
12	<p><u>Consultations</u></p> <p>No matters to consider at date of publication</p>	

13	<p><u>Kent Police</u> 13.1 Bean and Village Park monthly newsletter - March 2021 was noted.</p>	
14	<p><u>Planning</u> The following were noted 14.1 Weekly planning lists from DBC 14.2 Weekly planning lists from EDC 14.3 DA/21/00233/FUL 49 Page Close Conversion of integral garage into habitable room with associated alteration to front elevation and demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension Members considered this application and had no objections. It was noted that permission has been GRANTED for the following 14.4 DA/20/01126/FUL 24 Foxwood Road Bean Kent DA2 8BH Erection of a single storey side extension, single storey rear infill extension, conversion of existing integral garage into habitable room with associated alterations to front elevation 14.5 Planning conference – March 2021 The supporting documentation received by BPC delegate Cllr. Munday who attended this conference has been distributed to all members. Cllr. Munday reported that she had found the conference very beneficial and considered that the documentation received would assist members when considering applications. 14.6 Outstanding Planning Applications It was noted that decisions on the following planning applications remain outstanding. APP/T2215/C/20/3259489 Enforcement Appeal Drudgeon Farm Appeal against decision DA/19/01262/COU Drudgeon Farm DA/20/00509-FUL - Black Horse Cottage DA/20/01336/FUL - 143 Beacon Drive</p>	
15	<p><u>Highways</u> 15.1 Meeting with Atkins Landscaping Team Cllrs. Munday, Hammock & Weeks reported on the above meeting held on 25th March 2021 at which Atkins representatives outlined the next steps of specific projects associated with the Environmental Designated Funds. Their initial thoughts included:- Arts briefs for potential art work at the Bean Junction roundabouts and Sandy Lane Subway; Some environmental improvements within the Sandy Lane subway, improvements to the interior décor and footpaths to the south; Improvements in the vicinity of Hope Cottages, primarily improvements to surfaces and tree planting (to be delivered as complementary to other works at Hope Cottages)</p>	

	<p>Improvements in Bean Country Park, primarily associated around the entrance closest to the school to improve direct safe access to the floor of the former quarry along with some signs/way-markers and minor improvements to the car park entrance.</p> <p>Atkins considered that Beacon Wood Country Park offered an opportunity to provide some creative concepts which it was hoped would be very much in keeping with the character and works previously undertaken by the volunteers. This initially included the provision of additional litter bins and picnic tables but members pointed out that additional bins would require emptying by volunteers and this would not be practical and the site chosen for a 2nd picnic area, near to the entrance from Shellbank, becomes waterlogged for 5 months of the year and is therefore unsuitable. Mention was also made of installing additional benches similar to those in memory of former councillors but it was felt by members that those seats had been chosen specifically for their individuality and any additional benches should be of a different style.</p> <p>Members were, however, very impressed with the suggestion to improve access to the woods from the pedestrian entrance opposite the school but reminded Atkins that any improvements must meet with Tarmac's, the landowner, approval.</p>	
16	<p><u>Environmental Issue</u></p> <p>16.1 Southfleet Parish Council's response to BPC's offer of financial assistance to install CCTV cameras in Sandy Lane was noted.</p> <p>16.2 The Clerk apprised members on the latest communications with a resident at Hope Cottages regarding littering.</p> <p>16.3 It was noted that fly-tipping along Sandy Lane is now being set alight.</p>	
17	<p><u>Footpaths</u></p> <p>17.1 The major tree work on DR22 has been completed. The final clear-up of the section of DR22 behind Foxwood will take place later this month and will not include major tree work.</p> <p>On the South side of the footpath, they will be reducing the hawthorns and understory vegetation to fence height and disposing of dumped debris and other vegetative matter dumped by residents.</p> <p>On the North side they will removing and disposing of dumped debris and logs and clearing and coppicing the elderberries at the Drudgeon end of the footpath.</p>	
18	<p><u>Beacon Woods</u></p> <p>18.1 A meeting has been arranged with Balfour Beatty's Archeologists (Wessex Archeologists) on Friday 23rd April at 10 am to review the excavation work undertaken by Friends of Beacon Wood.</p>	
19	<p><u>Recreation Facilities</u></p> <p>19.1 Order BPC/20/21/04 for 1250 mm long Secret Wood Crawl Through Play Tunnel has been installed.</p> <p>19.2 Currently awaiting quotations for grass cutting. In the meantime, GSG Services have carried out a one-off cut at a cost of £140.</p>	

20	<u>Bean Village Hall</u> 20.1 The hall will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 6 th May 2021.															
21	<u>Allotment Association</u> No matters to consider at date of publication															
22	<u>Residents' Association</u> To note the updates from the Asst. Secretary.															
23	<u>Spirit's Rest</u> No report.															
24	<u>Finance</u> 24.1 Bank and Scribe reports up to 31 March 2021 The following were noted <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Co-op Bank transactions on all accounts 1March – 31 March 2021- 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 24.2 Balance as at 31 March 2021 on all accounts <u>Bean Parish Council</u> <table><tr><td>Reserve Account</td><td>20866.01</td></tr><tr><td>Current Account (No. 1 account)</td><td>894.93</td></tr><tr><td>Petty Cash</td><td>58.49</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>21,819.43</td></tr></table> <u>Bean Village Hall</u> <table><tr><td>Current Account (No. 2 account)</td><td>13,218.48</td></tr><tr><td>Petty Cash</td><td>170.42</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>13,388.90</td></tr></table> 24.3 Statement of Internal Control The Statement of Internal Control was APPROVED 24.4 Financial Regulations The Financial Regulations were APPROVED 24.5 Risk Management Policy The Risk Management Policy was APPROVED	Reserve Account	20866.01	Current Account (No. 1 account)	894.93	Petty Cash	58.49	TOTAL	21,819.43	Current Account (No. 2 account)	13,218.48	Petty Cash	170.42	TOTAL	13,388.90	
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25	<u>Items of interest</u> There were no items of interest.															

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.25pm

Chair..... Date

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