

MINUTES
BEAN PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 13th December 2021 at 7.00 pm
at
Bean Village Hall

Present: Cllr. K Burgin (Chair), Cllr. A Munday (Vice Chair), Cllr. S Weeks

Members to note 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.

	Agenda Item	
1	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u> Were received and accepted from: Cllr. Bates – ill health (Covid) Cllr. D Hammock – attending DBC GAC Cllr. D Wood – dispensation until April meeting.</p>	
2	<p><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 any agenda item.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u> 3.1 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 8th November 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>RESOLVED: <i>That the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 8th November 2021 be approved and adopted as a true record</i></p>	
4	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>4.1 Councillor Vacancy To consider candidates for co-option for the advertised Councillor vacancy, in accordance with the Council's Co-option Policy.</p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That, due to only 50% of Council members attending the meeting those Councillors present considered it preferable to wait until more Councillors were present to consider the vacancy applications and the matter was deferred to the January meeting</i></p> <p>4.2 Remembrance Day service The non-sectarian service was very well attended by over 80 people. The Rights Respecting Ambassadors from Bean Primary attended and read a Poem they had prepared and representatives from Bean Cubs were also</p>	

	<p>present. A wreath was laid by the Chair of the Parish Council and attendees laid wreaths and poppy crosses.</p> <p>4.3 Bluewater Forum – 25 November 2021 Cllr Munday reported that the meeting, subject Mental Health, was well attended with visiting speakers from MIND and Walking Tall.</p>	
5	<p><u>Announcements from the Chair</u> None</p>	
6	<p><u>Community Rural Warden</u> The warden reported that she has been regularly walking around the village showing a visible presence and will be giving a road safety talk to the children at Jumping Beans very soon. She has been into Bean Village Surgery and left her details so they can contact her should they have any vulnerable patients who they consider may need her support.</p>	
7	<p><u>Correspondence</u> The following items of correspondence were noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lower Thames Crossing: Community video newsletter - Autumn 2021 - RSN Rural Funding Digest - December 2021 Edition - The Rural Bulletin – 16, 23, 30 November 2021, 6 December 2021 	
8	<p><u>KALC/SLCC/NALC</u> All information received from the above relating to COVID-19 and other urgent matters has been forwarded to Councillors on receipt. The following were noted.</p> <p>8.1 KALC CEO Bulletin 8.2 Civility and Respect newsletter</p>	
9.	<p><u>Parish Forum</u> The next meeting of the forum will be on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7pm.</p>	
10	<p><u>GDPR</u> There are no matters to consider</p>	
11	<p><u>Ebbfleet Development Corporation /Bean Triangle/ London Resort</u> There are no matters to consider</p>	
12	<p><u>Consultations</u> 12.1 The petition ‘Legislate to enable Councillors to be disqualified or suspended for poor conduct’ was submitted to the Government who have responded. <i>The Committee on Standards in Public Life, in their report Local Government Ethical Standards, made recommendations on suspension of councillors and conduct. The Government will respond in due course.</i></p>	
13	<p><u>Kent Police</u> The following were noted.</p> <p>13.1 CRAG Report 13.2 Summer edition of Rural Matters</p>	

14	<p><u>Planning</u> The following were noted.</p> <p>14.1 Weekly planning lists from DBC</p> <p>14.2 Weekly planning lists from EDC</p> <p>The following applications were considered</p> <p>14.3 21/01721/FUL 67 Beacon Drive Erection of a single storey front extension to porch to full width of dwelling, upgraded cladding, windows and sliding door to rear; Render finish to brick. No comments or observations</p> <p>14.4 21/01313/FUL REVISED PLANS Former Doctors Surgery 18A Beacon Drive Change of use of former Doctors Surgery building to a 4 bedroom dwelling house with associated alterations, raising height of roof for erection of first floor extension, provision of parking spaces, garden area and refuse storage</p> <p>Bean Parish Council object strongly to this application When the building of the GP Surgery was permitted in 1987 the conditions attached to the approval were specifically to protect the amenities and privacy of both the surgery and the adjacent dwellings. These conditions included the elevation overlooking Drudgeon Way to be glazed with obscured glass and the single storey elevation was not allowed additional windows. This planning application removes all privacy from the houses it overlooks in Drudgeon Way. The applicant makes reference to engagement with the Community but the Parish Council can find no evidence of this having taken place.</p> <p>The following application has been GRANTED</p> <p>14.5 DA/21/01426/FUL 2 Hope Cottages Bean Lane Bean Kent Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of a two storey side extension</p> <p>14.6 DA/20/00797 31A School Lane Safety related non-compliance issues regarding this application have been raised with DBC.</p>	
15	<p><u>Highways</u></p> <p>15.1 Proposed crossing, Southfleet Road for school children to access Pedestrian access to Beacon Woods via the new steps. Cllr Munday and the Clerk met with the representative from KCC Highways to discuss the installation of an informal crossing point which will also incorporate a 20-mph zone and additional bollards on the grass</p>	

	<p>verging. A traffic survey is going out on the 9th December which will be included in the bid presentation which will take place on 20th December.</p> <p>15.2 Whitehill Road, Southfleet Will be closed for one day on 15 December 2021</p> <p>15.3 Zoom meeting with National Highways A2BE Roadworks The meeting scheduled for 10th December at 3pm was cancelled. In view of the fact that the meeting was to discuss the A2BE Embargo over the Christmas period both BPC and BRA have strongly requested that the meeting be re-scheduled.</p>	
16	<p><u>Environmental Issues</u></p> <p>16.1 Two litter/dog bins have been sited, by DBC, in the lay-by opposite the shop. Unfortunately, they have been sited at each of the lay-by instead of on the grass verging equidistant from the ends of the lay-by as requested. DBC have confirmed that they will be re-sited. Emptying of the bins will be added to DBC's current schedule.</p>	
17	<p><u>Footpaths</u></p> <p>17.1 The section of DR25 footpath from School Lane to where it intersects with DR24 has been cut back but only to a width of 1 metre. The PROW Officer advised that although that section of footpath appears as a 6 foot wide track on the definitive map KCC is only responsible for ensuring that the track is wide enough for walkers.</p> <p>17.2 Sandy Lane underpass Balfour Beatty are currently laying electric cables from Woodbine Cottage to the northern end of the subway.</p>	
18	<p><u>Beacon Woods</u></p> <p>18.1 HE Landscaping project in Beacon Woods Work on the installation of the stairs, benches and picnic tables will take place after Christmas. No equipment will be left on site during the holiday period. Work will resume on 4th January 2022.</p> <p>18.2 Extension of Lease with Tarmac Members reviewed and approved the extension of lease between BPC and Tarmac up to 31 December 2022 and authorised the signing of the Letter of Intention</p> <p><i>RESOLVED:</i> <i>That the extension lease between BPC and Tarmac be approved and that the Clerk be authorised to sign the Letter of Intention on behalf of Bean Parish Council</i></p> <p>18.3 Damage to external fencing caused by vehicle On 29th November a vehicle left the road, crossed the verging and damaged a section of the external fencing. The Clerk has requested the insurance details of the driver from the police and is obtaining quotations for the repair.</p>	

19	<p><u>Recreation Facilities</u></p> <p>19.1 Fencing Fencing of the section adjacent to DR22 and the section adjacent to the High Street will commence on Monday 13th December and it is estimated will take one week to complete. The contractors will ensure that the recreation ground is secured at the end of each working day.</p> <p>19.2 Outstanding repairs to play equipment Have now been completed.</p>	
20	<p><u>Bean Village Hall</u></p> <p>20.1 The Council resolved at the September Parish Council Meeting (Item 20.1, page 1788) that due to the rise in COVID cases and to protect the pre-school who use the hall during the week, to suspend all private hirings of the hall until January 2022</p> <p>Members discussed whether the suspension should be lifted in January or continued for a further agreed period of time.</p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That due to the continued increase of COVID cases in the Dartford and surrounding areas and to protect the pre-school who use the hall during the week, to suspend all private hirings of the hall until Easter 2022 (15-18 April 2022). This resolution will be reviewed at the March meeting of the Council.</i></p> <p>20.2 Members received a report from the Clerk on an incident which took place on 30th November between a regular hirer of the hall and a local resident.</p>	
21	<p><u>Allotment Association</u></p> <p>21.1 Members received a report on the Allotment Association AGM held on Monday 15th November 2021 at 7.30pm.</p>	
22	<p><u>Residents' Association</u></p> <p>The report on the meeting held on 6th December 2021 was noted.</p>	
23	<p><u>Spirit's Rest</u></p> <p>Members noted that the Sanctuary is currently closed to visitors due to Covid.</p>	
24	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>24.1 Bank and Scribe reports up to 6 December 2021 The following were noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-op Bank transactions on all accounts 1 – 30 November 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 	

	<p>24.2 Balance as at 6 December 2021 on all accounts</p> <p><u>Bean Parish Council</u></p> <table><tr><td>Reserve Account</td><td>20,872.53</td></tr><tr><td>Current Account (No. 1 account)</td><td>5,182.67</td></tr><tr><td>Petty Cash</td><td>63.49</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>26,118.69</td></tr></table> <p><u>Bean Village Hall</u></p> <table><tr><td>Current Account (No. 2 account)</td><td>17,170.77</td></tr><tr><td>Petty Cash</td><td>178.42</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>17,349.19</td></tr></table> <p>24.3 Christmas Bonus for Caretaker Members agreed a bonus of £100 for the caretaker.</p> <p>24.4 Budget 2022-23 The budget was discussed at length.</p> <p>RESOLVED <i>That the precept for Bean Parish Council for 2022-2023 be increased by 2% (£393) to £20,071 which gives a Band D rate of £36.38 calculated on a base rate of 551.66. An increase of £0.76/year.</i></p> <p><i>(The base rate for 2021-2022 was 552.44 which gave a Band D rate of £35.62)</i></p>	Reserve Account	20,872.53	Current Account (No. 1 account)	5,182.67	Petty Cash	63.49	TOTAL	26,118.69	Current Account (No. 2 account)	17,170.77	Petty Cash	178.42	TOTAL	17,349.19	
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25	<p><u>Items of interest</u></p> <p>Chair’s Items -none</p> <p>Borough Councillor’s Items - none</p> <p>Members’ Items - none</p> <p>Clerk’s Items</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Members were advised that a new notice board is required for outside the shop. The clerk will obtain quotations.2) The Council’s Internal Auditor is standing down and a replacement needs to be appointed at the January meeting.															

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.15pm

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