MINUTES
BEAN PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.00 pm
at
Bean Village Hall

Present: Cllr. C. Bates, Cllr. K Burgin (Chair), Cllr. D Hammock,
Cllr. A Munday (arrived 7.10pm), Cllr. S Weeks

5 members of the public left at 7.25pm
Community Warden (Left after agenda item 6)

Apologies: Cllr D Wood (dispensation)

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.

	Agenda Item	
1	**<u>Apologies for absence</u>** Cllr. D Wood – dispensation until April 2022 meeting	
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	
	7.05pm The Chair adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public the opportunity to bring before the Council their concerns regarding the egress of horses onto both Southfleet Road and School Lane from adjacent fields which had happened a number of times over the Christmas/New Year period and again as recently as the past weekend. 7.10pm Cllr Munday joined the meeting. After listening to the concerns raised, Councillors agreed that the Clerk should raise the matter urgently with Dartford CSU and report back to Council. 7.25pm 5 members of the public left the meeting. The Chair formally resumed the meeting	
3.	**<u>Minutes</u>** **3.1** Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 13th December 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. ***RESOLVED:*** ***That the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 13th December 2021 be approved and adopted as a true record***	

4	**<u>Matters Arising</u>** **4.1 Councillor Vacancy** Members considered, in accordance with the Council's Co-option Policy. the two candidates for co-option for the advertised Councillor vacancy noting that they were both strong candidates. ***RESOLVED:*** ***That Kevin Clarke be co-opted a Councillor***	
5	**<u>Announcements from the Chair</u>** None	
6	**<u>Community Rural Warden</u>** Councillors were advised that Steve Taylor, Supervisor: Dartford Team, will be retiring at the end of January 2022 and will be replaced by Jacqueline Fuller. Hand-outs have been produced for our Community Warden to distribute in Bean	
7	**<u>Correspondence</u>** The following correspondence was noted - Rural Services Bulletin 5 Jan 2022 - Santa's visit to Bean on 20th December was cancelled due to Covid.	
8	**<u>KALC/SLCC/NALC</u>** All information received from the above relating to COVID-19 and other urgent matters have been forwarded to Councillors on receipt. **8.1** KALC CEO Bulletin	
9.	**<u>Parish Forum</u>** The agenda for the meeting of the Parish Forum to be held on 11th January 2022 was noted.	
10	**<u>GDPR</u>** There were no matters to consider	
11	**<u>Ebbsfleet Development Corporation /Bean Triangle/ London Resort</u>** There were no matters to consider	
12	**<u>Consultations</u>** **12.1 DBC Local Plan** Dartford Borough Council submitted the Local Plan to the Secretary of State on Monday 13 December 2021. Copies can be viewed, during normal working hours at: • Central Library, Dartford Library and Museum, Market Street, DA11EU. • Civic Centre, Dartford, Home Gardens, Dartford DA1 1DR.	
13	**<u>Kent Police</u>** **13.1** New Inspector at Dartford CSU, appointed December 2021 Inspector Trevor Jenner.	
14	**<u>Planning</u>** **The following were noted** **14.1** Weekly planning lists from DBC	

	14.2 Weekly planning lists from EDC The following application has been GRANTED **14.3 DA/21/01721/FUL** 67 Beacon Drive Bean Kent DA2 8BE 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. **14.4 DBC/20/00797** 31A School Lane Non-compliance matter (refer Item 14.2 September 2021 Minutes, page 1785) Council raised the initial query with DBC regarding non-compliance on 26 August 2021 and followed up on 5 January 2022. A response was received on 6th January advising that the delay in responding was due to workload pressures and will be looked into and an update given when further information available.	
15	**<u>Highways</u>** **15.1 Proposed crossing, Southfleet Road for school children to access Pedestrian access to Beacon Woods via the new steps.** The bid was successfully delivered on 20th December and a decision is expected at the end of January. The results from traffic survey are due back w/c 10 January **15.2 Designated Funds - NMU Improvements (For Approval)** Approval required by 14th January Councillors had difficulties in opening all the documents but approved the improvements in principle. Councillors expressed disappointment that despite the Council's request the replacement gate in Sandy Lane has not been installed raising concerns that the lane may be used for fly-tipping. **15.3 Zoom meeting with National Highways A2BE Roadworks** The meeting which had been scheduled for 10th December was cancelled and was at 4pm on Thursday 16th December re-scheduled for 3pm on Friday 17th December. Unfortunately, due to the very short notice of this meeting BPC were unable to send a representative. **15.4 Highways furniture** Clerk to request removal of advertising boards on pavements and the redundant recycling sign opposite the Black Horse.	
16	**<u>Environmental Issues</u>** There were no matters to consider	
17	**<u>Footpaths</u>** **17.1** The fingerpost for DR22 sited at Stonewood has been removed and left on the left-hand side towards Beacon Drive. PROW to be notified.	

18	**<u>Beacon Woods</u>** **18.1 HE Landscaping project in Beacon Woods** Works continue on the steps which is estimated to take 6-8 weeks. Contractors are now on site every day from 7.30am onwards. **18.2 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. As of 4th January 2022, the police have yet to contact the Clerk.	
19	**<u>Recreation Facilities</u>** **19.1 Fencing** Fencing of the section adjacent to DR22 and the section adjacent to the High Street commenced on Monday 13th December. The fencing work has been completed but the gates are damaged and will either be repaired or replaced. Awaiting quote from contractor to fill in section between new fence and tarmac in toddler area. Instructions given to remove rubble (from old concrete posts) and to grind down visible rebar on some of the remains of the concrete posts. Youngsters are still climbing over the yellow gates and the new vehicular gates. Clerk to investigate installation of anti-climb rollers and anti-vandal paint.	
20	**<u>Bean Village Hall</u>** **20.1 Meeting of Village Hall Working Party** Meeting re-scheduled for Monday 7th February at 1pm. **20.2 Village Halls week** Village Halls Week will be taking place from 24 to 30 January this year. This is the fifth year of this celebration of all things village halls and is led by ACRE.	
21	**<u>Allotment Association</u>** There were no matters to consider.	
22	**<u>Residents' Association</u>** **22.1** The Association did not meet in January.	
23	**<u>Spirit's Rest</u>** There have been problems with horses loose on the highway and horse welfare issues all over Dartford to which representatives from SR have been called to assist. Two events were held over the Christmas period and have also attended, together with donkeys, local nativity plays. Dartford Grammar School for Boys will be visiting for 5 hours later this week. Two PCSOs also attended.	

24 **Finance**

24.1 Bank and Scribe reports up to 5 January 2022

The following were noted

- Co-op Bank transactions on all accounts 1 – 31 December 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 December 2021 on all accounts

Bean Parish Council

Reserve Account	10,483.55
Current Account (No. 1 account)	9464.47
Petty Cash	63.49
TOTAL	**20,011.51**

Bean Village Hall

Current Account (No. 2 account)	18,803.19
Petty Cash	178.42
TOTAL	**18,981.61**

24.3 Appointment of Internal Auditor

Following the discussions held at the December meeting it is proposed that Mrs K Gale be appointed Internal Auditor for Bean Parish Council for an annual fee of £200.

RESOLVED
That Mrs K Gale be appointed Internal Auditor for Bean Parish Council for an annual fee of £200.

25 **Items of interest**

Chair's Items - none
Borough Councillor's Items - none
Members' Items

- As part of the Jubilee celebrations do Councillors consider it would be a good idea to plant a tree in Beacon Woods as part of the celebrations? To be added to February agenda.

Clerk's Items

- A member of the public has expressed an interest in organising an event in the recreation ground over the Jubilee weekend. Councillors supported the proposal in principle, subject to the approval of a TEN, RA and Insurance.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm

Chair…….. Date …….