

**MINUTES**  
**BEAN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.00 pm**  
**at**  
**Bean Village Hall**

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.

**Present:** Cllr C Bates, Cllr K Burgin (Chair), Cllr D Hammock, Cllr A Munday,

**The meeting was quorate**

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b>  Were received and accepted from Cllr Weeks  No apologies had been received from Cllr Impiazzi and Cllr. Wood</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b><u>Declarations of interest</u></b>  <b>2.1</b> Updates to the Register of Interests  None  <b>2.2</b> Declarations of interest against an agenda item.  None</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b><u>Minutes</u></b>  <b>3.1</b> Minutes of the Council Meeting held via MS Teams on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 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><i>RESOLVED:</i></b>  <b><i>That the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 be approved and adopted as a true record</i></b></p> <p><b>3.2</b> Extraordinary meeting, called by the Chair of Bean Parish Council, held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021</p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED:</i></b>  <b><i>That the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 be approved and adopted as a true record</i></b></p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>  <b>4.1</b> The Clerk confirmed that Cllr. Burgin has duly signed the Chair's Acceptance of Office.</p>	

5	<p><b><u>Announcements from the Chair</u></b></p> <p><b>5.1 Defibrillator</b>          The Chair confirmed that as of 16 June 2021 LIFELINKcentral: Device Check-In the defibrillator was defined as 'ready' and the pads are were visually inspected and do not require replacing until December 2022. Monthly email reports on the equipment are also received. The Chair further confirmed that the machine is visually inspected on a daily basis to check that the green light is still flashing indicating that the machine is 'ready'.</p> <p><b>5.2 Body Camera for Recreation Ground caretaker</b>          With regard to the number of instances where the caretaker has had interaction with persons refusing to leave the recreation ground at locking up time, resulting on occasion in her receiving verbal abuse, under delegated authority the Chair and Vice-Chair have agreed the purchase of a body camera to record these instances. The purchase is subject to the Clerk receiving confirmation of the legal position on filming members of the public.</p>	
6	<p><b><u>Community Rural Warden</u></b>          We have a new community warden covering Bean, Longfield &amp; New Barn – Jacky Haseman <a href="mailto:Jacky.Haseman@kent.gov.uk">Jacky.Haseman@kent.gov.uk</a> 07974 183693</p> <p>The CW and the Dartford Supervisor attended the meeting. Reference was made to the Revised Strategic Delivery Plan for 2020-2021 in light of Covid-19 impacts. Officers have been re-focused to respond to urgent Covid-19 demands and ensure continuity for statutory services which means that Community Wardens are prioritising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vulnerable people</li> <li>- People in isolation</li> <li>- Safeguarding</li> </ul> <p>The CW gave a verbal update on-going issues within the Parish. It is the CW's intention to either attend future Parish Council meetings in person or to submit a report in advance of the meeting.</p>	
7	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b>          The following items of correspondence were noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Rural Bulletin – 5, 12, 18 May 2021, 22, 29 June</li> <li>- SELEP major projects webinar - 26 May</li> <li>- Publication of the Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan for Stone Parish 2020</li> <li>- The Clerk attended Code of Conduct training delivered by DBC on 12 June 2021 at 12 noon.</li> <li>- Request from Citizens Advice in North &amp; West Kent in Dartford for funding. Since the beginning of lockdown in March 2020, they have helped 58 residents of Bean with 216 separate issues; dealing with a sharp rise in demand for advice in matters such as debt and money advice, benefit entitlement, employment, housing and relationship problems.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>RESOLVED</i></b>  <b><i>To defer decision on offering a grant from the Council until September Parish Council Meeting</i></b></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lower Thames Crossing: They are holding a new eight week public consultation which will run from Wednesday 14 July to 23:59 on Wednesday 8 September 2021. <a href="http://lowerthamescrossing.co.uk">lowerthamescrossing.co.uk</a></li> <li>- Membership brochure for ARCK (BPC are members at an annual cost of £80)</li> </ul>	
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.  The following were noted.  <b>8.1</b> March, April and June newsletters  <b>8.2</b> KALC CEO May newsletter  <b>8.3</b> Quarterly environmental briefing June 2021</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>Parish Forum</u></b>  <b>9.1</b> The report from the Clerk who attended a meeting of the Forum on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July was noted and it was further noted that the position of Forum Vice-Chairman (which falls to the Parishes for the 2021-22 municipal cycle) was not filled on Tuesday evening and that Parish/Town Members are urged to submit nominations.  Dates of next meetings:  Tuesday 12 October 2021  Tuesday 11 January 2022  Tuesday 5 April 2022</p>	
10	<p><b><u>GDPR</u></b>  No matters to consider at date of publication.</p>	
11	<p><b><u>Ebbsfleet Development Corporation /Bean Triangle/ London Resort</u></b>  <b>11.1</b> The Council had asked DBC planning if they were able to supply a map of the Swanscombe peninsula marshes, pasture and reedbeds beside the Thames where London Resort want to build a theme park which was listed in March 2021 by Natural England as a site of special scientific interest (SSSI) in recognition of its rare and diverse insect life and had received the following response.  All the information about the Swanscombe Peninsula SSSI can be found on Natural England's consultation website at:  <a href="https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england/swanscombe-peninsula">https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england/swanscombe-peninsula</a> where there is a summary map and some more detailed maps of the area affected by the designation.  <b>11.2 Realising the potential of Blue Lake - seeking your views</b>  The leaflet includes details about how people can find out more and get involved by signing up for a webinar or a telephone surgery. There is also a new website  <a href="https://ebbsfleetthameswayconceptplan.commonplace.is">https://ebbsfleetthameswayconceptplan.commonplace.is</a>  <b>11.3 London Resort CLG -Meeting 5 on Thursday 24 June</b>  The minutes of the meeting and the accompanying slide presentation were noted.</p>	

	<p><b>11.4 Application by London Resort Company Holdings for an Order Granting Development Consent for the London Resort</b>  <b>The Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 Procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority about how the application is to be examined</b>  Below is a link to the letter advising of procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority in relation to the deferred Examination:  <a href="http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/BC080001-000918">http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/BC080001-000918</a></p> <p>Below is a link to the letter advising of procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority in relation to the flexibility sought for the Proposed Development and the assessment of landscape and visual effects:  <a href="http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/BC080001-000937">http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/BC080001-000937</a></p> <p><b>11.5 Meeting with EDC to discuss cyclepaths, walkways, the Bean Triangle work</b>  This meeting had been scheduled for 6pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July but has been deferred due to the government's delay on removing restrictions around general gatherings etc until July 19<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b>  <i>To invite representatives from EDC to a meeting with the Parish Council at Bean Village Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 6pm to discuss cycle paths, walkways and the Bean Triangle work</i></p>	
12	<p><b><u>Consultations</u></b>  No matters to consider at date of publication</p>	
13	<p><b><u>Kent Police</u></b>  The following were noted.</p> <p><b>13.1</b> CRAG Report to 30 April 2021 and to 30 June 2021  <b>13.2</b> Spring 2021 Rural Matters  <b>13.3</b> Bean &amp; Darenth Park Police monthly newsletters – April 2021 and June 2021  <b>13.4</b> PCSO Kurtis Midford, 07814998351 is allocated to Bean together with PCSO Linda Prior</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b>  <i>That PCSOs Midford and Prior be invited to attend the September meeting of the Parish Council</i></p>	
14	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b>  <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><b>The following planning applications were considered</b></p> <p><b>14.3 DA/21/00822/FUL</b>  Honey Cottage Southfleet Road Bean Kent DA2 8BS  Single storey rear extension  <b>No objections/comments</b></p>	

	<p><b>14.4 DA/21/00926/FUL</b> 55 Page Close Erection of part two storey/part first floor side extension incorporating conversion of garage to habitable room <b>No objections/comments</b></p> <p><b>It was noted that permission has been GRANTED for the following</b></p> <p><b>14.5 DA/20/01508/COU</b> Former Doctors Surgery 18A Beacon Drive Bean Kent Change of use of former Doctors Surgery building to a single dwelling house with associated alterations to elevations. 2 parking spaces. Provision of garden area and bicycle and refuse storage.</p>	
15	<p><b><u>Highways</u></b></p> <p><b>15.1</b> The request from residents at New Cottages to support their request for ‘residents’ only parking permits’ in the parking bay outside numbers 1-16 New Cottages, High Street was discussed. An initial approach has been made by the Clerk to DBC on this matter, currently awaiting a response.</p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED</i></b> <b><i>That a decision on supporting a request for ‘residents’ only’ parking in the bays outside 1-16 New Cottages be deferred until a response is received from the Transport Project Officer at DBC.</i></b></p> <p><b>15.2</b> On 19/20 June fly-tipping blocked Sandy Lane. The Clerk has been advised that a driver witnessed the dumping but failed to obtain a registration number. Highways ‘closed’ the road on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> and the fly-tipping was removed on 22 June 2021. The Clerk advised that although the large items of the fly-tipping had been removed, there remained smaller items which had not been swept up and cleared.</p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED</i></b> <b><i>That the Clerk raise with DBC/Highways the issue that not all items of fly-tipping are cleared, with smaller items often left behind and not swept up, and to seek clarification if the work of the contractors concerned is monitored.</i></b></p> <p><b>15.3</b> Members received a report on the meeting between BPC and representatives from HE and Balfour Beatty held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021</p> <p><b>15.4</b> Advance notice- weekend of 6-9 August A2 closed from Ebbsfleet Junction to Darenth Junction from 10pm on Friday 6 to 5am Monday 9th. This is to put in the new Bean Bridge. Further details will be posted <a href="https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/south-east/a2-bean-and-ebbsfleet-junction-improvements/">https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/south-east/a2-bean-and-ebbsfleet-junction-improvements/</a></p>	

16	<p><b><u>Environmental Issue</u></b> No matters to consider.</p>	
17	<p><b><u>Footpaths</u></b></p> <p><b>17.1</b> Footpath between land adjacent to 31 School Lane and Page Close. Confirmation has been received that DBC will carry out the required repairs.</p> <p><b>17.2</b> DR22, High Street – Drudgeon Way All planned work has now been completed and chippings left for the Allotment society. There was evidence that the area either side of the path and especially the section of land adjacent to the barriers at Drudgeon Way have again been used as a dumping ground for garden waste.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> <i>That the Council writes to the residents of houses in Foxwood backing onto the footpath and at the top of the road leading to the recreation ground and the houses in the banjo of Drudgeon Way that disposal of garden waste alongside the footpath is fly-tipping ('illegal deposit of any waste onto land that does not have a licence to accept it'). If this action continues, we will be reporting it to DBC with a view to prosecution. Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 the fines for fly tipping can be unlimited.</i></p>	
18	<p><b><u>Beacon Woods</u></b></p> <p><b>18.1 HE Landscaping project in Beacon Woods</b> Councillors received a report on the Teams meeting held on 9 June at which Cllrs Hammock and Weeks were present and on the subsequent site meeting at Beacon Woods attended by Cllrs. Weeks and Munday and representatives from Friends of Beacon Woods on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The proposals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improvements to the stepped access in the High Street opposite the shop</li> <li>- Re-designed steps from the entrance opposite School Lane <i>They are providing a gated 'holding area' for children at the top which is a super idea and proposing that the handrails are: 42mm diameter tubular powder coated steel to RAL 9005 handrail with welded joints to provide a suitable grip for children.</i></li> <li>- Improved pathway from foot of steps to car park <i>Rake existing gravel surface and provide new Hoggin self-binding gravel with timber edging and compact.</i></li> <li>- Improvements to the car-parking area with log edging <i>Rake existing Type 1 surfacing to loosen surface and supplement with new Type 1. Compact and level to match existing road and path edges.</i></li> <li>- At the entrance to the car-park at the end of the driveway from the main road they are going to <i>Removal of existing sign, and supply and installation of 1no. wooden ladder sign in same location. We must ask them for new 'time' signs</i></li> </ul>	

	<p>They are also suggesting siting – benches, outdoor teaching area for children and additional picnic tables – all of these require FoBW input to that they are installed in the areas where they will be best placed.</p> <p><b>18.2</b> Cllr Munday reported on her meeting with Chris Downs on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021.</p> <p><b>18.3</b> It was noted that the Clerk will be meeting with the Tarmac Mineral Estates Manager at 11am on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021.</p>	
<b>19</b>	<p><b><u>Recreation Facilities</u></b></p> <p><b>19.1 Criminal damage to table tennis table in Bean recreation ground – 7 June 2021</b></p> <p>Councillors received a report from the Clerk on the current status of the Police investigation and agreed that the matter should now be passed to the Council's insurance company.</p> <p><b>19.2 Repair Schedule for playground equipment</b></p> <p>Councillors reviewed and discussed the schedule which had been compiled by the Clerk, based on the latest inspection report together with quotations for the identified work, all of which has been ranked as 'low risk' in the inspection report.</p> <p><b><i>RESOLVED:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>That a sum not exceeding £5,000, comprising £2,500 from the current budget and the balance of £2,500 from reserves, be spent on playground equipment remedial work and that the Council appoint Cllr. Munday, together with the Clerk, to prioritise the work up to the value of £5,000 and to appoint a contractor to carry out the agreed works.</i></b></p>	
<b>20</b>	<p><b><u>Bean Village Hall</u></b></p> <p><b>20.1 Electric Vehicle Charging Points</b></p> <p>The presentation attended by the Clerk was noted. It was further noted that to qualify for funding for this scheme the carpark must be accessible 24 hours per day and as we lock our carpark outside of hirings we would not be eligible.</p>	
<b>21</b>	<p><b><u>Allotment Association</u></b></p> <p>No matters to consider at date of publication</p>	
<b>22</b>	<p><b><u>Residents' Association</u></b></p> <p>Councillors noted the updates from the Asst. Secretary.</p>	
<b>23</b>	<p><b><u>Spirit's Rest</u></b></p> <p>Councillors received a report on the latest work of the sanctuary and were pleased to learn that there are now bees on site and plans for an area of coops for rescued battery chickens. A small classroom is to be set up and the sanctuary will also be applying for charity status.</p>	
<b>24</b>	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <p><b>24.1 Bank and Scribe reports up to 30 June 2021</b></p> <p>The following were received and noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-op Bank transactions on all accounts 1 April – 30 June 2021</li> <li>- Bank reconciliation on all accounts</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><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 30 June 2021</b> on all accounts</p> <p><u>Bean Parish Council</u></p> <table><tr><td>Reserve Account</td><td>20866.01</td></tr><tr><td>Current Account (No. 1 account)</td><td>6780.32</td></tr><tr><td>Petty Cash</td><td>75.49</td></tr><tr><td><b>TOTAL</b></td><td><b>27,721.82</b></td></tr></table> <p><u>Bean Village Hall</u></p> <table><tr><td>Current Account (No. 2 account)</td><td>15186.96</td></tr><tr><td>Petty Cash</td><td>170.42</td></tr><tr><td><b>TOTAL</b></td><td><b>15,357.38</b></td></tr></table>	Reserve Account	20866.01	Current Account (No. 1 account)	6780.32	Petty Cash	75.49	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,721.82</b>	Current Account (No. 2 account)	15186.96	Petty Cash	170.42	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,357.38</b>	
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25	<p><u><b>Items of interest</b></u></p> <p>None</p>															

**There being no further business to consider the Chair closed the meeting at 9.20pm**

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