

MINUTES
BEAN PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.00 pm
at
Bean Village Hall

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. C Bates, Cllr. K Burgin (Chair), Cllr. D Hammock, Cllr. A Munday (Vice-Chair)
 Cllr S Weeks

The meeting was quorate

	Agenda Item	
1	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u> Were received and accepted from Cllr. Wood.</p> <p>Cllr Hammock, seconded by Cllr. Weeks, proposed that a grant of dispensation be given to Cllr. Wood to remove any requirement to attend meetings or submit apologies up until 1 April 2022. Reason: due to ill health.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That dispensation be given to Councillor Wood from attending meetings of the Council for a period of six months commencing on 8th November 2021, on the grounds of ill health, thus nullifying the disqualification to hold office for a six-month period.</p>	
2	<p><u>Declarations of interest</u> 2.1 Updates to the Register of Interests No updates.</p> <p>2.2 Declarations of interest against an agenda item. None declared.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u> 3.1 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 11th October 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: That the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 11th October 2021 be approved and adopted as a true record</p>	
4	<p><u>Matters Arising</u> 4.1 Remembrance Day Service, 14th November 2021 Service sheets have been printed. Decoration of area behind memorial in</p>	

	<p>hand. Wreath to be purchased on behalf of BPC.</p> <p>4.2 Children in Need event - Wednesday 10th November 2021 Event cancelled as CW required to attend KCC training.</p> <p>4.3 Councillor Vacancy As of 1 November 2021, two applications have been received. Closing date for applications Monday 15th November 2021. Reminder to be posted on Facebook.</p> <p>4.4 Code of Conduct The Council's revised Code of Conduct which now includes the revisions which were made to the Borough Council's Member Code of Conduct and Arrangements was discussed.</p> <p>RESOLVED That Bean Parish Council's amended Code of Conduct reflecting the revisions as set out in the Dartford Borough Council's Member Code of Conduct be approved.</p> <p>Revised Code of Conduct was signed by all Councillors present.</p>	
5	<p><u>Announcements from the Chair</u> The Chair advised Councillors of the sad passing of Cllr. Ann Allen, Chair of the Parish Forum and Bill Headde former Editor of Bean's Talk.</p>	
6	<p><u>Community Rural Warden</u> No report.</p>	
7	<p><u>Correspondence</u> The following items of correspondence were NOTED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSN Rural Funding Digest - November 2021 Edition - Rural Bulletin 2 November - Santa will be in the Black Horse car-park Monday 20th December at 3.00pm 	
8	<p><u>KALC/SLCC/NALC</u> The following items were NOTED</p> <p>8.1 KALC CEO Bulletin - October 2021</p> <p>8.2 KALC October newsletter</p> <p>8.3 Reminder of KALC AGM - Saturday 13th November 2021 using Zoom at 9.20am</p>	
9.	<p><u>Parish Forum</u> Was on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7pm, refer attached report.</p>	
10	<p><u>GDPR</u> There were no matters to consider</p>	
11	<p><u>Ebbfleet Development Corporation /Bean Triangle/ London Resort</u></p> <p>11.1 London Resort Council received a report from Cllr. Munday on the recent virtual meeting</p>	

12	<p><u>Consultations</u> There were no matters to consider.</p>	
13	<p><u>Kent Police</u> The following were NOTED 13.1 Community Engagement hour took place at Bean Village Hall on Saturday 23 October 2021 between 3-4pm with PCSO Midford 13.2 Record of Bean crimes for October 2021 It was NOTED that the record does not include damage to Black Horse public house windows and Bean Hill Cottages.</p>	
14	<p><u>Planning</u> The following were NOTED 14.1 Weekly planning lists from DBC 14.2 Weekly planning lists from EDC</p> <p>The following applications were considered. 14.3 21/01630/FUL 48 Page Close Conversion of integral garage to habitable room together with associated alterations to front elevation</p> <p>No objections or comments.</p> <p>14.4 21/01665/FUL Bean Post Office Southfleet Road Erection of single storey front and rear extensions, provision of a new access ramp to front and external steps to rear</p> <p>The Council expressed concern that there is no access to the rear shop floor for mobility impaired customers and no suitable rear emergency exit in case of fire for those who are mobility impaired.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the following application has been GRANTED 14.5 DA/21/01359/FUL 54 Page Close Erection of part two/part single storey side/rear extension and new window in flank elevation</p> <p>The following was NOTED 14.6 Drudgeon Farm Dartford Borough Council have advised that they are still awaiting the outcome of the enforcement appeal which has been outstanding for a long time. DBC officers have been repeatedly chasing the Planning Inspectorate on this and received the latest response from them last week. This advised that they have a shortage of Inspectors that are suitable for this appeal but this case is on their priority list for allocation as soon as possible. We are unable to provide a date by when the outcome of this appeal will be known. (Reference: APP/T2215/C/20/3259489)</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. This access is also the main pedestrian entrance to Beacon Woods for the southern end of Bean KCC have advised that they could look towards an informal crossing point like that which has recently been installed in Southfleet Road Swanscombe this was funded via the Ebbsfleet improvements works. To instigate something like this here we would need substantial funding which we would have to bid for and look to incorporate a 20-mph zone at the same time.</p> <p>RESOLVED That Cllr Munday and the Clerk arrange to meet with the KCC officer to discuss the proposal in more detail.</p>	
16	<p><u>Environmental Issues</u> No matters to consider.</p>	
17	<p><u>Footpaths</u></p> <p>17.1 Overgrown section of DR 25 from School Lane to first gate has been reported to KCC PROW Officer.</p> <p>17.2 Evening of 31 October a group of 3 youths were observed going around the village throwing items at windows and they also smashed glass jars on the footpath adjacent to the allotments. One of the youths has been identified and has been reported to the police.</p>	
18	<p><u>Beacon Woods</u></p> <p>18.1 HE Landscaping project in Beacon Woods Refer report. License has been signed on behalf of Bean PC. Work started on Monday 1st November and is scheduled to take 10-12 weeks. A work-plan has been requested.</p> <p>18.2 Signage for Main Entrance The proposed new signage was approved but the addition of opening and closing times. Clerk to liaise with Tarmac.</p>	
19	<p><u>Recreation Facilities</u></p> <p>19.1 Criminal damage to table tennis table in Bean recreation ground – 7 June 2021 See report</p> <p>19.2 Playground equipment repairs In progress.</p>	
20	<p><u>Bean Village Hall</u></p> <p>20.1 Annual gas inspection has been carried out and remedial work to the radiators in both the main hall and the toilets has resulted in a substantial increase in temperature.</p>	

21	<p><u>Allotment Association</u></p> <p>21.1 The Allotment Association AGM will be held in the Bean Village Hall on Monday 15th November 2021 at 7.30pm</p>															
22	<p><u>Residents' Association</u></p> <p>22.1 The updates from the Asst. Secretary were noted and that, on advice, due to the increase in Covid cases and deaths in Dartford the November meeting had been cancelled.</p>															
23	<p><u>Spirit's Rest</u></p> <p>Cllr Bates reported the following: Chickens are still laying but the bees are no longer active. Unfortunately, the planned Halloween Event was cancelled due to poor weather but in two weeks they will be holding a bug hotel competition. SR continues to work with dog charities in Spain and Romania.</p>															
24	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>24.1 Bank and Scribe reports up to 2 November 2021 The following were NOTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Co-op Bank transactions on all accounts 1 October – 2 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 2 November 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>10,803.26</td></tr><tr><td>Petty Cash</td><td>75.49</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>31,751.28</td></tr></table> <p><u>Bean Village Hall</u></p> <table><tr><td>Current Account (No. 2 account)</td><td>17,799.27</td></tr><tr><td>Petty Cash</td><td>170.42</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>17,969.69</td></tr></table> <p>24.2 Items for 2021-2023 Budget To include the cost of extending the wooden bollards on Southfleet Road down to the bollards adjacent to the Thames Water entrance.</p>	Reserve Account	20,872.53	Current Account (No. 1 account)	10,803.26	Petty Cash	75.49	TOTAL	31,751.28	Current Account (No. 2 account)	17,799.27	Petty Cash	170.42	TOTAL	17,969.69	
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25	<p><u>Items of interest</u></p> <p>Borough Councillor's Items</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) All Councils will be advised when Ann Allen's memorial service at Canterbury Cathedral will take place.2) There have been discussions at DBC regarding the CIL money distributed to non-parished areas of the Borough. Cllr Hamock has requested that															

	Bean PC be included as a recipient with the non-parished areas as Bean has very little scope for securing any CIL money from development within its own parish boundaries.	
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There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm

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