

MINUTES
BEAN PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.15pm
following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
at
Bean Village Hall

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

There were 4 members of the public present.

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> There were no apologies, all members were present.
2	<u>Declarations of interest</u> 2.1 Updates to the Register of Interests None 2.2 Declarations of interest against an agenda item. Cllr Weeks declared an interest in Item 14.3
3.	<u>Minutes</u> 3.1 To APPROVE the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 11 th April 2022 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: <i>That the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 11th April 2022 be approved and adopted as a true record</i>
4	<u>Matters Arising</u> 4.1 It was noted that Duncan Wood's funeral will take place on Friday 13 th May at 2pm at Thames View Crematorium. Donations in memory of Duncan can be made to Spirits Rest Dartford Horse and Animal Sanctuary via online banking. Bank details are available from the Clerk. Cllrs Bates, Hammock, Munday, Weeks and the Clerk will be attending.
5	<u>Announcements from the Chair</u> The Chair asked the members of the public present if there was something specific, they wanted to bring before the Council. Three of the attendees responded that they wanted to draw the Council's attention to a number of issues in the area of the village where they lived.

	The Chair proposed to Councillors that the agenda be amended to consider Item 27 Questions from the Public next and Councillors unanimously agreed.
27	<p><u>Questions from the Public</u></p> <p>The Council were advised by three members of the public present of a number of issues affecting residents in the cul-de-sac of Bramble Avenue.</p> <p>Cllr Hammock agreed to take the matters up with the CSU and Environmental Services at DBC on their behalf.</p> <p>One member of the public had attempted to contact the Dartford Area representative of Neighbourhood Watch without success. The Clerk offered to contact the local police on his behalf to obtain the contact details.</p> <p>Three members of the public left the meeting.</p>
6	<p><u>Community Rural Warden</u></p> <p>6.1 The Community Warden had tendered her apologies that she was unable to attend the meeting and advised that she has been providing a regular uniformed visible presence around the village as well as responding to referrals by partner agencies which has involved visiting residents and giving assistance to them. She has also been involved with the Residents' Association to support community initiatives.</p>
7	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The following were noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OUR NEWS Neighbourhood Watch newsletter – May Edition - DBC have advised that they have a number of Ukrainian families coming into the Borough. They want to provide opportunities for them to socialise together and are therefore developing a scheme called Café Ukraine, which would allow families to come together over a cup of tea/coffee and perhaps some cake. DBC would provide funding and wondered whether Bean Parish Council had any suitable facilities where they could hold such events. - The Rural Bulletin – 20, 26 April, 4 May 2022 - Member Code of Conduct Training Monday 23 May 2022 @ 6pm in the Council Chamber (will be attended by Cllr. Clarke and the Clerk)
8	<p><u>KALC/SLCC/NALC</u></p> <p>8.1 NALC Newsletter 4 May 2022 was noted</p>
9.	<p><u>Parish Forum</u></p> <p>No matters to consider at time of publication</p>
10	<p><u>GDPR</u></p> <p>No matters to consider at time of publication</p>
11	<p><u>Ebbsfleet Development Corporation /Bean Triangle/ London Resort</u></p> <p>11.1 Meeting with National Highways, Balfour Beatty and Bean RA</p> <p>The date of Monday 16th May pm has been suggested by BPC and BRA, currently awaiting response from NH/BB.</p> <p>Councillors Burgin, Clarke Munday and Weeks confirmed that they would be available to attending.</p>

12	<p><u>Consultations</u> No matters to consider at time of publication</p>
13	<p><u>Kent Police</u> The return for April for Bean and Village Park were noted. Crimes of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 01/04 – Watling Street – Theft Other – Copper Lead taken from building site – Filed, no suspect identified • 18/04 – Bean Lane – Theft of a Motor Vehicle – Vehicle taken from outside address – Filed, no Suspect Identified • 26/04 – Watling Street – Theft of a Motor Vehicle – Motorbike Taken – Filed, no Suspect Identified • 26/04 – School Lane – Theft from a Motor Vehicle – Catalytic Converter Taken – Filed, no Suspect Identified
14	<p><u>Planning</u> The following were noted</p> <p>14.1 Weekly planning lists from DBC including Planning Decisions taken under delegated powers</p> <p>14.2 Weekly planning lists from EDC</p> <p>The following application was considered</p> <p>14.3 22/00279/FUL at Adjacent 1 & 2 Stonewood House</p> <p>Subdivision of the plot and erection of one pair of semi-detached residential dwellings with new vehicular access.</p> <p>Adjacent 1 & 2 Stonewood House Sandy Lane, Bean, Kent</p> <p>It was noted that the application is for a development within the garden curtilage, not in the Green Belt.</p>
15	<p><u>Highways</u></p> <p>15.1 20mph speed limit in Bean No update received at date of meeting.</p> <p>15.2 Southfleet Road pedestrian crossing for access to Beacon Woods No update received at date of meeting.</p> <p>15.3 Junction of School Lane/Sandy Lane Members discussed the re-instatement of road markings</p> <p><i>RESOLVED:</i> <i>That Kent Highways be requested to re-instate the road markings at the junction of School Lane and Sandy Lane.</i></p>
16	<p><u>Environmental Issues</u> No matters to consider at time of publication</p>

17	<p><u>Footpaths</u></p> <p>17.1 DR20</p> <p>It was noted that last month the Chair of Bean Parish Council accompanied a Bean resident to walk along DR20 to view for himself the effluent affecting this footpath and the fly-tipping along Claywood Lane. Images taken at recorded locations have been forwarded to DBC for their comments.</p>
18	<p><u>Beacon Woods</u></p> <p>18.1 HE Landscaping project in Beacon Woods</p> <p>No one has come forward to identify the ‘tag’ left on the benches. A meeting is to be arranged with FoBW and representatives from National Highways/ Balfour Beatty and Bean PC to discuss snagging issues with the project. Awaiting new map signage boards and ladder sign for the entrance, way farer signs edging for the car-parks.</p> <p>18.2 FoBW</p> <p>Cllr Clarke has agreed to become the liaison Councillor between the Council and the Friends Group and will look at how the work of the FoBW can be better publicised and how new volunteers can be encouraged to join the group.</p>
19	<p><u>Recreation Facilities</u></p> <p>19.1 Play Place</p> <p>Are a KCC funded group working in the Dartford area with current projects including Temple Hill, Stone, Knockhall Park and Broomfield Park. Comprising core group of 6 staff they offer a range of activities for youngsters 8+ and can cater for up to 18-year-olds. They propose to visit all through Terms 5 and 6 including the half term break and if all goes well will continue to visit us every Monday from then on – autumn and winter included. Council may wish to consider offering the hall for their use in the darker months. They are in receipt of Council’s Beacon logo which will be used in the production of their flyer which will be uploaded to Facebook and Bean PC website.</p> <p>19.2 Arrangements for opening and closing the park daily have been made with a volunteer who has also kindly offered to empty the bins on a regular basis.</p>
20	<p><u>Bean Village Hall</u></p> <p>No matters to consider at date of publication.</p>
21	<p><u>Allotment Association</u></p> <p>No matters to consider at date of publication</p>
22	<p><u>Residents’ Association</u></p> <p>22.1 It was noted that no meeting took place in May.</p>
23	<p><u>Community Bus</u></p> <p>23.1 Members received the report on the inspection by KCC which took place on 7 April 2022.</p> <p>23.2 The Clerk will post a request for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer driver to contact the Parish Office. This would be for a regular commitment for weekly shopping trips and occasional day trips. Drivers must have a clean licence (no</p>

	points) and be under the age of 70.														
24	<p><u>Spirit's Rest</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 22 May 2022 at 3pm, opening of the Memorial Garden, Balfour Beatty/Atkins very kindly supplied the shingle and the plants were donated by Hawley Garden Centre. - Chickens and rabbits are well - DBS will be using SR's premises to launch their 'Healthy Initiative'. 														
25	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>25.1 Bank and Scribe reports up to 30 April 2022 The following were noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-op Bank transactions on all accounts 1 – 30 April 2022 - 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>25.2 Balance as at 30 April 2022 on all accounts <u>Bean Parish Council</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Reserve Account</td><td>6485.79</td></tr> <tr> <td>Current Account (No. 1 account)</td><td>8636.69</td></tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash</td><td>46.49</td></tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td><td>15,168.97</td></tr> </table> <p><u>Bean Village Hall</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Current Account (No. 2 account)</td><td>18297.80</td></tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash</td><td>142.37</td></tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td><td>18,440.17</td></tr> </table> <p>25.3 Insurance It was note that the insurance policy with Gallagher (Hiscox) was cancelled on 26 April 2022. Currently awaiting confirmation from their cancellation team as to whether payment up to 26 April or 26 May (30 cancellation clause) will be deducted from the refunded premium payment of £2,399.10. A new policy was taken out with BHIB (Aviva) on 26 April at a cost of 1,584.67 for a 3-year term.</p> <p>25.4 KALC Membership To consider renewing membership of KALC at a cost of £561.12 (incl VAT) The Band D rate was queried and the Clerk will check this with DBC.</p> <p><i>RESOLVED:</i> <i>That Bean Parish Council renews membership of KALC at a cost of £561.12 for the period 1 April 2022 – 31 Mrch 2023.</i></p>	Reserve Account	6485.79	Current Account (No. 1 account)	8636.69	Petty Cash	46.49	TOTAL	15,168.97	Current Account (No. 2 account)	18297.80	Petty Cash	142.37	TOTAL	18,440.17
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26	<p><u>Items of interest</u></p> <p>There were no items of interest.</p>														

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm

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