

# BEAN PARISH COUNCIL

**You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Bean Parish Council to be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.00pm where the following business will be transacted:**

The COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic and the unprecedented Government measures in response to the crisis (e.g. prohibitions on gatherings, social distancing, self-isolation and shielding of those deemed to be the most vulnerable) have meant that the requirement for local authorities to hold public meetings in person with all members present in one place cannot currently be met. The statutory requirements for meetings are mainly contained in the Local Government Act 1972 (“the 1972 Act”) and the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (“the 1960 Act”). In recognition of the difficulties of holding and attending meetings, the Government included s.78 in the Coronavirus Act 2020 and provided the Secretary of State with the power to make Regulations for the provision of holding alternative format meetings.

As such, this meeting will be held under terms agreed by Members being to conduct the Council business via internet link.

Additionally, the legislation allowed for the cancellation of the Annual Parish Council meeting and all current appointments continue until May 2021.

This meeting will be preceded by a presentation from Paul Boughen, Community Building Manager for EDC together with Peter Smith who is leading for EDC on the A2 upgrade works.

<p><b>AGENDA</b> <b>BEAN PARISH COUNCIL</b> <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.00 pm</b> <b>via MS Teams</b> <b>Members of the public are asked to contact the Clerk should they wish to join the meeting</b></p>
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**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.**

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b>	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Declarations of interest</u></b> <b>2.1</b> To receive any updates to the Register of Interests <b>2.2</b> To receive any declarations of interest against an agenda item. <b>2.3</b> Dispensation to discuss Council Budget The Clerk has granted dispensation to members for discussion on the budget. <b>2.4 Dispensation</b> To consider the following Having noted details of the effect of the Coronavirus Act 2020 on the ‘six-month rule’ contained in Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, it was agreed to grant a ‘dispensation’ to Councillor Christine Bates should she be unable to attend a Meeting of the Council (in whatever form) during the period the provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 apply	

3.	<p><b><u>Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b>3.1</b> To APPROVE the Minutes of the Council Meeting held via MS Teams on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 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>RECOMMENDATION:</b> <i>That the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 be approved and adopted as a true record</i></p>	
4	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>To consider any other matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda and at the discretion of the Chair any items of an urgent nature that need to be discussed.</p> <p><b>4.1 Healthcare provision at Eastern Quarry</b> To receive an update.</p> <p><b>4.2 Operation London Bridge and Forth Bridge</b> The Clerk confirmed that an In Memoriam Book together with black edged loose pages have been purchased. To agree the Letter of Condolence.</p>	
5	<p><b><u>Announcements from the Chair</u></b></p>	
6	<p><b><u>Community Rural Warden</u></b></p> <p>The Dartford Area Supervisor has advised that the Warden who it was hoped would cover our area has been released. They had hoped to recruit again in the near future however due to lockdown and Covid-19 restrictions this is now uncertain.</p> <p>In the absence of a full time Warden, Paul Hassell will be covering 2 x per week and the support Warden Jacqueline Fuller will cover the remaining days when she is able, both time sheets indicate that this instruction is being carried out. Current staff comprise 6 Wardens, 3 Dartford and 3 Gravesham all of whom have multiple areas to cover.</p> <p>Concentration at this time is directed towards Safeguarding vulnerable persons and those in isolation and providing assistance to those affected by COVID 19. Should we have any specific issues which we feel need addressing we are to contact the Area Supervisor.</p>	
7	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KCC Elections 6 May 2021. We have been advised of the following measures that will be taken in light of Covid-19. Although guidance may change, we are currently planning these elections with the following measures expected to be in place: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Staff will be required to wear a Face Mask when moving around the Polling Station (but may choose to remove when sitting behind their sneeze guard)</li> <li>• Electors will be required to wear face coverings inside the Polling Station unless exempt</li> <li>• Social distancing will be upheld inside the Polling Stations and the number of electors entering at one time will be controlled.</li> <li>• Electors will be required to use hand sanitizer on entering, and staff to follow hand cleaning practices</li> <li>• Regular cleaning of shared surfaces will be undertaken during the day by our officers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KCC COVID-19 Update 31 – 4 January 2021 listing new national lockdown measures</li> <li>- The Rural Bulletin, 15 December 2020 and 5 January 2021</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.</p> <p><b>8.1</b> KALC December newsletter  <b>8.2</b> KALC CEO bulletin  <b>8.3</b> NALC Chief Executives bulletin – 11 December 2020</p>	
9	<p><b><u>Parish Forum</u></b>  The next meeting will take place on 12 January 2021 at 5pm via zoom and will be attended by Cllr. Munday and the Clerk. Agenda includes:</p> <p>Census 2021  To receive a presentation from the Harjit Goraya, Census Engagement Manager, North West Kent.</p> <p>COVID-19, EU Transition &amp; Winter Pressures - Community Impact for Parish/Town Councils  To receive a briefing from Tony Cannon, DBC Emergency Planning Officer.</p> <p>Local Plan Update  To receive an update on progress from the Council’s Policy Planning Section.</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>  It is noted that a planning application on behalf of London Resort has been submitted.</p>	
12	<p><b><u>Consultations</u></b>  No consultations to consider at date of publication</p>	
13	<p><b><u>Kent Police</u></b>  <b>13.1</b> Police newsletter for Bean and Village Park, December 2020  <b>13.2</b> Kent Police Rural Task Force Report to 31 December 2020</p>	
14	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b>  <b>To NOTE the following</b>  <b>14.1</b> Weekly planning lists from DBC  <b>14.2</b> Weekly planning lists from EDC</p> <p>To NOTE that the following application has been APPROVED</p> <p><b>14.3 20/00797/FUL</b>  Adjacent 31 School Lane Bean Kent DA2 8AL  Erection of a 1 bed dwelling with associated parking and landscaping</p> <p>This application was APPROVED by a majority vote of the DCB.</p> <p>To CONSIDER</p>	

	<p><b>14.4 20/01541/FUL</b> Demolition of existing brick-built garden storage area and erection of a single storey rear extension 17 Beacon Drive, DA2 8BE</p>	
<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b><u>Highways</u></b> <b>15.1 Blocked drains in Beacon Drive and High Street</b> Have been reported to Highways who have responded that as parking at both locations have previously caused problems in accessing the gullies and as we have entered yet another lockdown, with the exception of safety critical works, the decision has been taken to put jobs that require ‘no parking’ cones/restrictions on hold. This acknowledges that more people will now be at home and moving vehicles / finding alternative parking may prove difficult. However, if severe flooding is being caused that needs attention, such as has happened around the junction of Drudgeon Way in the past, they will attempt these.</p>	
<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b><u>Environmental Issue</u></b> <b>16.1</b> 2 x new litter bins to be sited each end of the lay-by opposite the shop DBC has kindly agreed to assist us with the purchase of new litter bins at a cost of £100 each. They currently have a new batch on order and will advise us when they have been received. DBC has also agreed to have them installed free of charge and will add them to their contract with Urbaser for emptying on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.</p> <p><b><i>RECOMMENDATION</i></b> <b><i>That 2 x litter bins be purchase from DBC at a cost of £100 each and be installed at each end of the lay-by opposite the shop.</i></b></p>	
<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b><u>Footpaths</u></b> <b>17.1</b> The Clerk together with SL Tree Care inspected DR22 on 15<sup>th</sup> December to confirm the scope of the outstanding tree work. A date for commencement of work is to be confirmed.</p>	
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b><u>Beacon Woods</u></b> <b>18.1</b> Volunteers are urgently required to open Beacon Woods on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. <b>18.2</b> The Clerk together with SL Tree Care carried out an inspection of the Woodland track and all hard standing pathways in the woods on 15<sup>th</sup> December and identified 7 trees that required felling for safety reasons. It was also identified that a number of the trees at the top of the bank opposite the shop are very heavily ivy laden which could contribute to their instability (one has already fallen over and is currently laying behind the telephone pole at the end lay-by) and it was agreed that the ivy be killed on as many of these trees as possible by cutting the growth at the base of the trees. A full report will be presented to members on receipt.</p>	
<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b><u>Recreation Facilities</u></b> <b>19.1</b> The Inspection report undertaken in October 2020 only identified matters of low or very low risk with the recommendation that the former issues are monitored, eg wear on swing chains, matting, etc. <b>19.2</b> Awaiting quote and recommendation from Vitaplay for item of play equipment to replace the Typhoon Spinner in the Toddler Area.</p>	

20	<p><b><u>Bean Village Hall</u></b>  <b>20.1</b> As of 5th January 2021 Dance Fever have stopped all classes until further notice. The current sole user is Jumping Beans who have not been instructed to close under Covid-19 guidelines during the current lockdown.</p>															
21	<p><b><u>Allotment Association</u></b>  <b>21.1</b> The tree that was leaning across the allotments fell over during the wind and rain 26/27 December damaging the boundary fence and a shed. The land owner made arrangements for the tree to be removed and is in discussion with the owner of the damaged shed and the Allotment Society regarding repairs/replacement of the shed and repairs to the boundary fencing.</p>															
22	<p><b><u>Residents' Association</u></b>  To note the updates from the Asst. Secretary.</p>															
23	<p><b><u>Spirit's Rest</u></b>  To receive a report</p>															
24	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b>  <b>24.1 Bank and Scribe reports up to 31 December 2020</b>  To note the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-op Bank Account summary as at 5 Jan 2020 – please note that this includes payment received in January of £862.50 from Jumping Beans which does not appear in the Scribe accounts</li> <li>- Co-op Bank transactions on all accounts 1 – 31 December 2020</li> <li>- Balance in all accounts as at 31 December 2020</li> <li>- Bank reconciliation on all accounts</li> <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 31 December 2020 on all accounts</b>  <u>Bean Parish Council</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="331 1451 1209 1603"> <tr> <td>Reserve Account</td> <td>20866.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current Account (No. 1 account)</td> <td>12752.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash</td> <td>75.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td><b>33693.69</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Bean Village Hall</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="331 1715 1209 1827"> <tr> <td>Current Account (No. 2 account)</td> <td>11657.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash</td> <td>170.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td><b>11827.65</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>24.3 Budget 2021/2022</b>  To discuss the draft budget</p>	Reserve Account	20866.01	Current Account (No. 1 account)	12752.19	Petty Cash	75.49	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33693.69</b>	Current Account (No. 2 account)	11657.23	Petty Cash	170.42	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11827.65</b>	
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25	<p><b><u>Items of interest</u></b>  Chair's Items  Borough Councillor's Items</p>															

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