

MINUTES
BEAN PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 10th February 2020 at 7.00 pm at
Bean Village Hall

Members noted that the guillotine would be in operation and that the meeting would close before 9.00 pm.

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 would be taken as read. Prior to the Meeting the Chair drew attention to the protocol regarding the audio and visual recording of the Meeting or of any part thereof.

Present: Cllr. C Bates Cllr. K Burgin, Cllr. D Hammock,
 Cllr. A Munday, Cllr. S Weeks, Cllr. D Wood.

There was one member of the public present.

	Agenda Item	
1.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Impiazzi	
2.	<u>Declaration of Pecuniary Interests pertaining to this agenda</u> Cllr. Munday declared an interest in Item 16.2. Cllr. Bates declared an interest in Item 22.	
3.	<u>Minutes</u> The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 13 th January 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. RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2020 be approved and adopted as a true record.	
4.	<u>Matters Arising</u> There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda. The Chair advised that there was an urgent item to be discussed regarding Item 22, Spirits' Rest and that this would be conducted in camera at the end of the meeting.	
5.	<u>Community Warden</u> Bean remains without a delegated CW and cover is currently provided by a support warden as and when necessary.	
6.	<u>Correspondence</u> The following items of correspondence were noted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update from Gareth Johnson, Dartford MP – January 2020 - The Rural Bulletin - 14 January 2020 - The Rural Bulletin - 28 January 2020 	

	- Lord Lieutenant Civic Service, 17 March 2020 at Canterbury Cathedral will be attended by Cllr. Burgin.	
7.	<u>KALC/SLCC/NALC</u> The following bulletins were noted. 7.1 KALC CEO Bulletin - Issue 4 - January 2020 7.2 NALC Chief Bulletin – January 2020	
8.	<u>Borough & Parish Forum</u> As Bean PC were unable to attend the meeting held on Tuesday 14 th January 2020 at 7pm there is no report.	
9.	<u>Consultations/Training</u> 9.1 CCG report into Urgent Care public consultation – Decision The following was noted NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group’s (CCG) Governing Body has given the go ahead to create two linked Urgent Treatment Centres (UTCs), one at Gravesham Community Hospital and one co-located with A&E at Darent Valley Hospital, as part of a networked urgent care services model. The CCG received over 16,500 responses to its public consultation carried out between August and November 2019. Key concerns raised by local people, regardless of the site option they preferred, were traffic and congestion to Darent Valley Hospital, public transport, parking and how far they might have to travel to get the urgent care they need. Both UTCs will treat minor illnesses and minor injuries with the Urgent Treatment Centre at Darent Valley Hospital providing additional critical care by virtue of its co-location with the A&E department. Cllrs Munday & Weeks presented the Council’s draft responses to the following consultations, which were discussed at length. 9.2 Dartford Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation The Council’s response was discussed and approved. 9.3 Unauthorised encampments It was noted that ‘Trespass to Land’ is defined in the briefing paper No. 05116 dated 15 May 2019 as follows. In civil law, trespass to land consists of any unjustifiable intrusion by a person upon the land in possession of another. Civil trespass is actionable in the courts, but a claim must be brought by the owner of the land The Council’s response was discussed and approved. The Chair thanked Cllrs. Munday and Weeks for their hard work and diligence in preparing the above responses	
10.	<u>GDPR</u> No matters to consider at date of publication	
11.	<u>Kent Police</u> The following were noted.	

	<p>11.1 CRAG Report to 2 January 2020</p> <p>11.2 Rural Matters 17</p> <p>11.3 December 2019 crime figures</p> <p>11.4 12-month crime figures and summary</p>	
12.	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>The following were noted</p> <p>12.1 Weekly planning list from DBC</p> <p>12.2 Weekly planning list from EDC</p> <p>Members CONSIDERED the following applications</p> <p>12.3 DA/20/00024/FUL</p> <p>Clisha Shellbank Lane Bean. DA2 8AX Demolition of existing side conservatory and erection of a single storey side extension Members had no objections to this application</p> <p>12.4 DA20/00093/FUL</p> <p>1 Bean Hill Cottages Erection of two storey side and rear extension with canopy over re-located front entrance Members had no objections to this application providing that the nature of the application falls within existing policies.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the following applications have been APPROVED</p> <p>12.5 DA/19/01566</p> <p>8 Bean Hill Cottages Southfleet Road Bean Kent Provision of a dormer window with Juliette balcony on rear elevation, roof lights on front elevation in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space and external alterations</p> <p>12.6 DA/19/01046</p> <p>68 Stonewood Conversion of existing garage into habitable room together with single storey rear extension and increased ridge height over converted garage.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Ebbsfleet Development Corporation/Eastern Quarry</u></p> <p>13.1 It was NOTED that Cllr. Munday has, by invitation, joined Castle Hill/Eastern Quarry Community Liaison Group who wish to extend their membership to include communities bordering Eastern Quarry.</p> <p>13.2 The Minutes of Castle Hill/Eastern Quarry Community Liaison Meeting held on 21 January 2020 were received and noted.</p>	
14.	<p><u>Highways</u></p> <p>14.1 Refer 14.4 Council's request for information on the process to apply for a 20pmh speed limit throughout the estate is ongoing.</p> <p>14.2 Highways have been requested to quote for extending the verge bollards on Bean Hill down to the traffic island.</p> <p>14.3 Temporary road closure – Betsham Road, Sunday 16th February 2020</p>	

15.	<p><u>Environmental Issues</u></p> <p>15.1 Members noted that: Dartford schools participated in the DBC’s contribution to the ‘Great British Spring Clean 2019’ and Parish schools would be welcome to participate in the Council’s 2020 event; in addition to undertaking any personal school clean initiatives they may already have planned/be undertaking. DBC’s Waste & Parks Manager will be co-ordinating the promotion of the Council’s efforts towards the ‘Great British Spring Clean 2020’.</p>	
16.	<p><u>Footpaths</u></p> <p>16.1 DR22 tree work to take place 27 and 28 March 2020.</p> <p>16.2 Members discussed the request from a resident in Foxwood that No. 6 Oak Tree on DR22 be cut back to facilitate better reception by his Sky satellite dish. All the oak trees on DR22 now have a TPO.</p> <p>RESOLVED That the resident be advised to submit an application to DBC for the trimming of No. 6 Oak Tree for consideration by the Tree Officer.</p>	
17.	<p><u>Beacon Woods</u></p> <p>17.1 Tree Safety Survey will take place at the beginning of April. Due to high winds from Storm Ciara the woods were closed on Sunday 9th and Monday 10th February. For safety reasons the woodland track remains closed and a tree surgeon has been contacted to make safe fallen and damaged trees. Notices of the closure were posted on Facebook and BPC website.</p> <p>17.2 Update on Forest School – waiting for return of completed paperwork.</p> <p>17.3 Annual & Operational Inspection Reports were received. No issues to consider.</p> <p>17.4 Contract with Lafarge/Tarmac - term of 10 years from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2021. Members discussed options for when the contract expires.</p> <p>RESOLVED That Tarmac be asked if they would consider renewing the lease for a further 10-20-year term.</p> <p>17.5 Report on meeting with NWKCP regarding Great Crested Newts (GCN) Natural England are looking to provide GCN habitat in the area as part of their pilot district level licensing scheme. This involves creating or restoring ponds, with works funded by NE. The ‘lake’ would not qualify for funded pond works as there are already GCN present. Two alternative sites were identified which may qualify for restoration works (one along the side of the path, one by the picnic table). This would involve digging out silt and removing trees on the southern sides of the ponds. All would need fencing to protect from disturbance by dogs. Contractors would have to be consulted as to what the options would be for the removed silt as the usual method of spreading it nearby would not be appropriate as would damage the native moss and lichens. A possible site for pond creation (the very muddy area) was also identified. Further surveys need to be carried out in the spring to establish whether GCN are already present/breeding in these ponds.</p>	

	<p>17.6 Request to run regular fitness sessions at the woods. All sessions would be run by fully qualified trainers and full insurance would be in place. In addition to this service which would be offered to the local community the organiser would be willing to contribute to the upkeep of the woods by way of a rent or commission.</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to obtain the following information regarding the proposed use.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How many sessions do you envisage running and on what days/times? 2) How many people would participate in each session? 3) Where would the sessions take place and what would they comprise of? Only in the Trim Trail area or would participants also be ‘jogging’ around the site? 4) What would your charge per person/session be? <p>17.7 Damage to height barrier Remedial work to the height barrier has taken place to make opening and closing easier.</p>				
18.	<p><u>Recreation Facilities</u></p> <p>18.1 Table Tennis Table Members discussed the quotations received to purchase a table tennis table sited on artificial turf.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="331 1010 1066 1055"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">£3,472.17</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£694.43 (VAT)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£4,166.60 (total)</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED To purchase Cornilleau Park Outdoor Table Tennis Table for installation in the recreation area on an artificial turf laying surround at a total cost of £3,472.17 + VAT</p> <p>18.2 Annual & Operational Inspection Reports The Annual & Operational Inspection Reports were received and it was noted that there were no issues requiring immediate attention.</p>	£3,472.17	£694.43 (VAT)	£4,166.60 (total)	
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19.	<p><u>Bean Village Hall</u></p> <p>19.1 Update on Christmas Decorations – ongoing.</p> <p>19.2 Landscaping work to the front of the hall will take place during the February school holiday, 17-21 February.</p>				
20.	<p><u>Allotment Association</u></p> <p>20.1 It was NOTED that barriers preventing access from private residences onto the allotments have been erected.</p>				
21.	<p><u>Residents’ Association</u></p> <p>21.1 The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2020 were noted.</p> <p>21.2 Members received a report on the meeting held on 3rd February 2020</p>				
22.	<p><u>Spirit’s Rest</u> Confidential Item discussed in camera</p>				
23.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>23.1 <u>Income/Expenditure to 5th February 2020</u></p>				

Income

Date		Amount
		0.00

Expenditure

By BACS transfer

Date	Payee		Amount
20/01/20	Wrotham Computer	Adding Parish email address	42.00
24/01/20	Play Insp.	BW Trim Trail	81.00
24/01/20	Play Insp.	Bean Rec	132.00
24/01/20	Castle Water	Beacon Wood	1.78
29/1/20	Admin		664.75
29/1/20	JSB	Parish emails - 1 year	344.44
3/2/20	JSB	Chair's allowance -JB/KR	33.40
3/2/20	JSB	Sign for rec gate	18.64
		TOTAL	1,318.01

23.2 The following items for payment were discussed**23.2.1 By Cheque**

201637 Mrs Kirby, litter picking ~~51.32~~
 This cheque was cancelled due to overpayment for months
 September – January, 4 months at £10/month

23.2.2 By BACS

Mrs Becket, Jan – Feb expenses 120.76

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RECOMMENDATION

That payment itemised in 23.2.2 total £120.76 be paid.

23.3 The following memberships were approved.

23.3.1 Action with Communities in Rural Kent £80.00
 Plus a donation of £20.00
 Total £100.00

23.3.2 Campaign to Protect Rural England
 Currently pay £65.00
 Plus a donation of £10.00
 Total £75.00

23.4 Balance on all accounts as at 4th February 2020

Current Account 14,356.04
 Reserve Account 16,149.02
 Petty Cash 75.49

	<p>23.5 Hall Accounts as at 4th February 2020</p> <p>23.4.1 Balance on accounts</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Balance No. 2 account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7,545.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash</td> <td style="text-align: right;">180.01</td> </tr> </table> <p>23.5.2 The following was APPROVED</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">100045 Cash</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£250.00</td> </tr> </table>	Balance No. 2 account	7,545.52	Petty Cash	180.01	100045 Cash	£250.00	
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<p>24.</p>	<p><u>Items of interest</u></p> <p>24.1 Chairs Items – none</p> <p>24.2 Borough Councillor’s Items Bin collections remain problematic in some areas. A new schedule will start on Monday 17th February – 4 x 12-hour days, 6am – 6pm. No collections on Fridays. Those residences who used to have a Friday collection will be advised of their new collection day.</p> <p>24.3 Clerks Items – the Clerk showed members a home-made plastic bottle dog poop bag dispenser with the following sign. <i>Did you forget your bag? Please take one of these and clear up after your pet. Anytime you are passing please put a spare one in for others who forget. Always clean up after your pet and dispose of the bag responsibly in a bin or take it home. Let’s keep our village and shoes clean! Thank you</i> It was agreed to trial these at Beacon Woods and on footpaths DR22 and DR23.</p> <p>24.4 Members Items</p> <p>24.4.1 Fly-tipping remains a concern particularly at the entrance to the field in Bean Lane, leading to DR19. Clerk to raise the Council’s concerns with the landowner.</p> <p>24.4.2 A sheep in a field in Sandy Lane was badly hurt. The damage was thought to be self-inflicted when it got caught in barbed wire fencing but was very similar in appearance to a dog attack. Notice to be put on Facebook and website reminding dog owners to keep their dogs under control when near livestock.</p>							
<p>25.</p>	<p><u>Questions from the Public</u> None</p>							
<p>26.</p>	<p><u>Next Meeting</u> Will be held on Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.00pm.</p>							

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.57pm

Chair.....

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