



## SUMMONS AND AGENDA

To All Members of The Council:

Councillor K Turner-Burgin (Chair)  
Councillor K Clarke  
Councillor D Hammock  
Councillor A Munday (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor J Turner-Burgin  
Councillor S Weeks  
Councillor T Williams

You are summoned to attend the  
Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on:  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 7:30pm  
Bean Village Hall  
High Street, Bean DA2 8AS

For the purpose of transacting the business as detailed on the attached  
agenda

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**AGENDA**  
**BEAN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**at 7.30pm**  
**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.**

	<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>3</b>	<b><u>Public Participation (Local Government Act, s 100)</u></b> The council meets and makes its decisions in public. A council meeting is not a public meeting. It is a meeting held in public and there is no requirement in law which allows members of the public to speak at such meetings.  However, the council is keen to encourage public attendance at meetings and will therefore provide an opportunity to local registered electors to show it is committed to community engagement.  A maximum of 3 minutes is allowed per person to speak and the total length of time afforded for public participation at each meeting shall be no more than 10 minutes, subject to an extension of this time, in exceptional circumstances, being agreed by the Chairman.
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Minutes</u></b> <b>4.1</b> To APPROVE the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 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.  <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> <i>That the Minutes of the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 be approved and adopted as a true record</i>
<b>5</b>	<b><u>Matters Arising/Urgent Matters</u></b> 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.
<b>6</b>	<b><u>Announcements from the Chair</u></b>
<b>7</b>	<b><u>Community Rural Warden</u></b> <b>7.1</b> To note the Community Warden is on leave from 26 March until 15 April.

	<p><b>7.2 Bean Together</b> Next meeting will take place 15 April, 1-3pm when a representative from the police will be attending to answer questions.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Forum 28 March 2024 -to receive a report</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<p><b><u>KALC/SLCC/NALC</u></b> To NOTE the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NALC Chief Executive Bulletin</li> <li>- NALC Newsletter</li> <li>- NALC events</li> <li>- KALC News</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	<p><b><u>Parish Forum</u></b> The meeting scheduled for 2 April 2024 was cancelled by the Chair of the Forum.</p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b><u>GDPR</u></b> No matters to consider at time of publication.</p>
<b>12</b>	<p><b><u>Consultations</u></b> No matters to consider at time of publication</p>
<b>13</b>	<p><b><u>Kent Police</u></b> No matters to consider at time of publication</p>
<b>14</b>	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b> <b>To NOTE the following</b></p> <p><b>14.1</b> Weekly planning lists from DBC including Planning Decisions taken under delegated powers</p> <p><b>14.2</b> Weekly planning lists from EDC</p> <p>To CONSIDER</p> <p><b>14.3 EDC/24/0017</b> Display of 4 non-illuminated free-standing advertising boards on roundabout The Roundabout On The Junction Of Watling St, Bean Lane And B225 Watling Street, Dartford, Kent. DA9 9SX</p>
<b>15</b>	<p><b><u>Highways</u></b></p> <p><b>15.1</b> Meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February with representatives from BPC, BRA and National Highways to discuss safety issues at Bean Interchange. To NOTE the Minutes prepared by National Highways and the response from Bean Residents Association.</p> <p><b>15.2</b> School Lane To NOTE 29 March to 16 April School Lane CLOSED for BT Works between Page Close to Sandy Lane</p>
<b>16</b>	<p><b><u>Environmental Issues</u></b> No matters to consider at time of publication.</p>
<b>17</b>	<p><b><u>Footpaths</u></b> No matters to consider at time of publication.</p>
<b>18</b>	<p><b><u>Beacon Woods</u></b> <b>18.1</b> To NOTE annual Tree Inspection Report. Recommended work to take place in</p>

	<p>April. To receive and discuss the scope of work and quotations.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b>  <i>That the tree work at Beacon Woods as detailed in the Tree Inspection report from Alltree Consultancy, report no. 800990 dated 4 March 2024 be awarded to AP Trees as per their quotation dated 4057 dated 17 March 2024 for a total cost of £725 + VAT.</i></p> <p><b>18.2</b> Survey of Local Wildlife Site by Kent Wildlife Trust  Tarmac have approved for a survey of Beacon Wood Country Park to be undertaken.</p>
<b>19</b>	<p><b><u>Recreation Facilities</u></b>  <b>19.1 Grounds maintenance 2024-2025</b>  To review current quotations</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>  <i>That the Council enters into a 3-year agreement option with Landscape Services as at £136.51/cut for the first year, £141.97/cut for the second year and £147.65 for the third year.</i></p>
<b>20</b>	<p><b><u>Bean Village Hall</u></b>  <b>20.1 Debt Advice Pilot Scheme</b>  Following the meeting on 27 March between Cllrs Munday and Weeks and the Clerk with a representative from CAB, Bean will be operating a Debt Advice Pilot Scheme available for residents to access during Bean Together on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month (excluding Bank Holidays), between 1pm and 3pm. Residents will have access to a direct video link with an advisor who will be able to offer advice and support on Benefits, Housing, Energy and Dealing with debt. This service is free and confidential.  In order to provide a private and confidential area for the hub Councillors considered that it would be necessary to purchase suitable mobile screens, which could also be utilised to display notices, and headset with microphone to ensure confidentiality during discussions.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>  <i>That the Council purchases 2 x 3 Panel Mobile Screens, suitable for displaying notices, and a headset and microphone. Total cost not to exceed £750 excl. VAT</i></p>
<b>21</b>	<p><b><u>Allotment Association</u></b>  No matters to consider at time of publication</p>
<b>22</b>	<p><b><u>Residents' Association</u></b>  <b>22.1</b> To NOTE the litter report March 2024  <b>22.2</b> To NOTE Ebbsfleet Development Corporation Board Meeting 27 March 2024 questions and responses.</p>
<b>23</b>	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b>  <b>23.1 Bank and Scribe reports up to 31 March 2024</b>  To receive and discuss the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-op Bank transactions on all accounts 1- 31 March 2024</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> </ul>

- Summary of receipts and payments all cost centres and codes
- Cost centre year comparisons

**23.2 Balance as at 31 March 2024** on all accounts  
Bean Parish Council

Reserve Account	8,247.48
Current Account (No. 1 account)	269.63
Petty Cash	42.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,559.77</b>

Bean Village Hall

Current Account (No. 2 account)	14,178.92
Petty Cash	6.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,185.54</b>

**23.3 Insurance 2024-25 – The Clear Group**

The policy is currently in a 3-year Long-Term Undertaking up to and including 2025-26, and will automatically renew on 26 April 2024 on the terms invited unless we advise of any changes or amendments required.

Current premium £1,711.68 but this excludes updates to stock value and addition of 2 notice boards.

***RECOMMENDATION:***

***That the amendments are made and new premium paid***

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**Items of interest**

**24.1** Chair's Items

**24.2** Borough Councillor's Items

**24.3** Members' Items

1. Bus stop at the bottom of Bean Lane and Watling Street roundabout

**24.4** Clerk's Items

To receive the Clerk's report