



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 9th February 2026, 7:00pm
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 9th February 2026
at 7.00pm
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.

	Agenda Item
1	<u>Apologies for absence</u>
2	<u>Declarations of interest</u> 2.1 To receive any updates to the Register of Interests 2.2 To receive any declarations of interest against an agenda item. 2.2.1 To NOTE that Cllr. Hammock sits on DBC Development Board and therefore will refrain from any discussions or decisions regarding planning matters.
3	<u>Public Participation (Local Government Act, s 100)</u> 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.
4	<u>Minutes</u> 4.1 To APPROVE the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12 th January 2026 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. <i>RECOMMENDATION:</i> <i>That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026 be approved and adopted as a true record</i>
5	<u>Items for Consideration</u> The Chairman will announce his decision as to whether any items received for consideration since agenda production, are suitably urgent to be discussed at the meeting, and indicate their position on the agenda.
6	<u>Correspondence</u> To note the following items of correspondence - Rural Services Bulletin 13, 20, 27 January 2026, 3 February 2026

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes of Bean RA January meeting and agenda for February meeting. Confirmation that the Association’s AGM will take place on Monday 14th September 2026. - To NOTE the response from DBC Enforcement Services Team relating to Civic Enforcement in rural communities, as follows: - <i>Our current practice is to rotate the Civil Enforcement Team through all 50 or so schools in the borough on a continuing basis, whilst also carrying out patrols of the town centres and known problem areas. During 2025 approx. 900 Penalty Charge Notices were issued in respect of school related breaches, such as parking on zig-zag lines. It is not possible to sort the data available by ward or rural communities.</i> <p><i>Incidents of confrontation and dangerous driving should be reported to the Kent Police.</i></p> <p><i>Lime Bikes are the responsibility of the operator – information on how to report abandoned bikes can be found at: https://help.li.me/hc/en-gb/articles/115004916388-How-to-report-illegally-parked-vehicles</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust's first unpaid carers engagement event, to be held on Tuesday 10th March. - RSN Monthly Rural Funding Digest – February 2026 edition
7	<p><u>KALC/SLCC/NALC</u></p> <p>7.1 New Devolution Page https://www.kentalc.gov.uk/devolution</p> <p>7.2 Correspondence from KALC/NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KALC News February 2026 - Chief Executive’s bulletin 22, 29 Jan 2026 <p>7.3 Dartford Area Committee – Wednesday 4th February at 6.30pm To receive a report on the above meeting.</p>
8	<p><u>GDPR and Governance compliance</u></p> <p>8.1 Freedom of Information Training https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/foi/learning-resources-and-training-videos/foia-and-eir-training-videos/?fbclid=IwdGRzaAPbSDljbGNrA9tII2V4dG4DYWVtAjExAHNydgMGYXBwX2lkDDM1MDY4NTUzMTcyOAABHhr91uj6NdnvBnvq_EwDnDWbNcR9U9XtQVfgot-fAUzIXUHC9GsYoA6Sptfq_aem_6r8B3kckz_FxgE14fbcOAg&sfnsn=scwspmo</p>
9	<p><u>Consultations</u></p> <p>No matters to consider at time of publication</p>
10	<p><u>Kent Police</u></p> <p>10.1 To note the IAG Handbook for 2023-25 and that Cllr. Williams attended the meeting held on Tuesday 27th January at 1830 at Gravesend Civic Centre. To receive a report.</p> <p>10.2 PC Swan's forthcoming surgeries open to the public to raise issues or have a chat are: Darent valley hospital Main Foyer– 06/03/2026 @ 1000-1100 Longfield Costa Coffee DA3 7QD – 04/04/2026 @ 1000-1100 Hawley Garden Centre DA2 7RB – 02/05/2026 @ 1400 - 1500</p>
11	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>To NOTE the following</p> <p>11.1 Weekly planning lists from DBC including Planning Decisions taken under</p>

	<p>delegated powers</p> <p>11.2 Weekly planning lists from EDC</p> <p>11.3 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Application under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 as to whether prior approval is required for proposed change of use from an agricultural building to 5 dwellings (C3 Use class). Farmland Rear Of Drudgeon Farm School Lane Bean Kent APPLICATION REFERENCE: DA/25/00857/P3Q APPEAL REFERENCE: APP/T2215/W/25/3373927 APPEAL STARTING DATE: 21st October 2025 To note this appeal was been dismissed on 26 January 2026</p> <p>11.4 DA/25/01017/FUL Bean House, Bean Lane, Bean Kent Erection of two-storey side extension REFUSAL of permission to Develop Land The extension, due to its volume, bulk, mass and visibility, would result in substantial harm to the openness of the Green Belt. In turn, the development is considered to be inappropriate development within the Green Belt. No Very Special Circumstances exist. Therefore, the proposal is contrary to Policy M12 of The Dartford Local Plan to 2037 and Chapter 13 of the NPPF.</p> <p>11.5 DA/25/01020/FUL Bean House, Bean Lane, Bean Kent Erection of single-storey rear extension Permission GRANTED</p>
12	<p><u>Highways</u></p> <p>12.1 Sandy Lane – closure 13-14 April 2026 12.2 Road Safety & Active Travel Newsletter Issue 7</p>
13	<p><u>Environmental Issues</u></p> <p>No matters to consider at time of publication</p>
14	<p><u>Footpaths</u></p> <p>14.1 Reimbursement of costs involved in emergency tree work on DR22 has been received.</p>
15	<p><u>Beacon Woods</u></p> <p>15.1 To NOTE annual inspection report on Trim Trail. 15.2 Income from car-parking for January 2026 £585.74 plus £48.70 in donations.</p>
16	<p><u>Recreation Facilities</u></p> <p>16.1 Replacement Double Air Walker from Freshair Fitness scheduled to be installed on Monday 9th March 2026 at a total cost of £2,460.82 + VAT. 16.2 To APPROVE the replacement of 2 x toddler swings at a cost of £820.00</p>
17	<p><u>Bean Village Hall</u></p> <p>17.1 Bean Together change of time of meeting, 1.15 – 3.15pm 17.2 Damage to suspended ceiling As reported in the January Minutes a builder was contacted to attend the hall before the pre-school started on Tuesday 13th January 2026 but was subsequently unable to</p>

attend. A second builder attended the afternoon of 13th January and made safe the damaged section but advised that he was unable to carry out the necessary repairs. A third builder was contacted, who attended the afternoon of Wednesday 14th January, and confirmed that the ceiling had been temporarily made safe and that they would return on Wednesday 21st January to remove the ceiling tiles to inspect the damage in preparation for remedial work to be carried out during the February half term break.

It was necessary to advise the pre-school that they would be unable to use the hall on Wednesday 21st January.

Fortunately, the contractors were able to fully repair the ceiling on 21st January and no further closures were required.

- 17.3 To APPROVE the policy on Use of Inflatables at Bean Village Hall.
- 17.4 To discuss the proposal by the Social Prescriber Team from Swanscombe Health Care to run a warm hub coffee morning in Bean for the community.
- 17.5 To note that the Insurance company have been advised of the cracking on the rear external wall and that a structural survey has been arranged.

18 Allotment Association

- 18.1 To approve the quotation from AP Trees of £750 + VAT for tree work at the allotments.

19 Finance

19.1 Balance as at 31 January 2026 on all accounts

Bean Parish Council (Co-op)

Reserve Account	14,631.80
Current Account (No. 1 account)	6,823.37
Petty Cash	9.51
TOTAL	21,464.68

Bean Village Hall (Co-op)

Current Account (No. 2 account)	19,467.78
Petty Cash	3.21
TOTAL	19,470.99

Bean Parish Council (Unity Trust – Beacon Woods)

Current account	21,309.69
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Transactions on UT account since last meeting;

Expenditure

- Website £2.99
- TMS Protection (January) £354.97
- Service Charge (December) £6.00

Income

- Deposit from cash donations (January) £48.70
- Car Parking December £558.00

19.2 Bank and Scribe reports up to 31 January 2026

To receive and discuss the following

- Co-op Bank transactions on all accounts 1- 31 January 2026
- Bank reconciliation on all accounts as at 31 January 2026 to be agreed and signed
- 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>19.3 Internal Auditor The Independent Internal Auditor has confirmed his willingness to conduct the AGAR 2025-26 Internal Audit and this will take place on Monday 1st June at 1pm at Bean Village Hall</p>
<p>20</p>	<p><u>Items of interest</u> 20.1 Chair's Items 20.2 Borough Councillor's Items 20.3 Members' Item 20.4 Clerk's Items To receive the Clerk's report</p>