

Newsletter of The Bean Residents Association

Our 54th Year of Publication

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BEAN'S TALK

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We welcome all new residents to the village and to the Residents Association's Quarterly Newsletter.

Please feel free to contribute your thoughts, ideas and comments.

**The Next Bean Residents Association meetings will be Held on
Monday 3rd June then 1st July at 8:15 PM In Bean Village Hall**

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**THE COPY DATE FOR THE September 2019
BEAN'S TALK is the 1st August 2019**

Common abbreviations used in the newsletter

KCC Kent County Council

Cllr. Councillor

EDC Ebbsfleet Development Corporation

DBC Dartford Borough Council

KHS Kent Highway Services

HE Highways England

RA Residents Association

PCSO Police Community Support Officer

Items of interest from the BRA meeting's held on the Monday the 7th January and Monday the 4th February 2019

Police:

PCSOs Linda Down and Stephen Keers were welcomed to the meeting.

- Explained that each beat has a number assigned to it.
- One side of Watling Street is in Bean and the other in Swanscombe. It was suggested that it all be included in those for Ebbsfleet. They promised to put this suggestion to their Sergeant.
- Chris Porcas (ForeSTALL) said that they had had 3 break-ins since December 2018. The latest one saw several delivery trucks being stripped out. ForeSTALL have increased their security measures.
- As requested, PCSO Down brought *rough* crime figures for July, November and December 2018 that were not on Home Office Site. They are as follows: -

- July
- Burglary - Watling Street business
- Theft of Motor Vehicle – Stonewood
- November
- Theft from motor vehicle – 1 in Commuter Car Park, 1 in Page Close
- December
- Theft from motor vehicle – Watling Street business
- Criminal damage – Bean Lane farm
- Stolen bike recovered – Watling Street
- Bike stolen a year ago found burnt-out- Watling Street
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All those attending thanked the PCSOs for coming to the meeting.

Reports:

Secretary's report:

Ashley Johnson (Assistant Secretary) reported that there had been 34 items of correspondence on 14 topics since the previous meeting:

- 1 x Police & Fire
- 1x KCC
- 5 x Highways England
- 1 x LRCH/A2B/PINS
- 1 x Peninsular Mgt Group
- 4 x DBC
- 5 x BPC & Country Park
- 1 x Bean Triangle
- 7 x EDC
- 1 x CPRE
- 2 x Showmen Travellers
- 1 x Meeting Notice
- 1 x BD/DW
- 3 x Royal Oak

Updates:

- Showman Travellers - awaiting decision – MHCLG general letter to Bean RA copied to DBC Officer on 10th December 2018.
- Royal Oak pond - maintenance approved - Mayfair to make it a pond and not a swale - Covenant on 33 School Lane to maintain pond, but to be informed that Parish Council offered to buy pond for £1.
- 3 abandoned vehicles Watling St – On 7-Jan-19 Dave Thomas said, *"We had a contractor arranged to carry out removal of the trailers but they have let us down and now won't be carrying out this work for us. We are in the process of arranging another contractor this week and hope to start to remove the trailers and containers next week".*

Consultations:

- A2 Bean/Ebbsfleet Improvements - awaiting publication of “Draft Orders”.
- EDC Bean Triangle Improvements Report - still not in the public domain.

Parish Council Report:

- KCC carried out Speed checks in Southfleet Road, following request for Signs.
- Fly tipping near Hope Cottages - reported
- Village Hall - work in Gents toilets ongoing – Ladies to follow.
- Friends of Beacon Wood AGM took place on Monday 19-Nov-18.

Community Bus:

Keith Burgin reported that the bus was having a service check. He had just completed a 6-month report for KCC.

AOB:

- Crime data for Kent unavailable for November 2018 due to a change in IT systems.
- Breakdown lorry with car onboard opposite Black Horse - no tax/insurance
- Keith Burgin reminded everyone that the hall was now called ‘**Bean Village Hall**’. A finger-post sign has been erected by the road.
- BD/DW - fencing is in poor condition - large pieces have dropped off onto footway - getting enforcement involved - eyesore and dangerous.
- Royal Oak - application for 4th house to be built in garden of no 31. Will oppose as too close to some houses in Page Close who have had letter from DBC.
- Prospect Place – 4-Houses (two pairs of semi-detached) - undecided.

- Eastern Quarry - oppose Master Plans that say homes more efficient use of land than parking, so proposing reducing number of parking spaces from that in DBC Standard.

Bean Residents Association Meeting , Monday 4th February 2019

Police

PCSOs Linda Down and Stephen Keers were welcomed and gave an update.

- We were told that there is a new system in operation when reporting a crime - you get a tag number then a crime number.
- Several crimes in Bean - 1 vehicle no insurance, 1 vehicle fire, 1 x shed fire (Stonewood), 2 criminal damage (Page Close), Batteries removed from temporary lights (Southfleet Road).
- 3 youngsters riding off-road bikes with no helmets and faces covered up. Reported that a white van picked them up - partial number plate given to police.
- Police informed about workers trailer near Stonewood flats with towing arm jutting out across footway near the road.
- Police visited Forestall re recent burglaries (fuel taken and lorry cabs stripped out).
- Operation ongoing re burglaries and uninsured drivers.
- November and December crime figures unavailable – Kent Police new system still not up and running - will add November and December figures to January.
- PCSO Linda Down will be giving a safety talk at Bean School.

All those present thanked the PCSOs for attending the meeting.

Secretary's report:

Ashley Johnson (Assistant Secretary) reported that there had been 45 items of correspondence on 14 topics since the previous meeting.

- 4 x Police & Fire
- 1 x KCC

- 2 x HE
- 1 x Peninsular Mgt Group
- 8 x DBC incl email to Dave Thomas
- 3 x Beans Talk & History
- 2 x BPC & Country Park
- 3 x Bean Triangle
- 9 x Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC)
- 3 x Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
- 1 x Showmen Travellers
- 1 x Meeting Notices
- 1 x Beacon Drive/Drudgeon Way
- 6 x Royal Oak

Updates

- Showmen Travellers application was withdrawn. Stephen Bell, DBC, said that it was due to be refused for several reasons and the applicant decided to withdraw rather than it be refused.
- Royal Oak - application for 4th house – information missing from submission. Passing place not the same as previously approved. Awaiting re-consultation.
- BD/DW - hoarding is in very poor condition with large pieces falling onto the footway. Problem contacting Vision Homes. DBC will pass to Enforcement.
- Abandoned vehicles Watling Street - Dave Thomas DBC, let down by contractor.

Consultations:

- Highways England - Draft Compulsory Purchase Orders published 14th February 2019. Three of 11 Ightham Cottages bought by Highways England under Blight Notice procedure. UK Power Networks installed new poles and cables, despite being told that HE wished to demolish homes in 2020.
- Non-Motorised Users (NMU) - HE proposal to upgrade some routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, including Sandy Lane under A2 to Watling Street. National Cycle Route crossing of Hall Road dangerous for cyclists/pedestrians trying to cross.

- Slow-worms translocation from BD/DW site to Country Park - nothing as yet - Keith Impiazzi to bring matter up at the BPC meeting.
- Community Bus - quite a few bookings. Trips to the coast planned for later in the year. Dates and places will be put on the PC notice board.
- Bean Village Hall - car park very dark. Security lights were suggested.

AOB:

- Refuse collections - delays still occurring. Bin outside shop should be emptied 3 times a week. Contact Dave Thomas DBC re refuse collections.
- Bluewater Community Forum - Ashley and Linda attended the Forum meeting on 31st January. Talks from several organisations about Alzheimer's & Dementia as well as "Cherished Memories" who organise trips for terminal ill people and their families. The Mayors of Dartford and Gravesham also attended and spoke for their Charities.
- Long Term regular use of Skips continues in Beacon Drive & Bramble Avenue.
- Mr Bishop highlighted the London Road/ St Clements Way roadworks - road closed overnight for re-surfacing until 19th February 2019. Work to finish March 2019.

Please note that the Bean Residents Association; meets every first Monday of the month, except when this falls on a bank holiday. For bank holidays the meeting will usually be moved forward to the preceding Monday.

All Bean residents are welcome to attend and share their opinions and make suggestions. Fresh eyes to a situation is valuable and welcomed.

It is also an opportunity to meet with representation from the police and hold discussions about what concerns you in your community
We hope to see you at a meeting soon.



Bean Primary School receives prestigious Artsmark Award



Pupils and staff at Bean Primary School are celebrating after receiving a prestigious Artsmark Award. Artsmark is Arts Council England's award for schools that champion the arts and strive for excellence. It celebrates schools that embrace the arts across the curriculum, bringing them to life for children and young people.

In order to become an Artsmark school, Bean Primary School had to develop their arts and culture provision to achieve a broad and balanced curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.

As an Artsmark school, Bean Primary School gained access to exceptional networks and resources from some of the most treasured cultural organisations in the country, which helped to strengthen and deliver their arts provision. Through Artsmark, Bean Primary School will continue to incorporate art and culture into every pupil's life, learning, knowledge and understanding, helping them to build skills, resilience, confidence and character.

On receiving the award, Mr Reilly, Headteacher, said 'We're extremely proud of achieving our Artsmark Award. We are committed to delivering a high quality art and cultural education and we look forward to continue to grow with Artsmark.'

Darren Henley, Chief Executive of Arts Council England, said:

'I would like to congratulate Bean Primary School on their Artsmark Award. As an Artsmark school, Bean Primary School exemplifies how the Award can help schools to achieve a broad and balanced curriculum, ensuring that each of its pupils is given the opportunity to explore and build a love of the arts that will remain with them as they go through adult life.'



Bean Primary School receives School Games Silver Award



We are delighted to announce that Bean Primary School have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Many of our young people compete in local inter-school competitions throughout the year and we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including coaches, officials and parents who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded and we look forward to applying again this year!



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St Nicholas at Bean



Half of the year will be almost over by the time this copy of the Bean's Talk lands on your door mat. The sun should be shining and your summer holidays booked.

Christianity has become the faith which is being persecuted more and more throughout the world. It does not set about taking lives of any who do belong to it either. In fact it preaches forgiveness to all. Something which is very difficult to do when such dreadful things go on in the world daily. Nothing is achieved by killing one another. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is one of Love, sharing one another's burdens and living in peace and harmony with each other. We forget too easily that we are all God's children and should be treated as such.

During the changing weather during last winter we hope you have found time to get the knitting needles out, as usual, and produce some items for those in distant lands who are less fortunate than ourselves. They can be brought to the Village Hall on a Sunday between 9.00am and 10.30am until 25th August. Once again this year we will be collecting Shoe Boxes for Mustard Seed these can also be left at the hall on Sundays from the beginning of September until 6th October. These gifts are much appreciated by the children who receive them in the Third World.

Now that our weekly Sunday services begin at 9.15am they do not take up the whole morning, so leaves more time to relax and enjoy time with your family. Just a few more weeks now before the children break up from school and exams are over, just waiting for the results! Some of the children will be saying goodbye to their many school friends. The holiday season will then begin. Whatever you have chosen to do, take care, and be safe on all of your journeys both at home and abroad. Make the most of it and come back ready to start all over again.

May God's blessing be upon you all.

Don White

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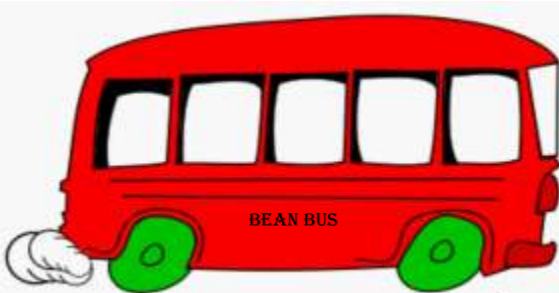
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A2 Bean & Ebbsfleet junction improvements - Public Inquiry

The Department for Transport announced on 4th April 2019 that, unless all objections are withdrawn, the Secretary of State for Transport intends to hold inquiries into the above Orders. [Published on 15th January 2019].

Arrangements to hold inquiries do not prevent negotiations from proceeding with the order promoting authority.

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There are two groups of weeds, the perennial and the annual or biennial weed. The former are weeds that will grow year after year and should be dug out by the roots & disposed of. These can include bindweed, brambles, creeping buttercup, creeping thistle, dandelion & ground elder. One of the worst weeds on the allotment is "Marestail" whose roots are so deep it is impossible to dig them out and it will regrow from

the tiniest piece of root & spread quickly. Due to its silica structure ordinary weed killer will have little effect but there are a few specialist herbicides available on the internet which will control it.



Annual or biennial weeds only have a short life span & can be added to your compost heap provided they have not flowered & produced seeds. These can include goosegrass, meadowgrass, ragwort, groundsel & chickweed to mention a few.

If you would be interested in taking on an allotment plot please contact Elaine on 07941760428 or visit the site and speak to Ted or Jim who are normally on site most mornings.

Bean 50 Years Ago

On 28-August-1969 Clarke & Esplin, Estate Agents, wrote: -

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The Black Horse Pub Continued:-

Harriet Cooper (nee Munn)

On the 6th July 1867 it was recorded in the Gravesend Reporter that there was a Transfer of licence at The Black Horse and Fruit Cart from Mrs Harriet Cooper to Mr Thomas Nettleingham. Harriet continued to live at various addresses in Bean until her own death on the 28 July 1899 and was buried at St Mary's Stone on 2nd Aug 1899.

Thomas Nettleingham

As stated previously the Black Horse and Fruit Cart was transferred from Harriet Cooper to Mr Thomas Nettleingham on 6th July 1867. In the 1871 census The Black Horse Public Inn Bean is listed by name to Thomas Netlingham as the licenced victualler. He was also the parish clerk. He had been born in Stone and baptised at the church on 9 Oct 1814, the son of Thomas Nettleingham and his second wife Sarah Austin. His father Thomas had also been the parish clerk, and in 1814 was recorded as being of Bean Stone. In 1871 Thomas was then 56; his wife Fanny was 47 and their son Austin, aged 20, a farm labourer made up the household. Thomas Netlingham and Fanny Carter had married 1 Jan 1848 at St Martins in the Fields London. Austin had been baptised at St Mary's Stone 23 May 1851 son of Thomas and Fanny Nettleingham of Stone. Father's occupation was given as a labourer. In the 1861 census of Bean there are two other children listed with Thomas and Fanny, young Thomas was born about 1848 and a daughter Mary born about 1850. There were so many Nettleinghams, most of the men being called Thomas, that they are difficult to trace.

The Gravesend Reporter of 31 Oct 1874 reports of an inquest held at The Black Horse and Fruit Cart on the previous Saturday before CJ Carttar on the body of Mrs Robert Durling aged 72 years who on the previous Tuesday accidentally fell into the well while in the act of drawing a pail of water. Verdict was recorded as accidental drowning.

Bexleyheath and Bexley Observer of 6th Sept 1879 records that on Saturday Mr Nettleingham beer house keeper Bean Stone, whose licence had not been renewed the previous Saturday, on account of there having been a conviction during the year, and of the applicant not attending in person on licencing day, was granted a renewal after a few observations from the Chairman (TH Fleet Esq) by way of admonition and caution.

In the 1881 Black Horse Inn Bean, Thomas was still the licenced victualler but no longer recorded as the Parish Clerk. He was then 67 and Fanny 57. Austin had married and moved away. Fanny died during August 1885 and was buried at Stone Church on the 15 Aug 1885 aged 61.

The will of Thomas Nettleingham late of Bean Stone who died 10 Jan 1886 at Bean Stone was proved by his son Austin Nettleingham. He was buried at Stone Church on the 16 Jan 1866.

The Black Horse seems to be two houses joined together. Perhaps one of these houses belonged to Thomas Nettleingham, who at the time of being the licenced victualler of The Black Horse was also the parish clerk. This is only a theory.

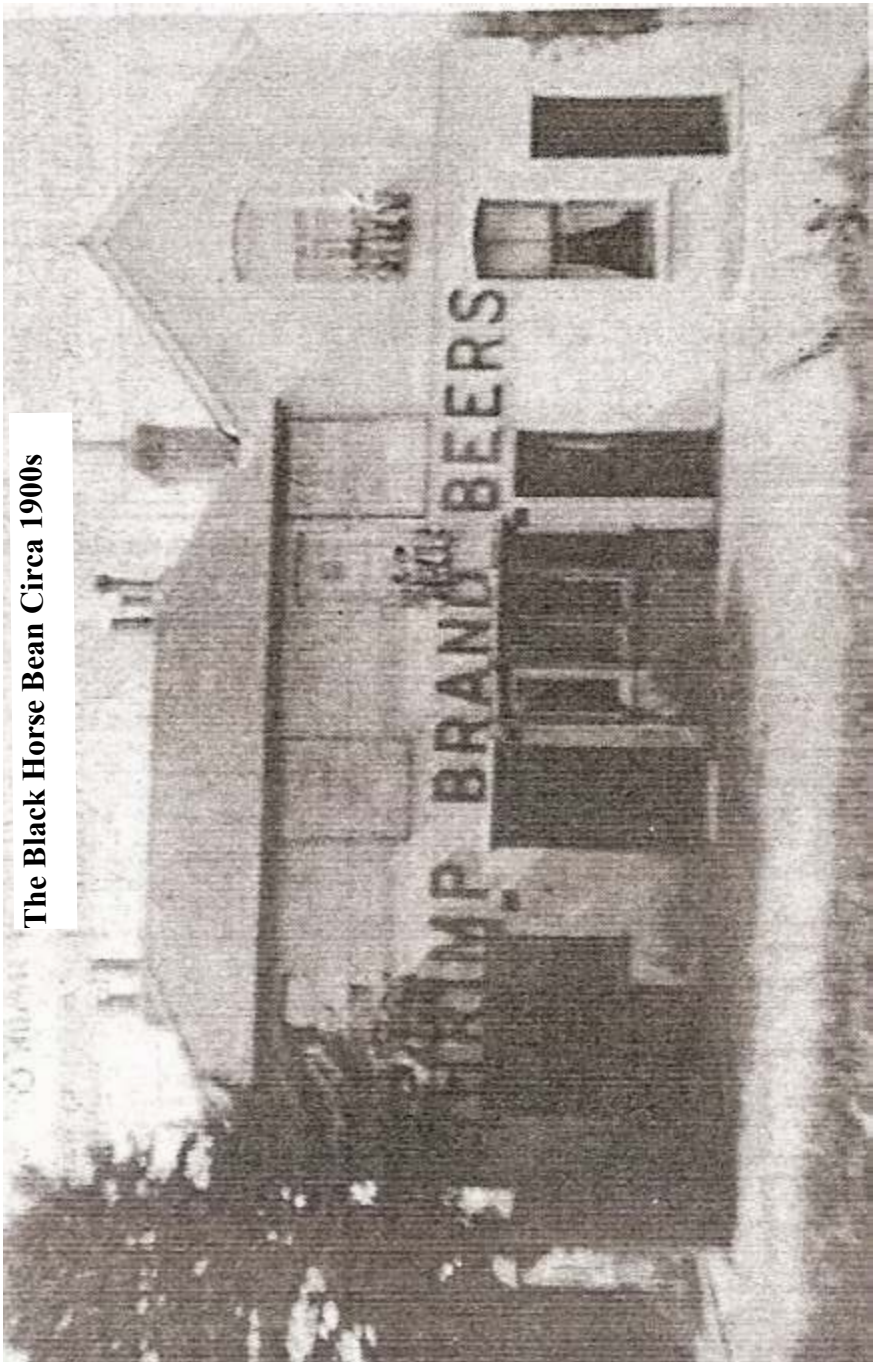
Henry Lane

On the web page it states that in Kelly's Directory of 1887 Henry Lane was the landlord of The Black Horse. However I cannot confirm this because I cannot find a copy of the directory.

However The Gravesend Reporter of 26 May, 2nd June, 9th June 1883 advertise The Black Horse Bean Public House Stone to let. It states that it has 1 acre of good garden plantation and was doing well with out-buildings furniture effects and fixtures. Cash price £400. Apply on premises. Perhaps this date was the time Thomas Nettleingham gave up the The Black Horse and Henry Lane took over. Whenever it was Henry Lane could not have been the publican for long.



The Black Horse Bean Circa 1900s





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To all those residents who have recently moved to Bean. With the cat on the sign.

We extend a huge welcome and hope you enjoy your new home. We would welcome you all at both the residents association and at the Bean Parish Council meetings to help keep Bean a great place to live. The Residents association meet on the first Monday of the Month, where as the Council meet on the second Monday of the month (except August).

Oasis Counselling Service

Oasis Counselling Service

As of January 2018, the service is based at Bizniz Point, Crown House, Home Gardens, Dartford DA1 1DZ, telephone number 01322 424509 / 07749 948407, website address www.oasiscounsellingservices.co.uk, email address info@oasiscounsellingservices.co.uk.

Oasis Counselling is a charity offering clients a professional, quality service. We cover general counselling issues, anger, depression, low self-esteem, self-harm, abuse, bereavement, and relationship issues and more. We also work with couples and families.

We don't have set fees but we do ask for a donation for each session. We value one-hour sessions at £45 each and £55 for couples. We appreciate people's honesty about what they feel able to donate, such that they value the service

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES and USEFUL NUMBERS.

The Bean Village Web site and e-mail addresses are on the front cover.

POLICE

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Neighbourhood Police Officer	Awaiting new information	
PCSO	Linda Down	07772 226125

Dartford Borough Council and Kent Community Wardens

Crime Support Unit DBC	Mark Sailsbury	01322 343434
Community Warden.	John Newton	07974183693
Community Warden	Control Centre	01732 885712
Crime Stoppers		800 555 111
Power Cut		105

Bean Village Hall Bookings

	Bean Parish Council	01474 832 999
Tuesday 4:00 - 7:00pm. Dance fever	Jo Regan	07927 196307
Tuesday 7:30 - 8:30pm Zumba	Laura	07731 303925
Wednesday 1:30 - 4:00pm. Young at Heart		Contact the committee
Wednesday 5:00 - 6:15pm. Cubs	Amanda King	07715 169250
Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00pm. Scouts	Neil Warburton	01474 707382
Thursday 5:00- 6:30pm. Brownies Sabrina	1stbeanbrownies@gmail.com	07789647970
Thursday 7:30 - 8:30pm Fitsteps	Kay	07751 497716
Sunday 10:00 - 11.00am. St. Nicholas Church,	Don White	01474 705430
Mon - Fri 9:15 - 12:00 noon. Tues, Thurs & Fri 12:30 - 3 pm Jumping Beans Pre-School		
Karen Hastings	07981520446	

Doctors

Swanscombe and Bean Partnership	Bean Surgery, High St. Bean	01474 707236
Dr. Bora	Beacon Drive, Bean	01474 708672

Church

St. Nicholas Southfleet Serving Bean, Betsham, New Barn and Southfleet.		
Priest in Charge:	Rev'd Josh Young	07484154613 01474 833252
Sunday Service is held in the Bean Village Hall at 9.15am		
Sunday 9.15 – 10.30 St Nicholas Church	Don White	014740705430

Bean Residents Association

Bean Residents Association meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:15pm. in the Bean Village Hall. All Bean residents are welcome to attend.

Bean Parish Council.

E-mail Beanparishcouncil@btinternet.com

Web Page <https://www.hugofox.com/community/bean-parish-council-13254/bean-parish-council/>

Bean Parish Council meet on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. in the Bean Village Hall. All Bean residents are welcome to attend. 01474 832999

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