

HATCH BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hatch Beauchamp Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

Present: - Kevin Comer (Chair), Pippa Fowler (Vice Chair), Shaun O'Dell, Jill O'Connor, Katie Piper, Sue Wright, Annette Cox and Andy Grant plus attendees as below and three members of the public

Apologies: - Jan Walton

In Attendance: - Cllr Wakefield, Ms Chadwick as Clerk

Public Forum

- Cllr Wakefield gave her update including updates on Somerset Council cost reductions and upcoming roadworks in Taunton. There is no update on Station Road planning where the appeal hearing has been delayed following comments on proximity to sewage treatment plant from Wessex Water.
- The A358 road scheme has been cancelled by the Government. The Chair expressed dissatisfaction to Cllr Wakefield about the Somerset Council press release on plans for Henlade, which Cllr Wakefield noted for further discussion.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jan Walton. It was resolved that the apologies and the reasons for them be accepted.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September were approved.

4. Community Updates and Councillor external contact reports

4.1 Greener Hatch Beauchamp

Nothing to report.

4.2 Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood plan final Regulation 14 consultation is underway with events at the village Farmers Market on 9th November and 14th December and at the Hatch Inn on 20th November. Landowners have been consulted in writing about the proposed green space.

4.3 LCN update

There is continued lack of engagement from some parish councils.

Any highways suggestions to be copied to Andy and the Clerk. Some drains have been cleared.

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4.4 Footpath update

Pippa and Annette have been surveying footpaths as volunteer Footpath Officers. Report to be circulated.

4.5 Any other reports

Trees have been cleared and footpath surface upgraded by the school. Thanks were expressed to Jim Marks, Liz Kingston and others that helped. The next village tidy is planned on 16th November including the worst of the drains, plus the inside of the MUGA, the other bus shelter near the Capland end of Village Road, the path to the school and Station Road edges/kerbs.

5. Moving Defibrillator

Following discussion, it was agreed to leave the defibrillator where it is at the School.

6. Bus service

Notice has been given and the service will cease on 12 December. The costs for the notice period will likely be covered by the remainder of the £300 already approved for free summer holiday travel on the Thursday service offered to under 18's approved, which the cost was £35. Somerset Council say they will bill the Parish Council after the service ceases.

7. Projects for 2024

Following discussion, the updates on the potential projects for 2024/25 are as follows:

Road signs/speed indicator device – cost c£5200 possibly to be shared with West Hatch.

Drain clearance – Pippa has circulated a report. Thanks were expressed to Pippa, Jill, Annette and Liz for their work

Noticeboard / VH frontage – joint with Village Hall, and awaiting costings from Village Hall. David Derbyshire is progressing this.

Youth Club reactivation – Katie has drafted a survey which is underway. Clerk has assisted with putting in a format suitable for sharing on social media with QR code.

Drains – another survey to be done once the leaves are off the trees. Urgent ones are on the list for the Village Tidy.

8. Planning

It was agreed that the Parish Council support Somerset Council's original decision on the on 19/24/0003: Retention of constructed building for B1/B8 use at Choices Farm, Village Road, Hatch Beauchamp which is under appeal as per circulated notification.

9. Finance

9.1 Bank Reconciliation

The Council approved the bank reconciliation.

9.2 Schedule of Cheques

The Council approved the Schedule of Cheques as follows:

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Summary of Payments Due					
To pay:					
Clerks wages	6 Sep to 7 Nov 9 weeks		577.80		12.84 x 9 weeks x 5 hrs
Chairs expenses	website		130.72		50 % to be recharged to VH
Burial grants	St Johns PCC		250.00		
	Methodist Chapel		95.00		
Parsons Landscapes	Grass cutting		872.38		inv 17744
Somerset Council	Dog bins		40.66		inv 30085841
Citizens Advice			75.00		
Cheques to pay:			<u>2041.56</u>		

9.3 Review of financial position

The Council reviewed the spend to date vs budget and forecast outturn

9.4 Draft budget

The Council reviewed the draft budget for 2025/26 as circulated. Finalisation will be at the January meeting.

10. Agenda Items for next meeting

It was agreed to discuss the following at the next meeting.

- Communication strategy
- Budget
- Projects

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

To be signed by the Chair at the next meeting (Wednesday 8th January 2025):

The minutes reflect an accurate record of events subject to any amendments listed below.

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

Amendments:

Produced by:

Helen Chadwick, Clerk

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