

HATCH BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Hatch Beauchamp Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

Present: - Mr Kevin Comer (Chair), Mrs Pippa Fowler (Vice Chair), Mrs Jan Walton, Ms Alison Handel, Mr Steve Williams, Mr Shaun O'Dell, Mr Andy Grant and Mrs Katie Piper plus attendees as below and 3 members of the public

Apologies: - Sue Wright

In Attendance: - Cllr Henley, Cllr Wakefield, Ms Chadwick as Clerk

Public Forum

- A member of the public requested that bins for recycling of clothes and shoes be considered, possibly at the village hall. To be forwarded for consideration by the Village Hall Trustees.
- Cllr Wakefield circulated her report, including an update on the Somerset County Council planning consultation. She was asked to circulate the net zero Council report
- Cllr Henley updated on Local Community networks and on the A358 (covered in item 4.1 below).

1. Apologies

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

2. Declarations of interest

Steve Williams declared an interest in item 4.3 as a trustee of the Village Hall. Katie Piper and Andy Grant declared an interest in the Community Shop in agenda items 4.4 and 10.1. Councillors will not comment or vote on these items on which they have an interest.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 11th January 2023 were approved unanimously.

4. Community Updates and Councillor external contact reports

4.1 A358

There was a Community Forum earlier on 8 March which delegates are attending on our behalf. The submission of the Development Consent Order is delayed by National Highways to allow further work on environmental matters. The Community of Parishes group has submitted detailed objections to the Planning Inspectorate. Kevin Comer has submitted several Freedom of Information requests initially on National Highways and then passed to the Department of Transport, who replied that they cannot share the requested information due to "developing government policy". Mr Comer has also met with Somerset County Councillor to show him the issues.

4.2 Greener Hatch Beauchamp

The tree planting was well supported and the sad vandalism of one of the planted trees will be rectified in due course.

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The proposals for spending on raised beds and proposed repair café were approved as circulated, to be settled from existing Improving Living funds held. Mr Comer volunteered his services.

4.3 Village Hall including a proposal from the Village Hall regarding support for play equipment

The Village Hall are pleased to report a National Lottery grant award for the refurbishment of the village hall.

Following discussion of the proposal on play equipment, it was resolved to grant the Village Hall the requested sum of £1500.

4.4 Community Shop

Katie Piper presented an update on the shop. There has been a kind proposal to create a shop located in the grounds at Perris. A planning application for change of use has been submitted (see agenda point 10.1). Work is underway to update the business plan.

4.5 Neighbourhood Plan

The sub-committee is now setting aims and objectives for the next stage, building on the results of the survey. A Community Event is planned for 12/13 May.

4.6 Any other reports

Reports have been received of alleged dogs off lead on footpaths through fields with livestock. Clerk to post a reminder on the village Facebook page.

5. Budget for 2023/24

The budget for the year ending 31st March 2024 as circulated by the Clerk was considered. It was resolved to allow £3000 for projects to encompass A358, neighbourhood plan, bus services project, Greener Hatch Beauchamp projects and support for the village hall. This spend, together with already pledged support for the Community Shop, defibrillator and play equipment grant, would reduce reserves to below one year's precept.

6. Defibrillator

The Clerk presented the paper circulated on the defibrillator, which is due for renewal in September. It was resolved to proceed with a contract with South West Ambulance Service Trust at a cost of £1800 for three years.

7. Coronation

Due to lack of time it was agreed to follow up on ideas for the Big Help Out on 8 May by email.

8. Dates for APM/APCM

The proposed dates for Annual Parish Meeting is Friday 12 May to coincide with Neighbourhood Plan event. Annual Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 10 May at 7pm.

9. Local Community Networks

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

10. Planning

10.1 To review Case Ref: 19/23/0003 Proposal: Change of use from private studio/gym to village shop at Perris, Village Road, Hatch Beauchamp

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Councillors were in support of this application

10.2 To review Case Ref: 19/23/0004 Proposal: Replacement of garage at 25 Home Orchard, Hatch Beauchamp

Councillors agreed not to comment.

10.3 Compliance with planting requirements as circulated to Councillors – Sterling Services

It was agreed that at present it is not possible to see what planting is in place, so it was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

10.4 To minute council responses to planning matters 19/23/001 and 002 regarding trees in Home Orchard

It was minuted that Councillors agreed with the tree warden's comments on both matters.

11. Finance

11.1 Bank Reconciliation

The Council approved the bank reconciliations.

11.2 Schedule of Cheques

The Council approved the Schedule of Cheques as follows:

Summary of Payments Due				
To pay:				
Clerks wages	6 Jan to 2 Mar		473.60	11.84 x 8 weeks x 5 hrs
Clerks expenses	Go Daddy domain renewal		21.59	
Somerset West and Taunton	Dog bins		39.96	inv 64052980
Cheques to pay:			<u>535.15</u>	

It was further resolved to approve the payment to the village hall for the play equipment and the renewal of the defibrillator contract.

11.3 Approval of Dog bin quote for 2023/24

The 2023/24 quote as circulated to Councillors was approved.

12. Agenda Items for next meeting

It was agreed to add the deferred items to the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

To be signed by the Chair at the next meeting (Wednesday 10th May 2023):

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

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

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Amendments:

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