

HATCH BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hatch Beauchamp Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

Present: - Pippa Fowler (Chair), Katie Piper, Kevin Comer, Sue Wright, Annette Cox, Nick Bridle, Iwan Witt and Andy Grant (from 7.15pm) plus attendees as below

Apologies: - Shaun O'Dell

In Attendance: - Ms Chadwick as Clerk, Cllr Sarah Wakefield (from 7.30) plus one member of the public

Public Forum

- Cllr Wakefield gave her update as circulated including details on SEND provision in the county and on the Somerset Council budgeting process. An update on the settlement from central government is expected in December. There was no update on broadband but any update received would be sent by email.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Shaun O'Dell. It was resolved that the apologies, and the reason for them, be accepted.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council held on 10th September 2025 were approved.

4. Community Updates and Councillor external contact reports

To update Council on any subcommittee activity and external contacts since last meeting:

4.1 Greener Hatch Beauchamp

The Repair café planned for late Autumn has been postponed due to lack of space availability at the Village Hall. A meeting is planned later this month.

4.2 Neighbourhood Plan

The plan has been submitted to Somerset Council and an Examiner appointed. There will then be a village referendum before the Plan is adopted.

4.3 Footpath update

Councillors received an update from the Parish Path Liaison Officer (PPLO) and his report was circulated.

4.4 Community Resilience/Emergency Plan including proposal on interactive map

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The Chair, Clerk and Nick Bridle attended the Community Resilience planning event on 15 October 2025 which was very well attended. An "Adopt a Drain" idea was presented and the Clerk has requested the slides to circulate. An interactive flooding parish map was proposed by Iwan Witt. Any photos to be sent to parish council email.

4.5 Maintenance update on village tidy and update on noticeboard

Noticeboard repair plan and costs approved subject to Village Hall approval. The Village Tidy was held and again successful with tidying of the war memorial and starting a repaint of the railings. The new wreath stands look wonderful. A village tidy banner was proposed by the Chair and agreed in principle subject to costings.

4.6 Any other reports

There have been further reports of anti-social behaviour which have been reported to the PCSO. Their advice has been circulated It is understood that the families have been visited.

5. Discussion on Role of Parish Council

Nick Bridle circulated a proposal for a project defining the position and purpose of the Parish Council in village life. This was well received and the Chair thanked Nick for his work. Nick will circulate proposed wording. Clerk to draft terms of reference.

6. Project on Speeding

To discuss and agree next steps:

6.1 Village survey – the results have been circulated and show clear majority support.

6.2 Update on Somerset Council visit – report circulated

6.3 Update on costing of speed indicator device (SID) and approval of spend. It was agreed to purchase the device at a cost of £3923.39. Andy to send the proforma invoice to the Clerk for settlement.

6.4 Agreement of next steps on speed limit changes and SID

Agreed first locations to be Hatch Green and Deep Springs/Buttles Lodge. Andy to confirm agreement from landowners - already given in principle.

7. Finance

7.1 Bank Reconciliation

The Council approved the bank reconciliation.

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7.2 Schedule of Cheques

The Council approved the Schedule of Cheques as follows, plus speed indicator device as above:

Summary of Payments Due					
To pay:					
Clerks wages	5 Sep to 6 Nov 9 weeks	625.5			13.90 x 9 weeks x 5 hrs
	back pay to 5 Sep 3.2% pay award 25/26	48.22			(13.90-13.47) * 5hrs pw * (157days/7)
	exps remembrance wreaths	79.96			
	exps ink (50%)	12.00	765.68		
Somerset Council	dog bin		33.79		inv 32005771 to 30/9
St Johns PCC burial grant			250.00		
Baptist church burial grant			95.00		
Parsons Landscapes			1141.88		invoice 18440
Weavo			43.00		estimate for materials to repair noticeboard
Cheques to pay:			1049.47		

7.3 Review of spend year to date vs budget

Councillors received an update on financial position from the Clerk

8. Budget 2026/27

Councillors reviewed the first draft budget and outline financial plan for future years.

9. Planning

9.1 To co-opt additional members to the planning committee

Andy Grant and Nick Bridle were co-opted onto the Planning committee.

9.2 To consider Case Ref: 19/25/0013

Councillors discussed the matter and concluded they do not support the application due to the following material planning considerations:

1. It was noted that the approval of the previous application 19/23/0007 for access for agricultural use included stipulations on visibility splay and 12m of consolidated surface, which the applicant has not complied with. This is also noted in the response from Highways on the current application. There does not seem to be room for any visibility splay without purchasing land from adjacent properties.
2. It is felt that the proposal would exacerbate current flooding issues in the immediate area, which already floods several times a year. The application does not give any information on plans for surface water drainage.
3. The proposed access is onto a narrow (c.3m) single track lane and it was felt that this would not be suitable or safe for regular domestic use or domestic deliveries to the outlined new houses in the application.
4. The proposed development would affect residential amenity of the surrounding properties.

10. Agenda Items for next meeting

It was agreed to add the following items to the agenda for future meetings:

Communication – update and agree purpose

School dog waste bin

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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To be signed by the Chair at the next meeting (Wednesday 14th January 2026):

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

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

Amendments:

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Helen Chadwick, Clerk

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