

# HATCH BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Parish - Helen Chadwick

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hatch Beauchamp Parish Council held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall**

**Present:** - Pippa Fowler (Chair), Shaun O'Dell, Sue Wright, Annette Cox, Nick Bridle (from 7.10pm), Iwan Witt and Andy Grant plus attendees as below

**Apologies:** - Katie Piper, Kevin Comer

**In Attendance:** - Ms Chadwick as Clerk, Cllr Sarah Wakefield plus one member of the public

### **Public Forum**

- Cllr Wakefield gave her update as circulated including details on the Somerset Council budgeting process and the impact of the decision from central government to give no additional funding.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Katie Piper and Kevin Comer. 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 12<sup>th</sup> November 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**

Repair cafés are booked for 28 February, 27 June and 24 October.

#### **4.2 Neighbourhood Plan**

The visit from the Examiner is imminent. 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. The path opposite Hatch Court is open again. It was agreed to support a letter from Somerset Council about reopening parts of the permissive path under the A358. It was suggested that the PPLO contact Neroche parish where the majority of the permissive path was located.

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#### **4.4 Community Resilience/Emergency Plan including proposal on interactive map**

An interactive flooding parish map was proposed by Iwan Witt, and current flooding map reviewed online. Any photos to be sent to parish council email. Clerk to set up folder on Google drive. Iwan proposes setting up a Flood Action Group.

#### **4.5 Maintenance update on village tidy and update on noticeboard**

It was reported that whilst waiting for Village approval for the repair plan, the noticeboard had fallen on the Clerks car, and will be the subject of an insurance claim. It has temporarily been relocated.

#### **4.6 Any other reports**

Clerk to report the manhole cover outside Chestnut View and the Home Orchard sign again. The pothole outside Hatch Green Farm has been reported again. Any further reports of anti-social behaviour should be reported to the PCSO. A parishioner asked about internet plans in the village and was given the latest Somerset Council update.

### **5. Discussion on Role of Parish Council**

Councillors discussed the draft charter on purpose of the Parish Council in village life, agree project plan and terms of reference as circulated.

The circulated draft was well received and the Chair thanked Nick for his work. It was agreed to add sustainability as suggested by Katie in email, and incorporate feedback from village teens as suggested by Annette. The draft terms of reference were agreed including budget. The leads for each area were suggested as follows, subject to their agreement:

- Community Wellbeing – Nick (Annette to share young people’s feedback from Neighbourhood plan)
- Community Support – Helen/Sue
- Village Upkeep – Pippa/Annette
- Community Resilience - Iwan
- Community Safety – Andy
- Community Integrity (incl sustainability) – Katie/Shawn
- Funding/Resource Lead – Helen

The project plan was discussed and approved in principle though it was suggested it may be extended to link with the Annual Parish Meeting.

### **6. Project on Speeding**

#### **6.1 Update on siting of speed indicator device (SID)**

The siting has been agreed and residents have agreed. Approval in writing will be sought.

#### **6.2 Agreement of next steps on speed limit changes and SID**

The SID has been ordered. Somerset Council’s documentation will be emailed for approval and signing and work will commence in Spring.

#### **6.3 Communication to village**

It was agreed to incorporate this into the parish charter communication

### **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:

Summary of Payments Due						
To pay:						
Clerks wages	7 Nov to 8 Jan 9 weeks			625.50		13.90 x 9 weeks x 5 hrs
Parsons Landscapes	final grass cutting			172.06		inv 18512 dd30/11
Cheques to pay:				<u>625.50</u>		

## 8. Budget 2026/27

Councillors reviewed the budget and agreed no increase in precept.

## 9. Agenda Items for next meeting

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

Update on Parish Charter

Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

To be signed by the Chair at the next meeting (Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026)

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

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

Amendments:

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