

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall**

**Present:** - Pippa Fowler (Chair), Shaun O'Dell, Sue Wright, Annette Cox, Katie Piper, Kevin Comer, Iwan Witt and Andy Grant (until 8pm) plus attendees as below

**Apologies:** - Nick Bridle, Cllr Sarah Wakefield

**In Attendance:** - Ms Chadwick as Clerk plus six members of the public

### **Public Forum**

- Cllr Wakefield's update was circulated including details on the Somerset Council budgeting process and the impact of the decision from central government to give no additional funding.
- Concerns were raised about the condition of the drains outside Hatch Beachamp Garage. To be inspected.
- A second defibrillator at the Village Hall was proposed. Costs and potential grant funding to be advised.
- The ditch in Mill Lane with the exposed cable has been reported to Wessex Internet to be fixed.
- Concerns were expressed about tree felling at Huckers Hill and Village Road

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Nick Bridle. 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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 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 cafés on 28 February raised £108 which was been remitted to the Parish Council to be added to the GHB reserve. Next cafes are on 27 June and 24 October. Quotes for solar panels on the Village Hall have been sought and grants will be investigated. Tree planting took place last month.

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## 4.2 Neighbourhood Plan

The visit from the Examiner has taken place and the report received. 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. Thanks were expressed by Councillors for his work.

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

Iwan Witt gave an update. A Flood Action Group has been initiated.

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

The temporary relocation of the noticeboard has been well received and it was decided to keep it where it is and refurbish it as part of the Village Tidy. The pothole outside Hatch Green Farm has been fixed.

## 4.6 Any other reports

Clerk has reported the manhole cover outside Chestnut View and the Home Orchard sign again. There was an incident of anti-social behaviour which was witnessed by a parishioner and reported to the Parish Council and the PCSO and action has been taken. Any further reports of anti-social behaviour should be reported to the PCSO.

## 5. Discussion on Role of Parish Council

An update on the Parish Charter was circulated and a revised project plan will be issued.

## 6. Project on Speeding

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

The siting has been agreed and residents have given approval in writing. Contracts have been signed with Somerset Council.

### 6.2 Agreement of next steps

The Clerk to contact nearby parishes for suitably trained persons to locate the SID whilst ours are have the required training.

## 7. Village Hall Proposal

Councillors reviewed the circulated proposal on previously pledged money for play equipment and grass cutting. It was agreed to pay £1000 towards play equipment and fund the grass cutting up to a cap of £2000.

## 8. Finance

### 8.1 Bank Reconciliation

The Council approved the bank reconciliation.

### 8.2 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
Parsons Landscapes	final grass cutting			172.06
Clerks wages	9 Jan to 5 March 8 weeks			556.00
Kevin Comer	website and hosting			70.57
Lady Alice Memorial Village Hall	contribution to play equipment			1000.00
Somerset Council	dog bins			33.54
Citizens Advice				75.00
Cheques to pay:				<u>2532.67</u>

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**9. Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting**

**9.1 Annual Parish Meeting**

The proposed date for annual parish meeting joint with Village Hall was agreed as 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**9.2 Annual Parish Council Meeting**

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**10. Village Tidy**

The date for the next village tidy was agreed as 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**11. Agenda Items for next meeting**

Clerk to get quote for new dog bin.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

To be signed by the Chair at the next meeting (Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026)

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

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

Amendments:

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