

HATCH BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: - Mr Kevin Comer (Chair), Mrs Pippa Fowler (Vice Chair), Mr Shaun O'Dell, Mrs Sue Wright, Mrs Jill O'Connor, Ms Annette Cox plus attendees as below and two members of the public

Apologies: - Jan Walton, Andy Grant, Katie Piper, Cllr Wakefield

In Attendance: - Cllr Henley, Ms Chadwick as Clerk

Public Forum

- Cllr Henley gave his report, including latest update on the Somerset Council financial situation, and shared details of the budget gap closure including sale of assets and use of reserves. A358 project cancellation has not been confirmed. He also updated on local issues in Neroche View and Huckers Hill.
- Councillors received an update on the funding of Take Art following a reduction in Somerset Council funding. It was agreed to request an update on this for next financial year.

1. Apologies

Katie Piper, Jan Walton and Andy Grant sent their apologies. It was resolved that the apologies, and the reasons for them, be accepted.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting and of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 10th January 2024 and of the Planning Committee Meeting on 15th February 2024 were approved.

4. Community Updates and Councillor external contact reports

4.1 Greener Hatch Beauchamp

No update. The next repair café is planned for 27 April.

4.2 A358

It appears that the project has been shelved. The parish council subcommittee is to be dissolved.

4.3 Neighbourhood Plan

No update.

4.5 LCN update

There is a meeting tonight 13th March which Andy Grant is attending on our behalf. A separate Transport Working Group has been convened which is chaired by Andy. This group will look at matters including public transport, speed issues, and maintenance of drains, verges and gullies.

4.6 Footpath update

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No update.

4.7 Any other reports

The battery on the defibrillator has been replaced. A meeting with Somerset Rivers Authority about the defibrillator was attended by the Clerk and Pippa Fowler.

5. Village Tidy 16th March

The Village Tidy has been publicised and will include the bus shelter raised by parishioners. Volunteers are meeting at the Village Hall at 10am.

6. Bus Service

The new bus service is recommencing 28th March every Thursday. The cost is £50 per trip less fares. The income from fares will be reviewed after 6 months to check that the budgeted £1250.00 Parish Council subsidy cap will not be exceeded, and therefore allow the service to continue. In addition, the Slinky bus service is to be extended to everyone on a trial basis.

7. Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold a joint Parish Meeting and Village Hall AGM on 1 May 2024 at 7.30pm

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	5 January to 7 March	532.80				11.84 x 9 weeks x 5 hrs	
Clerks expenses	ink (50%)	9.80	542.60			DS-ASE-INV-GB-2024-18719474	
Lady Alice Memorial Village Hall	LCN meeting		11.25			inv 2463	
Somerset Council	dog bins		44.12			inv 30046751	
Jill Larcombe			60.00			cancel chq not banked and reissue	
Cheques to pay:			<u>657.97</u>				

8.3 Grass cutting Contract

The Council approved the grass cutting contract for 2024/25.

8.4 Donations

The Councillors considered donations to the Brewhouse and Citizens Advice. It was not agreed to donate to the Brewhouse but to reconsider for next year. A donation of £75.00 was agreed for Citizens Advice.

9. Planning

To consider the following planning applications:

9.1 Case ref: 19/24/0004 and 19/24/006/LB

Proposal: Demolition of lean to and various internal and external alterations at Capland Farm, Capland Lane, Hatch Beauchamp

It was agreed not to comment.

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9.2 Case Ref: 19/24/0005

Proposal: Demolition of conservatory and erection of a single storey extension to the side and rear at 43 Home Orchard, Hatch Beauchamp

It was agreed not to comment.

10. Agenda Items for next meeting

None

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

To be signed by the Chair at the next meeting (Wednesday 8th May 2024):

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

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

Amendments:

Produced by:

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