

HATCH BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Hatch Beauchamp Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th January 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 and Mrs Katie Piper plus attendees as below and 3 members of the public

Apologies: - Cllr Henley

In Attendance: - Cllr Wakefield, Ms Chadwick as Clerk

Public Forum

- A member of the public representing the Village Hall Trustees asked the council for assistance with fundraising for play equipment. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the next meeting.
- Cllr Wakefield circulated her report, including an update on the Somerset County Council budget and local community networks.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Sue Wright, Shaun O'Dell and Andy Grant. It was resolved that the apologies and the reasons for them be accepted.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 9th November 2022 were approved unanimously.

4. Councillor sub-committee activity and Councillor external contact reports

The following contacts and subcommittee activity was reported:

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Planning: there is a Somerset West and Taunton planning committee on 19th January at 10am to discuss Station Road.

The Greener Hatch Beauchamp committee was approved to seek allotment space on behalf of the Parish Council.

A358 activity is reported under agenda point 5 below.

5. A358

Mr Comer gave an update on the ongoing A358 discussions and reported that he attended a meeting of the Somerset County Council Scrutiny Committee together with representatives from the Community of Parishes Group. Andy Coupe of Somerset County Council presented an update, with reiterated the previous County Council responses without addressing concerns we raised, and they do not plan to consult further with affected parishes. The DCO submission has been delayed to address environmental mitigation factors.

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6. Proposal on Dog Waste bins

A proposal on the above was circulated by Mr Williams arising from issues with dog waste in litterbins. It was resolved to try additional signage.

7. Budget and precept for 2023/24

The Council received and discussed a proposal on the above from the Clerk and additional spending ideas were put forward by the Chair. It was resolved to discuss these further at the next meeting. A vote was held on the level of the precept. As there was equality of votes, Chair used his casting vote in accordance with standing order 3 r) and it was thereby resolved to increase the precept to £6,000. The Clerk was approved to send the precept request.

8. Finance

8.1 Bank Reconciliation

The Council approved the bank reconciliations.

8.2 Payments

The following payments were approved by Councillors including back pay for the Clerk following NALC's settlement of the 2022 pay award with NJC:

Summary of Payments Due				
To pay:				
Clerks wages	5 Nov to 5 Jan			487.80
Back pay	1 April to 5 Jan			200.00
Remembrance wreaths				67.97
Lady Alice Memorial Village Hall	Map			200.00
Parsons Landscapes	Grass cutting			165.36
Cheques to pay:				<u>1121.13</u>

9. Agenda Items for next meeting

The following items will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Proposal from Village Hall re Play Equipment

Proposal from Greener Hatch Beauchamp

Defibrillator proposal

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

To be signed by the Chair at the next meeting (Wednesday 8th March 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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