

HATCH BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hatch Beauchamp Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

Present: - Mr Kevin Comer (Chair), Mrs Pippa Fowler (Vice Chair), Mrs Jan Walton, Mr Steve Williams, Mr Shaun O'Dell, Mrs Sue Wright, Mrs Jill O'Connor, Mrs Katie Piper and Mr Andy Grant plus attendees as below and one member of the public

Apologies: - Cllr Henley

In Attendance: - Cllr Wakefield, Ms Chadwick as Clerk

Public Forum

- Cllr Wakefield circulated her report, including an update on the Somerset Council budget gap and phosphate issues.

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of interest

Stephen Williams has an interest in the Village Hall referenced in item 8. Katie Piper declared an interest in the Village Shop reference 9. Both did not participate in decisions on Councillors regarding these organisations.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th July 2023 and of the Planning Committee Meetings on 20th July and 24th August 2023 were approved.

4. Sub Committee and Community Reports

4.1 Greener Hatch Beauchamp

Katie Piper presented a revised tree policy which has been publicised on the website and noticeboards and it was unanimously agreed. The next Repair café planned for 4 November.

4.2 Village Hall

The refurbishment is three quarters completed, just chairs and audio-visual equipment to come. The new kitchen, toilets and Committee room look amazing, and the Hall reopened on schedule. Thanks were expressed to the Village Hall Committee and to Steve Williams for his work on this project.

4.3 Community Shop

A variation to planning conditions has been submitted and work is underway to update the business plan. Thanks were recorded to Mr Gibb for his contribution to the Shop project.

4.4 Neighbourhood Plan

A summary of results from the consultation in May has been published. Strong support for all objectives.

4.5 Any other reports

David Graham has agreed to act as Footpaths Officer. The refurbishment of the bench by the bus shelter is underway. A bonfire nuisance has been reported and signposted to guidance

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from Somerset Council. Thanks were recorded to Jill O'Connor for taking over responsibility for checking the defibrillator.

5. Local Community Networks

The first Local Community Network meeting was held on 2 August (postponed from 17 July). Keith Reid of West Hatch was elected Chair.

7. Update on Bus Proposal

The Councillors received an update on the trial bus service which commenced Thursday 3rd August once a week for 3 months. The bus has had good uptake with a high of 24 passengers and low of 12. A meeting with John Perrett, Fleet Manager of Somerset Council will be held on 26 September. Thanks were recorded to Mr Gibb for his contribution to the bus project.

8. Use of Community Infrastructure Levy monies

The following potential uses of CIL monies were discussed:

- Traffic signs
- Contribution towards boules pitch
- Further contribution to play equipment at Village Hall
- Tree guards and fencing

The proposals were discussed in detail.

Mr Williams then left the meeting.

Following a vote, it was resolved that sums would be pledged as follows - £1000 to boules, £1000 to play equipment, up to £1000 to tree guards and fencing. Sums to be paid only once necessary permissions and remaining funding in place.

9. Finance

9.1 Bank Reconciliation

The Council approved the bank reconciliation.

9.2 Schedule of Cheques

The Council approved the Schedule of Cheques as follows:

Summary of Payments Due			
To pay:			
Clerks wages	30 June to 7 September		592.00
Chairs expenses	Printing		43.20
Hatch Community Shop			2184.10
Cheques to pay:			<u>2819.30</u>

10. Agenda Items for next meeting

None

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The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

To be signed by the Chair at the next meeting (Wednesday 8h November 2023):

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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