

HATCH BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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Members of the public and press are entitled to be at the following meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 Section 1 extended by Local Government Act 1972 Section 100 unless precluded by the Parish Council by resolution during the whole or part of the proceedings. Such entitlement does not however include the right to speak on any matter except at the commencement of the meeting given over specifically for that purpose. Although not a requirement to do so, prior notification to the Clerk by 5pm the previous Monday would enable a full response when appropriate to be given.

Thursday 4th January 2024

To: All members of **Hatch Beauchamp Parish Council**

You are summoned to a meeting of **Hatch Beauchamp Parish Council** to be held at the Village Hall on **Wednesday 10th January 2024 commencing at 7.00 pm**, when the following business will be transacted.

Yours faithfully



Helen Chadwick
Clerk to the Parish Council

7.00 pm - prior to the start of the meeting

Questions and comments from members of the public (limited to 20 minutes in total)

Members of the public will be permitted to speak during the meeting with the Chair's permission and in accordance with the Code of Conduct, and may also contact the Clerk (hatchbeauchamp.pc@gmail.com) by 5 pm on Monday 8th January to ask questions, raise concerns or make comments on matters affecting Hatch Beauchamp Parish. No decision can be taken during this session, but the Chair may decide to refer any matter for consideration.

Reports from County and District Councillors

The County and District Councillors are invited to give short oral or written reports on matters affecting Hatch Beauchamp Parish.

1. Apologies

Members will be expected to provide reasons for absence. Members are reminded that absence for six consecutive meetings without approval could lead to disqualification.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Code of Conduct requires that Members disclose interests of a personal, prejudicial and pecuniary nature that may be pertinent to tonight's business, unless a written dispensation has been sought and granted for valid reasons. A prejudicial or pecuniary interest will require the member to leave the room during the discussion of the relevant item.

In cases of uncertainty members are recommended to consult the Clerk.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting and of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 8th November 2023 have been circulated with the summons to this meeting.

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4. Casual vacancy

To co-opt to fill the advertised casual vacancy on the Parish Council

5. Community Updates and Councillor external contact reports

To update Council on any subcommittee activity and external contacts since last meeting:

- 5.1 Greener Hatch Beauchamp**
- 5.2 A358**
- 5.3 Neighbourhood Plan**
- 5.4 LCN update**
- 5.5 Footpath update – see report circulated**
- 5.6 Any other reports**

6. Village Tidy

To discuss plans for a Village Tidy following the success of the Jubilee event.

7. Bus Service

To review and decide on the proposed bus service plan as per email circulated by Kevin Comer on 30 November.

8. Budget

To discuss the draft Parish Council budget as circulated by email in light of the financial challenges of Somerset Council and finalise the precept for the financial year 2023/24

9. Finance

- 9.1 Bank Reconciliation**
The Council will consider the bank reconciliation
- 9.2 Schedule of Cheques**
The Council will approve the Schedule of Cheques

10. Agenda Items for next meeting

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any members of the public are allowed to take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on all public meetings (including on social media). No prior notification is needed, but it would be helpful to let the Clerk know of any plans to film or record so that all necessary arrangements can be made to provide reasonable facilities to report on meetings. This permission does not extend to private meetings or parts of meetings which are not open to the public. All recording and photography equipment should be taken away if a public meeting moves into a session which is not open to the public.

If you are recording the meeting, you are asked to act in a reasonable manner and not disrupt the conduct of meetings, for example, by using intrusive lighting, flash photography or asking people to repeat statements for the benefit of the recording. You may not make an oral commentary during the meeting. The Chair has the power to control public recording and/or reporting so it does not disrupt the meeting. Recording must be clearly visible to anyone at the meeting.

Please note that members of the public exercising their right to speak during Public Question Time may be recorded.