

HATCH BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Hatch Beauchamp Parish Council held on Wednesday, 8th September 2021 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

Present: - Ms Christine Scott (Chair), Mrs Pippa Fowler, Mr Kevin Comer (Vice Chair), Ms Alison Handel, Mrs Wendy Grant, Mrs Jan Walton, Mr Shaun O'Dell, Mrs Katie Piper plus one member of the public

Members absent: - None

Apologies: - Mr Tony Murphy

In Attendance: - Ms Chadwick as Clerk, Cllr John Thorne (from 8pm)

Public Forum

Cllr Thorne presented his report, which had been circulated to the Council, upon his arrival.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Murphy.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the 14th July were approved unanimously.

4. Sub Committee Reports

4.1 Community Shop

The summer pop up cafés at the Village Hall have now finished, and a further one is planned for Christmas. Fees have been paid to Plunkett and the Community Benefit Society rules and application are with Viv Price for review. Remaining funds have been transferred to the Parish Council. Negotiations continue with the Village Hall on siting a temporary building and a joint meeting to discuss with Viv from Plunkett is planned on 9 November or earlier if possible.

4.2 Community Car Scheme

Trip activity is still increasing, two further drivers have been added and more are planned. A meeting to be held on 15th September and AGM on 25th October.

4.3 Improving Living

Katie Piper has agreed to take over this group. Ms Scott to contact Mr Reid re transfer of funds.

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4.4 A358

The public village meeting on 6th September went very well and attracted over 100 attendees. Contact details have been collected and will be held securely by the Clerk in accordance with Data Protection. The Council approved additional hours for the Clerk to process these and keep parish updated. Clerk to keep records of these separately. A meeting with Highways with the Parish council representatives is due on the 23rd. Michael Asher from Rebecca Pow's office, called to speak to Ms Scott on 8th September. Ms Pow is meeting Highways on the 24th. Ms Scott updated the Council on the updates from the Transport Action Network. There was a discussion about keeping the Parish Council updated of the actions of the sub committee. Ms Scott to circulate the report to Highways from the 8 local Parish Councils to all Councillors, and to ensure council is updated on any significant developments, in a timely fashion.

4.5 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Mr Comer reported that a grant application has been successful and funds should be received in the next few days. This will be used to fund consultant advice. Mr Comer and Ms Scott to agree scope for the consultant and advise Councillors by email. Training has been attended by 5 members of the group. A further grant application was approved in principle.

5. Update on Footpaths/Bridlepaths/Rights of Way/Signposts

Clerk reported that Rod Harrington is still working on the upgrade of the footpath from Home Orchard to the Playing Field with the landowner and Somerset West and Taunton Council. Mrs Fowler reported that the stile at Hatch Green has been cleared. Clerk reported she is in contact with Martin Cooper of Somerset County Council about clearing paths and bridleways of vegetation now it is September. Clerk also reported that all white and grey painting on the signpost at the corner of Bickenhall Lane at Village Road is complete, awaiting completion of the lettering.

6. Communication Strategy

Mr Comer presented to Council a draft communication and transparency policy which was discussed and agreed in principle bar a few amendments. Proposed wording for amendments to be sent to Mr Comer by the Clerk. Mr Comer to amend and recirculate. The need for councillors to have parish email addresses was discussed. Mr Comer has found a fee free solution to set up emails under hatchbeauchamp.com.

7. Finance

7.1 Bank Reconciliation

The Council approved the bank reconciliations.

7.2 Schedule of Cheques

The Council approved the Schedule of Cheques, plus Chairs expenses of £65. The Village Hall payment of up to £500 is approved and payment to be made once final amount is known. Mr Comer to advise same to the Clerk.

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8. Harvest Festival

Volunteers were sought to decorate a window in the church for Harvest Festival. Ms Scott, Mrs Piper, Mrs Grant volunteered. Mr O'Dell to confirm.

9. Agenda Items for next meeting

None

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

To be signed by the Chair at the next meeting (Wednesday, 8th September 2021):

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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