

**Minutes of Hatch Beauchamp Parish Council Meeting  
Held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Commencing at 7:30 p.m.**

**Public Forum:**

- **Continued Pavement Concerns:**

A member of the public (village resident) again raised concerns around the lack of response to both village residents and Parish Council members over the state of the pavement between the Hatch Inn and village playing field and further down into the village. It appears any funding available has gone to major projects, but should have been available to all. SCC Cllr Thorne reported that money was not available for an overall pavement replacement, however, the proposal was to “smooth over” the existing pavement surface. The pavement is inspected but it is not known how regularly. Cllr Thorne suggested any further communication should be sent to John Woodman (SCC Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport). The following actions were proposed and approved:

- ❖ Village Residents should start a petition
- ❖ Residents should be encouraged to write to Mr Woodman independently
- ❖ PC to write to Mr Woodman on behalf of the village

- **Financial Matters:**

A member of the public requested that the proposed annual grant to the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), should be approved.

**RESOLVED:** A cheque for £75.00 (the same amount as last year) to be sent to the CAB as a Grant from HBPC.

Query around who is responsible for the Baptist Church burial ground.

**ACTION:** Chairman to look into this and report back.

A member of the public queried the proposed amount of grant to the Village Hall Trustees. Grant received from TDBC this year was £1445.00, proposed grant was for £1470.00 (as per last years payment). Discussion around the probability that last years payment included the cost of a “one off” payment for grass cutting. It was agreed that the grant to the Village Hall Trustees should therefore be for the same amount of the grant received i.e. £1,445.00 and that the PC should invoice the VH Trustees for the difference (£25.00).

*Postscript: As the cheque for £1,470.00 had not be signed or distributed, the Clerk cancelled the cheque and raised a new one for the amount of £1,445.00.*

- **Report from SCC Cllr John Thorne:**

Report submitted as an attachment to these minutes.

- **Report from West Somerset & Taunton Cllr John Williams:**  
Report submitted as an attachment to these minutes.

**AGENDA:**

**Present:** Cllrs: D Graham (Chair), T Murphy, G Marsden, D. Davies, C Noble, B Toms  
Clerk: C Pitman  
SCC Cllr: J Thorne  
West Somerset & Taunton Cllr: J Williams  
Several members of the public

**2663:**      **Apologies:**  
Cllrs: H Scott, R Fowler, S Fiander  
**RESOLVED:**  
The absence of H Scott, R Fowler & S Fiander be recognised as approved absence for the purpose of the S85 Local Government Act 1972.

**2664:**      **Declarations of Interest:**  
None.

**2665:**      **Minutes:**  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were approved as correct and signed by the Chair.  
Cllr Graham followed-up the query re spare bags of grit, confirming these are being stored correctly by Maureen James.

**2666:**      **Financial Matters:**  
**RESOLVED:**  
The following schedule of cheques were approved for payment:

<b>Chq No:</b>	<b>Payee:</b>	<b>Reason for Payment:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>	<b>Notes:</b>
914	D. Graham	Planning Application	£137.00	Move phone box to playing field
915	Hatch Beauchamp Village Hall Trustees	Grant	£1,470.00	Cheque cancelled
916	St. John's PCC	Grant	£250.00	Approved
917	C. Pitman	Jan / Feb'19 Salary	£446.36	5 x hpw at 10.301 per hour x 52/12 = 223.18 x 2
918	Hatch Beauchamp Village Hall Trustees	Grant	£1,445.00	Approved
919	CAB	Grant	£75.00	Approved

**2667:**

**Village Needs Survey:**

Cllr Graham raised the initial question in respect of “what would the village like us to do?” – could this be via a questionnaire? Agreed to discuss specific issues later in the agenda.

**2668:**

**Up-date from previous meeting:**

- a) **Defib:** The Somerset Prepared Small Grant Application has been verbally awarded, the PC will now need to raise the £900 remaining balance. This scheme is over a 4xyear period. The location has been agreed, the defib will be cited on an external wall of HB Primary School and has the support of the paramedics in the village. A member of the public confirmed there is a lady in the village who works within the health authority and is a fund raiser. Query around how quickly do we need to raise the money?

**ACTION:**

- ❖ Donna Davies to take to the WI re possible fundraising ideas
- ❖ Utilize the Hatch Inn re fundraising quiz's etc.
- ❖ Publicise on the village website/fb page/inner circle
- ❖ Cllr Williams to report back re possible grant from The Wooden Spoon organisation

*Postscript: up-date received from Cllr Williams:*

*The PC Defib project would not be considered eligible as there are clear criteria for grants requiring it to be a capital project and for disadvantaged children.*

*Cllr Williams will obtain details of the responsible West Somerset & Taunton officer in respect of the Defib*

- b) **School -staff changes:** There had been a brief up-date from the new head teacher Lindsay Gabriel at the Annual Parish Meeting (APM). All other staffing remains the same.
- c) **Community Cars:** Nick Marsden had spoken at the last meeting. Cllrs Graham and Noble have visited nearby Blagdon Hill who operate the scheme. Cllr Noble has worked on an initial Action Plan which is submitted as an attachment to these minutes.

Query re any restrictions over the age of the cars used?

**ACTION:**

- ❖ Cllr Noble to check this out and report back
- ❖ Carry out survey in village re possible / likely demand
- ❖ Cllr Graham to approach neighbouring villages to see if they would be interested in joining the scheme

- d) **A358:** Updates from Cllr Thorne embedded within his Report as an attachment to these minutes.

**2669:**

**Maintenance of village:**

Continued concern over the condition of the pavement between the Hatch Inn and the playing field and further down into the village. Comments, proposals and action points captured in the Public Forum.

A member of the public reported damage to the roadside bridge at Hatch Green.

*Postscript: The member of the public has subsequently confirmed they have reported this damage to Somerset Highways.*

Cllr Graham reported that Sterling Services had recently cleared 3 bin bags of rubbish.

**ACTION:**

Cllr Graham to communicate the PC's thanks on behalf of the village.

**2670:**

**Planning Matters:**

- a) **Station Road Scheme:** The PC have received an up-dated email from Chris Winter:

"Further to my previous email, our architects are looking to amend the layout and design to try to accommodate and address some of the comments and concerns raised at last week's meeting.

One concern raised at the meeting related to the affordable housing being made available to local people. We are, with our Housing Association partner, wanting to undertake our own housing needs survey and are considering two options at this time. One being a mail drop to all houses in the parish, asking what if any housing need each household may have, the other is to hold an open event inviting the residents of Hatch Beauchamp to come forward to register their interest and housing need. From a Parish Council perspective is there anything else we should consider regarding housing need in the village and would the PC have any view on

**ACTION:**

- ❖ PC to prepare questions when the time is right and gather information as we go:
- ❖ When is the traffic survey being undertaken?
- ❖ Concerns re sewage plant facility / lagoon – exclusion zone needs to be addressed factually
- ❖ Would affordable housing increase the chance of reinstating a bus service? Cllr Williams was clear that there will be no future commercial bus service for Hatch Beauchamp

- b) **Phone box:** A Planning Application has been submitted to re-site the phone box on the property administered by the Village Hall Trustees. A further suggestion as to the use of the phone box was an honesty box for newspapers. The PC have

agreed with the Village Hall Trustees, that they will pay 50% of the planning application fee. Cllr Graham gave thanks to Rod Harrington who had helped considerably with the application. The Village Hall Trustees to decide what to do with the phone box once it has been re-cited to the Playing Field. A concern was raised about the condition of the remaining concrete plinth (trip hazard) where the phone box had originally been cited.

**ACTION:**

- ❖ PC to propose an action to remove the plinth.

c) **Village Hall:** The Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees had given a Report at the APM and is submitted as an attachment to these minutes. The issue of the footpath is ongoing.

d) **HB Garage/site:** There has been rumour of a pending development application along village road. A member of the public was able to confirm that the land owner does not have any plans.

*Postscript: Cllr Murphy has received an email correspondence from the land owner stating that he has no intention of any planning application and has reassured his tenant and appropriate neighbours, that it is no more than a rumour which was not started by himself.*

**2671:**

**PC Rep for Hatch Beauchamp Village Hall Committee:** Cllr Graham asked if Cllr Toms would be interested? Discussion around whether a representative of the Council would need to automatically become a trustee. Stephen Williams (Chair of the trustees) stated that each representative has an opportunity to become a trustee. The next meeting is in two weeks' time. Cllr Toms agreed to attend the next meeting as an observer at this point.

**2672:**

**Notice of Elections:** Cllr Davies confirmed that she will be standing down from now. Cllr Graham had also received confirmation from Cllr Scott that she would also be standing down. Cllr Graham gave a big thank you to both Hilary and Donna, both of whom will be greatly missed. Hilary has stood on the council for 18 years. The PC will now need to advertise these two vacancies.

**2673:**

**Items brought forward from previous meeting:**

a) **New rules for speed indicator (SID):** The PC could ask for a speed indicator. The new rules confirm that this would be installed for free. Would the PC be able to influence where it is cited? Possible sites could be along station road, village road and down the hill out of the village.

b) **Somerset Wood Scheme:** Cllr Williams up-dated the meeting and confirmed that 200 mature trees have been relocated from the Gateway Park & Ride site. When the trees were removed there was a lot of Blackthorn and Hawthorn which would not be suitable for planting in woods. Some of the inclined banks at the site were too steep to operate safely on, so limiting the number of trees which could be relocated. It was acknowledged that this had been a great effort by those involved and that hopefully the trees will survive.

- c) **Proposal for Union Flag to be flown permanently:** Request to defer this item until the May meeting.
  
- d) **Footpaths – some deterioration reported:** There has been signs of wilful damage and one footpath has deteriorated. Someone needs to walk around and report back. Cllr Graham asked for a council member to pick this up. There appears to be a backlog in footpath up-keep, this could possibly be to do with the amount of applications.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:10 p.m.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....