

HATCH BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hatch Beauchamp Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

Present: - Kevin Comer (Chair), Pippa Fowler (Vice Chair), Shaun O'Dell, Sue Wright, Jill O'Connor, Katie Piper, Jan Walton, Annette Cox and Andy Grant (from 7.20) plus attendees as below and twenty-four members of the public

Apologies: - None

In Attendance: - Mr Moncrieff (Somerset Council), Cllr Wakefield, Ms Chadwick as Clerk

Public Forum

- Cllr Wakefield gave her update including progress on closing Somerset Council budget deficit and summer road works in the county. She will follow up on the notice which was being considered by Somerset Council re the caravan at Neroche View.
- Mr Moncrieff from Somerset Council agreed to answer public questions arising under agenda item 4
- Concerns were raised about the state of Somerset road signs and verges. Cllr Wakefield asked that issues continue to be reported online and escalated to her in instances where no progress has been seen. Her contact details are on the Somerset Council website.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th May were approved.

4. Update on Somerset Council Property in Hatch Beauchamp

The Council heard an update from Daniel Moncrieff of Somerset Council re Somerset Home – Children's Services property in Hatch Beauchamp. This is a joint project between Somerset Council and the Shaw Trust which has purchased a property in the parish to be used to give a home to 2/3 looked after children due to the shortfall of foster parents in Somerset and to allow cessation of the current placements outside of the county, in some cases as far away as Scotland, which gives additional cost in management and poorer outcome for the children. Letters have been issued to near neighbours regarding the plans for the property. Some concerns have been raised by residents including about the lack of planning or public consultation. Mr Moncrieff confirmed that the house was purchased privately by Somerset Council and no planning or prior consultation was required. He apologised for any confusion caused by changing the name of the property, which in hindsight could have been addressed in the letter to avoid confusion. Further questions were asked about the staffing, the

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notification methodologies used and the tender process, which were answered fully by Mr Moncrieff.

An open day is planned for later in the summer.

Mr Moncrieff was thanked for his attendance and for answering questions raised. Any further questions can be raised with him directly or sent to the Clerk to forward.

6. Community Updates and Councillor external contact reports

6.1 Greener Hatch Beauchamp

Another Repair Café is planned for 7 September.

6.2 Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood plan responses have been analysed and comments addressed.

6.3 LCN update

Three working groups have been formed to pursue areas of priority, being Roads & Transport, Climate Change, and Health & Wellbeing. There is some lack of engagement from some parish councils.

5.4 Footpath update

The surface of the path from Home Orchard to the playing field has been investigated and an alternative route for buggies is proposed. Issues have been reported on the circular route through Higher Mill and have been actioned. David Graham resigned as volunteer Footpath Officer. Councillors thanked him for his work.

5.5 Any other reports

There will be free defibrillator training at the Village Hall on Saturday 13th in the Committee Room during the Farmers Market.

A potential hazard regarding an open drain near Palmers Green has been reported and will be investigated.

6. Request from Village Hall for Financial contribution towards tarmac spend at Village Hall

Councillors considered the request for £1000 contribution as circulated with the summons to the meeting.

The request was unanimously approved.

7. Projects for 2024

Following discussion, the potential projects for 2024/25 for further investigation are as follows:

Road signs – Shaun to lead with support from Andy

Drain clearance – Pippa to audit current status

Noticeboard / VH frontage – a meeting to be arranged with representatives from Village Hall

Youth Club reactivation – Jill to investigate potential uptake

School support – Clerk to invite School head to the next meeting

Budgeted project spend on road unlikely to be required in current year due to the paused National Highways status.

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Budgeted project spend on bus trial extension already approved. Bus service existing project to be reviewed in Autumn, circulated proposal on free summer holiday travel on the Thursday service to be offered to under 18's approved up to £300. Andy Grant to contact Hatch Green Coaches to action.

8. Planning

8.1 Case Ref: 19/24/0009

Proposal: Application for Outline Planning with all matters reserved, except for access, for the erection of 1 No. dwelling on land to the rear of Hatch Beauchamp Garage, Village Road, Hatch Beauchamp

It was agreed to comment that the proposed site is outside the village settlement area. There are also concerns about vehicle access and parking due to the proximity to Hatch Beauchamp Garage.

8.2 MA/57799 Application for grant of a premises licence

To consider the proposed application for grant of a premises licence - The Elms at Perris, Hatch Beauchamp TA3 6TH

It was unanimously agreed to comment that the Council had no objection to the licence for sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises but saw no need for another licence for consumption on premises due to the proximity of two other licensed premises already in the village, within half a mile of The Elms site.

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	3 May to 4 Jul 9 weeks			577.80		12.84 x 8 weeks x 5 h
Information Commission				40.00		
SALC	training			30.00		inv 3206
Somerset Council	dogbins Q1			40.66		inv 30070337
Jill Larcombe	audit			70.00		
Parsons Landscaping	grass cutting			1082.95		inv 17491
Cheques to pay:				1841.41		

It was also agreed to pay the village hall £1,000 as approved in item 6 above.

9.3 Update on Notice of Public Rights and Internal Audit

The Clerk updated Councillors on the Public Rights Period and Internal audit report as circulated.

10. Social media

To consider the Council's policy on social media.

This item was deferred.

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11. Agenda Items for next meeting

It was agreed to discuss the deferred item above and detailed project proposals at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

To be signed by the Chair at the next meeting (Wednesday 11th September 2024):

The minutes reflect an accurate record of events subject to any amendments listed below.

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

Amendments:

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