

HATCH BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Parish - Helen Chadwick

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Hatch Beauchamp Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th July 2025 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

Present: - Pippa Fowler (Chair), Katie Piper, Kevin Comer, Sue Wright, Annette Cox, Shaun O'Dell, Nick Bridle and Andy Grant plus attendees as below

Apologies: - None

In Attendance: - Ms Chadwick as Clerk , Cllr Sarah Wakefield (from 7.15)

Public Forum

- The Clerk raised that members of the public had expressed concern about instances of antisocial behaviour near the Village Hall. The Committee are aware. Clerk to contact PCSO if this continues.
- There are reports of some cars are parking on verges on Village Road causing obstruction. Clerk to investigate.
- Cllr Wakefield gave er update including data driven savings in Adult Social Care, the LCN AGM on 15th July and an ongoing review of LCNs.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council held on 14th May 2025 were approved.

4. Community Updates and Councillor external contact reports

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

4.1 Greener Hatch Beauchamp

Another successful Repair café has been held. Funds (held by the Parish Council) now exceed £1000. A proposal to the Village Hall on solar panels is being considered.

4.2 Neighbourhood Plan

The plan has been reviewed by local Authority and our consultant, further amends keep being suggested, delaying finalisation. Next step is a consultation statement and basic conditions statement to be sent to Somerset Council. The idea of outsourcing to complete was discussed. Nick Bridle offered assistance to the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

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4.3 Footpath update

Councillors received an update from the Parish Path Liaison Officer (PPLO) report, including the path under the A358. Andy Grant raised ideas about footpath on Village Road. Landowners' permission would be required.

4.4 Community Resilience/Emergency Plan

The Clerk volunteered to attend planning event 15 October 2025 with the Chair

4.5 Any other reports

See public forum points above.

5. Website

The proposal circulated by email for moving the website to a new platform was agreed.

6. Casual Vacancy

It was agreed to post notice of the casual vacancy.

7. Planning Matters

7.1 Request for Objection – Planning Application 24/25/0006 (Greenacres, Oxen Lane, North Curry)

It was agreed not to comment

7.2 Case Ref: 19/25/0007 - Consultation on retention of existing building/works at Choices Farm, Village Road, Hatch Beauchamp (retention of works already undertaken)

The response approved by the Planning Committee was circulated.

7.3 Case Ref: 19/25/0010/CR Proposal: Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a proposed change of use of an agricultural building to Class C1 use (guest house) at Meadows, Mill Lane, Hatch Beauchamp

It was agreed not to comment

8. Projects for 2025/26

Updates and costing of proposed project spend for 2025/26:

- **Road signs/ speed indicator device**
Speed indicator device costings were discussed and a proposal to be circulated for approval at c.£6500 + VAT
- **Noticeboards**
No update
- **Other maintenance items**
Thanks were given to Andy for his excellent work to restore the broken bench at Hatch Green. A very kind offer was accepted to make clips for wreaths at the war memorial. Pippa to look into varnishing the benches at Home Orchard and the School.

9. Finance

9.1 Bank Reconciliation

The Council approved the bank reconciliation.

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9.2 Schedule of Cheques

The Council approved the Schedule of Cheques as follows:

Summary of Payments Due					
To pay:					
Clerks wages	10 May to 4 July 8 weeks		538.80		13.47 x 8 weeks x 5 hrs
Clerks expenses	ink and paper (50%)		15.99	554.79	For approval - - 50% as split between 2 PCs
Somerset Council	inv 30116145		23.40		Q1 dog bins
Jill Larcombe			72.50		audit
Cheques to pay:			<u>650.69</u>		

It was also agreed to pay the Information commissioners renewal of £52.00

9.3 Update on Internal Audit and Notice of Public Rights

The Clerk gave an update on the internal audit and the Notice of Public Rights Period

9.4 Internet Banking

It was agreed to start the process to set up internet banking and that Pippa would contact Nat West. Katie has offered to act as an additional signatory

10. Agenda Items for next meeting

It was agreed to add the following items to the agenda for future meetings:

- 5 year plan
- Speed indicator device
- Communication

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

To be signed by the Chair at the next meeting (Wednesday 10th September 2025):

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

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

Amendments:

Produced by:

Helen Chadwick, Clerk

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