

BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS

The Platinum Jubilee is now just a few weeks away! Please find your invitation to our Babcary celebrations attached. Everyone in the village is invited and you can bring along any guests you have staying with you. Please email your response so that we know how many people to cater for. Those of you who were around in 2012 will know what a fantastic occasion it is and the perfect opportunity for everyone to get together on what we hope will be a perfect summer's day.

Contributions for the May edition: 25th April

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARISH COUNCIL

14th March 2022 Parish Meeting Draft Minutes

8pm at the Hut

Present: Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Damian Pick, Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mr Damien Pick, Mr Henry Hobhouse (SSDC), Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk) and one Member of the Public (MP)

Apologies: Mr John Baber, Mrs Jane Burnett & Mr Philip Sketchley.

- 1) Minutes of the Previous Meeting 14th February 2022 agreed and to be signed.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - i) New veranda for the Hut in progress, awaiting planning permission.
 - ii) Static property in Dilkes Lane, enquiry currently with South Somerset Enforcement Officer for further information, Henry Hobhouse to follow up on behalf of parish council.
 - iii) 2 temporary traffic monitors to ascertain extent of speeding in and around the village, traffic devices currently on order, awaiting delivery.

- iv) Fibre Optic Broadband, no issues installation in process.
- v) New Oil Syndicate, contact details displayed on, Bab Cary WhatsApp & Village Newsletter, courtesy of Phillip Sketchley (www.oil-club.co.uk) group collective suggested, in an attempt to reduce the prices.
- vi) Concerns were raised re impending Pilton (Glastonbury) festival and the inevitable increase in traffic through Bab Cary and neighbouring villages, John Baber to look into early contact to restrict sat nav use of vicinity as a short cut. Simon Hoar to follow up.
- vii) Recent increase in accidents reported along the A37 & local areas mainly due to excessive mud on the roads. Issue has been reported to Highways to address.
- viii) PARISH COUNCIL Those Councillors who wish to remain on the Parish Council must complete a nomination form. The nomination forms must be hand-delivered to the SSDC Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT between 9.00am on Monday 21 March and 4.00pm on Tuesday 05 April (the office will be open from 9.00am to 5.00pm each day to accept nomination forms except the final day when it will close at 4.00pm). All Councillors, whether new or returning, must complete a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form before their first meeting. They must also complete a new Register of Interest Form within 28 day of taking office and a scanned copy of each form must be emailed to democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk as soon as possible.
If you would like to join the parish council please make yourself known to Jasmine Tucker, Parish Clerk (babcaryparishclerk@icloud.com)
- ix) Free SALC Forum:
This event is for anyone who is interested in standing for election / becoming a councillor but would like to know a little more.
We will have a handful of existing Councillors online who will share their experiences and answer any questions. **Monday 21st March @ 6:00pm**
Prospective Councillors only – This event is not for current Councillors or Clerks

Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £23,509.06 (of which £6,500 Veranda grant).

Current Account Balance is £50

Pata invoice of £35.45 cheque agreed and signed for payment

3) Planning Consultations

- i) Ref 22/00063/FUL-Recreation Ground, North Street, Babcary, response due 04th March 2022. Decision awaited
- ii) Ref 22/00059/FUL-Land South of Hams Lane Babcary – comments by 01st of March 2022 Proposed Change of use from pasture to equestrian.
Decision awaited
- iii) Planning Application No 21/01054 and others The Red Lion Inn, still awaiting phosphate report.
Decision awaited.
- iv) Land At South Barrow Road Babcary Somerton Somerset
Ref. No: 22/00393/FUL | Received: Fri 11 Feb 2022 | Validated: Mon 28 Feb 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision
- v) APPLICATION NO. 22/00465/LBC APPLICANT Mr Nick Feltham
PROPOSAL: Internal alterations and the erection of a single storey extension with link to the main house and a 3-bay garage workshop.
LOCATION: Olive Farm, Les Rochettes Olive Farm Lane Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EJ
(Mr Damien Pick declared an interest) PC NO OBJECTION
- vi) Reference 21/03624/FUL Land At Baker Street Babcary Somerton TA11 7DU
Erection of 2no. detached garages to serve 2no. dwellings approved by 17/00593/OUT (18/02433/REM)
The Parish Council objected – the proposed triple garages were too large for the site, too close to neighbouring properties and too high. This would be overdevelopment of a crowded site. In addition they would add to the known flooding problem in Baker Street and require further repositioning of a badger set. Henry Hobhouse to assist owners of properties in Baker Street regarding ownership of access land.

4) Correspondence

- i) Election paperwork (Discussed)
- ii) Covid Update, rates showing very high levels in South Somerset.

5) Any Other Business

- i) Missing bollard on bridleway, Ginnie Jones aware, Stacey Beaton has agreed to replace.
- ii) Sparkford road surfacing raised as an issue, SH to approach Highways.
- iii) Henry Hobhouse raised the ongoing phosphates issue and current high impact on South Somerset,

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 11th April 2022 at 8pm in the Hut

Parish Council Elections

There will be a vacancy on the parish council so if any residents think they might be interested please contact Jasmine Tucker, our Parish Clerk, to find out more. No previous experience is required. Nomination papers must be in by 5th April. Email:

babcaryparishclerk@icloud.com

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Services

Sunday	3rd April	10.30	Babcary	Family Service	
Sunday	10 th April	10.30	Alford	Palm Sunday	
Maundy Thursday	14 th April	18.30	?	Said communion	
Good Friday	15th April	10.30	Hornblotton	Stages of the cross	Meet at the end of the lane
Easter Sunday	17th April	10.30	N.Barrow	Communion	
Sunday	24 th April	10.30	S.Barrow	matins	
Sunday	1st May	10.30	Babcary	Family service	

Churchyard clear up

Saturday 9th April 10am onwards. Please come along, armed with gardening implements, and give the churchyard a spring clean. Just take on any of the tasks listed on the church door – pruning, strimming, mowing, stick picking etc. Like the litter picking many hands make light work. Coffee and cake at half time.

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Church Rotas

	Cleaning	Flowers	Coffee	Sidesmen
3 rd April	Elisabeth & Mary	Lent	TBA	TBA
10 th April	Judy & Sally	Lent		
17 th April	Tom & Bridget	Easter All hands		
24 th April	Nikki & Karen	Su		
30 th April	Rita & Jenny	Dawn		
1 st May	Simon & Shirley	Lucy	TBA	TBA

PCC AGM - 7pm on Thursday 21st April in the church. If you would like to help look after this beautiful old church please come along. Everyone welcome

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

Babcary Road Race

The annual road race on 27th Feb was a perfect sunny day. Thanks to everyone who cheered on the runners and to Avalon Sciences for sponsoring the event.

The results highlights were:

First man	Michael Parrott	43.28
First woman	Gill Pearson	46.40
Locals	James Hoar	49.31
First local man	Damien Pick	49.58
	John Teesdale	53.08
	Francis Wedin	59.44
	Simon Hoar	59.46
	Richard Canterbury	62.10
First local lady	Lizzie Gilbert	63.40

Children's races

6 – 10 year olds:

First boy and first Babcary boy Sasha Canterbury
First girl Poppy Spencer

5 and under:

First boy Charlie Spencer
Second boy and first Babcary boy Ali Canterbury
Third boy Frankie Norman
First girl Lily Nicholls
Second girl and first Babcary girl Georgia Lyle
Third girl Holly Gillespie

AGM: Playing Field Committee 7pm on Tuesday 5th April in the Hut. The playing field committee looks after the Hut, tennis court and playing field and runs Sports Day, Bonfire Night and the Road Race. If you would like to help please come along. Everyone welcome SIH

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting on Friday 22nd April at 7pm in the Hut to discuss preparations for the Jubilee celebrations.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Shop Rota

2 nd April	Jan and Karen		7 th May	Cordelia and Jules
9 th April	Caroline and Tracyanne		14 th May	Helen and Teresa
16 th April	NO SHOP – EASTER		21 st May	Lucy and Jenny
23 rd April	Gilli and Shirley		28 th May	Rita and Carole
30 th April	Sally and Vee			

Babcare Toddler Group

Tuesday mornings 10 til 12 in the Hut. All welcome

Mobile Library

Calls at the bus shelter 14th April from 12.40 – 12.55pm.

NEWS VIEWS AND COMMENTS

We wish Paul Cuff a speedy and successful recovery from his recent spinal surgery

Babcare Litter Pick

The Babcare Litter Pick on Saturday 5th March was all too successful; enough Hardys VR wine bottles to open up a wine bar and enough tyres for an eight wheel trailer..... but also plenty of helpers so it was soon accomplished. Thanks to Lucy McD for taking on the organisation.

WEATHER REPORT

Babcary received 39.5mm (1.6 inch) of rainfall during February 2022 which is approximately 80% of our long-term average. Reservoir stocks for the Wessex region recovered to almost 100% capacity.

Steve Street

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 3 rd April	Family Service	10.30 in the church
Tuesday 5 th April	Playing Field AGM	Hut 7pm
Tuesday 5 th April	Nominations for PC(in by)	
Saturday 9 th April	Churchyard Clear up	10am onwards
Monday 11 th April	Parish Council Meeting	Hut 8pm
Thursday 14 th April	Mobile Library	Bus shelter 12.40 -12.55am
Thursday 21 st April	PCC AGM	Church 7pm
Friday 22 nd April	CC Meeting	Hut 7pm
Sunday 1 st May	Family Service	10.30 in the church
Every Tuesday	Toddler Group	Hut 10am
Every Tuesday	Bell Ringing	Church 6pm