

BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS

March is the month of the annual Babcary Litter Pick. Remember the “Keep Britain Tidy” campaign? We could do with another one of those, but at least we have the opportunity to keep the village roadsides tidy on Saturday 5th March, especially as the daffodils are looking such a picture at the moment.

Contributions for the April edition: 22nd March

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARISH COUNCIL

14th February 2022 Parish Meeting Draft Minutes

8pm at The Hut

Present:

Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Philp Sketchley, Mr Graham Hughes, Mr Damien Pick, Mr John Baber, Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mrs Jane Burnett, Mr Mike Lewis (SCC) & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk).

Apologies:

Mr Henry Hobhouse (SSDC) and Mr Kevin Messenger (SSDC).

- 1) Minutes of the Previous Meeting 10th January 2022 agreed and signed.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - i) New veranda for the Hut in progress, grants totalling £6,500 received, planning application submitted, quotes for building being sought.
 - ii) Static property in Dilkes Lane, enquiry currently with South Somerset Enforcement Agency for further information.
 - iii) Parish Council meeting with Gary Warren of Highways re speed issues. Parish council looking to put in place 2 temporary traffic monitors to ascertain extent of speeding in and around the village, is the 20's Plenty enough?

- iv) Fibre Optic Broadband, some connections have been made, most awaiting 'garden team' for full connection, access problems on Church Street have meant Wessex will be hand digging to make their final connection!
- v) Overview of SSDC's Community Funding Grants Scheme - Mr Philip Sketchley fed back that the grant needs to be of benefit to the community, funds of up to £12,500 are available however the maximum cost of the proposed project is £25,000, so 50% price matching.

Capital Reserve Account stands at £23,508.68 (of which £6,500 is Verandah grant).

Current Account Balance is £50

3) Planning Consultations

- i) Ref 22/00063/FUL-Recreation Ground, North Street, Babcarry, response due 04th March 2022. Proposed- Extension of playing field pavilion (known as the hut).
Babcarry Parish Council actively supports this community lead project.
- ii) Ref 22/00059/FUL-Land South of Hams Lane Babcarry – comments by 01st of March 2022
Proposed Change of use from pasture to equestrian.
Objections based on limited entrance space, deemed dangerous due to potential traffic – needs to be recessed.
- iii) Planning Application No 21/01054 and others **The Red Lion Inn**
Awaiting decision,
The long awaited decision of ACV Tribunal has finally been received and Mr & Mrs Garrard's appeal against the Asset of Community Value (ACV) has been dismissed. The judge held that South Somerset DC had correctly applied the ACV to the Red Lion and that The Red Lion Inn, including the public house, the Barn, the Den, the marquee area, the garden including the outside pizza area and the whole car park, was correctly listed as an ACV.
The Chairman reported that he had replied to Mr & Mrs Garrard's letter to the parish council dated 10th January, acknowledging the contents, and he confirmed that their letter was a public document should anyone beyond the parish council wish to read it.

4) Correspondence

- i) Mike Lewis: 'Gary Warren has been promoted and sadly will no longer be our "go/to" man for SCC Highways signs and lines matters, and so much more. "As you may already know (news travels fast), I have recently been appointed Service Manager for the Traffic Engineering team, replacing Jeff Bunting who has reduced his hours and now heads up our Events/TRO team. As part of this new role and added responsibilities the area in which I cover in South Somerset has been

relinquished. We are in the process of advertising the role with a view to appointing a replacement hopefully by the middle of February. Note: Until such time I will still be dealing with enquiries though given other commitments it may take longer than usual to respond. Please be assured that any pre-existing agreements/commitments on works will be maintained.”

ii) Year End and accounts course for Clerks, £30 costs agreed, Jasmine Tucker to attend, cheque to SALC to be raised in March meeting.

iii) Elections

Those Councillors who wish to remain on your Town or Parish Council must complete a nomination form and we will be posting copies of these to you very shortly. 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)

After 5th May, your first Parish Council meeting must be held between Monday 9th May and Monday 23rd May (within 14 days of taking office). All of your 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.

5) Any Other Business

- i) Concerns were raised re impending Pilton (Glastonbury) festival and the inevitable increase in traffic through Babcary and neighbouring villages, John Baber to look into early contact via to restrict sat nav use of vicinity as a short cut.
- ii) Recent increase in accidents reported along the A37 & local areas mainly due to excessive mud on the roads. Suggested contact be made with Gary Warren prior to his change of role to suggest HGV monitoring with the aim to ban using Babcary as a “rat run.”
- iii) Current trend to protect grass verges with stones/rocks was questioned as it is not permitted by Highways
- iv) Fly tipping in local area has been cleared, done in a timely fashion, thanks are given for prompt response by Highways.
- v) New oil syndicate is being looked into on behalf of the village by Philip Sketchley, further information will be forthcoming, and advise latest updates will be shared on Babcary WhatsApp and Babcary Facebook page. Google Oil-Club UK.
- vi) Concerns raised re large pothole in front of Deer Park Farm, often concealed by low level flooding.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 14th March 2022

Parish Council Elections

These will be held on 5th May at the same time as elections to the new unitary Somerset Council. The period of office on this occasion will be five years to bring it into line with the new council.

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	27th Feb	10.30	Babcary	Communion	
Ash Wednesday	2nd March	18.30	Alford	Said comm	
Sunday	6 th March	10.30	Hornblotton	Family service	
Sunday	13th March	10.30	Babcary	communion	
Sunday	20 th March	10.30	N.Barrow	Matins	
Sunday	27 th March	10.30	S.Barrow	Mothering sunday	posies
Sunday	3rd April	10.30	Babcary	Family service	

Church Rotas

Cleaning

Flowers

Coffee

Sidesmen

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6 th March				
13 th March				
20 th March				
27 th March				
3 rd April				

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PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

Babcary Road Race

The annual 7.5m road race will be held at 11am on Sunday 27th February, starting on the playing field, with short children's races whilst the main event is on. Please cheer on the runners! Results next month.

Diary dates:

Sports Day will be on Saturday 9th July

Bonfire Night will be on Saturday 5th November

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COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

At our meeting on 28th January, we decided to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by holding a Community Lunch and afternoon of fun and games on Sunday 5th June. Invitations will be sent out with next month's Newsletter, but save the date now! We are also planning to hold the Fete on the 25th June so it will be an exciting month after two fallow years.

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SHOP ROTA

5 th March	Helen and Teresa		2 nd April	Jan and Karen
12 th March	Lucy and Jenny		9 th April	Caroline and Tracyanne
19 th March	Rita and Carole		16 th April	NO SHOP - EASTER
26 th March	Judy and Jane		23 rd April	Gilli and Shirley
			30 th April	Sally and Vee

Welcome to Caroline Squire and Tracyanne Pitt who have kindly agreed to join the rota. This means we now have a 9 week rota.

Mobile Library

Calls at the bus shelter on Thursday November 11th from 1.10 -1.35pm

NEWS VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Congratulations to Tom Tubridy and Emma Bonns on their Engagement. They are hoping to get married in Babcary Church next June.

A warm welcome to Francis and Katy Wedin and their two children, Magnus (5) and Astrid (3), who have just moved into Church Farm.

Congratulations to Nicholas andHughes on the birth of Laurie??

Dogs

Would dog owners please not allow their dogs to foul people’s gardens, gateways and verges and/or clear up after them. Would they also please clear up after their dogs when walking in fields used by livestock. Dog faeces spread disease in cattle and sheep and the right of way from Church Street to the playing field is particularly bad.

WEATHER REPORT

Babcary received

Babcary Toddler Group

The toddler group is booming! Tuesday mornings 10 til 12 in The Hut. All very informal, contact Holly Norman on 07912 692050.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
