

Babcary Parish Council

11th April 2022 Parish Meeting Draft Minutes

8pm at The Hut

Present: Mr Simon Hoar (Chairman), Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mrs Jane Burnett, Mr Graham Hughes, Mr Philip Sketchley, Mr John Baber (Vice Chairman), Mr Henry Hobhouse (SSDC), Mr Mike Lewis (SSDC), Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk) & 3 Members of the public.

Apologies: Mr Kevin Messenger (SSDC) & Damian Pick.

- 1) Minutes of the Previous Meeting 14th March 2022 to be agreed, printed & signed with the correction that Graham Hughes was present.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - i) Static property in Dilkes Lane, enquiry currently with South Somerset Enforcement Officer (Heather) for further information, Henry Hobhouse followed up on behalf of parish council along with Dave Kenyon, South Somerset Planning.
 - ii) 2 temporary traffic monitors to ascertain extent of speeding in and around the village, traffic devices currently on order, awaiting delivery. Simon Hoar to chase Gary Warren regarding completion.
 - iii) Concerns were raised re impending Pilton (Glastonbury) festival and the inevitable increase in traffic through Babcary and neighbouring villages, early contact to restrict sat nav use of vicinity as a short cut. Simon Hoar spoke with festival organisers who confirmed they are aware of Babcary concerns and will take necessary measures to avoid traffic problems.
 - iv) Notification of AGM TO BE HELD 9th May 2022, election of Chairman & vice Chairman, Open Forum slot, open to Members of the Public.
 - v) Parish Council election result: Six parish council members will be duly elected on 5th May; Glynis Kingston, Simon Hoar, Graham Hughes, Damien Pick, Phil Sketchley and Steve Street. There is therefore 1 vacancy. Anyone interested in being co opted onto the parish council should contact either Jasmine Tucker(Parish Clerk) or any of the parish councillors.
The Council thanked Mrs Jane Burnett & Mr John Baber (Vice Chairman) for their committed participation and dedication to the village as they step down after many years on the Parish Council and, in Jane's case, her work as chair of the Community Committee. The Chairman paid particular thanks for all their local knowledge and support they have given him as Parish Chairman.

Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £23,473.61 (of which £6,500 Veranda grant).
Current Account Balance is £50

SSDC Remittance 11/04/22 £4,137.00

Parish Domain Website subscription to be paid next month.

3) Planning Consultations

- i) Ref. No: 22/00669/HOU | Received: Tue 08 Mar 2022 | Validated: Wed 06 Apr 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision
The Withies Hams Lane Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EG
Height and proposed footprint concern raised but no objection overall.
- ii) The Hut Ref 22/00063/FUL-Recreation Ground, North Street, Babcary, response due 04th March 2022. Approved. Discussions re quotes in process.
Mr J. Ellis, member of the Playing Field Committee, attended the meeting for preliminary viewing of quotes and options.
- iii) 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
The owner of the house adjacent attended meeting and highlighted material errors in the Ecology report, including scrublands, orchards, established badger setts omitted from application details. Proposed Stallion enclosure 4 metre proximity to property. Parish Council to re contact the District Council with Parish views on construction.
- iv) Planning Application No 21/01054 and others The Red Lion Inn, still awaiting phosphate investigation.
Decision awaited.
- v) 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
- vi) APPLICATION NO. 22/00465/LBC APPLICANT Mr Nik 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
- vii) 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)
Decision awaited

4) Correspondence

- i) Private Fostering, Do you know someone fostering a child? Request to display details on Parish Media site and parish news.
- ii) Local Council Elections 2022
- iii) BBC Radio Make a Difference Radio Awards, nominate local hero.

- iv) SSDC Webinar re-cap: Climate Crisis, what's all the fuss about? the 4 major contributors to climate change: transport, energy, food and industry (ask Jasmine for link to webinar reordering.
- v) Police News letter If you feel your area would benefit from a Community Speed Watch and would like to volunteer then go to the Avon and Somerset Police Website and press 'Apply'. We are always looking for extra volunteers!
- vi) New NALC Briefing - GB1-22 Ukraine Councils/Councilors should consider showing solidarity through signing up to the statement from the political leadership of the CEMR. Again further information can be found via Jasmine Tucker.
- vii) Parish Biodiversity Pack, The pack comes in four parts; an **overview and introduction** section, alongside three separate appendices that provide further detail and local case studies to support the i) planning and engagement, ii) development, and iii) delivery of your community environment plans. We have also included a series of practical tips for how you can manage your land for biodiversity, as well as in collaboration with local landowners (see Appendix 3).
- viii) Government confirms new 'Unitary' Somerset Council.
- ix) SSDC Update Coronavirus Support Section on The Government website is a valuable resource, on GOV.UK

5) Any Other Business

- i) Wessex Internet to go live at The Hut!! date to be agreed.
- ii) On 1st April 2023, Somerset will become a unitary authority, replacing the current County Council and four District Councils with a single council governing the whole area.16 Nov 2021, Mr Mike Lewis has extended his thanks to Babcary Parish Council for their input over the years.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 9th May 2022 in the Hut. Please note this is an open forum, open to Members of the Public as the AGM.