

## **Babcary Parish Council**

### **14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Parish Meeting 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 (SSDC), & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk).

##### **Apologies:**

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

- 1) Minutes of the Previous Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Veranda grant).**

**Current Account Balance is £50**

### 3) Planning Consultations

- i) Ref 22/00063/FUL-Recreation Ground, North Street, Babcary, response due 04<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Proposed- Extension of playing field pavilion (known as the hut).  
**Babcary Parish Council actively supports this community lead project.**
- ii) Ref 22/00059/FUL-Land South of Hams Lane Babcary – comments by 01<sup>st</sup> 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 was 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 10<sup>th</sup> January, acknowledging the contents, and 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.” Gary
- 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](mailto:democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk) as soon as possible.

5) Any Other Business

- i) Concerns were raised re impending Pilkington (Glastonbury) festival and the inevitable increase in traffic through Bab Cary 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 Bab Cary as a "rat run."
- iii) Current trend to protect grass verges with stones/rocks was questioned as unnecessary/illegal.
- 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 Bab Cary WhatsApp and Bab Cary Facebook page.
- vi) Concerns raised re large pothole in front of Deer Park, often concealed by low level flooding.

**Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022**