

## **Babcary Parish Council**

### **14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Parish Council Draft Minutes 8pm at The Hut**

**Present:** Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Philip Sketchley, Mr Graham Hughes, Mr Steve Street, Mr Damien Pick, Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mrs Melinda Terleske, Mr Henry Hobhouse (SSDC) & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk) and a shepherd briefly present.

**Apologies: Mr Mike Lewis (SSCC) & Mr Kevin Messenger (SSDC).**

Minutes of the Previous Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 agreed & to be signed.

12th September 2022 Minutes agreed & signed, error on Minutes to rectified before signing at November Meeting.

#### 1) Matters Arising

- i) Static property in Dilkes Lane, enquiry currently with South Somerset Enforcement Officer for action. SH to follow up.
- ii) 2 temporary traffic monitor surveys were carried out simultaneously from the 20th September for seven full days. Highways confirmed the 85th centile benchmark for traffic speeds. i.e. with 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds below 30mph they wouldn't put in a 30mph zone.
- iii) Chairs Award, nomination initiated, awaiting feedback, fingers crossed for the chosen & worthy nominee!
- iv) PC response to LCN (Local Community Networks) proposals, Chairman responded requesting smaller LCNs and for Babcary to be included in SW rural area rather the Street/Glastonbury area.

#### **Finance**

##### **Latest statement not received**

Capital Reserve Account stands at £15,132.71. Current Account Balance is £50

New signatories all obtained except for Cllr Hughes - Chairman to investigate.

Invoice £72.82 INV-1520 The Somerset Association of Local Councils Limited April 2022 - March 2023 Affiliation fee, cheque to be signed December Meeting.

SSCAT (Community Accessible Transport 12/10/22 £300) PC agreed to continue support, cheque to be raised December meeting. SSCAT details to be publicized via Facebook, Parish Magazine and Parish Website, JT to feedback to SSCAT.

#### 3) Planning Consultation

- i) Land East Of Steart Lane Babcary Somerton Somerset

22/03077/AGN (Stacey Beaton new Hay Barn, Fosse Way.

4) Correspondence

- i) Bird Flu: The decision was made by the UK's Chief Veterinary Officer, as the UK continues to face its largest ever outbreak of avian influenza – with over 70 cases since the start of October.  
Details displayed on Babcary Facebook for increased local information.  
Full details of what is required can be found on the government website – [www.gov.uk/birds-flu](http://www.gov.uk/birds-flu) Defra helpline 03459 335577.
- ii) £300k boost for Somerset tree planting plans (ML), this press release highlights Exmoor successful bid for £300,000 to plant more trees in the local area, why not Babcary? Call out for local landowners interested in tree planting, let Parish Council know, if there's sufficient interest in tree planting PC to take it forward with SSCC
- iii) Flu & Covid jabs, local uptake on inoculation down, people urged to take advantage of availability, positive results are on the up.
- iv) North Street Notice Board, re varnish required, revisit when weather has dried out, currently too damp to repair add to May/June Agenda.
- v) Church Street to North Street, gate onto pathway sticking, fair weather promoting tree growth, maintenance required (PS).

2) **Any Other Business**

- i) Diverted traffic on 12/13<sup>th</sup> of November due to A303 Temporary Bridge closure, traffic diverted through the village, SH to send missive to National Highways re future diversions, requesting alternative direction, Babcary roads too small to accommodate volume of traffic.
- ii) Complaint received from local re speeding at top of Perry Hill. Problem discussed but no ideal solution
- iii) Gassons Bridge sign denoting "oncoming vehicles in the middle of the road" removed during roadworks, needs to be replaced now works completed.
- iv) Babcarian suggestion of local helpers & vehicles for emergency contacts list eg help getting to & from hospital appointments etc, council concluded use of Babcary WhatsApp, for speed of response where you will always find a cheerful and swift response, if you know someone in Babcary who is not a member point them in the direction of the parish council to be added.
- v) During current financial/fuel crisis, Somerset Community Foundation ([info@somersetcf.org.uk](mailto:info@somersetcf.org.uk)) & Citizens Advice Bureau suggested as points of contact for free financial and well-being advice.
- vi) Fly tipping once again noted, Babcary Lane and Nightingale Lane brought to parish notice.
- vii) Local farmers request for dog owners to keep dogs on leads when nearing fields with ewes in and to close gates on public footpaths after use.
- viii) Request for Playing Field Committee to reattach water pipe for field (Paul Cuff to action).

3) **Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 @ 8.00pm in the Hut.**