

## Babcary Parish Council

### 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Parish Council Minutes 8pm at The Hut

**Present:** Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Phil Sketchley, Mr Graham Hughes, Mrs Melinda Terleske, Mr Steve Street, Mr Kevin Messenger (SSDC), Mr Henry Hobhouse (SSDC), Mr Mike Lewis (SSC), Mr Damien Pick (partial Attendance), Member of the Public & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk).

**Apologies:** Mrs Glynis Kingston.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to be agreed & signed, error on Minutes to be rectified before signing next meeting.

#### 1) Matters Arising

- i) Static property in Dilkes Lane, enquiry currently with South Somerset Enforcement Officer for action, SH to follow up.
- ii) The report on the 2 temporary traffic monitors to ascertain extent of speeding in and around the village was received and discussed. Two surveys were carried out simultaneously at Church Street and Main Street from the 20th September for seven full days. In Church Street the 85th percentile speed was 25mph with no vehicles exceeding 40mph. In Main Street the 85th percentile speed was 29mph but one vehicle was clocked exceeding 60mph. See full report below.  
PC to consider where to go from this point, Chairman to approach Andy Barron (Highways) and enquire about 85th centile benchmark speeds. Report to be put in next newsletter for everyone to consider and, if appropriate, chairman to invite Andy to next village meeting.
- iii) Complaint received re treatment of confidential Planning breach allegation in Baker Street, SH to respond as necessary.
- iv) Dry weather has caused land shrinkage, pipes left in The Playing Field after removal of climbing frame protruding out of ground, posing a safety threat. Playing field committee to make safe.
- v) Chairs Award update (SH, initiated nomination)
- vi) "The arachnids have left the telephone kiosk!! Thanks were recorded to Phil Sketchley for cleaning out the phone box and checking the sand bags. More "dry" bags required. Defib battery checked and OK.  
Our thanks to Phil for completion & Paul at Church Farm for allowing use of electricity & utensils.  
*NB. For use of the defibrillator: full instructions are contained within the defibrillator itself. No training is required. Just grab the defib and take it to the casualty. Turn it on and listen to the instructions.*
- vii) Grit Bins & salt level deemed okay however more sand bags required in telephone box.
- viii) Blocked Ditch / Pipe under Road – The Dairy House, Foddington Rd, Babcary, TA11 7EJ. CAMERA INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN BOOKED TO ASCERTAIN REQUIRED ACTION

- ix) Sad news of Dot Compton passing away earlier this month, followed by Mr Pete West, husband of Jill West, previously a member of The Parish Council. Both lifelong members of The Babcary Parish, they will be sadly missed.

## Finance

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.

- 2) Planning Consultations
- i) Reference 22/00726/FUL Lad Adjoining Dove Cottage Formerly Shurlock Row North Street Babcary, awaiting decision.
  - ii) Ash View ENF/2022/0014 potential planning breach at Ash view Farm. There is a building at the front of the property that has been erected with what appears to be no planning permissions
  - iii) First Floor extension over existing garden room. Milton House North Street Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EA  
Ref. No: 22/02441/HOU | Received: Tue 23 Aug 2022 | Validated: Tue 23 Aug 2022 | Status: to be considered (SH declared an interest)  
Babcary Parish Council has considered this application for an extension and we have no objections.
  - iv) Bowers Farm Steart Road Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EE  
Discharge of condition number 4, (archaeology) for planning application, 22/01656/FUL  
Ref. No: 22/02708/DOC1 | Received: Thu 22 Sep 2022 | Validated: Wed 28 Sep 2022 | Status: Unknown
  - v) Standerwick Cottage Foddington Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EL Ref. No: 22/02769/DOC1 | Received: Wed 28 Sep 2022 | Validated: Thu 29 Sep 2022 | Status: To be considered
  - vi) Land Adj To The Brambles Main Street Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7DZ  
Ref. No: 22/02663/DOC1 | Received: Tue 20 Sep 2022 | Validated: Tue 20 Sep 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

## 3) Correspondence

- i) Fire Service Consultation each year we ask we ask about the amount of council tax we receive as your fire and rescue service you can tell us what you think via 01392 872354 or [WWW.dsfire.gov.uk](http://WWW.dsfire.gov.uk) (display poster).
- ii) Green Flag Award Scheme: SSDC Introductory webinar for interested parishes, towns or communities - 12 October 2022 (7-8pm, Online) If you would be interested in finding out more about the Green Flag Award scheme, SSDC will be hosting an introductory webinar on 12<sup>th</sup> October for any interested towns, parishes or communities that have parks or spaces which they may like to enter for an award.
- iii) Flood resilience, If you would be interested in finding out more about the Green Flag Award scheme, SSDC will be hosting an introductory webinar on 12<sup>th</sup> October for any

interested towns, parishes or communities that have parks or spaces which they may like to enter for an award. To find out more details, see the Programme for the day or register for the event, please visit [Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Day Tickets, Thu 13 Oct 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#).

Query raised "Environment Agency previously dredged The River Cary, whose responsibility is this currently?" SH to find contact re overgrown river.

- iv) Somerset Health & Wellbeing Advisory Network, High demand for Covid-19 Booster as winter approaches Somerset's Covid-19 vaccination programme has reported high uptake in the first four weeks of the Autumn Booster campaign. More than 300k people across Somerset are eligible for the booster with jabs being offered from 25 sites comprising of vaccination clinics, community pharmacies and GP surgeries. Vaccinations are available by appointment only and eligible people can either call 119 or go online to book. It is also not too late for people who are yet to have their primary vaccinations to come forward. Appointments are available for first, second or initial boosters for adults and children who were aged 5+ before the 1st September 2022.
- v) Electrifying EV: Funding & Procurement  
Solving the EV Infrastructure Challenge Part of a series, this webinar looks at the funding and procurement options for councils to assist with their on-street EV installation requirements. The Government will provide £450m of funding to local authorities for the rollout of new electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. It's part of a £1.6 billion strategy to deliver a network of 300,000 electric vehicle (EV) chargers by 2030, representing a tenfold increase in the current number of publicly available points.
- vi) SCOP II Climate Conference Somerset Congress of Parishes on Climate Change  
Saturday 5 November | 10am-4.30pm Edgar Hall | Somerton | TA11 6SB (display poster). Policy ideas on climate change, this year's conference theme is climate security, with a focus on home, energy and food security.

#### 4) Any Other Business

- i) A303 Grant applied for to supply cricket nets for proposed Playing field improvements.
- ii) Playing Field Committee looking into replacement playground equipment after removal of dangerous climbing frame.
- iii) Henry Hobhouse brought the LCN (Local Community Network) Survey to the attention of the council, unitary councillors education, area committee to cease after 01/04/23 SH to review.
- iv) HH raised concerns in the Social Care community, Care Homes closing due to lack of staff & underfunding.
- v) Mike Lewis drew the Councils attention to Dillington House, currently in use by Somerset County Council lease to end September next year due to costs.

#### 5) Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 @ 8.00pm in the Hut.