

BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS

BABCARY BONFIRE NIGHT

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

GATES OPEN AT 6PM; FIREWORKS AT 7PM

BABCARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

3PM IN THE CHURCH

WREATHS AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

CAKES

SWEETS

BULBS

CRAFTS

MULLED WINE

TEAS

SIDESHOWS

RAFFLE

CHRISTMAS ALE

The team of Christmas elves is currently working very hard to make an array of fantastic decorations for the Bazaar. This year will be your last chance to buy one of Mary Levett's beautiful wreaths as she will be entering a well-deserved retirement this November! Join us for a festive afternoon and start your Christmas shopping. If you can make a cake or provide a raffle prize we would be very grateful. Please bring any contributions along to the Church on the Saturday morning.

Contributions for the December/January edition: 21st November

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARISH COUNCIL

10th October 2022 Parish Council Draft 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 12th 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. To 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 (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 12th 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 12th 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 14th November 2022 @ 8.00pm in the Hut.

Speed Monitoring Survey

The County Highways department carried out a traffic monitoring service for a whole week, 24/7 from 20th Sept using a monitor in Church St and one in Main St. They picked up almost 6,000 vehicle movements and interestingly the vehicle types, volumes and speeds were quite different in the two roads.

Church Street was busier; 85% were cars and only 0.7% HGVs. The 85th percentile speed was 24mph (i.e. 85% of drivers were travelling at 24mph or less) and none were recorded at over 40mph.

Main Street was 65% cars and 1% HGVs but the 85th percentile speed was higher at 29mph but still under 30 BUT 21 vehicles were recorded travelling at 40-50mph, 2 at 50-60mph and, unbelievably, one at 60-70mph. There was no particular pattern to the speeding vehicles although marginally more likely to be early afternoon.

Andy Barron the Traffic Engineer comments that overall these 85th percentile figures are good, largely due to the road layout; some drivers will always drive at silly speeds but it was only 0.4% of vehicles that were travelling at speed and overall “Babcary does not have a speeding issue at this time”.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Rotas

Services

Sunday	6 th Nov	10.30	Babcary	Family service	
Sunday	11 th Nov	10.30	Hornblotton	Remembrance Service	
Sunday	20 th Nov	10.30	Lovington	Matins	
Sunday	27 th nov	10.30	S.Barrow	Communion	
Sunday	4 th Dec	10.30	N.Barrow	Family service	

Cleaning

Flowers

Coffee

Sidesmen

6 th November	Elisabeth & Mary	Sue	TBA	Rory & Simon
13 th November	Judy & Sally	Lucy		
20 th November	Tom & Bridget	Karen		
27 th November	Nikki & Karen	Rita		
4 th December	Rita & Jenny	Jo		

Churchyard clear up

Saturday 26th November from 10am. For those of you who haven't experienced one of these; it's for everyone, just turn up (preferably with a few gardening implements) and we blitz the churchyard in a couple of hours giving it a spring clean or in this case an autumn tidy up. Many hands make light work. Weeding, pruning, strimming etc – there will be a list of tasks on the gate. In fact it's so effective and such a social thing we're considering offering it as a service for people with large gardens.....

Coffee and cake at half time. A special place in heaven almost definitely guaranteed for those who help.....

SIH

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

Bonfire night

Saturday 5th November. There will be a huge bonfire, even bigger fireworks than usual , hog roast & hot dogs and a big bar all for: £5 adults and £2 children. Gates open at 6pm, fireworks at 7pm. Due to pressure on car parking on the playing field please walk in if you are reasonably close.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Shop Rota

5 th November	Judy and Jane	3 rd December	Gilli and Shirley
12 th November	Jan and Karen	10 th December	Sally and Vee
19 th November	NO SHOP - BAZAAR	17 th December	CHRISTMAS SHOP
26 th November	Caroline and Tracyanne	24 th December	NO SHOP
		31 st December	NO SHOP

Mobile Library

Calls at the bus shelter from 12.40 – 12.55pm on Thursday 24th November

NEWS VIEWS AND COMMENTS

We were very sorry to hear that Dot Compton died just a few days after her 80th Birthday. She was a stalwart of village life for many decades, working tirelessly for the Playing Field Committee and producing endless cups of tea and cakes at every event. She was famous for her apple pies and will be remembered by the children for the Rounders evenings throughout the summer months which always culminated in a wonderful party. We send our condolences to Ron and all the family.

Sadly, Pete West also died at the beginning of October. Pete and his wife Jill had the Antique Shop, now known as Flagstone Cottage, in Main Street. Prior to that they lived at Overton Farm. Pete had only just left Babcary earlier this year at the grand old age of 91. Our condolences to his five daughters and all the family.

BABCARY NATIVITY 2022!

Hold the date! On the afternoon of Sunday 18th December it is foretold that the Son of God to be born in Babcary.....

If you would like to be involved please contact Nikki Hewson on nikki@nikkiland@btinternet.com

WEATHER REPORT

Babcary received 80.2mm (3.2 inch) of rainfall during September 2022. This was above the long-term average. After exceptionally low rainfall during July and August 'normal service' is resumed although reservoir stocks for the Wessex region continued to fall to 38% of total capacity. Most of the the month's rain fell during two periods at the start and end of the month, with a largely dry spell in the middle.

Steve Street

Lest We Forget

Two minutes silence is all we are asked to give,
to remember those who gave their lives
so that you and I may live.
Two minutes silence, not a lot to ask,
To remember those who years ago
faced an awesome task.
To rid the world of tyranny that we might live in peace,
to give our future generations
a world where wars would cease.
Two minutes silence for all the lives that were lost,
those who paid for our freedom at such a heavy cost.
So wear your scarlet poppy with gratitude and pride
and remember that it was for our freedom
that they fought and died.
The poppy is a symbol with its petals glowing red,
it reminds us of the price of freedom
and all the blood that was shed.
Two minutes silence on this November day...
Two minutes silence to remember and to pray ...

Betty Whitcher

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday 5 th November	Bonfire Night	6pm gates open
Sunday 6 th November	Family Service	10.30 Babcary Church
Monday 14 th November	PC Meeting	8pm hut
Saturday 19 th November	Babcary Christmas Bazaar	3pm church
Thursday 24 th November	Mobile Library	12.40-12.55 bus shelter
Saturday 26 th November	Churchyard clear up	10am
Every Tuesday	Bell Ringing	6pm in the church
Every Saturday	Community shop	9.30-11am in the hut