

# BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS

March is litter-picking month! Time to “Keep Babcary Tidy” and well done those of you who do so on a regular basis. There are two boxes of litter pickers in the Hut just waiting to be used on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>.

Contributions for the April edition: 27<sup>th</sup> March

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### PARISH COUNCIL

#### 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Parish Council Draft Minutes 8pm at The Hut

**Present:** Mr Simon Hoar, Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mrs Melinda Terleske, Mr Damien Pick, Mr Graham Hughes, Mr Steve Street, Mr Philip Sketchley, Mr Kevin Messenger (SSDC), Mr Mike Lewis (SCC)

& Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk).

**Apologies:** Mr Henry Hobhouse.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 signed.

#### 1) Matters Arising

- i) Static property in Dilkes Lane. Enforcement officers interviewed the occupier on the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb and action is being taken.
- ii) Gassons Bridge signage to be reinstated, Traffic Management confirmed.
- iii) Red Lion planning appeal, no notice received as yet from SSDC.
- iv) Jetpack Backup Parish Website increased storage requirements costs involved, Mr Phil Sketchley to action most appropriate solution. Decision made to continue with current process (PS) additional £5 per month agreed, £71.99 due to be paid, security certificate completed.
- v) Ongoing enquiry re anonymous Riverside Farm planning complaint. The complainant requested an update, but none yet received by South Somerset District.
- vi) Pot Holes are once more a problem, locals urged to photograph incidents and forward online to Somerset County Council website

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-pothole-or-road-defect/>

Somerset County Council response agreed time limit 3 days.

Councillor Steve Street to monitor, please feel free to place updates via Bab Cary Whatsapp and Bab Cary Website [Babcaryparishcouncil.org.uk](http://Babcaryparishcouncil.org.uk)

## 2) Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £12,052.58. Current Account Balance is £50

Jet Pack (Bab Cary Website backup costs, more space now required) cheque payable to Mr Sketchley 123 Reg invoice 79363371 £71.99 (costs agreed PM 09/01/23))

Cheque for acquisition of 16 Bab Cary Litter Pickers £36.50 agreed, cheque to be signed.

## 3) Planning Consultation

- i) Bowers Farm Steart Road Bab Cary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EE  
Ref. No: 23/00050/LBC | Received: Mon 09 Jan 2023 | Validated: Thu 26 Jan 2023 |  
Extension to replace unsatisfactory 20th century timber frame conservatory extension. Light reconfigurations and alterations to other part of house. Remove disused tennis court and replace with new swimming pool and pool house. Status: Awaiting decision  
Response PC NO OBJECTIONS
- ii) Perry Hill Farm Perry Hill Bab Cary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EL  
Single storey pool house extension for rehabilitation purposes. Ref. No: 22/03574/HOU. Received: Thu 22 Dec 2022 | Validated: Thu 19 Jan 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision  
Response delayed to 15/02/23 PC NO OBJECTIONS

## 3) Correspondence

- i) The Coronation of His Majesty the king takes place on 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 & 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 has been declared a bank holiday.  
Community Committee planning to purchase commemorative mugs for local kids and hold a tea party on the playing field, date to be confirmed but probably on the Saturday after the Coronation. 7<sup>th</sup> May Bab Cary Church Coronation Service.
- ii) The five current Somerset councils (Mendip District Council, Sedgemoor District Council, Somerset County Council, Somerset West and Taunton Council and South Somerset District Council) are consulting the public on a draft 'Statement of Community Involvement' (SCI) – a single approach to planning which will be formally adopted by the new Somerset Council.  
Cllr Ros Wyke, Somerset County Council's Lead Member for Development and Assets, said: "There are a number of existing Statement of Community Involvement documents in operation under the current Local Authorities; however, these have all been prepared at different times and reflect the specific planning functions of the five different Councils under the two-tier system.  
ML shared Cllr. Ros Wyke suggestion of one person represented at planning reviews for support & one for objections as opposed to current multiple representation, Parish Council would like to be heard as a separate entity to represent local views.

- iii) “Single Approach” set to begin 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2023.
- iii) Speed Awareness Wheelie bin Stickers! Pack of 100 £95  
[www.smartwheelie.co.uk/shop.html](http://www.smartwheelie.co.uk/shop.html) additional stickers considered unrequired, only displayed once a week, suggestion rejected.

#### 4) Any Other Business

- i) Diane Redfern of Manor Farm is coordinating an initiative to plant meadow flowers on verges and public spaces around the village. The parish council welcomed the move and agreed that the village green (amongst others) would be a suitable location.
- ii) GK wishes to remind dog walkers to pick up dog faeces, fecal consumption has now caused several cows to abort.
- iii) Horse riders riding with dogs not on leads have been seen in the village, could dog owners please keep dogs under control.
- iv)

**Next meeting: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm in the Hut**

#### DOGS

#### Two pleas:

- (i) Would people exercising horses and dogs together please keep the dogs under tight control when on the roads due to the sharp bends
- (ii) Would people walking dogs on footpaths through fields please pick up the dog mess. Babcary farmers have had cases of Neospora recently, which causes cows to abort their calves, and this is spread from dog mess. It’s cruel to the cows and expensive for the farmers.

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

#### Services

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30	N.Barrow	Communion	
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30	Alford	Family service	Christening
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30	Lovington	Communion	
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> March	18.30	S.Barrow	matins	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Babcary</b>	<b>Family service</b>	

	<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Sidesmen</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Judy & Sally	Lent – No flowers		
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Tom & Bridget	Lent		
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Nikki & Karen	Lent		
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Rita & Jenny	Lent		
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Simon & Shirley	Lent	Elisabeth & Lucy	Rory & Mel

## **Churchyard Clear up**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 10am onwards. Time for a spring clean of the churchyard. Please come along with assorted gardening implements and tackle any of the jobs listed on the gate. Coffee & cake at half time. All helpers are guaranteed a place in heaven - but check date for validity of this offer.

## **Butterflies of the Six Pilgrims**

Julian Rawlins, an expert on butterflies in this area, will give an illustrated talk on local butterflies at North Barrow Village Hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The talk is preceded by a curry supper. Cash bar. Tickets £15 adults, £8 children. At 6.30 for 7. Please book in advance, no tickets on the door due to catering. Reserve tickets by emailing [butterfly113@icloud.com](mailto:butterfly113@icloud.com) or phone 07590 894455.

## **PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE**

### **Babcary Road Race**

The annual 7.5 mile road race is at 11am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February. We have a record number of local runners this year and 150 runners overall. Results next month.

### **Cricket Nets**

The new cricket nets are installed and ready for use on the playing field – help yourself! Our thanks to National Highways for funding this wonderful new facility. Hopefully this will encourage cricketers and we can reintroduce cricket on the playing field again.

# COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### Shop Rota

4 <sup>th</sup> March	Sally and Vee	1 <sup>st</sup> April	Rita and Carole
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Cordelia and Jules	8 <sup>th</sup> April	NO SHOP - EASTER
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Helen and Teresa	15 <sup>th</sup> April	Judy and Jane
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Caroline and TA	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Jan and Karen
		29 <sup>th</sup> April	Lucy and Jenny

### Mobile Library

Visits the bus shelter on March 2nd and March 30th from 1.10 – 1.35pm. Note new time.

### BABCARY LITTER PICK

SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

MEETING @ 10AM @ THE HUT

We are planning to gather for another Babcary Litter Pick on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. This has proved a veritable Treasure Hunt in the past with finds including a £20 note, various car parts, a pair of knickers and even a kitchen sink! That is not to mention the numerous empty wine bottles.....!

Litter 'grab sticks' will be available, but if you have your own, please do bring them. High vis' vests will also be available in various sizes at the Hut.

We would ask everyone to come with their own gloves and any (tough) old bin/compost bags so that we can avoid using new plastic bags to gather old rubbish as much as possible, but there will be some available at the Hut for general use.

We'll aim to have a car collecting bags of rubbish throughout the morning.

# NEWS VIEWS AND COMMENTS

We welcome Catherine Story and her puppy Billie who have just moved into Flagstone Cottage from Horsington.

Congratulations to Roy & Lucy McD on the birth of Holly to their daughter Pippa on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

## WEATHER REPORT

Wet weather continued during January with Babcary receiving 84.7mm (3.3 inch) of rain during the month. Reservoir levels increased to around 100% early in January.

[Steve Street](#)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Mobile Library	Bus shelter 1.10 – 1.35pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	PC Meeting	Hut 8pm
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Litter Pick	Meet at the Hut 10am
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Mobile Library	Bus shelter 1.10 – 1.35pm
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Churchyard clear up	10am onwards
Every Tuesday	Bell Ringing	6pm in the church
Every Saturday	Community Shop	9.30 – 11am in the hut