

Babcary Parish Council

13th February 2023 Parish Council 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 9th January 2023 signed.

1) Matters Arising

- i) Static property in Dilkes Lane. Enforcement officers interviewed the occupier on the 6th 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 Babcary WhatsApp and Babcary Website Babcaryparishcouncil.org.uk

2) Finance

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

Jet Pack (Babcary 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 Babcary Litter Pickers £36.50 agreed, cheque to be signed.

3) Planning Consultation

- i) Bowers Farm Steart Road Babcary 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 Babcary 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 6th of May 2023 & 8th 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. 7th May Babcary 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.
"Single Approach" set to begin 1st of April 2023.
- iii) Speed Awareness Wheelie bin Stickers! Pack of 100 £95
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, faecal 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.

5) **Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 13th March 2023 @ 8.00pm in the Hut.**