

Date Monday 13th March 2023 Parish Council Draft Minutes 8pm at The Hut

Present: Mr Simon Hoar, Mrs Melinda Terleske, Mr Phil Sketchley, Mr Steve Street, Mr Graham Hughes, Mr Kevin Messenger (SSDC) & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk).

Apologies:

Minutes of the Previous Meeting 13th February 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, NO FURTHER UPDATE.
- ii) Ongoing enquiry re anonymous Riverside Farm planning complaint. The complainant requested an update, but none yet received by South Somerset District, NO FURTHER UPDATE.

2) Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £11,997.28. Current Account Balance is £50

3) Planning Consultation

- i) **Notification of Appeal APP/R3325/W/22/3309133 21/01051/FUL The Red Lion Inn, Main Street Bab Cary**
The Parish Council resolved to submit a response to the grounds for appeal by the deadline of 29th March.

3) Correspondence

- i) At the meeting of Frome Town Council on Wednesday, 22 Feb 2023, Cllrs unanimously approved the following recommendations.
 1. *That Frome Town Council considers that the lack of proper MP representation has existed for far too long, it has no confidence in our MP David Warburton and accordingly it requests that he resigns to allow a By Election to take place.*
 2. *That this report be forwarded to all other parishes in the constituency for their information***Bab Cary Parish Council agreed the motion of no confidence in David Warburton.**
- ii) New specialist Free School for Somerset children gets green light. Children in Somerset will benefit from a new free specialist school in Wells which will provide places for pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs. Somerset County Council.
- iii) Somerset Food Waste Week 6-12 March, Analysis in 2018 found 26% of the contents (by weight) of the average Somerset refuse bin was waste food - of that more than a third was thrown away still in its packaging. All houses in Bab Cary received pamphlet re recycling.
- iv) SPECIAL REASONS FOR SOMERSET TO CELEBRATE IN MAY 2023

Somerset Day on the second Saturday in May (13th), Parish Council agreed to purchase Somerset Flag to fly (SH).

- v) The King's Coronation on 6th May, Babcary Community planning Cream Tea on the Playing Field, large screen to view the Coronation as a community has also been suggested for consideration (still awaiting Coronation timings).
- vi) Diane Redfern of Manor Farm informed the Parish Council of the progress made with the wildflower initiative. So far 18 households have requested seeds. Several of the participants that have large visible verges, agreed to have the digger remove grass to ensure maximum benefit for everyone. In total seven larger sites have been prepared, with donations (not to full cost) made by 5 of them. In addition, several others have also expressed their interest in participating in phase 2. The initiative is looking to provide a public good (for the village and those passing through), and also contribute in a small way to biodiversity. She requested that the Parish Council make a donation towards the seeding of the public spaces. Parish Council agreed a £50 contribution to the appeal.

4) **Any Other Business**

- i) The Chairman is investigating the Valuation List for Babcary in order to verify that all dwellings are properly assessed for Council Tax given the surprising fall in the tax base last year.
- ii) Mr Kevin Messenger (SSDC) attended his last meeting with BPC, his help and advice will be missed, BPC wishes him well in his future escapades.

5) **Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 17th of April**

NB. NOT the second Monday in the month (due to Easter)