

BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

BABCARY HARVEST SUPPER

ON SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

AT 6.30 FOR 7 PM ON THE PLAYING FIELD

TICKETS £7 PER ADULT AND £3.50 PER CHILD

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the Harvest Supper. For those of you who are new to the village, the ticket price includes turkey and ham with salad and baked potatoes followed by apple pie and cream/ice cream and accompanied by wine/beer/cider/soft drinks. It's incredible value for money! There will be musical entertainment after the meal and the ever-popular auction of surplus fare and (hopefully) a few apple pies.

Tickets available from the Saturday Shop (no Shop on the 9th) or shirleyhoar@gmail.com mob 07845226478.

Contributions for the October edition: 25th September.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 10th July 2023 Parish Council Draft Minutes

Present: Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Steve Street, Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mrs Melinda Terleske, Mr Graham Hughes, Mr Damien Pick, Mr Phil Sketchley, Mr Henry Hobhouse (County Councillor), Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk) & 3 Members of the Public.

Apologies:

Minutes of the Previous Meeting 12th June 2023 agreed & signed.

1) Matters Arising

- i) Annual Audit to be confirmed (agreed on line, signed off).
- ii) Pot Holes around village have seen some attention, still requires completion.
- iii) Jim Ellis & Jeremy Spence rectified The Fort, (Children's play area, no longer off limits, now deemed safe for use).
- iv) Old climbing frame located in Playing field still has exposed stumps from metal sawn off frame. Playing Field to rectify, PS to update progress.

2) Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £16,082.723 Current Account Balance is £50

- i) PATA £38.30 cheque raised.
- ii) Phil Sketchley Jet Pack £114.48 Council Website, cheque raised.
- iii) Hiscox £443.77 (payable to Arthur J Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd) client ref 3191811, back of cheque, cheque written.
- iv) SSCC Ref. S0037378 Remittance £1194.

3) Planning Consultation

- i) **Proposal: Full Planning application for the proposed development of 1 no. barn to a single residential dwelling**
Location: Craddocks Farm Perry Hill Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EL
Applicant: Mr Guy Shearer
Application Number: 23/00723/FUL
Approved.
- ii) **Notification of Appeal APP/R3325/W/22/3309133 21/01051/FUL The Red Lion Inn, Main Street Babcary**
Planning Inspectorate has ordered a full public hearing on 19th September. Location to be advised.
- v) **Location: The Brambles Main Street Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7DZ**
Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey side extension and rear conservatory.

Erection of two storey side, front and rear extension together with associated internal alterations

Applicant: Mr Stacey Beaton

Application Type : Householder Application

Application Number: 23/01346/HOU

Response date 04/07/23 Approved

Following a meeting with the developer the parish council has considered the revised plans for the Brambles, Babcary and we have no objection. We had concerns over the overall impact of the high and imposing facade on the street scene and the developer has addressed these issues by removing the pitched gable roof from on top of the timber/glass two storey porch.

- vi) **Newlands Farm Lane To The West Of Newlands Lane Babcary Somerset Ref. No: 23/00800/FUL | Received: Tue 21 Mar 2023 | Validated: Wed 26 Apr 2023** Change of use of land to mixed agricultural/equestrian and construct stables building, straw barn, outdoor arena and horse walker | Status: Awaiting decision
The Parish Council considered the plans for a change of use and a substantial stable block plus equestrian workers dwelling at Newlands Lane, Babcary. No objections but a few conditions. The plan involves the construction of a very large two storey stable block and a house in the unspoiled swathe of open farmland of Foddington Vale; small fields, rich in wildlife, dark and quiet which we wish to see protected. Nevertheless we felt that the application was genuine and that, subject to various conditions, it would be acceptable. Lighting: no outside floodlighting. All external light to be kept to an absolute minimum.
Hours of operation: these should be limited to the normal working day (apart from the owners own provision of 24/7 on site care).
Flooding: this is a very low lying area and full risk assessment needs to be undertaken to ensure that the development will not result in surface water flooding of the road.
S.106 agreement: The use and ownership of the equine workers dwelling and the stable shed must be tied together.
Screening: the stable block should be properly screen from the road by planting of tree screen in addition to the existing hedge.
Traffic: visitors/deliveries to the site should be encouraged to access via the A303 from Sparkford rather than through Babcary.
- vii) **Address: Newlands Farm Lane To The West Of Newlands Lane Babcary Somerset Outline Application with all matters reserved for the erection of an equestrian worker's dwelling**
Reference: 23/00792/OUT Status: Awaiting decision See above

3) Correspondence

- i) Community Funded 20mph Speed Limits (**Gary Warren** Service Manager - Traffic Engineering) Somerset Council want to support communities who wish to fund the design and implementation of a 20mph speed limit. It is estimated that the cost would be in the region of £15,000. You will be required to pay a £500 non-refundable application fee which will cover an initial assessment including up to 2

no week-long speed data readings. These will be charged at £200 per location and will be included in the final cost of the scheme.

Mr Sketchley canvassed local responses to the above speeding initiative, responses were mixed, many felt in favour of further action. The parish council considered the latest offer from Somerset Council for speed limit zones in villages but did not find it viable. At a cost to the parish of £15,000 we could have a 30mph zone in the centre of the village only. A 20mph zone would not be permissible due to the results of the speed monitoring survey done last year and a move to 30mph would, if anything, lead to an increase in median speeds. A "central Babcary" scheme would not deal with the speed issues at Perry Hill, Steart Lane or Foddington and residents would need to be willing to have speed limit signs on their property and pay for a hike in the parish council tax. Highways have been asked to look at the Foddington speed issue with a view to extra signage.

- ii) LCN, Service update, Parish Clerks update 28/06/23 (attended by jasmine Tucker)
- iii) Somerset Waste Sorted!

Recently informed by collections contractor, SUEZ UK that members of the Unite union intend to start industrial action from Wednesday 12 July, striking on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for four weeks.

Repair groups, that just keep growing. Repair groups are run by volunteers and aim to help members of the public love their stuff for longer. Volunteers in the groups are often able to fix household items such as radios or kettles or advise on what parts are needed to make them work again. Repairs are carried out for free, but donations are always welcome to contribute to the costs of running the group. List of places to access repair gurus to be placed on FB (JT) & Babcary Website (PS).

4) Any Other Business

- i) Concerns raised re properties placing rocks/cones/bollards along property borders to deter vehicles mounting kerbs.
- ii) Phone Box at end of Baker Street needs attention! Generally untidy could do with a lick of paint.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 11th September in the Hut at 8pm.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Services

Sunday	3 rd Sept	10.30	Lovington	Family Service	
Sunday	10 th Sept	10.30	S.Barrow	Communion	
Sunday	17th Sept	10.30	Babcary	Communion	
Sunday	24 th Sept	10.30	Hornblotton	Harvest Festival	
Sunday	1 st Oct	10.30	S.Barrow	Family service	

Church Rotas

	Cleaning	Flowers	Coffee	Sidesmen
3 rd September	Tom and Bridget	Su		
10 th September	Nikki and Karen	Lucy		
17 th September	Rita and Jenny	Karen	Mary and Sally	Fred & Mel
24 th September	Simon & Shirley	Rita		
1 st October	Jan and Lucy	Jo		

The Future of the Six Pilgrims

At a frustrating Deanery Synod last month a reorganisation plan was pushed through against our wishes. Under the current proposals we will be merged with Castle Cary & Ansford – an outcome that neither us nor Castle Cary want - as we struggle to see how the existing full time priest there could spare the time to take on six more churches! We are awaiting a consultation on the plans but, until we are offered something satisfactory, we will continue to fight for our own priest for the Six Pilgrims.

SIH

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

Babcary Sports Day – Saturday 22nd July

After postponing Sports Day from 15th due to an appalling forecast of high winds and heavy rain we ended up running it a week later - in the rain! In a closely fought day the Babcary silverware was awarded as follows:

Davies Cup for the overall winner: Sacha Canterbury

Babcary Horticultural Cup for the runner up: Rufus Redfern

Third Place Cup: Ali Canterbury

Veterans 60 yard sprint: First man: Richard Canterbury, first woman: Jules Canterbury

Our thanks to the refreshments team, the race marshals, the scorer and of course George Kingston for presenting the prizes.

The Big Bonfire

The bonfire site is open from 1st Sept for combustible garden waste and wood only. Bonfire Night will be on 4th November.

The Fort

Thanks to Jim Ellis, with help from Jerry Spence, the slide on the fort is now repaired and the whole thing is back in use.

Dogs

Dogs are allowed on the playing field BUT this is also a children's play area so please always clear up after your dog and place the waste in the dog bin provided by the gate.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Shop Rota

2 nd Sep	Judy and Jane	7 th Oct	Sally and Vee
9 th Sep	NO SHOP Harvest Supper	14 th Oct	Cordelia and Jules
16 th Sep	Jan and Karen	21 st Oct	Helen and Teresa
23 rd Sep	Caroline and TA	28 th Oct	Lucy and Jenny
30 th Sep	Gilli and Shirley	4 th Nov	Rita and Carole

Clock Golf

This year's stunningly professional event, helped in great part by the immaculate hole cut by Roger Lamb in Simon and Shirley's lawn, was held on August 6th; fierce was the competition to become the holder of the silver cup.....worth far more than the Ashes to Babcarry! A tricky course had been set, complete with obstacles in the form of cats and spectators, and 12 'golfers' (I use the term somewhat loosely) had an enjoyable afternoon, culminating in a 3 way final between Roger L, Simon and Richard C, which was closely fought, particularly as the loser has to host the next year's event! Roger triumphed – congratulations to him – and although Simon was the runner up and also the only player to score a hole in one, Richard generously agreed to host the 2024 event. You surely shouldn't miss this!

JAH

The Textile Set are a group of textile artists, quilters and felters based in Babcarry village, we are about to present our third exhibition

EAST at

Ilminster Arts Centre, East Street, Ilminster TA19 0AN

5 to 30 September - Tuesday to Saturday 9.30 to 3,

free entry, cafe on site and disabled access on request at reception.

East, more than a point on the compass, come and see where our imagination has taken us!

We will also be showing our work at the Bath & West Showground, C4C, 10 am - 5pm, Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 October, upstairs gallery.

Mobile Library

Calls at the bus shelter from 1.10 – 1.35pm on the 14th September.

SHANTY NIGHT



Coming up on Saturday 21st October, **Trafalgar Night**, we are having a shanty night at North Barrow village hall. The noted shanty band, Fore Sail, from Cornwall will be leading plus other local instrumentalists and singers but it's all about audience participation i.e. a good old sing-along to some cracking songs. Grog and hard tack available. Full details next month.

NEWS VIEWS AND COMMENTS

We welcome James Pout & Dorothy Wood (& bump) and 3 year old June to Orchard Cottage.

Esme Ellis Concert

Saturday 2nd Sept in the church at 4.30pm. Just come along and enjoy 45 minutes or so of beautiful music sung by our own Esme Ellis, Purcell to Sondheim, in beautiful surroundings, all free.

WEATHER REPORT

June was the second driest month this year so far with Babcary receiving 26mm of rain mostly falling between 17th and 21st of the month. There was no rain recorded for the first 16 days.

Rainfall fell consistently throughout July with Babcary receiving 112.4mm (4.4 inch) – this being regionally the sixth wettest July since records began in 1891.

Surprisingly, reservoir stocks continued to fall to 79% capacity for Wessex Region but this was marginally higher than this time last year.

Steve Street

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday 2 nd September	Esme Ellis Concert	Babcary church 4.30pm
Saturday 9 th September	Harvest Supper	Playing Field 6 for 6.30pm
Thursday 14 th September	Mobile Library	Bus shelter 1.10 – 1.35pm
Sunday 17 th September	Communion Service	Babcary church 10.30am
Monday 9 th October	PC Meeting	Hut 8pm
Every Tuesday	Bell Ringing	Church 6pm
Every Saturday	Community Shop	Hut 9.30 – 11am