

BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS



BABCARY BONFIRE NIGHT



SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

ON THE PLAYING FIELD FROM 6PM

BABCARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER



3PM IN THE CHURCH

Christmas Decorations

Crafts

Bulbs

Cakes

Mulled Wine

Raffle

Teas and Mince Pies

Two great events in the village this month – almost as exciting as December! The best firework display in Somerset on the 4th and a good opportunity to get together over a glass of mulled wine or a cup of tea on the 25th. The Church always looks amazing on the day of the Bazaar and you can make a start on your Christmas shopping.

Contributions for the December/January edition: 27th November.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 9th October 2023 Parish Council Draft minutes 8pm at The Hut

Present: Mr Graham Hughes, Mr Damien Pick, Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mrs Melinda Terleske, Mr Kevin Messinger (CC), & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk).

Apologies: Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Phil Sketchley, & Mr Steve Street.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting 11th September 2023 agreed & signed.

1) Matters Arising

- i) LCN meeting Weds 4th Oct – still finding their feet. Working parties set up on Highways, Footpaths and Flooding continue as always!
- ii) Pot Holes around village have seen some attention, still requires completion.
- iii) Old climbing frame located in Playing field still has exposed stumps from metal sawn off frame, further investigations (GK to look into, George Kingston not found time to rectify).
- iv) Phone Box needs repainting, repair by local good will gesture or seek quote.
- v) Graham Hughes raised a query re the community Defibrillator and its location. Asked the question is the phone box on Baker Street best location? Wouldn't the playing field be more sensible? Or potentially should we invest in another one?
Defib – the current battery suddenly failed (although it has lasted very well). A new one is on order but delayed by import controls on importing from Europe! Cheque for £325.17 drawn in favour of Mr Simon Hoar. Cost of secondary defibrillator, would be £1,400 plus £552 for an external heated cabinet, PC discussed, seeking funding or grant? JB or SH.
- vi) Clerks Meeting re Budget, JT attended, queries raised re DPA, any information held on file re Parish is subject to the DPA that includes The Electoral Register! (ICO, Information Commissioner, Fee) In effect anything that relates to personal information. Somerset Council wants to receive notification of your precept by the end of January at the very latest and ideally by 19th January.
Large amount of required information held by PFC.
Income & Expenditure review for November Meeting)
- vii) On the future for villagers with oil boilers as new or replacement boilers were likely to be banned from 2026, (September 2023 Meeting) further information to be circulated via Babcary Village News, FaceBook & babcaryparishcouncil.org.uk. NB. Superseded by Government announcement 19th Sept. whereby it looks as if this date will be extended. Further details to follow as and when officially confirmed (subsequent to Parish Meeting 11/09/23). The draft report will be added to the Babcary Parish website for those interested and updated accordingly as and when further definitive details are made

available from the government. Further updates for November 2023 meeting.

This document can be found under the Village News section at

<https://bab Caryparishcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Oil-and-Gas-boilers-The-Future.pdf>

- viii) Footpath by The Old School sliding into the ditch, in need of repair.
Ownership/responsibility to be investigated - SH Old School footpath – Simon Hoar, spoken to Richard Jinman who has checked ownership of the path. It belongs to the heirs of the late Mr Butt as it was separated off from the Old School many years ago. GK raised query as to Kingston family ownership of surrounding field & consequently the ownership to be queried by November meeting.
- ix) Dog Poop Bag Dispenser Best price, £29.83, PC agreed to install.
- x) Sink hole on Foddington Road opposite Redland Cottage reported two months ago was raised as a concern. Mr Henry Hobhouse has supplied the following “I believe you are referring to the pothole which has been caused by badger activity. We require an inspection by an ecologist and then likely require a licence to work from Natural England (NE), the licence from NE can take some time to procure.” John Nicholson, Highways Somerset Council. Further contact with Mr John Nicholson has proved elusive! Mr Hoar has twice chase up the repair, to highlight our concerns about flood risk to Redland Cottage and to confirm that there are no badgers involved, as yet no response. Mr Kevin Messenger has agreed to follow up on behalf of BPC.

2) Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £16,769.07 Current Account Balance is £50

Defibrillator battery costs reimburse Simon Hoar £325.19, approved.

SALC 23/24 invoice received £77.17, approved.

3) Planning Consultation

- i) **Notification of Appeal APP/R3325/W/22/3309133 21/01051/FUL The Red Lion Inn, Main Street Bab Cary**
The Planning Inspectorate has ordered a full public hearing.
Appeal postponed due to lack of inspector. No relisting date as yet.
- ii) **Newlands Farm Lane To The West Of Newlands Lane Bab Cary 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 and**
Newlands Farm Lane To The West Of Newlands Lane Bab Cary Somerset
Outline Application with all matters reserved for the erection of an equestrian worker's dwelling
Reference: 23/00792/OUT Status: Awaiting decision

3) Correspondence

- i) 22 September, the government announced £25 million to support projects that use nature to increase the nation's flood resilience.
The funding will support natural flood management schemes in England that use techniques such as planting trees and creating wetlands to slow and store water to reduce the risk of flooding. Successful projects will be those that cover a large enough area to provide demonstrable flood risk benefits.
Expressions of interest opened today (22 September) and will close on 10 November

4) Any Other Business

- i) Melinda Terleske and Philip Sketchley have banded together re speeding in the village, with specific attention being made on horse riders. Melinda is to publish information on required etiquette when manoeuvring around equestrians, for example why they sometimes ride 2 abreast on small roads (look out for the answers in Babcary News).
- ii) B3153, some drains have collapsed ergo substantial work is required starting 16/10/23. This is due to continue for 3 weeks.
The knock on effect is heavy vehicles to be put through Castle Cary, Torbay Road on the Clanville Side, no further details on this issue currently.

On another note, Somerset is perceived to be on the sharp end of climate changes, the flooding impact in local areas, lack of funding received for electric charging points, which has caused unrest in locals who have been promised changes, they now feel dissatisfied. No plastics for recycling have left Somerset, Somerset is keeping it all plastic recycling in the UK!

- iii) School Dates

Primary School Applications 25/09/23 closing date 15/01/24
Secondary School Date 31st October (exceptional case 1st of December)

5) Date & Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 13th of November 2023.

Post Script: Red Lion appeal

Many people have received notice/s of the Red Lion planning appeal and it's been a confusing process! This was originally scheduled as a "written representation only" appeal. The first inspector to look at it then deemed that a full public hearing was necessary and hearing dates came and went but now the latest inspector to pick up the case has rescinded that decision and we are now back to a written hearing. The inspector will read and review *everything* that has been submitted on the planning applications and the appeal thus far, conduct a site visit this month, unaccompanied, and then come to a conclusion. No further action is required for the time being. SIH

Phil's article (missed off last month's newsletter)

The future for oil and gas boilers.

Villagers will no doubt be aware of the ongoing debate about a possible ban on new or replacement oil and gas central heating boilers that has been well documented in the press and TV news.

This was discussed at the September Parish Council meeting, as we felt it could inevitably impact on many Babcarians who are dependent on oil for their heating.

A report was prepared with the intention of including in this month's Village News and Views.

However, it seems that the government has recently rescinded those initial plans with a U turn which may now see an extension of the implementation date. Therefore, we felt it was not necessary to add the full report to this edition. However, we will post it to the village website, as the consensus is that it will comeback again particularly if there is a change in government next year. So, the report has been archived and posted to the village website so if anyone wishes to read further details you can read and or download from there. But we stress this issue seems to be changing daily so bear in mind it was written in mid-September and may have changed again when this News is issued.

The parish council would be interested to hear from any villagers with their views and comments on this matter. Please reply to philsketchley8@gmail.com.

The report can be found at : <https://babcaryparishcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Oil-and-Gas-boilers-The-Future.pdf>

Defibrillator

Just a reminder that the defibrillator is back in action. If someone collapses go to the phone box and take the defib to the casualty. Press the "on" button and then the defib machine will tell you what to do step by step. No experience is required. Remember, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain; if the casualty's heart has stopped they are technically dead already!

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

CHURCH ROTAS

Services

Sunday	5 th Nov	10.30	Alford	communion	
Sunday	12th Nov	10.30	N.Barrow	Service of	Remembrance
Sunday	19 th Nov	10.30	Hornblotton	matins	
Sunday	26 th Nov	10.30	Lovington	Communion	Baptism
Sunday	3 rd Dec	16.30	S.Barrow	christingle	

Cleaning

Flowers

Coffee

Sidesmen

5 th November	Tom and Bridget	Su		
12 th November	Nikki and Karen	Lucy		
19 th November	Rita and Jenny	Karen		
26 th November	Simon and Shirley	Rita		
3 rd December	Jan and Lucy	Jo		

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

Bonfire Night

Bonfire Night will be on Saturday 4th November. A huge bonfire, a magnificent firework display, a sumptuous hog roast and local real ales on the bar. Gates open at 6pm, fire lit at 6.30pm, fireworks at 7pm. Adults £5 children £2. Car parking on the playing field.

Combustible contributions to the bonfire are welcome!

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Christmas Panto

Holly Norman and Alice Gillespie have nobly offered to organise the village Christmas Panto trip this year. Cinderella is being performed at Westlands, Yeovil from 8th to 30th December. Village children go free courtesy of the Community Committee. Please contact Holly on 07912 692050 *as soon as possible* if you might be interested as they need to sort out date/numbers/tickets quickly.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Shop Rota

4 th Nov	Rita and Carole	2 nd Dec	Caroline and TracyAnne
11 th Nov	Judy and Jane	9 th Dec	Gilli and Shirley
18 th Nov	Jan and Karen	16 th Dec	Vee and Sally
25 th Nov	No Shop - Bazaar	23 rd Dec	CHRISTMAS SHOP
		30 th Dec	No Shop

Mobile Library

Calls at the bus shelter from 1.10 – 1.35pm on Thursday 9th November.

BOXING DAY POP LACROSSE

Yes, we're heading to that time of year again!

If you can spare an hour (11-12) on Boxing Day, to shake up all that turkey and Christmas pudding, there will be the annual Pop lacrosse fest on the tennis court. It's very simple, no prior knowledge of the game needed, just trainers and a bit of puff. There is a hard core of players who splendidly turn up year after year, but there's always room for more, and you don't have to play for the entire time!!

I look forward to seeing everyone on Boxing Day, hoping that you will all have had a very Happy Christmas.

JAH

NEWS VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Congratulations to Jane Harrison on completing her Macmillan marathon walk of 26 miles She raised the grand total of £800 and is most grateful to everyone who sponsored and supported her.

Congratulations to Judy Jackson on reaching the grand age of 90 on 1st October.

WEATHER REPORT

Bacary received 47.3mm (1.86 inch) of rainfall during September. During September Wessex Water's reservoir levels increased gradually ending the month with storage levels around 70%.

Steve Street

HOMAGE TO THE BRAVE

Lest we forget are the words that we recall

Remembering all the brave souls who answered their country's call.

Never forgotten are the sacrifices they all made,
 Memories of these heroes will never, ever fade.
 They gave their lives for our freedom, how can we forget,
 Again the words spring back to mind 'Lest we forget.'
 How can we forget the suffering, the sorrow and the pain,
 For 'Mans' inhumanity to Man' must never happen again.
 Why can't we live in peace now and learn to live as one,
 For in the end we all must know that wars are never won.
 We will remember them forever and the place where they now lie,
 Our gratitude stays with them forever for in our hearts they did not die.



Betty Whitcher

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday 4 th November	Bonfire Night	6pm Playing Field
Thursday 9 th November	Mobile Library	1.10-1.35pm Bus shelter
Monday 13 th November	PC Meeting	8pm in the Hut
Saturday 25 th November	Christmas Bazaar	3pm in the Church
Every Tuesday	Bell Ringing	6pm in the church
Every Saturday	Community Shop	9.30 – 11am in the hut