

Monday 11th December 2023 Parish Council Minutes 8pm at The Hut (approved Jan 8th 2024)

Present: Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Graham Hughes, Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mrs Melinda Terleske, Mr Philip Sketchley, Mr Stave Street, Mr Damien Pick, and Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Mr Henry Hobhouse, Mr Kevin Messenger

Minutes of the Previous Meeting 13th November 2023 to be agreed & signed.

1) Matters Arising

- i) LCN meeting Weds 4th Oct – still finding their feet. Working parties set up on Highways, Footpaths and Flooding, no updates.
- ii) Pot Holes around village have seen some attention, still requires completion.
DP drew attention to Enquiry 654498 - Ditches - Foddington Rd, Babcarry, the blockage has got considerable worse with the ditch now backing up to such an extent that it is flooding over. This has never happened before, potentially two serious consequences:
 1. The outfall from the two waste treatment plants that serve 5 properties are currently underwater and are not functioning correctly as water is following back from the ditch into the treatment plants because the falls are very shallow – in fact the lowest property now struggling to flush the toilet! This is now happening!
 2. Water from the ditch is now overflowing and running down the road and ponding at the road junction nearby. Concerns this will form sheet ice at the junction when the weather turns cold.

We are 6 weeks into the 12 week period and have heard nothing from contractors – it was first reported in August 2022. DP in discussion with John Nicholson Assistant Highway Service Manager – Highways, no updates.

MORE POTHOLES IN THE VILLAGE DUE TO EXCESSIVE WET WEATHER AND FLOODING.
- iii) Old climbing frame located in Playing field, exposed stumps.
- iv) Phone Box needs repainting, repair by local good will gesture or seek quote.
- v) ICO, Information Commissioner, Fee (DPA, any information held on file re Parish).
£35.00 cheque drawn in favour of ICO.
- vi) Sink hole on Foddington Road opposite Redland Cottage reported two months ago was raised as a concern, contact via John Nicholson still awaited, live video of flooding taken and forwarded, still no response at time of meeting.
- vii) Melinda & Phil to put forward information relating to the Highway Code & equestrian etiquette, details re Highway Code, concerning horses, pedestrians and disabled persons discussed, further details to be distributed to villagers via Village News.

2) Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £15,218.09 Current Account Balance is £50

Annual Expenditure to be updated (JT) to be revisited December meeting.

- I) CAT Bus Ring & Ride, £100 agreed and signed.
- II) Parish/Town/City Precept requirements for the financial year commencing 1 April 2024, completion due to go to parish.precepts@somerset.gov.uk by **noon 2nd February 2024.**
- III) ICO cheque £35 raised.
- IV) Citizens Advise Bureau £100 raised.

3) Planning Consultation

- i) Re: APP/R3325/W/22/3309137, 3309132 & 3309133 Notification of Appeal, The Red Lion Inn, North Street Bab Cary, appeal dismissed.
- ii) The Brambles Main Street Bab Cary Somerton Somerset TA11 7DZ
Ref. No: 23/01346/HOU | Received: Sat 20 May 2023 | Validated: Tue 13 Jun 2023 |
Status: Approved
Property raised to the ground due to building becoming unstable, as agreed with Buildings Inspector from county Council.
- iii)
- iv) Sunnyhill Farm South Barrow Road Bab Cary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EJ
Regularisation of unconsented works to the refurbished stable building (ref: 05/01537/LBC), including removal of internal partition walls, changes to fenestration and installation of WC
Ref. No: 23/02938/HOU | Received: Mon 20 Nov 2023 | Validated: Fri 24 Nov 2023 |
Status: Awaiting decision
No Objections raised by PC.
- v) 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
- vi) Address: 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) Somerset Council and NHS Somerset are teaming up to provide funding to care providers who want to go digital by introducing electronic care records which replace paper-based admin systems. Visit <https://beta.digitising-socialcare.co.uk/> to find out more about this project.
- ii) Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) aims to reduce the risks and impacts of flooding, Bab Cary Parish Council are invited to have their say on Somerset Rivers Authority's draft Strategy and Flood

Action Plan (2024-34). As events this week have shown again, Somerset has many flooding problems. Details forwarded to all.

4) **Any Other Business**

- i) Gassons Bridge, gate placed under bridge to stop cows going through during summer, now blocking river flow, becoming a dam during flooding this has become an issue, local property owners looking to remove with the help of parish council.
- ii) 20's plenty signs and chevrons removed at several sites in Babcary! Why and where have they gone! PC looking to replace.

5) **Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 8th of January 2024**