

Monday 8th April 2024 Parish Council Minutes 8pm at The Hut (Approved)

Present: Mr Simon Hoar (Chairman), Mr Philip Sketchley (Vice Chairman), Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mr Graham Hughes, Mrs Melinda Terleske, Mr Steve Street, Mr Kevin Messenger (County Councillor) & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk),

Apologies: Mr Damien Pick & Mr Henry Hobhouse, HH, (County Councillor).

1) Matters Arising

i) The 'sinkhole' on the Foddington Road continues to show signs of collapse, HH had some contact with John Nicholson (JN)

No new updates given at 08/04/24 meeting. PS or SH to communicate with John Nicholson regarding sinkhole, ditches & local potholes.

ii) Ditches and blocked culverts at the entrance to Olive Farm and other properties. HH undertook to follow this up with John Nicholson (JN) of Highways, some feedback received but problems are still existing! Concerns raised regarding contaminated water & consequent high levels of E-coli. JN discussing urgency for pipe replacement with new contractors.

Parish recommendation, contact....

www.somerset.gov.uk/roads.and.transport/reportaproblem-on-the-road

and report any problems seen on local roads to add to impact.

iii) 20's Plenty signs, do we continue with or seek a new solution to formula one Babcary! Suggested Babcary contact National Highways & request funding for signage, in light of heavy impact additional traffic is causing Babcary roads due to increased traffic from 303 development. SH to request another meeting with JN, to include HH & PS & discuss action for potholes and signs for NO speeding in the village. Additional traffic flow presumed to be impacting on the road surface, reduce the speeding cars reduce the potholes. Suggestion to mark existing potholes note where the holes are, once located, inform www.somerset.gov Share the location using "these 3 words", Phil to display known sites on Babcary Website. Photograph any damage and report to council.

2) Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £13,110.92 Current Account balance £50.

SALC £20 cheque raised.

PS 123 registration renewal £129.44, cheque raised.

Next Month AGM MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AT EARLIER TIME OF 19.00

Open floor opportunity for members of the community to raise any issues or concerns.

3) Planning Consultation

- i) Planning Application 24/00515/HOU at the Brambles, Main Street for the erection of a Triple Carport. There had been some representations from neighbouring properties, but these did not qualify as planning objections. The meeting concluded that there was limited visual impact or traffic impact, however in reporting back to the Council a request was to be made to seek some restriction on any further backland development.
- ii) Newlands Farm - decision awaited.
- iii) Planning Application 24/00633/HOU at Orchard Cottage Main Street Babcary
Proposal: Proposed conversion of existing garage/workshop structure into annex. Includes a single storey side extension to be used for garden storage as well as associated landscaping, respond 17/04/2024
No Objections
- iv) Planning Application: 24/00507/FUL at Craddocks Farm Perry Hill, creation of a wetland area with associated wildlife islands Responses by 10/04/2024
No Objections

4) Correspondence

- i) Invoice INV-3078 from The Somerset Association of Local Councils Limited for Babcary Parish Council £20 payment to Somerset Association of Local Councils Ltd.
- ii) AGAR Completion by 01/07/2024, Next meeting Babcary Open Forum Annual Parish Meeting – open floor opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues of concern.
- iii) LCN updates, next meeting Thursday 18/04/24 7pm email questions to:
southeastlcn@somerset.gov.uk
- v) Somerset Sight Somerset Sight is a local charity that has been supporting sight impaired people across Somerset for over a hundred years and in 2019 we proudly won the Queens Award for Voluntary Service, volunteers are matched locally with a sight impaired person for regular visits for company and support and to alleviate their loneliness and isolation, details to be forwarded via Facebook and on posters,
- vi) Councillors register of interest, are details held on file correct? Debbie Widdows. All information held for current councillors is deemed correct.

5) AOB

- i) GH declared intention to sign down in April 2025.
- ii) PS unable to attend May AGM 2024 meeting.
- iii)

6) Date and Time of Next Meeting: 7pm Monday 13th of May 2024