

**Minutes (Approved)**  
**Babcary Parish Council**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 8pm at The Hut**

Present: Mr Simon Hoar (SH), Mr Philip Sketchley (PS), Mr Graham Hughes (GH), Mr Steve Street (SS), Mrs Glynis Kingston (GK), Mrs Vee Vyner (VV), Mr Kevin Messenger (KM) County Councillor & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (JT).

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

**1) Matters Arising**

- i) Pothole Reporting, updates, council shared disappointment that some potholes have been rectified & yet neighbouring potholes have been ignored, further concerns expressed when potholes show degradation shortly after being repaired. Repaired potholes have a 2 year warranty, Parish suggested keeping details on repaired potholes with dates to continue observation.
- ii) Flooding around the village, updates.  
SH attended Flooding Forum in Ilminster. Somerset Rivers Authority have agreed to pay Babcary a visit & offer advice regarding how to handle continuous flooding in areas. The Environment Agency currently have insufficient funds available to offer help to Babcary. Gully clearance throughout Babcary has helped, Baker Street still requires attention.
- iii) Olive Farm repairs, unfinished at time of meeting, hardcore has replaced the previous inadequate repair, still awaiting final completion.
- iv) Note of thanks to Richard Harvey re Sparkford Road clearance
- v) Mr Graham Hughes announced his retirement from the Parish Council following the April meeting. The parish council will then have a vacancy. Public notice will be given in due course but if anyone would like to help and consider being co-opted onto the parish council they should speak to the clerk, Jazz Tucker, or any of the parish councillors to find out more.

**2) Finance**

- i. Capital Reserve Account stands at £13,682.11 Current Account balance £50.
- ii. PATA £55.35 cheque written.
- iii. Grass cutting costs to be taken on by the Parish Council again.

**3) Planning Consultation**

- i. Chapel Green, pre-planning discussion.

**4) Correspondence**

- i) Business Waste Collection, Ally Laing Somerset Gov,  
Unlike household waste, which is paid for through Council Tax, waste collections for businesses are not included in business rates. All businesses must arrange and pay for waste services as part of their Duty of Care.  
This includes business run from home, such as Bed and Breakfast, holiday lets, childminding, hairdressing and car parts.

Your business must pay to recycle or dispose of business waste whether it is registered, a company, or pays business rates.

You can find more information on GOV.UK about disposal of business or commercial waste. **Simpler Recycling for business becomes law on 1 April 2025.**

- ii) Queen Camel Community Land Trust (QCCLT) seeking reallocation of land usage, previously The Old School, new properties, affordable properties? QCCLT asking for local input completing web based survey.
- iii) LCN Somerset local plan, topics of conversation, decent homes for all, health & wellbeing, shops & services, culture, community & play, education & employment, sustainable & resilient places but not forgetting character, heritage & design.

**5) AOB**

- i) Once again the Hut décor and heating has been raised. Glynis has volunteered to make new curtains and the Playing Field Committee is intending to refresh the paintwork to improve the ambiance. Heating continues to be an issue but no viable alternative has yet been found and a study found that solar panels would not be cost effective. SH to broach at next PFC meeting.
- ii) GH attended LCN Mini workshop, this was to explore issues that may ultimately go in to the local plan and was a pre statutory part of the consultation process

**iv) Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 14th of April 2025 in the Hut.**