

# **Minutes May 2025 (Approved)**

**Babcary Parish Council**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 8pm at The Hut**

Present: Present: Simon Hoar (SH), Phil Sketchley (PS), Glynis Kingston (GK), Damien Pick (DP), Vee Vyner (VV), Steve Street (SS) & Jasmine Tucker Parish Clerk (JT).

1 Member of the Public (MP).

Apologies: Kevin Messenger, County Councillor.

## **1) Matters Arising**

- i) Pothole Repairs updates, road outside Malcolm Beaton's property, reported by SH now earmarked by painted outline for council repair.
- ii) Flooding issues, updates, currently none.
- iii) The Hut's revamp, BPFC have taken up the challenge, Mark Hewson has been recruited to paint the internal walls, repair external boarding & add to loft insulation, further renovations pending.
- iv) Parish Council vacancy; no request for a by election has been received so the PC will co-opt a new councillor at the next meeting.
- v) Repair of footpath alongside Old School on Church Street, PS.  
Since trimming back overcrowding foliage the footpath running from the old school has proved to be hazardous. The flagstones are slippery especially during off seasons, PS suggested securing railway sleepers along the pathway & filling with gravel. Cost of rectifying, SH to approach Mendip Ramblers & County Council for clarification.

## **2) Finance**

- i. Capital Reserve Account stands at £13,601.76 Current Account balance £50.
- ii. Cheque for £129.46 signed for 123 Babcary Website (PS)
- iii. SO0012 Babcary Parish Council – 2024/25 AGAR external auditor instructions received, Mr Brian Crowley has kindly agreed to sign as external auditor.
- iv. Annual Accounts reviewed & approved.
- v. **AGM HELD**  
Open Floor opportunity for members of the community to raise any issues or concerns – none.
- vi. Election of chairman and vice chairman. Simon Hoar re-elected as Chairman, proposed by Damien Pick & seconded by Phil Sketchley.  
Phil Sketchley was re-elected as Vice Chairman, proposed by Simon Hoar & seconded by Glynis Kingston.
- vii. Babcary Playing Field Committee Annual report from Paul Cuff (PFC Chairman) was received with thanks – see report below

## **3) Planning Consultation**

- i. 25/00858/FUL Mr Stacey Beaton

Spring Gardens Fosse Way West Lydford Somerton Somerset TA11 7DS

Erection of a steel framed building for the storage of hay, straw, haylage, shavings and the security of Equestrian vehicles such as horse boxes, horse lorries and machinery equipment.

No Objections.

**4) Correspondence**

- i) SALC Training events, PS interested in 4<sup>th</sup> of June
- ii) Health & Wellbeing rural & coastal health, free training, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 The Shambles Castle Cary 10-16.00. Lilly Keeley Watts.
- iii) Somerset Councils Clerk Meeting.

**5) AOB**

- i) The publication of Draft Minutes in Babcary newsletter was queried. Should they be withheld until after sign off at the following meeting although this would delay publication by a month?
- ii) The Dog Poop Box outside the Hut stocked with green Dog Poop bags has been abused again by someone removing the whole roll of bags! Padlock and camera to be investigated.  
Concern also over someone filling disabled toilets with grass and covering the bowl with mud (presumed to be mud!). Concerns were also raised by MP re youths accessing the locked storage hut at the rear of the playing field, the storage hut contains tools and equipment belonging to PFC.

**iv) Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 9th of June 2025 in the Hut.**