

**Minutes (Approved)**  
**Babcary Parish Council**  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 8pm at The Hut**

Present: 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 Damien Pick, Mr Kevin Messenger (KM) County Councillor & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (JT).

Apologies: Mr Henry Hobhouse, County Councillor.

**1) Matters Arising**

- i) Pothole Repairs updates, some but not all have been fixed, SS will be continuing to report back to South Somerset County Council re dangerous potholes on behalf of Babcary parishoners.
- ii) Flooding issues, no updates.
- iii) Olive Farm entrance repairs, Babcary Parish Councillors are happy to report the concrete hardcore has finally been completed.
- iv) The Hut's revamp, Mrs Glynis Kingston is currently awaiting the "get-go" from Babcary Playing Field Committee to complete the curtains.
- v) Graham Hughes completed his last day as a parish councillor. The Parish Council thanked him for his calm considered advice & legal knowledge along with his extensive support for the village over two long terms as a parish councillor.  
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 87 of the Local Government Act 1972 that a vacancy has occurred on Babcary Parish Council.  
Unless a request for an election to be held is submitted in writing to the Chief Executive of Somerset Council at Electoral Services, The Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2HT by 8th May 2025 by ten electors for the Parish of Babcary, the Parish Council will proceed to fill the vacancy by co-option.  
Jasmine Tucker, Parish Clerk

**2) Finance**

- i. Capital Reserve Account stands at £13,601.76 Current Account balance £50.
- ii. SALC Invoice 1758 £129.59
- iii. SO0012 Babcary Parish Council – 2024/25 AGAR external auditor instructions received.
- iv. Notification of AGM TO BE HELD Monday 12th May 2025, election of Chairman & vice Chairman, Open Forum slot, open to Members of the Public.

**3) Planning Consultation**

- i. Hill Farm House 25/00531/HOU  
Foddington Road Babcary, Somerton Somerset TA11 7EB  
Extension and alterations to house, conversion of barn into an annexe and erection of a 3 bay carport with home office above  
Parish Council have no objections

- ii. Mr & Mrs Garrard informally submitted a sketch plan for a single house in the car park of the Red Lion following a meeting with SH & SS on 1<sup>st</sup> April. We understand that pre planning enquiry will be submitted to Somerset Council.

#### **4) Correspondence**

- i) Plan showing the closure of a section of bridleway L 2/9 in Babcary due to an unsafe bridge received, Macmillan Way & Hook Lane track. Note that this is an initial 21-day closure and is likely to be extended Martin Harris, Rights of Way, Bridge Warden Somerset Council. Full details published on Babcary Whatsapp & forwarded to Parish Councillors.
  - ii) Somerset Sight is your local charity based in Taunton, which supports blind and partially sighted people throughout Somerset. At our offices in Northfield House, 51 Staplegrove Road, Taunton TA1 1DG, throughout February we have been holding Warm Space Mondays. This is FREE soup and cake in a lovely warm space, from 12.30pm to 2pm. Currently SS are looking for volunteers across Somerset, offering full training & support, all reasonable out of pocket expenses paid, incl mileage.
  - iii) Eileen Ford, Planning, I can advise you that, following the approval of the Head of Planning, the Validation List became active from 1st April 2025. Our validation teams will be utilising the new Validation List with immediate effect.
  - iv) Somerset Day 10th & 11th of May, The Big Somerset Picnic, just type in The Big Somerset Picnic 2025 in your search engine. A limited number of FREE flags, bunting and car bumper stickers are available here  
<https://www.somersetday.com/merchandise>
  - v) GALLAGHER (Insurance) 01/04/25  
Welcome to the latest issue of our Community Matters newsletter, featuring topical articles for the community sector & regulatory changes impacting fire extinguishers and firefighting foams, we break down what these mean for your organisation. Plus, we share practical tips to help communities adapt to changing weather conditions to protect shared green spaces for the future.
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- i) AOB
  - i) GK, silage transporting throughout the village roads imminently through to end of May, GK asked could villagers & workers in the village be mindful of this, try to leave roads clear for large tractors.
  - ii) SH asked if anyone missed the noticeboard on North Street, damaged beyond repair in last storm. It was agreed that the noticeboard will not be replaced.
  - iii) The church mower needs replacing and SH explained that the other parish churches each receive an annual grant of £500 towards maintenance of the burial ground (as this is ultimately a civil parish responsibility). It was agreed to make a one off grant of £500 for the mower and an ongoing grant annual of £200 to the PCC. SH declared an interest.

**vi) Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 12th of May 2025 in the Hut.**