

Monday 11th October 2023 Parish Council Draft Agendas 8pm at The Hut

Present:

Apologies: Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Phil Sketchley,

Minutes of the Previous Meeting 11th September 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.
- ii) Pot Holes around village have seen some attention, still requires completion.
- iii) Old climbing frame located in Playing field still has exposed stumps from metal sawn off frame, further investigations (GK to look into).
- iv) Phone Box needs repainting
- v) Graham Hughes raised a query re the community Defibrillator and its location. Asked the question is the phone box on Baker Street best location? Wouldn't the playing field be more sensible? Or potentially should we invest in another one?
Defib – the current battery suddenly failed (although it has lasted very well). A new one is on order but delayed by import controls on importing from Europe! Please would you draw a cheque to reimburse me £325.19 as per my email. Costs of a new defib would be £1,400 plus £552 for an external heated cabinet, SH.
- vi) Clerks Meeting re Budget, JT attended, queries raised re DPA, any information held on file re Parish is subject to the DPA that includes The Electoral Register! (ICO, Information Commissioner, Fee) In effect anything that relates to personal information. Somerset Council wants to receive notification of your precept by the end of January at the very latest and ideally by 19th January.
Large amount of required information held by PFC.
Income & Expenditure review for November.
- vii) Phil Sketchley led a discussion on the future for villagers with oil boilers as new or replacement boilers were likely to be banned from 2026, (September 2023 Meeting) further information to be circulated via Bab Cary Village News, FaceBook & babcaryparishcouncil.org.uk. NB. Superseded by Government announcement 19th Sept. whereby it looks as if this date will be extended. Further details to follow as and when officially confirmed (subsequent to Parish Meeting 11/09/23). The draft report will be added to the Bab Cary Parish website for those interested and updated accordingly as and when further definitive details are made available from the government. Further updates for November 2023 meeting.
- viii) Footpath by The Old School sliding into the ditch, in need of repair.
Ownership/responsibility to be investigated - SH Old School footpath – Simon Hoar, spoken to Richard Jinman who has checked ownership of the path. It belongs to the heirs of the late

- Mr Butt as it was separated off from the Old School many years ago. I think we can proceed to sort it out without reference to the owners.
- ix) Dog Poop Bag Dispenser prices, Jasmine to update.
 - x) Sink hole on Foddington Road opposite Redland Cottage reported two months ago was raised as a concern. Mr Henry Hobhouse has supplied the following "I believe you are referring to the pothole which has been caused by badger activity. We require an inspection by an ecologist and then likely require a licence to work from Natural England (NE), the licence from NE can take some time to procure." John Nicholson, Highways Somerset Council, any movement?
Foddington Road sink hole – SH emailed John Nicholson twice to chase up the repair, highlight our concerns about flood risk to Redland Cottage and to confirm that there are no badgers involved.

2) Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £16,769.07 Current Account Balance is £50

Defibrillator costs reimburse Simon Hoar £325.19.

SALC 23/24 invoice received £77.17

3) Planning Consultation

- i) **Notification of Appeal APP/R3325/W/22/3309133 21/01051/FUL The Red Lion Inn, Main Street Babcary**
The Planning Inspectorate has ordered a full public hearing.
Appeal postponed due to lack of inspector. No relisting date as yet.
- ii) **Newlands Farm Lane To The West Of Newlands Lane Babcary 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**
- iii) **Address: Newlands Farm Lane To The West Of Newlands Lane Babcary 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) 22 September, the government announced £25 million to support projects that use nature to increase the nation's flood resilience.
The funding will support natural flood management schemes in England that use techniques such as planting trees and creating wetlands to slow and store water to reduce the risk of flooding. Successful projects will be those that cover a large enough area to provide demonstrable flood risk benefits.
Expressions of interest opened today (22 September) and will close on 10 November

4) Any Other Business

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5) Date & Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 13th (Unlucky for some!) of November 2023.