

Babcary Parish Council

10th January 2022 Parish Meeting Agenda

8pm at The Hut

Present:

Apologies:

- 1) Minutes of the Previous Meeting 13th December 2021 to be agreed and signed.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - i) New verandah for the Hut, updates from SH.
 - ii) Static property in Dilkes Lane, still no further information, Philip Sketchley to contact SSDC for update.
 - iii) Parish Council meeting with Gary Warren of Highways speed issues
To be revisited in January 2022 meeting.
 - iv) Fibre Optic Broadband,
Graham Hughes to contact Christine and request a courtesy call prior to installation for farms with lambs.
 - v) Parish Council to approach Google and stop SATNAV using Babcary as a shortcut.
 - vi) Council Elections 5th of May 2022, normal election would be 2023, 5 year standing to bring back into line, costs could be incurred! Mike Lewis looking into this. Note message from Roger Quantock, SSDC, If your election is contested, and as it will be at the same time as the Somerset Council elections, the split of the costs would be as follows:
Venue Hire 25%
Polling Station Staff 25%
Postal ballot packs, including the cost of postage 25%
Ballot Papers 100%
Verification staff costs 25%
Count staff costs 25%
Count equipment if multiple vacancies 100%
 - vii) Complaint re muddy roads West Camel Via Steart onto the A303, very muddy after 8am, plant crossing night working suspected, can Highways investigate?
 - viii) SSDC SALC grant funding. Suggested replacing playground equipment for older Parish Children since climbing frame removed and not replaced.
 - ix)

Reserve Account stands at £24,957.51 (of which £6,000 is verandah grant)

Current Account Balance is £50

i) **Setting of Precept for 2022/23.**

3) Planning Consultations

i) Planning Application No 21/01054 and others **The Red Lion Inn**

Awaiting decision.

Planning Application No: 21/02851/HOU Olive Farm, Les Rochettes Olive Farm Lane Babcary Somerton TA11 7EJ Single storey extension.

Received: Fri 17 Sep 2021 | Validated: Tue 28 Sep 2021 | Status: WITHDRAWN

ii) 21/02891/FUL Land At Steart Lane Babcary Somerton Somerset

Change of use of field to be used as a secure location for dog exercising, erection of secure fencing, provision of two car parking spaces and the erection of a small timber field shelter (RETROSPECTIVE). Objected. Decision awaited

4) Correspondence

i) Mike Lewis January 2022 Update

Infection rates in Somerset continue to be extremely high. With the new Omicron variant it is important, even for those who have had both jabs, to remember to follow Government guidance on wearing masks, to continue to observe Social Distancing and to always ventilate indoor areas.

Reporting faults on the Highway: Utilising a new upgraded online system with an improved interactive map, members of the public can report a highways problem 24/7. From potholes, blocked drains and broken manhole covers, to mud on the road, overgrown vegetation, damaged pavements or cycle paths, faulty traffic lights or missing markings – they can all be reported in just minutes from a smartphone, tablet or computer. available [www via .somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/)

Applications for school places 2022: All children starting school for the first time in September 2022, as well as those moving between infant and junior or first and middle school applications must be submitted by Saturday 15 January 2022.

www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions

ii)

5) Any Other Business

i) .

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 14th February 2022 (HAPPY VALENTINES!)