

Draft Minutes October 2025 **Babcary Parish Council**
Monday 13th October 2025 8pm at The Hut

Present: Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Philip Sketchley, Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mrs Vee Vyner, Mr Steve Street, Mr Kevin Messenger (County Councillor) & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk).

Apologies: Mrs Jane Diamond, Mr Damien Pick & Mr Henry Hobhouse.

1) Matters Arising

- i) Pothole Repairs updates, none.
- ii) Playing Field revamp of playing field and Hut, partial soft furnishings completed, internal painting complete, more to come.
- iii) Local Government Boundary Commission no update received.
- iv) River Cary & Environment Agency Watercourse, ongoing.
- v) General village maintenance update, junction at Olive Farm lettering on road has deteriorated & can no longer be seen, SH brought this to the attention of Highways informed they have insufficient funds to rectify, it will be added to next year's list. Tracey Harris still not responded to PC contact re horse signs & other general maintenance issues, SH to escalate & contact John Nicholson. PS reported on the use of **glyphosate** but concluded that expert opinion was still divided. The environment agency had previously indicated they would use **glyphosate to spray river banks to reduce overgrowth of weeds.**
- vi) Babcary Website, PS looking for more comparison quotes, agreed to revisit next parish meeting.

2) Finance

- i. Capital Reserve Account stands at £17,489.98 Current Account balance £50.

3) Planning Consultation - none

4) Correspondence

- i) Clerks & Officer Training, Jasmine Tucker to attend VAT training.
- ii) Correspondence received from Mrs Mel Goymer regarding The Village Bonfire & what is put on it along with concerns for wildlife as the mound increases in size. The issue was discussed but concluded it should be referred to the Playing Field Committee, who run & organise the Bonfire event.
- iii) Update on the Somerset Local Community Network (LCN), local communities taking more control. Large emphasis on village wellbeing & village amenities.
<https://tally.so/r/m6qpEk> survey 17/10/2025.
Playing Pitch Strategy, Built Sports Strategy & Open Space.
Resilience & adaptation outreach officer.
Localities & Culture all on the Agenda for the 15th of October.

5) AOB

- i) JT raised new gate fastening on entrance to the Playing Field, makes opening & closing difficult, PS agreed to adjust.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 10th of November 2025 in the Hut.

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