

**Babcar Parish Council**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 8pm at The Hut**

November 2025 Minutes agreed & signed.

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

Apologies: Mrs Jane Diamond

**1) Matters Arising**

- i) Local Government Boundary Commission update.  
Babcar Parish council have disputed the proposed change of boundary moving Babcar to link with Ilminster instead of Castle Cary, Castle Cary voiced preference for Babcar to remain. Henry Hobhouse communicated a new consultation is still awaited.
- ii) River Cary & Environment Agency Watercourse, ongoing, disputed maintenance regarding responsibilities & affiliated costs.
- iii) General village maintenance potholes, at time of meeting still no action re 5 inch deep pothole outside Langdon Farm.  
SH, meeting Andy Baron regarding reflector posts & drain outside Greystones this includes a blocked pipe drainage, concerns raised that it was filled in by developers.
- iv) Babcar Website, PS looking for more comparison quotes, agreed to revisit.  
Concerns raised re amalgamating Babcar Committees on one website. PS looking into legality of Website use.
- v) Village Bonfire and the Playing Field Committee update, meeting held 09/12/25.
- vi) Clerks & Officer Training, Jasmine Tucker to attend VAT Thursday 4th of December.
- vii) Village Crime concerns, Alison Loker, Neighbourhood Sergeant, agreed Police to visit Babcar Hut on 24<sup>th</sup> of January (PCSO Melanie Cherrington-Ferkins to attend) time and numbers to be confirmed.
- viii) Restart a Heart, Charlotte Humber, Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, proposed training, at The Hut 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 at 11am.  
Numbers to be confirmed.

**2) Finance**

- i. Capital Reserve Account stands at £17,517.81 Current Account balance £50.
- ii. Parish Clerk Jasmine Tucker Wages £1,344, to be agreed.
- iii. SCAT Bus ring & ride £100 donation, agreed for a further year.
- iv. ICO £40.
- v. P. Sketchley £71.99 123.Reg, Website.

**3) Planning Consultation -**

- i) None

**4) Correspondence**

- i) Clerks & Officer Training Annual Governance 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026, including the new assertion 10.

- ii) Environment Agency Flood Maps now include climate-change scenarios, rec'd 27/11/25.
- iii) VAT training 05/12/25 attended by Clerk.
- iv) Payment for Dog Bins & bags, BPC or PFC, revised costs from council received, £338 plus vat per year.

5) AOB

- i) New Horse Sign "Dead Slow" has fallen down PS to look into.
- ii) VV raised concerns re stiles around the village, deemed unsafe to use, having reported problems for over a year querying who to turn to next, requested County Councillors help.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 12th of January 2026 in the Hut.

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