

Minutes (Approved)
Babcary Parish Council
Monday 10th November 2025 8pm at The Hut

Present: Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Philip Sketchley, Mr Steve Street, Mr Damien Pick, Mrs Jane Diamond, Mrs Vee Vyner, Mr Kevin Messenger (County Councillor), Mr Henry Hobhouse (County Councillor) Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk) & 1 Member of The Public.

Apologies: Mrs Glynis Kingston.

1) Matters Arising

- i) Local Government Boundary Commission no update received.
- ii) River Cary & Environment Agency Watercourse, ongoing.
Reply from EA received which provides no reassurance.
- iii) General village maintenance update, junction at Olive Farm lettering on road has will be repainted in the spring. A new horse warning sign has been put up at the A37 entry into the village.
SH in discussions with Highways re reflectors along Babcary Lane by Deer Park Farm.
- iv) Babcary Website, PS looking for more comparison quotes, agreed to revisit next parish meeting, PS still awaiting feedback from second parties.
- v) Mrs Goymer attended meeting to discuss these matters in person. Her initial concerns focused on the premature opening of the bonfire site and the types of materials being deposited and the threat to wildlife. The pallets in question were inspected and found suitable for burning.

The Parish Council has agreed to forward a number of recommendations to the Playing Field Committee (PFC) regarding preparations for next year's Village Bonfire. These include measures to help deter fly tipping, such as securing the Playing Field, providing clear guidance on what materials are appropriate for burning, and considering the installation of CCTV and a padlock on the gate.

The PFC was recommended to arrange for the removal of accumulated detritus from previous bonfire events and it was suggested that a meeting of the PFC be convened before the end of 2025 to address these matters in more detail.

- vi) Playing field gate made easier to open & close by PS, JT offered her thanks.

2) Finance

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

3) Planning Consultation - none

4) Red Lion ACV

- i) The Parish Council formally confirmed its response to the Red Lion Asset of Community Value appeal (ACV 96S) dated 29th October
- ii) For the avoidance of doubt the Parish Council resolved to confirm its previous resolutions, of 9th June 2025 and 14th July , to seek the nomination of The Red Lion Inn, Babcary as an Asset of Community Value to run from 3rd of September 2025 when the previous ACV expired.

The appeal document from the Red Lion and the Parish Council's response may be viewed on the Babcary Parish Council website (www.babcaryparishcouncil.org.uk) within the "Documents" area at the bottom of the "Minutes" Section under "Red Lion ACV appeal" and "Red Lion ACV parish response"

5) Correspondence

- i) Clerks & Officer Training, Jasmine Tucker to attend VAT Thursday 4th of December.
- ii) Restart a Heart, agree training date, time and attendance numbers.
JT requested a Saturday slot, awaiting response.
- iii) Somerset Rivers Authorities Floods up and coming events, details forwarded to FB & interested parties, rainy season is on its way!
- iv) Police contact no contact made yet, attempt to contact Somerton police.

6) AOB

- i) It was agreed that the membership and purposes of the village committees should be published in the newsletter and on the website to encourage more people to participate: Babcary Community Committee, Babcary Playing Field Committee, Babcary Parochial Church Council & Babcary Parish Council.

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

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