

## Draft Minutes March 2026

### Babcary Parish Council

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 8.00pm at The Hut**

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

Apologies: Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mr Damien Pick & Mr Henry Hobhouse (County Councillor).

February 2026 Minutes agreed & signed.

#### **1) Matters Arising**

- i) Potholes, Spring Gardens, a large pothole has been denoted by white circling but as yet no action has been seen.
- ii) Defibrillator, ideal location for secondary defib discussed as further up the village towards Foddington, as yet no viable site located, (details printed in March Babcary News appealing for another defib location by the roadside and requiring electricity). Red Lion offered their location, discussions still taking place re the perfect positioning. Parish Council still open to alternative locations, ideally in Foddington.
- iii) Parish Clerk.gov email, Jasmine to set up new email address in line with new "Assertion 10" Clerks computer to be set up.
- iv) River Cary & Environment Agency Watercourse, no further updates.
- v) Village Crime concerns, new Neighbourhood Watch team, Rory Macdairmid set up as Neighbourhood Watch controller.
- vi) Dog Refuse & bin removal quote £1216.80 (Dec 2024), free refuse bin to be refurbished. SH has negotiated fortnightly collections with Karen Barnes (Somerset Council) as opposed to the weekly removal of 3 bins. Cheque to be drawn up April 2026.
- vii) Assertion 10, PC suggested consideration of AI converting Babcary Website to ensure it is fully accessible.  
Babcary Website Accessibility is currently falling short of 2018 requirements. Phil Sketchley attempting to change current website as current package is due for renewal.  
An Accessibility Statement to be ready for April Parish meeting. (PS)
- viii) 2nd air ambulance 05/02/26, discussed charitable donation, parish agreed £50 cheque, to be written next meeting.

#### **2) Finance**

- i) Capital Reserve Account stands at £14,792.40 Current Account balance £50.

#### **3) Planning Consultation -**

- i) None

#### **4) Correspondence**

Spark & SALC Community Health Roadshow, funding opportunities beyond the precept.

**5) AOB**

- i) Kevin Messenger was keen to point out Parishioner's need to continue sending their complaints re the pot holes to Somerset Council, hopefully things will change! If you do please send details to [philsketchley8@gmail.com](mailto:philsketchley8@gmail.com) so we can keep an overall register log.
- ii) Following the Boundary Commission review of Somerset Council wards they have reversed their initial proposal to shift Babcary to the Ilchester ward and we will remain in the Castle Cary Ward.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 13th of April 2026 in the Hut.

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