

BABCARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 2026 DRAFT MINUTES

(1) Present Mr. Simon Hoar (SH), Mr. Philp Sketchley (PS), Mr. Steve Street (SS), Mrs. Glynis Kingston (GK), Mrs. Vee Vyner (VV), Mr. Damien Pick (DP), Mr. Henry Hobhouse (County Councillor), Mrs. Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk) & one Member of the Public (MP).

Apologies for absence

(2) Mrs. Jane Diamond & Mr. Kevin Messenger (County Councillor).

Specific Declarations of Interest: NONE.

(3) Matters Arising from: Parish Council Minutes, 11th May 2026 (information only)

i) Potholes, Tracy Harris (Assistant Highway Service Manager) has been contacted by PS & subsequently HH & KM, Tracy has responded & offered to meet with PS & SH drew attention to potholes that have been reported as long ago as February that still pose a danger to cars. Parishioners are still urged to report potholes & other road infringements to www.somerset.gov.uk, report it.

ii) Parish Clerk, .gov email, has been delayed due to current website being renewed. Website renewal by approved company required to add uk.gov email address.

JT has approached approved companies in order to switch to compliant website in due course.

iii) Dog refuse bin removal & multi use bin refurbishment progress, PS has painted the new bin and SH has installed a new concrete base in preparation for renewed bin.

(4) Parish Council Accounts:

Capital Reserve Account Stands at £18,699.76. Current Account Balance £50

(4.1) To resolve to pay May 2026 Hiscox (Gallagher Insurance) £443.77 cheque raised.

(4.2) Cheque made payable for £148.15 to Mr. Simon Hoar for paint costs.

(4.3) Review of the monthly accounts: As at end May 2026 & Annual Internal Audit

(4.4) Annual Governance Statement Approved (SH)

(4.5) Accounting Statements 2025/26 approved (SH)

(5) Planning Reports:

(5.1) Planning applications - received prior to Parish Council Meeting

Orchard Cottage Main Street Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7DZ. Single storey extension to rear of the house. Ref. No: 26/00937/HOU | Received: Fri 24 Apr 2026 | Validated: Thu 07 May 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision, BPC No Objections.

5.2 Land At Dilkes Lane Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7ED Conversion and change of use of stable building and barn to a dwelling with associated landscaping Open for comment icon. Ref. No: 26/00530/FUL | Received: Fri 06 Mar 2026 | Validated: Fri 06 Mar 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision

(6) Parish Clerk: Correspondence,

1) Stones in grass verge on Babcary Lane. Parts of damaged vehicle, reviewed along with potholes. Highways promised reflector posts as replacement, as yet not received, SH to follow up.

2) Broken pedestrian gate on entrance to footpath adjacent to Old School House, email received stating the gate is still usable therefore no monies will be forthcoming for its replacement.

3) NALC is looking for thoughtful input for the future Project Keystone Enquiry, mailing aimed at Parish Council, link attached sent to all Councillors.

4) Local Plan Update, Town and Parish Councillors and Clerks to attend an online briefing on 10th June @4pm to provide an update on the emerging Somerset Local Plan

5) Update re: Sarah Dyke MYMP event in Somerton (Case Ref: SD14811) Potholes PS

7) Any Other Business

7.1) HH 23/04/26 new regulations will reduce the powers of Parish Council in the planning process.

(7.2) BHF grant allocations - requests can be made from July,. Parish Council agreed to apply for a BHF grant and to proceed with purchase another defibrillator at a cost of up to £1,648 including the weatherproof box, SH. PS sourcing aluminium base for the location of defibrillator.

(7.3) Ansford Hill road will closed for 6 weeks from September to allow bridge & road embankment repairs.

Parish Council next meeting: The Hut, North Street, Babcary, TA11 7EA. Monday 13th July 2026 [items for the agenda - deadline Friday 4th July 2026]