

Draft Minutes July 2026

Babcary Parish Council

Monday 13th July 2026 8.00pm at The Hut

Present: Mr Simon Hoar (SH), Mr Phil Sketchley (PS), Mrs Vee Vyner (VV), Mrs Glynis Kingston (GK), Mr Henry Hobhouse (HH, County Councillor), Mr Steve Street (SS), Mrs Jane Diamond (JD) & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (JT, Parish Clerk).

Apologies: Mr Damien Pick and Mr Kevin Messenger (KM, County Councillor)

June 2026 Minutes agreed & signed.

1) Matters Arising

- i) Potholes, pothole near Cecil & Rita Kingston's property reported.
PS & Tracy Harris (Somerset Highways) attended village review with KM.
PS requested updates for
South Barrow Road Sunny Hill Farm, resurfacing agreed.
Foddington Road Hill, pothole outside Cecil & Rita's, Arden House.
Dilkes Lane, land movement resulting in hump in road outside Broadacre.
Stear Lane, rough stretch of road with high centre causing cars to ground esp. from bottom of Steart hill to outside Grain Stores.
Main Street, needs a complete resurface from Red Lion to Baker Street, reported.
Babcary Lane, gully outside Spring Farm partially rectified but still concerned it will degrade swiftly as deep below road surface.
Passing Places, the Council are only responsible for the area 1 meter from the edge of the road. We are permitted to fill in holes ourselves > 1 meter from road!
GK drew attention to pothole outside The Red Lion, along with proposed hedging outside of three new properties opposite.
PLEASE KEEP REPORTING THE POTHOLES TO SOUTH SOMERSET & c.c. PS.
- ii) Defibrillator, request for grant denied, Community Committee to try request.
- iii) Parish Clerk, Accessibility, ongoing.
- iv) Tim Marshwood, Heritage at Risk, Finger Posts, SH has responded and will be taking on repainting.
- v) Reflector Posts outside Deer Park Farm still to be completed, Andy Baron (Highways) aware.

2) Finance

- i) Capital Reserve account stands at £18,565.48 Current Account balance £50.
- ii) Parish Clerk Wages paid £432.
- iii) AGAR, signed & dated.
- iv) VV & JD signatory status to be requested, still in process.
- v) Jetpack invoice £114.48, paid.

3) Planning Consultation -

- i) 26/0147/S73 Steart House Farm, Steart Lane, Babcary Awaiting Decision.
- ii) 26/00530/FUL Land at end of Dilkes Lane, Babcary Awaiting Decision.

4) Correspondence

- i) Every Life Matters, Suicide Prevention, book free training, funded by South Somerset.
- ii) Changes to publication of Councillors Home Addresses. Somerset Council.
- iii) Revenues & Welfare Systems Software Downtime. Somerset Council.
- iv) Register of Members Interests, General Notice of Registerable Interests.
- v) Somerset Local Plan consultation

5) AOB

- i) Collapsed stone wall on North Street noted, owner is aware (SH).
- ii) Bonfire location has been significantly reduced, thank you DP for your input.
- iii) HH spoke about MP Sarah Dyke's £65million input for flood defences, £50 million of which still needs to be allocated, parish council putting together information re points in the village most likely to flood in a bid to secure some of the funds for Babcary/Foddington.

Footnote: Subsequently SS and HH conducted a detailed tour of area of the parish where flooding has been of concern in recent years:-

a) Perry Hill bridge b) Baker Street c) Dilkes Lane d) Steart Road and Landing e) Gasson Bridge adject to Greystones.

So if you have any concerns please raise them with your local councillor, before our next meeting on 8th as the deadline for submissions is September the 24th.

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