

BASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Baston Parish Council held on Thursday 19th June 2025 in Baston Village Hall (Barn).

Present: Chairman Cllr A. Clarke
Cllr J Groutage
Cllr M Nicholson
Cllr B Easy
Cllr G Vaughan
Cllr L Eassom

County Councillor Cllr Ashley Baxter
District Council Cllr V Smith

Apologies:

Cllr G Griffiths
Cllr M Mahabadi
Cllr P Redmore
Cllr J Kelly

Members of public present: 4

Public Forum (15 mins) website can't be found; this is in the hands of Parish clerk.

PR has written to Mr Christopher Nicoll at Heidelberg/Hansen about quarry 1 (Outgang road crossroads) re complying with planning permission for carpark, paths and access etc. Contact started in April, this is now the 5th time he has made contact; to date he has not received an answer other than a message to say Mr Nicoll was going to send a note to Parish clerk, but nothing arrived as of today.

Several Ewe-move estate agent boards in the village, these are not properties for sale but advertising the circus event at Baston Primary school in July, the boards will come down in the next couple of weeks.

Ivy on trees on Thetford Ave has been removed by LCC and one tree taken down.

Bins in layby on A15, south bound, are being used for household, green waste leading to them over flowing, similar issue on North bound was reported on Fix my street and dealt with swiftly. Cllr Baxter suggested If this is tied to a specific day SKDC might look at CCTV cameras. It is an offence to fly tip LCC will prosecute were they have evidence. Experience has shown that providing more bins doesn't address the issue.

60/25 Chairman's remarks. apologises for no paper copies of agenda, minutes being available for today's meeting, in the absence of parish clerk and only getting access to clerking material yesterday there hasn't been time to pull everything together. Copy of minutes will be posted on notice board and website asap.

61/25 Apologies for absence received- Cllr G Griffiths, Cllr M Mahabadi, Cllr P Redmore, Cllr J Kelly.

62/25 To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations. None

63/25 Minutes last of meeting held on 8th May 2025 Agreed. Proposed by Cllr Easy, seconded by Cllr M Nicholson

64/25 Matters Arising from the minutes

PTA request for donation; Cllr Eassom has a quote from Aqua loos £395 including vat. Agreed to part fund £200

Cllr Clarke is meeting next week with a website maintenance, Nettle, based in Bourne.

65/25 Clerks report on matters outstanding

Nothing to report as Clerk left our employ yesterday. An advert for a Clark will be going out shortly

66/25 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

County Councillor

106 notices; 7.5ton weight restriction is out to consultation, process should be completed end on July. Local Government Reorganisation LGR; LCC are putting together a response. There is a new administration at County since the recent county council elections, they are still learning but things are moving. The flood and management committee have been abolished with revised structuring to be introduced.

District Councillor

A report was submitted by Cllr Smith appendix A

BPFMC Representative

No update

67/25 Financial matters

a) Financial Update

Bank Reconciliation General Account		Bank Reconciliation Savings Account	
Opening balance	£35,929.34	Opening balance	£10,000.00
Less Expenses 2024/25	£ 3,737.60	Less Expenses 2024/25	0.00
Plus income	£ 0.00	Plus income	
Statement 12 th June 2025	£ 32,191.71	Statement 31st May 2025	£ 10,000.00

b) Authorisation of payments made:

Resolved

Bank date	Payee	Gross	Vat	Net	Description
13/05/25	BPFMC	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	Grant
28/05/25	Sarah Phillips	£ 385.96	£0.00	£ 385.96	Salary
28/05/25	BPFMC	£ 20.00	£0.00	£ 20.00	Hall hire
28/05/25	Lincolnshire Association	£ 165.00	£0.00	£ 165.00	Subscription
28/05/25	Gary's Gardens	£ 700.00	£0.00	£ 700.00	Grass cutting
28/05/25	D Knibbs	£ 170.00	£0.00	£170.00	Dog Bins
28/05/25	Welland Drainage	£ 5.16	£0.00	£ 5.16	Invoice
28/05/25	Zurich	£ 381.27	£0.00	£ 381.27	Insurance
28/05/25	Sarah Phillips	£ 104.99	£21.00	£ 83.99	IT Software
12/06/25	Community Cleaner	£ 305.25	£0.00	£ 305.25	Salary

c) Authorisation of upcoming payments

Payee	Gross	VAT	Net	Category / Description
Sarah Phillips	£289.47	£0.00	£289.47	Salary
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d) **To confirm approval of reconciled accounts for May 2025.** Agreed

e) **To consider any grant applications made** None

68/25 Operational Matters

a) **To consider and receive an update on the refurbishment of the bus shelters**

Positive comments have been received on the new bus shelter Cllr Clarke has written and thanked council officials for their speedy response and work in providing the bus shelter. The south bound bus shelter is in the work schedule.

b) **To consider and receive an update on the refurbishment of the village sign**

The sign has been taken down and is being looked a for next steps

c) **To consider and receive an update on the refurbishment of footpath**

Cllr Groutage has again this week contacted LCC Highways department in pursuit of answer to the original enquiry ***'Do Highways have plans to resurface and repair pavements in the village and in the event of no work being planned could the Parish council contract repairs / resurfacing work?'***. This question remains unanswered despite contacting Highways 7 times since March, by various means (telephone, CSC, Fix my street). Promises of call back or internal emails to officers has produced no response. LCC opened a Fix my street and provided a reference number, **2453703** this cannot be found by LCC .

Fix my street **4202669** stating work completed has been received but was not an item raised by Cllr Groutage.

New Fix my street **2846889** regarding progress of Fix my street **2453703** was registered 16/06/25.

Cllr Baxter advised to copy him in to communication so he can look into the matter

d) **To consider and receive an update on a village Christmas tree;**

proposed to put lights on tree on playing field at PC expense, BPFMC have turned this proposal down Cllrs Redmore & Mahabadi have asked for a meeting to see if this can be progressed.

e) **Community Speed Watch**

3 volunteers attended the training last night - with a further 4 possibly attending next session on 14th July. Parish Council agree to buy resources to set the CSW and approve Baston CSW team

Your next steps required are outlined below:

- Purchase necessary equipment – **approx. £500 Agreed today**
- Contact the CSW co-ordinator who will advise of potential locations (via What3Words) where they consider it safe for us to position ourselves
- Local team confirm locations or make alternative suggestions based on our local knowledge.
- I will set up a WhatsApp group for all members

A minimum of 3 people is required to conduct CSW activity. All must have attended the training sessions.

Cllr Groutage will enquire of Langtoft Parish Council if they would like to join forces re volunteer numbers.

69/25 Planning Matters

- a) Planning application outcomes: Only able to access planning application today. Councillors will look at and respond.
- b) Planning applications received for comments

70/25 Highways

To consider any presented speed data

Regarding the camera at Langtoft and Baston. I can confirm that they are both active camera sites and over the past twelve months have detected the following offences. It should be noted that offences includes all vehicles exceeding the speed limit by 10%+2mph above the posted speed limit, however emergency vehicles on blue lights are removed from the system (as are any false readings that are identified after the secondary checks).

1 June 24 to 31 May 25	Detected offences	Processed Offences	No Further Action	Highest processed speed
Langtoft	137	24	113	56
Baston	498	172	326	66

71/25 Village Concerns.

Rats and trees at KHS grounds continue to cause problems for neighbours. Following a Facebook post Cllr Smith visited some residence;
 22 homes share a boundary with the school. 21 homes (1 home unoccupied) were invited to complete a survey. 15 completed surveys were returned, everyone wanted something done; 13 sited problems with over-hanging branches; and tall trees; 1 stated light as an issue; 14 concerned about rats.
 The nature of concerns is regarding pigeon droppings damaging vehicles and property. Ivy killing trees and invading neighbouring gardens.
 Staff who work at KHS park on the road rather than use the carpark, its understood this is due to the risk posed to their vehicles from tree/vegetation and bird excrement as well as avoidance of rats
 5 households have approached KHS and have no response. It is generally reported that lots of people experience difficulties with interactions with land owner. Cllr Vaughan raised the matter with KHS Headteacher who has responded to say raised with the proprietor but is not getting anywhere.
 One household reported damage to a summer house caused by part of tree falling on it and damage to fence from trees, resulting in the insurance company sent out an inspector to review insurability.
 Cllr Smith has sent a report to the environmental health and community team and addressed to planning enforcement team.
 Cllr Vaughan thanked Cllr Smith for her efforts.

Reported that a Resident Mr G.W on main street is often seen and heard cutting grass verge and using leaf blower at 7am, causing a nuisance to neighbours

Dog waste bin on Thetford Ave had grass and slabs put in. If happens again we could write to residence on Thetford Ave advising them bins are not for general waste.

72/25 Correspondence

Wates development team are going to commission surveys on flooding, education provision and traffic, in preparation for 283 possible new houses adjacent to Baston fields estate.

73/25 Looking at getting new Facebook account up and running in next few days.

Items for next meeting AGAR report

Public Questions None

Future meeting dates

Thursday 10th July 2025 Apologies Cllr Clarke and Cllr Vaughan

Thursday 11th September 2025

Thursday 9th October 2025

Thursday 13th November 2025

Thursday 11th December 2025

To resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session in accordance with the **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**.

Should this resolution be passed the public and press will be required to leave the meeting at this stage

It was **RESOLVED** to go into closed session with all members of the public asked to leave.

The meeting was closed at 9pm

Signed:



Cllr Jill Groutage; Vice Chairperson

Date: 10/07/2025

APPENDIX A

Cllr Smith, District Councillor Report - June 2025

Local Government Reorganisation: Plans to see abolition of the two tier system of District and County Councils replaced by single tier unitary authorities of around 500,000. Due for completion by 2028 but many uncertainties. SKDC are running information evenings for Town and Parish Councillors (11 June Deeping, 18 June Bourne, 17 and 23 June Grantham, 22 July Stamford)

(LGR is different to...) Devolution: We are now part of the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority with oversight from our newly elected Reform Mayor

Local Plan Consultation on additional sites is due early July 2025. This is the Regulation 18 stage of the local plan. These additional sites are needed due to the increase in house building targets as set out by central government. This means SKDC have been asked to deliver 886 per year up from 701 per year (previous

government target) for the plan period 2023-2043. Across the district this means that 17,720 homes need to be delivered during this time. Land earmarked for housing locally: Deeping 1890 (previous 971), Stamford 1850, Bourne 1037 (previous 457) Baston 283 (from 86), Langtoft remains 55, Thurlby remains 136 (and 1,055 for Deeping from the Peterborough local plan)

Current consultations <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/consultations>

Current consultation on Encouraging Biodiversity, closes 30th June

SK Today: The next edition of SK Today will soon be online. The cover features the new colourful bin wagons.

Inside stories include updates on CCTV, Great Big Spring Clean, FixMyStreet and other news. I would encourage residents to subscribe. SKToday subscribers also get informed about other council events and consultations.

Food waste collection: From 2026 as part of a national directive. Households will be given two bins (kitchen and outdoor) and a supply of liners. Collections will be weekly on usual bin day

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/types-waste/food-waste/5> Further details to follow.

SKDC are changing their bin routes later in the year. This may result in a change of collection day for residents.

Over the past 12 years many houses have been built across the district and bin routes need to be updated as a result. Further information will follow through various news channels. Households will also be written to.

NSIPs: It is anticipated that construction work on Mallard Pass may begin within the next 12 months. Kilinside:

New proposal for up to 400MW solar farm next Great Casterton (Mallard Pass 350MW). Public consultation via

Webinair 18th and 23rd June. <https://kilinsideenergypark.co.uk/> National Grid upgrade: Weston Marsh to East

Leicestershire, likely to pass north of Bourne near Morton <https://www.nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade/weston-marsh-to-east-leicestershire>

Baston Specific:

Hedges along Chesham and Mayfield: After concerns raised on social media I called on residents who share a boundary with Kirkstone House School to better understand the problem faced. I distributed a short survey to affected houses and will be submitting my finding to the environmental health, community and planning enforcement teams at SKDC in the hope that action can be taken to resolve the matter.

Speeding: I have been contacted to find out whether anything can be done to reduce the speeding on Maltby Drive. Speed bumps were suggested by the resident. Does the Parish

Council have a mobile monitoring camera it could perhaps use in the first instance to gather some data?

Baston site allocated within the draft local plan as above. I asked submitted a comment to cabinet expressing concerns about such a large site. It will put pressure on infrastructure, particularly the A15, which is already hazardous. It is also very close to the fields that have flooded in the last two winters. I would encourage residents to comment when the consultation opens.

End

Cllr Vanessa Smith

Casewick Ward

South Kesteven District Council