

## **BASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Baston Parish Council held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in Baston Village Hall (Barn).

**Present:**

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| Chairman            | Cllr A Clarke<br>Cllr P Redmore<br>Cllr J Groutage<br>Cllr B Easy<br>Cllr M Mahabadi<br>Cllr G Vaughan<br>Cllr L Eassom<br>Cllr M Nicholson |
| District Councillor | Cllr Ashley Baxter<br>Cllr V Smith apologies                                                                                                |

**Apologies:**

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|  | Cllr G Griffiths<br>Mrs S Phillips Clerk |
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**Election of Chairperson** and Signature of Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form 44/25.  
Cllr Clarke nominated by Cllr Vaughan; seconded by Cllr Nicholson - **Agreed**

**Election of Vice Chairman** Jill Groutage nominated by Cllr Eassom; seconded by Cllr Mahabadi - **Agreed**

**Members of public present:** 4

Public Forum (15 mins)

A member of the public (PR) has been in email contact with Hanson re: quarry. A map of footpaths around the village was shared with Councillors. There had been a chance encounter with SKDC personal viewing foot paths. The original planning permission restoration plan was not only for a car park but also for a footpath around the lake with a certain % of be disabled accessible. It was questioned if LCC are also enforcing this requirement. 15 trees on Thetford Ave, the 5 trees by the allotment are covered I ivy and in need of attention, questioned who is responsible for these trees. Cllr Eassom will put photos and location on "Fix my street".

### **29/25 Chairman's remarks**

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all those present, he thanked councillors for their service over past year. There is 1 Parish Cllr vacancy, 1 person believed to have expressed interest via email to Clerk.

### **30/25 Apologies for absence received-** Cllr G Griffiths

### **31/25 To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations**

Cllr Eassom member of PTA, donation request on the agenda

### **32/25 Minutes last of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025 approved**

### 33/25 Matters Arising from the minutes

Cllr Mahabadi asked about progress of Website, unfortunately in the absence of the clerk no current update is available.

### 34/25 Clerks report on matters outstanding

None.

### 35/25 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

#### County Councillor

Cllr Baxter presented a verbal report. Thanks to those who participated in recent election, in both helping with election process and turning out to vote

Weight limit public consult imminent; it will be as long as it takes to put up a sign.

Highways foot-crossing near Maltby Drive 1-5 priority rating. This is somewhere in middle of the selection rating..

Quarry – no news

Greatford Quarry back to square one in terms of planning application and process.

Blue pipes – Anglia water; something is happening with work being brought forward, not known when anything locally will be seen.

Housing local plan- since the consultation last year the number of houses required has increased.

Local gov reorganisation- not clear if mayor and LCC have a view as to which of the 3 proposed plans they will go with.

Cycling paths – there is an oven ready scheme for Bourne and Deeping but is awaiting money.

Cllr Groutage asked if 106 in local plan could support cycle paths, advised PC to have a wish list ready.

Cllr Clarke raised Baston no1 quarry restoration- for carpark and path around the lake. Cllr Clarke will send Cllr Baxter email with details.

A member of the public has written to Chris at Hansson, re the quarry restoration, Chris is talking to LCC about next step and will come back with update to correspondent.

#### District Councillor

A report was submitted by Cllr Smith appendix

#### BPFMC Representative

Apologies were received from the representative. No update since last meeting

### 36/25 Financial matters

#### a) Financial update

#### b) Authorisation of payments made:

##### **Resolved**

| Payee    | Gross   | Vat   | Net     | Description |
|----------|---------|-------|---------|-------------|
| BPFMC    | £20.00  | £0.00 | £00.00  | Room hire   |
| D Knibbs | £170.00 | £0.00 | £170.00 | Dog waste   |

#### c) Authorisation of upcoming payments

| Payee          | Gross   | VAT   | Net     | Category / Description                     |
|----------------|---------|-------|---------|--------------------------------------------|
| Sarah Phillips | £498.56 | £0.00 | £498.56 | Salary – May (including HMRC contribution) |

#### d) To confirm approval of reconciled accounts for March 2025

Cllr Clarke confirmed Transfer WMTT £437.00 refers to interest on savings account (18 months, this is the first payment (12 months) a second and final interest (6months) is due in Oct 25.

Cllr Groutage draw attention to difference in amount in recording of Clerk salary above and reconciliation of account document.

The reconciled accounts were seen and approved.

- e) To consider and approve insurance quotation for payment (£381.27) **accepted**.

(f) To consider any grant applications made – PTA emailed to request support for a Circus event to take place at the school. 2 shows for school and wider community, looking for support for porta loo. Cllr Eassom will talk to PTA about Aqua loo at Wilsthorpe which may be cheaper.

PTA is voluntary organisation and as such the PC can make a donation.

Cllr Mahabadi proposed in principle to donation – seconded by Cllr Clarke with the proviso the level of donation will be agreed once the final cost is known and the PC will donate a percentage of the cost.

53/25. Election of Committee members (Personnel) 54/25.

Cllr G Vaughan; Cllr Clarke; Cllr Groutage. **elected**

### **37/25 Operational Matters**

- a) update on the refurbishment of the bus shelters  
Cllr Clarke reported LCC has agreed to instal a new bus shelter on south bound A15, this will be instated closer to lights and stone wall, this is due to happen on 28<sup>th</sup> May. The Northbound shelter has been cleaned and improved. We will be getting a new one on northbound side in about 18months due to the narrow pavement and a bespoke shelter will need to be ordered.
- b) update on the refurbishment of the village sign  
Cllrs met with maker of sign who will take it down and give us report as to whether new or refurbish sign is needed.
- c) update on the refurbishment of footpaths  
Cllr Groutage telephoned SKDC today for an update, an internal message will be sent to highway, if not heard in 7 days call back again
- d) Update on Baston Christmas Tree  
Pinetree in car park of the Barn, PS Hire company have looked at tree, the lights will be a permanent feature, there are a few options to consider. PS Hire will send quotes.

### **38/25 Planning Matters**

- a) Planning application outcomes: Webster Proposed single storey link extension between existing dwelling and barn and conversion/alterations to barn to change to residential accommodation  
5 Main Street Baston Lincolnshire PE6 9PA
- b) Planning applications received for comments  
Main street thatch changed to pantile **no objection**.

### **39/25 Highways**

a) presented speed data

Cllr Nicholson is collating data and will send out. Needs to go on Baston community & Parrish council Facebook sites

Battery low charge on speed indicator sign (beyond school,) the solar panel may need turning around so out of tree line Cllr Redmore will investigate.

b) Update from Community Speed Watch

Cllr Groutage has emailed Jan Whitbourn re dates for training

To consider agenda items for the next meeting Public Questions (10 minutes)

**40/25 Village Concerns**

Infestation of rats at Kirkstone House School (KHS) reported to DFE, Independent School Inspectorate (ISI) and environment health. Site of infestation is close to KHS canteen, kitchen and cookery rooms. Cllr Vaughan spoke to a school representative who will speak to the proprietor. Cllr Vaughan also raised hight tree issue, the rep requested a quote be sent.

Metal posts on grass verge next to end of the school drive, a resident put the posts there to alert children to nearness of road, questioned if the posts pose a danger should a child fall on them. Resident to consider removing the posts.

**41/25 Correspondence**

Watts have emailed Cllr Clarke on progress of their planning application to build housing on land called Baston Green, advised local public service/infrastructure provision surveys etc have been commissioned.

**42/25 To consider agenda items for the next meeting**

None.

**Public Questions**

None

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 8.50pm

Signed:

Date:

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Cllr Smith, District Councillor Report - May 2025**

**Local elections:** No change to locally elected representatives although the overall control of Lincolnshire County Council has now changed from Conservative to Reform. Lincolnshire now has a Reform Mayor. What this all means for us locally remains to be seen.

**SKDC Public Consultations:** Currently there is a consultation for council house tenants on SKDC's policy relating to the temporary moving out of tenants in order to carry out major works on property. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/skdecant2025>

**Local Plan Consultation** on additional sites is due June/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 895 per year up from 701 per year (previous government target).

**Baston Specific:** Nothing to report.

**End**