

BASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Baston Parish Council held on Thursday 11th September in Baston Village Hall (Barn).

Present:	Chairman	Cllr A. Clarke Cllr B Easy Cllr G Griffiths Cllr M Mahabadi Cllr M Nicholson Cllr G Vaughan
	County Council District Council	Cllr A Baxter APOLOGIES Cllr V Smith Cllr R Trollope-Bellew APOLOGIESs

Apologies:	Cllr L Eassom Cllr J Groutage Cllr P Redmore
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Members of public present : 6

Public forum:

Is there anything that can be done to elevate the issue of cars parking along main street (now that the schools have returned)? What about a bylaw to minimise the amount of time cars are parked or charge for parking? Could BPFMC increase the 'hatching' for the entrance to the Barn as cars very closely to the dropped kerb.

Action: Cllr Clarke to send email to the highways

Question was asked how many people sent objections to SKDC for the propose housing plan – currently this information is not available. Cllr Smith confirmed there is a planned meeting for October when Regulation 19 will be issued for another consultation potentially in January 2026.

Can we post the PC response to the Wates Development on the PC website

Action: Clerk to send the document to be uploaded on the website

88/25 Chairman's remarks:

Welcomed members of the public and introduced the new clerk to the group, also confirmed discussion re CEMEX is an agenda item.

89/25 Apologies for absence received:

Cllr J Groutage, Cllr P Redmore, Cllr L Eassom

90/26 Introduction of new Councillors (Signature of Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form)

2 new councillors were appointed to the PC:

- Ray Whitehead (proposed by Cllr Vaughan/seconded by Cllr Griffiths) unanimous approval
- Stephanie Minn (proposed by Cllr Vaughan/seconded by Cllr Griffiths) unanimous approval
- Signature of Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form 44/25

91/25 To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations.

92/25 Minutes of last meeting:

Held on 10th July 2025 (proposed approval by Cllr Griffiths/seconded by Cllr Nicholson)
Action: Clerk to send the document to be uploaded on the website

93/25 Matters arising from minutes

PC new website is now 'live'

Bin in Thetford Avenue is still being mis-used (this time with windfall apples!) Cllr Griffiths did put on a notice but this is no longer there. SKDC are rolling out food waste bins from end March – but Baston likely to get them mid-April 2026 (this may help).

Action: Cllr Griffiths to put another notice.

It has also been flagged to SKDC that the A15 layby is a hotspot for fly tipping.

No response received as yet re AGAR submission.

Cllr Groutage met with highways officers to walk the village and identified a number of sites for improvements to footpaths. These have been marked up and should be completed within 3-4 months (some easier to fix than others). Highways officers confirmed that the Parish Council are not allowed to carry out repairs or fund this activity.

94/25 Clerks report on matters outstanding: None

95/25 To receive reports from representations on outside bodies:

County Councillor A Baxter

Apologies received

District Councillor V Smith

A report was submitted by Cllr Smith appendix A

Attended a meeting at Langtoft who have asked for '30 speed roundals' be to be painted in/out of the village. Will also request '40 speed roundals' on the A15 for Langtoft and Baston.

96/25 Financial matters:

(a) Financial Update: July

(reserves account matured and has been reinvested with the interest also of £551.94)

Bank Reconciliation General Account		Bank Reconciliation Savings Account	
Opening balance	£30,605.74	Opening balance	£10,551.94
Less expenditure	-£3,349.76	Less expenditure	0
Plus income	0	Balance 31 July 2025	£10,551.94
Statement 31 July 2025	£27,255.98		

(a) Financial Update: August

(HMRC Vat refund for 2023/24 and 2024/25 has been refunded plus SKDC grass cutting has been reclaimed after invoice had to be submitted)

Bank Reconciliation General Account		Bank Reconciliation Savings Account	
Opening balance	£27,255.98	Opening balance	£10,551.94
Less expenditure	-£455.33	Less expenditure	0
		Balance 31 July 2025	£10,551.94

Plus income	£5,235.91	
Statement 31 July 2025	£32,036.566	

(b) Authorisation of payments made: July (resolved)

Bank Date	Payee	Gross	VAT	Net	Details
4.07.25	BPFMC	-£20.00	£0.00	-£20.00	Room Hire (June)
14.07.25	Lincolnshire	-£330.00	-£55.00	-£275.00	Internal audit
15.07.25	HMRC	-£106.29	£0.00	-£106.29	Clerks tax - April
15.07.25	HMRC	-£106.49	£0.00	-£106.49	Clerks tax - May
16.07.25	Garys Gardens	-£700.00	£0.00	-£700.00	Grass Cutting (May/June)
16.07.25	Garys Gardens	-£700.00	£0.00	-£700.00	Grass Cutting (June/July)
16.07.25	LaserTech UK	-£352.80	-£58.80	-£294.00	Community Speed Watch Equipment (radar)
21.07.25	Lloyds Bank	-£4.25	£0.00	-£4.25	Bank monthly service charges
25.07.25	Protect Signs	-£225.02	-£37.50	-£168.52	Community Speed Watch Equipment (signs)
28.07.25	HowSafe	-£122.92	-£20.50	-£102.42	Community Speed Watch Equipment (jackets)
28.07.25	Clerks Wages	-£33.97	£0.00	-£33.97	Salary (backpay - pay rise from 1/4 to 18/6)
29.07.25	Bank Transfer	-£10,551.94	£0.00	-£10,551.94	PC Reserves (new fixed-term deposit acc)
29.07.25	Bank Transfer	£10,114.94	£0.00	£10,114.94	PC Reserves (from old fixed-term deposit acc)
30.07.25	HMRC	-£8.61	£0.00	-£8.61	Clerks tax (backpay)
30.07.25	McAfee	-£64.99	£0.00	-£64.99	Security software (2 year subscription)
30.07.25	Glasdon	-£65.18	-£10.86	-£54.32	Dog bin bags
30.07.25	HMRC	-£72.24	£0.00	£72.24	Clerks tax - June

(b) Authorisation of payments made: August (resolved)

Bank Date	Payee	Gross	VAT	Net	Details
4.08.25	D Knibbs	-£170.00	£0.00	-£170.00	Dog bins (July charges)
8.08.25	D Knibbs	-£170.00	£0.00	-£170.00	Dog bins (May charges)
8.08.25	A Clarke	-£14.70	£0.00	-£14.70	Stationery costs
8.08.25	Post Office	-£5.60	£0.00	-£5.60	Postage costs (HMRC VAT refund request 2023/4)
14.08.25	Post Office	-£5.60	£0.00	-£5.60	Postage costs (HMRC VAT refund request 2024/5)
15.08.25	BPFMC	-£20.00	£0.00	-£20.00	Hall hire charges (July)
18.08.25	HMRC	£2,029.15	£0.00	£2,029.15	VAT Refund (2023/24)
19.08.25	Lloyds Bank	-£4.25	£0.00	-£4.25	Monthly service charge
20.08.25	Baston Parish Council	£4.24	£0.00	£4.24	Debit card cashback
21.08.25	HMRC	£1,053.45	£0.00	£1,053.45	VAT Refund (2024/25)
27.08.25	Lincolnshire County Council	£2,149.07	£0.00	£2,149.07	Annual grass-cutting allowance
28.08.25	Glasdon	-£65.18	-£10.86	-£54.32	Dog bin bags

(c) Reconciled accounts for July/August 2025

Agreed

(d) Authorisation of upcoming payments:

- (a) Naturehood website £20
Collaboration of volunteers from Baston, Langtoft and Thurlby supported by Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
Proposed Cllr Nicholson/Seconded Cllr Griffiths
- (b) Radar speed signs extended warranty £199+VAT (3 year contract)
Two of the signs are now out of warranty and after debate regarding battery life it was agreed to go ahead due to the cost of the signs.
Proposed Cllr Griffiths/Seconded Cllr Mahabadi
Action: Cllr Nicholson to look at battery costs plus request software update
Action: Cllr Redmore to sign warranty contract

97/25 Operational matters:

Footpaths to be refurbished (as earlier in the report)

Baston village sign – still planned to refurbish

Action: Cllr Griffiths to contact supplier for quote and timeframe

Community Speed Watch equipment has been purchased and highways have approved locations where the team will be positioned.

Action: Clerk to arrange volunteer meeting to review equipment/locations and agree dates/times plus also write post for social media

98/25 Planning matters

(a) Cemex/Thetford Farm Quarry

Email received from E Pearman (Principal Development Planner) to PC providing update on Cemex/Theford Farm quarry application.

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Regulation 25 request: Cemex have carried out additional water monitoring of the Reiver Glen and SSSI and they believe the information they have provide addresses concerns raised.

Historic England had concerns about the haul road crossing the Carr Dyke – there will be a short section of bridge over it where the haul road crosses onto the site.

The infill proposal was not acceptable and this has now been removed from the proposal which means:

- Fewer HGV movements than previously proposed
- Less noise than previously proposed as the crusher/screener for recycled material has been removed
- Less potential for dust
- Less visual impact with fewer items of plant
- Shorter duration of development (8-10 years extraction plus 1 year to finalise planting rather than 2 years to restore)
- It does mean more water-based restoration

Proposed vehicle movement is 53 HGVs (106 movements) reduced from 73 HGVs (146 movements)

The air quality assessment has been updated with the latest background data from Defra and emissions from visible dust, as well as NO₂, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} have been assessed. A dust management plan has been submitted.

Noise levels at the school playing field will be significantly below the World Health Organisation's recommended limited for outdoor playgrounds.

The planning permission for Greatford has now expired and the site at West Deeping is close to exhaustion.

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This quarry does not appear in the Local Plan for mineral extraction.

Greatford quarry did not go ahead because the widening of King Street did not happen (had a 3-year timeframe which has expired).

A new site has been approved for West Deeping.

County officers will review all the proposed new detail provided.

Does it address all the environmental concerns and what about Nature England?

Action: Cllr Smith and Cllr Clarke to chase Cllr Baxter for his view)

What is being extracted and where will it go?

Highways have said no issue with A15 traffic – but we know it will be a major problem. Can we target highways – although this probably would mean a county-wide infrastructure system.

You can still lodge objections again? Will there be another public consultation?
<https://lincolnshire.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display?applicationNumber=PL%2F0070%2F23>

Who else have been advised of the revised application?

Action Cllr Clarke to email Cemex find out and also ask to release email correspondence onto PC website

If this goes ahead is the plant monitored to ensure vehicle movement remains at the level in their application. No although this can be raised with Planning Officers if it is considered in the future vehicle movements are not in line with the planning application.

Another point of concern – whilst this is for 8-10 years – they could apply for extension as other quarries have done.

(b) S25/1442 – Baston Cattery

No objection

99/25 Highways

No objections were received during the consultation and advert stages for the Baston and Langtoft Weight Limit and the scheme can now be introduced.

LCC have recently visited the site with regards to signing the scheme and have requested costings for illuminating eight of the required signs. These are the ones that will be located at the A15 crossroads in both Baston and Langtoft and I am therefore waiting to hear back with the details on these.

They are also sorting out sign designs for around 12 new weight limit/direction signs for various junctions in the area to inform drivers of the new restriction.

Therefore, I don't have a date for when the signs will be up on site, but bear with us and we will get this resourced as soon as possible.

100/25 Village concerns

Empty houses – SKDC are aware and visited the village during June/July and held discussion with land owner. There is no further action we can take.

The tubs around the village sign have been emptied but need some repair/treatment and also need some to take ownership of planting them.

Action: Ask for volunteers on facebook

101/25 Correspondence

None

102/25 Agenda items for next meeting:

Proposed October meeting is moved to 16th (due to holidays) – AGREED

Public questions:

Are the councillors happy to share where they live in the village – is there an equal representation by location?

Councillors responded and there is an good split of locations.

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

CLOSED SESSION

- Councillors agreed with the terms of employment for the new clerk presented by the Personnel Committee
- Councillors agreed to proposal 2 re BPFMC

The meeting was closed at 9:00 pm

Signed: Cllr A Clarke - Chairperson

Date: 16/10/2025

APPENDIX A

CLlr Smith, District Councillor Report – August/September 2025

Local Government Reorganisation: No further updates Recent Local Plan Consultation: Now closed. There will be another consultation on the final draft (Regulation 19 stage) in Spring 2026 before finally being submitted to the National Planning Inspectorate at the end of the year.

Current consultations <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/consultations> (Council Tax Support scheme - runs until 30th September).

Food waste collection: From 2026 as part of a national directive. Households will be given two bins (kitchen and outdoor), likely distributed Jan 2026. Further details <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/types-waste/food-waste/5>

Updated bin routes: please let me know if residents have experienced any problems with this.

Baston Specific:

- Weight limit
I have made enquiries with officers as to when residents can expect to see signage
- Empty Houses
Matter being investigated by SKDC Empty Homes Officer
- Hedges
Residents will need to pursue as a civil matter.
- Baston Number 1 Quarry
LCC officers working to ensure section 106 agreement upheld, update passed on to clerk.

End

CLlr Vanessa Smith

Casewick Ward

South Kesteven District Council