

BASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Baston Parish Council held on Thursday 16th October 2025 in Baston Village Hall (Barn).

Present:	Chairman	Cllr A Clarke Cllr B Easy Cllr J Groutage Cllr S Minn Cllr M Nicholson Cllr R Whitehead
	County Council District Council	Cllr A Baxter APOLOGIES Cllr V Smith Cllr R Trollope-Bellew

Apologies:	Cllr L Eassom Cllr G Griffiths Cllr M Mahabadi Cllr P Redmore Cllr G Vaughan
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Members of public present : 8

Public forum:

BPFMC confirmed they have asked Highways to paint lines on entrance to the Barn (as vehicle had issue accessing the site due to amount of cars parked). Kirkstone House have asked the teachers not to park on the roadway.

The Cemex/Thetford Farm quarry planning application was discussed in detail:

- Consultation period ends on 25 October 2025 (despite previously advised 17 October)
- Cemex had 2-years to respond to initial objections – can we ask for an extension of time?
- Cemex initially said ‘NO’ to another public consultation, but it looks like pressure from Baston PC, Councillors and Local MP Alicia Kearne has resulted in their agreement to hold a ‘Public Exhibition’ at The Barn - waiting for further info re date to share with residents.
- A15 is a major concern and Cemex have only used accident information for 5 years – despite 2 fatalities in the last 10 years!
County are currently saying traffic on the A15 is not a problem – but this is not shared by the residents and the National Planning Authority tend to go with County recommendations. We would need to commission a traffic report which provides hard evidence to counter this.
- Cemex haven’t answered all objections and some responses are incomplete; plus no mention of the Spiny Loach.

One resident had a ‘near miss’ on the A15 traffic lights en route to the PC meeting when despite the lights being on red a car went straight through whilst resident in the road.

103/25 Chairman’s remarks:

Welcomed members of the public confirmed discussion re CEMEX is an agenda item.

104/25 Apologies for absence received:

County Council Cllr A Baxter, Cllr L Eassom, Cllr G Griffiths, Cllr M Mahabadi, Cllr P Redmore, Cllr G Vaughan

105/25 To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations.

106/25 Minutes of last meeting:

Held on 11th September 2025 – proposed approval by Cllr Minn/seconded by Cllr Whitehead / approved by all Councillors present.

107/25 Matters arising from minutes

The A15 layby is a hotspot for fly tipping – Cllr Smith to liaise to see what action can be taken as reports are being submitted weekly.

Baston village sign has been removed for repair/upgrade – currently awaiting quotation.

Weight limit has been accepted but signs need to be illuminated – proposed timeframe for installation is mid Feb/March 2026.

Work has begun on repairing paths in the village.

108/25 Clerks report on matters outstanding:

Resident had raised parking issue at the Black Horse with pathway inaccessible for pushchairs/ wheelchairs. This was highlighted to Highways who have responded quickly. Cllr Easy advised white-line painting was completed one evening.

The 40mph roundals on the A15 were completed incorrectly – both at Langtoft – but highways have confirmed they will paint these for entrance to Baston also.

Two allotments have been handed back and reallocated to people on the waiting list.

Email received from RBLI regarding ‘Remembrance Tommy Lamp post signs’ Councillors in agreement to have these on Main Street/Greatford Road.

Action: Cllr Clarke to count lamp posts / PC Clerk to order and once received ask Councillors who can help put these up.

Opportunity for grant to plant up to 5 fruit trees to create a small orchard in the village. Agreed there is no suitable location in Baston for this.

Road closure notification 3rd to 10th November on Baston Outgang Road (between PMK Recycling and Enduramaxx)

Action: PC Clerk to put notice on Baston Community facebook page to advise residents

109/25 To receive reports from representations on outside bodies:

County Councillor A Baxter

Apologies received

District Councillor V Smith

See appendix A

District Councillor R Trollope-Bellew

The current routing for HGVs for Mallard Pass is A1 – exit at Great Casterton. At a recent meeting it was discussed A1 – exit Peterborough and A15 to Bourne; which would further add to A15 traffic movement. There was a compulsory purchase for land at Great Casterton to widen road so doesn't think routing will change but it is something to be aware of.

110/25 Financial matters:**(a) Financial Update**

Second payment of Precept has been received.

Bank Reconciliation General Account		Bank Reconciliation Savings Account	
Opening balance	£32,036.56	Opening balance	£10,551.94
Less expenditure	-£3,057.32	Less expenditure	0
Plus income	0	Balance 31 July 2025	£10,551.94
Statement 30 Sept 2025	£29,024.24		

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

Bank Date	Payee	Gross	VAT	Net	Details
1.09.25	Amazon Marketplace	-£69.00	-£10.25	-£58.75	External hard drive
3.09.25	D Knibbs	-£170.00	£0.00	-£170.00	Dog bins (August charges)
10.09.25	LALC	-£96.00	-£16.00	-£80.00	Advert placement (clerk vacancy)
10.09.25	Garys Gardens	-£750.00	£0.00	-£750.00	Grass Cutting (July/Aug/Sept)
11.09.26	Community Cleaner	-£476.19	£0.00	-£476.19	Salary
17.09.25	BPFMC	-£30.00	£0.00	-£30.00	Hall hire charges (August)
17.09.25	Concept Design	-£1,195.19	-£199.20	-£995.99	Website creation/annual hosting and maintenance
17.09.25	Naturehood	-£20.80	£0.00	-£20.80	Website hosting (agreed % contribution)
19.09.25	Lloyds Bank	-£4.25	£0.00	-£4.25	Monthly service charge
23.09.25	Ean City	-£75.89	-£12.65	-£63.24	Extended warranty charge
29.09.25	D Knibbs	-£170.00	£0.00	-£170.00	Dog bins (September charges)
29.09.25	Hall (Plot 3A/B)	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	Allotment rental
29.09.25	Riotto (Plot 8B)	£5.00	£0.00	£5.00	Allotment rental
29.09.25	Bunch (Plot 2)	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	Allotment rental
29.09.25	Lovelle (Plot 9)	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	Allotment rental
29.09.25	Colbourn (Plot 7)	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	Allotment rental

(c) Reconciled accounts for September 2025

Confirmed that the website spend is for full 12 months hosting/monthly updates.

Accounts agreed – signed by Cllr Clarke and counter-signed by Cllr Nicholson (Financial Officer).

(d) Authorisation of upcoming payments:

Request for funding 2 residents attending Scout Jamboree in 2026 – councillors agreed £25 per attendee from Baston.

111/25 Operational matters:

AGAR has finally been approved by PK Littlejohn (external auditors) after a lot of correspondence due to previous errors; plus the requirement to see bank statements and records of savings account investment. All documentation has been posted onto PC website and there were some recommendations required regarding standing orders and policies which will be reviewed and updated in readiness for next audit.

LALC to conduct next 2 year's audit with fixed fee of £280.

Action: Cllr Clarke to work with Parish Clerk to update

One of the recommendations from AGAR is that the Baston Parish Council is not registered with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO).

Action: Cllr Clarke to register

112/25 Planning matters

Cemex/Thetford Farm Quarry

Waiting confirmation of date for Cemex 'Public Exhibition' – will advise as soon as received.

Cemex new documentation submitted is reliant on Planning Authority investigation.

Proposed demand on A15 has increased since their initial application due to recent house planning applications.

Need residents to register their objections so more voices are heard.

112/25 Highways

Cllrs met with Highways Officer and had a good discussion:

- The noisy manholes continue to be a problem and highways have written to Anglia Water as it is their responsibility to fix these.
- Pavement repairs have started with others marked-up in readiness.
- Highways have confirmed that budget has been moved to rural areas in Lincolnshire so only minimal work will be undertaken (and it is not their decision – they just carry out the work instructed).
- Church Street has already been approved and Greatford Road has had a couple of repairs but will not be resurfaced.

113/25 Village concerns

Thetford Avenue has some low branches which are hitting cars. Needs to be reported to FixMyStreet.

Action: Cllr Clarke to take photos and submit on website.

Some residents have been without telephone/Wi-Fi for up to 7 weeks. Apparently down to theft of equipment (copper) from Greatford. MP has been helping to resolve and installation of secure cabling is underway to prevent this.

Cllr Groutage confirmed happy to be Parish Council representative at BPFMC meetings.

Action: BPFMC chair to confirm

114/25 Correspondence

Two letters received raising objections to Cemex/Thetford Farm quarry.

Action: Clerk to scan and post onto planning application

102/25 Agenda items for next meeting:

- 2025/26 income and expenditure forecast
- 2026/27 budget setting
- Precept proposal (dependent upon budget may remain the same as 2025/26).
This needs to be submitted in January so need an agreed decision in December.

Proposed November meeting is moved to 20th (due to contractors on site at The Barn) – AGREED

The meeting was closed at 8:30 pm

Signed: Cllr A Clarke – Chairperson

Date: 20/11/2025

Future meeting dates for Baston Parish Council:

Thursday 11th December 2025

APPENDIX A

Cllr Smith, District Councillor Report – October 2025

No written report submitted but comments at Baston Parish Council meeting:

Local Government Reorganisation decision to be made by National Government.

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

Baston Specific:

- Smell from plastic factory has been reported to the Environmental Health Agency.

Cllr Vanessa Smith

Casewick Ward

South Kesteven District Council