

BASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Baston Parish Council held on Thursday 11th December 2025 in Baston Village Hall (Barn).

Present:

Cllr B Easy
Cllr G Griffiths
Cllr J Groutage
Cllr M Mahabadi
Cllr S Minn
Cllr M Nicholson
Cllr P Redmore
Cllr R Whitehead

County Council Cllr A Baxter - APOLOGIES
District Council Cllr V Smith
 Cllr R Trollope-Bellew - APOLOGIES

Apologies:

Chairman Cllr A Clarke
 Cllr L Eassom
 Cllr G Vaughan

Members of public present : 8

Public forum:

Cemex/Thetford Farm quarry – noted that LCC/Wildlife Trust approval letters are on the planning application. No feedback following LCC reference (noted in November meeting) – it has been 4 weeks. On the application it states LCC own the land (and will be sublet to Cemex) but no reference to who owns North Meadow Drive.

Baston Field (Whatoff Road/Maltby Drive/Greatford Road) – 4 people seen walking the site Thursday 11 December with clipboards – this is the site proposed by Wates for 283 new homes.

132/25 Chairman's remarks:

Welcomed members of the public.

133/25 Apologies for absence received:

County Councillor A Baxter, District Council Cllr R Trollope-Bellew, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Eassom and Cllr Vaughan.

134/25 To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations.

135/25 Minutes of last meeting:

A few comments received from members of the public which were circulated to councillors.
Held on 20th November 2025 – proposed approval by Cllr Easy/seconded by Cllr Griffiths – as a true record of meeting.

136/25 Matters arising from minutes

Need to chase highways for a response to better lighting on the A15 pedestrian crossing after near misses reported to the council.

Action: Cllr Clarke

137/25 Clerks report on matters outstanding:

Still need to action the memorial bench for Cllr Jim Kelly.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Clarke

138/25 To receive reports from representations on outside bodies:

County Councillor A Baxter

Apologies given

District Councillor V Smith

See appendix A

District Councillor R Trollope-Bellew

Apologies given

139/25 Financial matters:

(a) Financial Update

LCC have now paid the 2025/26 grass-cutting allowance after invoice submitted against their PO. This will show in December statement.

Bank Reconciliation General Account	Bank Reconciliation Savings Account
Opening balance	£39,382.52
Less expenditure	-£1,979.36
Plus income	£10.00
Statement 30 Nov 2025	£37,413.16

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

Date on Bank Statement	Payee	Gross	VAT	Net	Category / Description
3.11.25	D Knibbs	-£170.00	£0.00	-£170.00	Dog bins (October charges)
3.11.25	E Clarke - Parish Clerk	-£540.00	£0.00	-£540.00	Salary (October)
7.11.25	BPFMC	-£20.00	£0.00	-£20.00	Hall rental (October)
7.11.25	E Clarke - Parish Clerk	-£60.00	£0.00	-£60.00	Royal British Legion (Remembrance)
7.11.25	The White Horse	-£13.85	£0.00	-£13.85	CSW meeting (refreshments)
11.11.25	Garys Gardens	-£700.00	£0.00	-£700.00	Grass cutting (October/November)
12.11.25	HowSafe	-£122.91	-£20.49	-£102.42	CSW equipment
13.11.25	Amazon	-£8.69	-£1.45	-£7.24	Stationery
		-£9.99	-£1.67	-£8.32	Stationery
18.11.25	Lloyds Bank	-£4.25	£0.00	-£4.25	Monthly service fee
21.11.25	D Woodcock (Plot 1)	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	Allotment rental
24.11.25	Community cleaner	-£329.67	£0.00	-£329.67	Salary

(c) Reconciled accounts for November 2025

Accounts agreed – signed by Cllr Groutage and counter-signed by Cllr Nicholson.

(d) Authorisation of upcoming payments:

The defib located at The Barn needed a new battery – approved/fitted.

Request from Deeping Football 3G Pitch for £1,500 was discussed. They are o/standing £50k so approaching various local communities to help make up the shortfall. It was pointed out that there is an outdoor and indoor 3G pitch in Bourne. It would be good to understand how they came up with the figure of £1,500. To be discussed further in January meeting.

140/25 Budget Planning

Following discussions at the November meeting the budget proposal sent to all councillors was approved.

Precept for 2026/27 to remain the same as 2025/26 based on budget

Proposer Cllr Nicholson / Seconded Cllr Minn

Action: Clerk will submit precept request to LCC

141/25 Operational matters:

The meeting with BPFMC will be held in January (due to people's commitments) but will be held prior to the January PC meeting January.

Action: Clerk to send proposed PC dates to BPFMC

Action: BPFMC to agree date and book The Barn

142/25 Planning Matters

a Wates Development

Councillors reported on their meeting with Wates who are proposing 283 new homes in Baston which involved talks re infrastructure including concerns re the amount of traffic. Currently the entrance/exit remains the same – onto the A15 and also Greatford Road.

The local plan is not due to be signed off until end 2026 – but it is felt that Wates will put their application in January/February 2026.

(District Councillor said that only 86 houses were included in the local plan that is why Wates could push for approval earlier than end 2026. Email since shared with councillors that this is not correct – 283 houses are in the local plan)

There will be further consultation and Wates are willing to listen and take on board concerns.

Discussion whether roundabout vs traffic lights were considered by the PC and put to Wates and what would be the best solution.

Question raised re whether the local MP is aware of this application – could we get her involved or when is the right time to get her involved?

PC confirmed they don't run campaigns – it would need village backing and support.

Need to look at opportunities to benefit the village if this goes ahead via 106.

LCC have money allocated in the 106 – but do we get things implemented?

Feel like we have been let down by highways, eg 7.5T weight limit is a prime example. Highways have said no accidents on the A15 but that is inaccurate – there have been deaths.

Cllr Smith has asked about community infrastructure – eg cycle path but the stumbling blocks seem to be the junctions and Kates Bridge is an issue.

b Cemex/Thetford Farm Quarry Update

Scheduled to go to committee 9th February 2026.

c Roundabout – Playing Field

No objections sent to planning and installation is scheduled end February.

143/25 Policies

Flexible working policy and GDPR/Data Protection policies had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting – all approved. Proposer Cllr Griffiths / Seconded Mahabadi.

Action: Clerk will send documents to agency to load onto website.

144/25 Highways

The work on the pavement is intermittent – we had expected it to be completed in one go. Funding for the slurry has now been reallocated to pot holes.

Believe the work for Church Street had already been approved – but not yet completed.

Action: Cllr Groutage to get confirmation this is approved and will be actioned

145/25 Village concerns

BPFMC was raised and traditionally the PC give them an amount from the precept as the villagers own the playing field and the Barn.

BPFMC said since 2019 they bid for funds from the PC and that money cannot then be allocated to anything else.

PC confirmed that meeting will occur in January 2026.

146/25 Correspondence

None receive.

147/25 Agenda items for next meeting:

- How do we engage the villages
- Deeping funding request
- BPFMC

Meeting then went into Closed session – with members of the public asked to leave.

Closed session:

BPFMC meeting – attendees – agenda items discussed.

The meeting was closed at 9:00 pm / Signed: Cllr J Groutage – Vice-Chair

Date: 11/12/2025

Future meeting dates for Baston Parish Council:

Thursday 15th January 2026

Thursday 12th February 2026

Thursday 12th March 2026

Thursday 9th April 2026

Thursday 14th May 2026

Thursday 11th June 2026

Thursday 9th July 2026

Thursday 10th September 2026

Thursday 8th October 2026

Thursday 12th November 2026

Thursday 10th December 2026

APPENDIX A

Cllr Smith, District Councillor Report – November 2025

The smell from the plastic factory had been previously reported to the Environmental Health Agency. Environmax have advised this was due to bonfires on the land adjacent to their site; they now own the land and there will be no more bonfires / smells.

Attended a Teams meeting re the proposed 100 new homes in Langtoft. Ashford Homes were selective on which questions they answered – this will have an impact on the A15, along with all the other local planning applications. All these applications are being looked at individually and not considering the cumulative impact on traffic.

End

Cllr Vanessa Smith
Casewick Ward
South Kesteven District Council