

BASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Baston Parish Council held on Thursday 12 February 2026 in Baston Village Hall (The Barn).

Present:	Chairman	Cllr A Clarke Cllr L Eassom Cllr B Easy
	Vice-Chair	Cllr J Groutage Cllr S Minn Cllr M Nicholson Cllr P Redmore Cllr G Vaughan Cllr R Whitehead
	County Council	Cllr A Baxter - APOLOGIES
	District Council	Cllr V Smith Cllr R Trollope-Bellew - APOLOGIES

Apologies: Cllr G Griffiths

Members of public present : 9

Public forum:

Cemex/Quarry: We need the LCC councillors to look at the proposed quarry area/near the river and also confirm that North Meadow drove is not suitable as an access. Whilst looking at the dangers of the A15 consider an access opposite King Street with a new roundabout. Concern also expressed about the River Glen and potentially flooding risk.

Do we have knowledge of who or when LCC councillors will visit. Cllr Baxter is aware, but we are not entitled to go or lobby the councillors – will be within next few weeks, but not during school holidays and should be at busy/commute time. (Martin Winn had prepared a report to give to them so will advise need to send via email).

Baston Green: Concerns expressed about the site being too large but also add some suggestions for S106. Roundabout needed to access site on the A15 and allocate £2m to highways for this purpose. Make Greatford Road access just for emergency vehicles with footpath. Construct a good footpath along the west side of the A15 from the site to the puffin crossing. Allocate £100k for barn extensions.

Due to the size it will be like a 'separate' village - concern expressed if another village hall is proposed (like Mayfield Gardens) – we should invest more in the current BPFMC facility.

BPC confirmed once formal application has been submitted (likely in next few months) will need to look at real dialogue regarding S106 requirements. Objections have to comply with planning rules – not just because 'we don't want it'! There is a burial site on the land. W/c 9 February Wates were completing bore holes looking at drainage/ground sampling (as required legally).

If both these plans go ahead, plus the proposal at Langtoft at Bourne, it will have a major impact on A15 traffic.

Thank-you to whoever did the dredging along King Street.

016/26 Chairman's remarks:

Welcomed members of the public.

017/26 Apologies for absence received:

County Cllr A Baxter, District Cllr R Trollope-Bellew, Cllr Griffiths

018/26 To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations.

Cllr Groutage (Governor of Baston School) who would benefit from SciFest 2026 donation.

019/26 Minutes of last meeting:

Held on 15th January 2026 – proposed approval by Cllr Redmore/seconded by Cllr Minn (all in agreement) as a true record of meeting.

020/26 Matters arising from minutes

Speed data needs to be downloaded and updated on website.

Action: Cllr Nicholson/Parish Clerk

Chair advised that lighting has been improved at the A15 pedestrian crossing after near misses reported.

Village pavement repairs – some have been completed but not all.

Action: Cllr Groutage to chase contact

Quotation received to purchase and position memorial bench for Cllr Kelly.

Action: Chair to take pics/What3Words location and send to highways for approval

Action: Cllr Redmore to provide quotations for council approval

021/27 Clerks report on matters outstanding:

Councillor position – Kevin Brudenell-Maylin spoke at the meeting – agreed to co-opt onto the council. Proposed by Cllr Redmore/Seconded by Cllr Eassom (all in agreement).

Risk management plan to be completed by Cllr Whitehead.

022/26 To receive reports from representations on outside bodies:

Thanks given to all councillors for their support and help with the Cemex/Quarry application.

County Councillor A Baxter

Apologies given

District Councillor V Smith

See Appendix A

District Councillor R Trollope-Bellew

Apologies given

023/26 Financial matters:

(a) Financial Update

Bank Reconciliation General Account		Bank Reconciliation Savings Account	
Opening balance	£38,391.54	Opening balance	£10,551.94
Less expenditure	-£1,270.30	Less expenditure	0
Plus income	£360.00	Balance 31 Jan 2026	£10,551.94
Statement 31 Jan 2026	£37,481.24		

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

Date on Bank Statement	Payee	Gross	VAT	Net	Category / Description
5.01.26	Amazon	-£8.27	-£1.38	-£6.89	Stationery
5.01.26	E Clarke - Parish Clerk	-£540.00	£0.00	-£540.00	Salary (December)
8.01.26	South Kesteven	£360.00	£0.00	£360.00	Refund - enforcement case ENF25/0014
13.01.26	BPFMC	-£35.00	£0.00	-£35.00	Hall Hire (December)
13.01.26	Lincolnshire County	-£435.00	£0.00	-£435.00	LALC subscription
15.01.26	Community Cleaner	-£195.36	£0.00	-£195.36	Salary
15.01.26	Information	-£52.00	£0.00	-£52.00	Annual Data Protection
19.01.26	Lloyds Bank	-£4.67	£0.00	-£4.67	Bank Monthly Service Charge

(c) Reconciled accounts for January 2026

Accounts agreed –proposed by Cllr Minn/seconded by Cllr Nicholson.
Signed by Cllr Clarke and counter-signed by Cllr Nicholson.

Clerk advised that reconciliation statements will be available (once approved by councillors) on the Baston PC website.

(d) Authorisation of upcoming payments:

None

024/26 Operational matters:

- a Request received for 50% of water bill for the allotments for the years 2017-2025 (these had not been provided annually). After discussion agreement to fund this upon receipt of bills/invoices to parish clerk.
Proposed by Cllr Groutage/seconded by Cllr Vaughan
Against Cllr Minn/abstained Cllr Nicholson – due to timeframe (back to 2017). All other councillors approved.
Clerk to check re a separate water meter and also if there is a ‘push’ tap so the tap is not left running unnecessarily (PC would fund replacement if no push tap currently).
Action: Clerk to liaise re invoices/queries re meter and tap
- b Allotment fees were discussed – we do not ask holders to contribute to water bill – some are not being worked (this could be due to time of year/current weather conditions) but we do have a waiting list so need to ensure they are being utilised. Agreed fees would increase from £10 to £20 from October and payment to be via BACs only.
Proposed by Cllr Redmore/Seconded by Cllr Easy – all in agreement.
Action: Clerk to write to all allotment holders advising of revised fees/payment

025/26 Planning Matters

- a **Wates Development**
All the public concerns are shared by the council – the site is not proportionate to the size of the village (an increase of 42%). Traffic concerns for the A15 and widening of Greatford Road (no plans seen for this yet).
Consultation was extended until Monday 16 February and Wates currently conducting their due diligence prior to application which will be to SKDC.
Objections have to be for sound reason and will ensure BPC issue updates on their website/social media.

b Cemex/Thetford Farm Quarry Update

As advised in public form – we won't know when LCC councillors will conduct site visit. If councillors do not attend the site visit they will not be able to vote at the planning application.

Unsure if Waterside have submitted objections?

There is an S106 in place so no vehicles can use Main Street or Greatford Road in Baston, plus in some of the other villages. No cycle path, footpath or bus stop have been proposed as Lincolnshire rejected this.

Parish Council will be able to speak against application when it goes back to the planning committee – but need some new evidence/points to raise.

Is there anything on air pollution – there are some studies but these are overseas (are there any UK based ones?) If this is not an issue, why are they putting monitors at the school? Who will monitor these/see the results and what will happen if levels go up?

Pumps will run if have to de-water and would run overnight and they are noisy!

Cemex claim this gravel is needed as the Lincolnshire supply is low and it will be kept in county? Is this true?

026/26 Highways

National Highways & Transport survey sent to councillors

Action: Cllr Eassom to complete

027/26 Village business

a BPFMC report submitted (see Appendix B)

b What is the status with the village sign

Action: Cllr Griffiths to chase this

028/26 Correspondence

a An S106 for the Wates planning application should be submitted – residents to send suggestions to parish clerk. Roundabout should be part of the development. Why isn't access onto King Street? The Greatford Road junction needs to be revised.

Discussion around implementation of S106 – developers tend to do these last or don't proceed. Cllr Smith advised things are getting better about being implemented.

b Previous approved donation to Cameo of £150 is no longer required – their membership has increased and speakers are FOC.

c SciFest 2026 donation request – all students (188) at Baston School will have access to this plus adults can participate at events held at the Corn Exchange. Baston School due pay a fee to be involved and it's a one-off event.

£250 donation proposed by Cllr Whitehead/seconded by Cllr Brudenell-Maylin
Against Cllr Redmore/Cllr Easy and abstain Cllr Minn/Cllr Vaughan – all others approved.

d Advised received notification of dog bin removal increase by £20.

Proposed by Cllr Redmore/seconded by Cllr Easy – all approved

029/26 Agenda items for next meeting:

None received – Councillors to send agenda items to clerk by 3 March

The meeting was closed at 9:00 pm / Signed: Cllr Clarke (Chair)

Date: 16/02/2026

Meeting went into closed session to discuss Cemex application and activity by the PC to have new objections at the next planning application.

Future meeting dates for Baston Parish Council:

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 – February 2026

Community Awards:

SKDC is taking nominations for its Community Awards. The categories are volunteer of the year award, community group of the year award, cadet force adult volunteer award, young person's contribution to community award, Neil Smith community emergency response award, Pride in your community space award and the Judy Smith lifetime community champion award. Nominations can be made online at www.southkesteven.gov.uk/skcommunityawards2026 or by requesting a paper from the community engagement team on (07780) 214771. Nominations close on 31 March. Judges will consider entries in April with a winner announced in June.

Food Waste:

Since beginning of the year residents should have received two new waste bins, liners and booklet on what can and can't be placed in the caddy. South Kesteven District Council will start the collection of household waste from 13 April.

Central government led LGR Public Consultation:

The Government has launched a seven-week public consultation on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) for Greater Lincolnshire ending on 26 March. Four proposals have been put forward as part of a process that is likely to lead to a new structure of Local Government across the county. All proposals can be accessed via the Greater Lincolnshire LGR Hub. The government is expected to announce its preferred option for Greater Lincolnshire in July. <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/lincolnshire-nlincolnshire-nelincolnshire/>

BASTON SPECIFIC

Trees on Thetford Avenue:

Concerns raised by residents that they are dangerous. Not owned by SKDC or the church. Church warden believes them to be the Parish Council's responsibility - email forwarded to clerk earlier this month. Possibly owned by LCC and officer investigating.

Fumes Along Outgang Road:

A resident has raised this with me once more and a SKDC environmental officer has reopened investigations.

Thetford Farm Quarry:

Congratulations to Cllr Clarke for putting forward the concerns of the village on Monday. I think most people will agree that a site visit is a good outcome. I personally think that the proposed access will be too dangerous and another route is required – Outgang Road? Alternative? Email from LCC officer regarding representation at future meeting to be discussed.

Wates Development for 280 Houses:

I met with Wates via Teams on 28 January and I emphasised the concerns about the A15 and traffic impact; they seemed responsive. Consultation live and extended at resident request to next week, after this week's Parish Council meeting. They are willing to put in place funding to improve community infrastructure - village hall for example. I have passed on details for BPFMC and Wates will be contacting them for an opinion. They are looking to submit plans to SKDC within the next couple of months.

Current Application for 49 Houses at Langtoft Submitted to SKDC (Ashwood Homes)

Application No: S25/2450. Land To South Of 22 East End, Langtoft, PE6 9LP

Plans propose all traffic will enter and exit the development via East End. This will put further pressure on the Langtoft crossroads which can be difficult to cross at the best of times. I would urge residents in Baston to also comment as they too will be affected by any development along this A15 corridor. The closing date for the formal consultation is Thursday 12 February.

Attended a meeting re Mallard Pass – routing agreement has been reached that traffic can use Rutland and Lincolnshire. A1 (Great Casterton) / A15 (Deeping/Bourne) which has the potential to further increase vehicles movement for this.

End

Cllr Vanessa Smith

Casewick Ward

South Kesteven District Council

APPENDIX B

BPFMC - February 2026

Subject	Requirement	Update
Cricket Club Water Meter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To identify water usage by BCC in order to reclaim sewerage costs for water used on the Cricket Square.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Water Meter due to be fitted 10/11 February.
Football Officials Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Requires to be secured with steel sections and the legs placed on slabs.Is insecure and poses a risk to users.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Missing 2 x rear leg plates found.Sheter to be securely positioned when weather improves.
Swing Set – Wooden Leg Repairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The recent statutory annual play equipment inspection revealed the onset of rot within the wooden legs of the large, 2-bay swing frame assembly.Currently, it is not safety-critical but needs to be rectified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Quotes for the repair of all 6 x wooden legs on the Swing Set frame obtained.BPFMC is seeking conformation of the details within the quotes.
Inclusive Roundabout	To provide a piece of play equipment for use for by wheelchair users.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Planning permission granted on 3 February (S25/2104 refers).Installation scheduled to be undertaken 23-26 February.