

BASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Baston Parish Council held on Thursday 14 May 2026 in Baston Village Hall (The Barn).

Present:	Chairman	Cllr A Clarke
	Vice-Chair	Cllr J Groutage
		Cllr K Brudenell-Maylin
		Cllr L Eassom
		Cllr B Easy
		Cllr S Minn
		Cllr M Nicholson
		Cllr Vaughan
		Cllr R Whitehead
	County Council	Cllr A Baxter ABSENT
District Council	Cllr V Smith	

Apologies: Cllr P Redmore

Members of public present : 15

Public forum:

Re the Wates Planning Application - we all know that even if there is change of government that this plan will eventually be passed by SKDC no matter how good our comments/objections. We also know that highways will not disagree with the entrance/exit onto the A15. The larger scheme that follows for Market Deeping could suffer with sewerage problems but this one is ahead of those. It would make sense to consider what benefits could be given to Baston and major on those ie a roundabout south of the village, two new bus stops, no entrance/exit onto Greatford Road and real improvements to facilities at The Barn and playing fields.

The Wates Planning reference S26/0710 is now available to comment – any comments submitted on previous reference number WILL NOT be carried across – so residents need to comment again (you can copy/paste). The Parish Council encouraged everyone to comment to oppose this application and also reference the Thetford Farm Quarry/Cemex approval as this will all have a cumulative impact.

Action: PC will communicate via Baston Voice, social media and leaflet drop in the village

Chair had contacted BPFMC to understand what they asked Wates for if the application goes ahead (as per Cllr Smith's suggestion) and BPFMC representative at the meeting advised it was for an extension to the hall, disabled toilets and improvements to the changing rooms.

Trees on Thetford Avenue still an issue – chair thought these had been resolved (as church had cut some back as requested) so resident advised to liaise directly with the church at their request.

Previously a replacement sign for 'The Jitty' had been requested but LALC advised they have received no correspondence. Query raised is it the official name? Residents confirmed yes.

Action: Cllr V Smith to contact LALC

Election of PC Chair and Signature of Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form

A Clarke was proposed by Cllr Brudenell-Maylin / seconded by Cllr Nicholson – all councillors in favour.

Election of PC Vice-Chair and Signature of Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form

J Groutage proposed by Cllr Clarke / seconded by Cllr Easy – all councillors in favour.

057/26 Chairman's remarks:

Welcomed members of the public.

There is still a vacancy for one Councillor – will advertise this again.

058/26 Apologies for absence received:

Cllr Redmore plus Cllr Vaughan advised would be late to the meeting.

059/26 To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations.

None reported.

060/26 Minutes of last meeting:

Proposed approval by Cllr Whitehead/seconded by Cllr Easy (all in agreement) as a true record of meeting.

061/26 Matters arising from minutes

Cllr Nicholson has downloaded the speed data and to share with all councillors.

Action: Cllr M Nicholson

062/27 Clerks report on matters outstanding:

AGAR submission in progress.

063/26 To receive reports from representations on outside bodies:

County Councillor A Baxter

Absent

District Councillor V Smith

See Appendix A.

District Councillor R Trollope-Bellew

Absent

064/26 Financial matters:

(a) Financial Update:

Bank Reconciliation General Account		Bank Reconciliation Savings Account	
Opening balance	£34,354.70	Opening balance	£10,551.94
Less expenditure	-£4,750.60	Less expenditure	0
Plus income	£12,800.00	Balance 30 April 2026	£10,551.94
Statement 30 April	£42,484.10		

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

Date on Bank Statement	Payee	Gross	VAT	Net	Category / Description
01.04.26	St John the Baptist Church	-£11.57	£0.00	-£11.57	Water Charges - Anglia Water
01.04.26	Lincolnshire Association	-£348.00	-£58.00	-£290.00	Internal audit fees

01.04.26	Elaine Clarke (Parish Clerk)	-£324.00	£0.00	-£324.00	Salary (March 2026)
14.04.26	Community Cleaner	-£195.36	£0.00	-£195.36	Salary
14.04.26	Amazon	-£4.70	£0.00	-£4.70	Stationery
08.04.26	South Kesteven	£12,870.00	£0.00	£12,870.00	Precept (1st half-payment)
09.04.26	Microsoft	-£104.99	£0.00	-£104.99	Annual subscription
13.04.26	A Harrison	-£20.80	£0.00	-£20.80	Donation (Naturehood website)
13.04.26	BPFMC	-£20.00	£0.00	-£20.00	Hall Hire (April)
13.04.26	BPFMC	-£500.00	£0.00	-£500.00	Donation (Party in the Park)
14.04.26	Gary's Gardens	-£700.00	£0.00	-£700.00	Grass Cutting
14.04.26	BPFMC	-£1,500.00	£0.00	-£1,500.00	Donation (Village Hall)
14.04.26	C Plant	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	Allotment (Plot 11)
20.04.26	Lloyds Bank	-£4.25	£0.00	-£4.25	Service charges
24.04.26	Deepings Sports & Social Club	-£1,000.00	£0.00	-£1,000.00	Donation (3G Pitch)
24.04.26	Welland Drainage	-£5.29	£0.00	-£5.29	Annual Payment
28.04.26	Anglia Water	-£11.64	£0.00	-£11.64	Water Charges - Anglia Water

(c) Reconciled accounts for April 2026

Accounts agreed – proposed by Cllr Redmore/seconded by Cllr Minn (all approved)
Signed by Cllr Clarke and counter-signed by Cllr Nicholson.

(d) Authorisation of upcoming payments:

None

065/26 Operational matters:

Zurich Insurance renewal due (reduction of £100) for new quote to be put in place effective 1 June 2026.

Action: Parish Clerk

Still awaiting update on village sign completion – haven't asked for funds from Plowright Trust (as not a registered charity). Baston Events have pledged £1,500 towards the new sign.

Parking issue at St Johns Close seems to have improved.

066/26 Planning Matters

a Wates Development

The PC shared on social media their previous correspondence with Wates and there were some comments on Facebook re the PC not opposing this application which is incorrect! The PC are now working on formal objection now that the application has been logged onto SKDC planning portal – reference S26/0710 (over 1,200 pages to digest)

The application lacks detailed information but there will be a T-junction on the A15 (with ghost island), extend the 40mph speed limit south, new road onto Greatford Road but no changes to the junction with King Street (highways have rejected road from new estate onto King Street), and improved pedestrian/cycle infrastructure and crossing at Maltby Drive. The planning suggests parking for 566 cars which will have a huge effect on the A15 but application states only 0.8% increase. Can we use our speed data to look at traffic movement?

Action: Cllr Nicholson

Unsure if the recent Lincolnshire Traffic Survey conducted at Waterside is relative?

It will be a 6-year build programme, and the PC will push to get a routing agreement that construction traffic can only access via A15 (not Greatford Road or Main Street, Baston which are both still waiting for the 7.5T weight limit to become effective).

This application, along with the Thetford Farm/Cemex Quarry will have a huge cumulative impact on the village of Baston.

A previous application to build on this land was rejected – so what has changed? The same issues are o/standing – surface water, sewage, archaeology impact.

There will be an opportunity to speak at the planning committee (slideshow is allowed).

b S26/0324 – 1 Pannell Court, Baston

No objections from councillors

067/26 Village business

a Annual Baston Parish meeting

Was very informative – but very limited attendees, other than speakers which was disappointing. Minutes can be found on the Baston PC website.

<https://www.bastonparishcouncil.org/council-meeting-minutes/>

b Thetford Farm/Cemex Quarry

This application has been passed and is now included in Lincolnshire Mineral Extraction & Waste Plan, with an extension to the plan. Cllr Smith said would be very difficult to object to the extension once the quarry is in place and also the Greatford/King Street quarry has been included again (even though the previous planning application approval expired – due to highways requirements).

Resident has document from 2019 showing the Thetford Farm quarry plan and also its intention to extend the original application!

Question was raised “What happens to the restoration plan” – assumed this will be put on hold until operations cease.

Re the dust monitoring – despite the PC using a UK evidenced report this was discounted by the planning committee and the air-monitoring at the school will be self-regulated by Cemex.

**c BPFMC report received
(see Appendix B)**

068/26 Correspondence

a Chair has received correspondence from local MP Alicia Kearns to arrange a meeting to discuss the differing speed limits on the A15 to standardise and make safer. Question was raised, “How did Morton get the speed reduced to 30mph through their village.”

Action: Chair to contact Morton PC and/or Cllr Sue Woolley

b Anglia Water were contacted re their contractors using the village (at varying times of the day/evening) and there is a routing agreement in place that they have been reminded of after liaison with their Community Engagement representative.

This is a major project and the PC spent an interesting day visiting their sites – all historical artefacts are being collected and logged.

c The WI have invited people to attend their meeting on Tuesday 2 June at 7:30pm at The Barn where there will be a demonstration on how to administer CPR and when/how to use a defibrillator. Everyone is welcome to attend (entry fee £6).

069/26 Agenda items for next meeting:

Councillors to send any items by Tuesday 2 June 2026.

Public questions:

Still issues with lorries through Main Street during the evening – is this Langtoft Pit?

Action: PC to speak with Cllr Baxter re weight limit

Can we take any action to stop the Thetford Farm/Cemex quarry now that it has been approved? Cllr Smith advised can object to the revised Minerals and Extraction Plan when it goes to public consultation (July) but as this quarry has been approved by planning very unlikely.

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

Meeting went into closed session to discuss the PC response to the Wates application.

Date: 11/06/2026

Future meeting dates for Baston Parish Council:

Thursday 9 July 2026

August – no meeting

Thursday 10 September 2026

Thursday 8 October 2026

Thursday 12 November 2026

Thursday 10 December 2026

APPENDIX A

Cllr Smith, District Councillor Report – April 2026

- **Fumes:**
No update – have been in contact with Enduramaxx who advise these are not from their site.
- **Wates application:**
Will push for this to go to SKDC planning committee.
- **Highways:**
Recent meeting held – highways currently waiting for contractor's quote – but weight limit still on their agenda.
- **Hedgehogs:**
Baston Primary School are involved in creating some signs/posters.
- **30mph bin stickers:**
Have received responses from all parish councils re new signs and will communicate next steps with them.
- Working with a local resident regarding hedges/overgrowth from Kirkstone House impacting their property – may have to engage environmental agency as rats are a problem.
- Minerals & Waste Extraction plan will be discussed at LCC and making request of Cllr Baxter to question the extension of Thetford Farm and re-introduction of Greatford/King Street but with an error that states road to be widened to 5.5 metres when previously this was 6 metres (and no contractor could be sourced for this – hence planning permission expired).

End

Cllr Vanessa Smith

Casewick Ward - South Kesteven District Council

APPENDIX B

BPFMC Report – May 2026

Subject	Requirement	Update
Football Officials Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires to be secured with steel sections and the legs placed on slabs. 	<p>COMPLETED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelter fastened down onto concrete bases with masonry bolts.
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 leg 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"> Alternative assessment sought from Independent non-Supplier aligned specialist. Investigating cost-benefit comparison between repairs or full replacement.
Roof gutters and valleys need cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large build-up of leaves and debris; mainly due to overhanging trees from adjacent property. 	<p>COMPLETED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gutters and valleys all cleaned. Gutters on storage bldg cleaned
Party in the Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held on 2 May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very good attendance and favourable responses from the public. Minimal litter needed to be collected post-event. Donation towards running cost from B/Events and Parish Council – looks like profit of £800, which will be match-funded to £1,600 which will be reinvested into the Barn
Changing Rooms Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing rooms require to be refurbished. Minimal usage may preclude cost of refurbishment. Minimal usage may preclude application for FA grant to support costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation into quotes for refurbishment and new floor covering being sought.

Attended an SKDC funding meeting held at The Barn which may bring potential future opportunity.

Village Christmas Tree was discussed at BPFMC meeting and BPFMC to engage with Baston PC to pursue this activity.

Is there the potential for S106 community funds from Cemex – can we approach the planning committee and what can we ask?

Action: Cllr Smith / Cllr Baxter