

BASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Baston Parish Council held on Thursday 11 June 2026 in Baston Village Hall (The Barn).

Present:

Chairman	Cllr A Clarke
Vice-Chair	Cllr J Groutage
	Cllr S Minn
	Cllr M Nicholson
	Cllr Redmore
	Cllr R Whitehead
County Council	Cllr A Baxter
District Council	Cllr V Smith
	Cllr R Trollope-Bellows (APOLOGIES)

Apologies:

Cllr K Brudenell-Maylin
Cllr B Easy
Cllr L Eassom
Cllr Vaughan

Members of public present : 7

Public forum:

When there was a proposal for the playing fields to be built on a committee was formed to buy the field. Can we not do the same for the Baston Green area? It's all down to the farmers wanting to make money. It's not just Baston residents objecting – but other village residents also.

If this goes to committee and not just a single planning officer then it is important to email each committee member prior to the meeting. This will be SKDC planning (not LALC as per the quarry) and the chair lives in Bourne so will be impacted!

Well done to the Parish Council for the leaflet published and sent to every house in Baston.

The new Minerals and Waste Local Plan is due to be published for consultation. No further update on the S106 road adjustments have yet been released for the Thetford Farm quarry.

Trees on Thetford Avenue are still a mess – resident has not yet approached the church re this.

Mick George has applied for a planning base at Langtoft Fen which could impact the village and we are still waiting the 7.5T weight limit

Action: PC Chair to contact highways for update on weight limit timin

070/26 Chairman's remarks:

Welcomed members of the public.

There is still a vacancy for one Councillor despite advertising.

071/26 Apologies for absence received:

Cllr Brudenell-Maylin, Cllr Easy, Cllr Eassom and Cllr Vaughan.

072/26 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.

073/26 Minutes of last meeting:

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

074/26 Matters arising from minutes

SKDC and LCC not prepared to issue a nameplate for 'The Jitty'. Cllr Smith had got quote for a metal sign and will send details to parish clerk. All councillors approved.

Action: Cllr Clarke to contact G Wyman for approval to mount sign

Confirmation received that the village sign can be refurbished at a cost of £4.5k (saving £1.5k) and once complete Baston Events have pledged £1.5k towards this.

Cllr Redmore confirmed will ask contractors to complete work for Cllr J Kelly Bench.

Action: Cllr Redmore

075/27 Clerks report on matters outstanding:

None

076/26 To receive reports from representations on outside bodies:

County Councillor A Baxter

See Appendix A.

District Councillor V Smith

See Appendix B.

077/26 Financial matters:

(a) Financial Update:

Bank Reconciliation General Account		Bank Reconciliation Savings Account	
Opening balance	£42,484.10	Opening balance	£10,551.94
Less expenditure	-£2,183.61	Less expenditure	0
Plus income	£463.32	Balance 31 May 2026	£10,551.94
Statement 31 May	£40,763.81		

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

Date on Bank Statement	Payee	Gross	VAT	Net	Category / Description
05.05.26	D Knibbs	-£170.00	£0.00	-£170.00	Dog bins
05.05.26	Elaine Clarke (Parish)	-£612.00	£0.00	-£612.00	Salary (April 2026)
11.05.26	SKDC	£463.32	£0.00	£463.32	Community cleaning contribution
11.05.26	BPFMC	-£20.00	£0.00	-£20.00	Hall Hire (April)
11.05.26	Gary's Gardens	-£700.00	£0.00	-£700.00	Grass Cutting
15.06.26	Community Cleaner	-£203.36	£0.00	-£203.36	Salary
18.06.26	Zurich Town Parish	-£396.00	£42.43	-£353.57	Annual insurance premium
19.06.26	Lloyds Bank	-£4.25	£0.00	-£4.25	Service charges
21.06.26	Graytones Printers	-£78.00	£0.00	-£78.00	Printing

(c) Reconciled accounts for May 2026

Accounts agreed – proposed by Cllr Groutage/seconded by Cllr Nicholson (all approved)

Signed by Cllr Clarke and counter-signed by Cllr Nicholson.

(d) Authorisation of upcoming payments:

LIVES donation request £500

Proposed by Cllr Minn / seconded by Cllr Nicholson (all approved)

(e) AGAR submission and approval

All documents shared with Cllrs prior to meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Redmore / seconded by Cllr Whitehead (all approved)

Action: Clerk to submit AGAR forms to external auditors / agency for website update

078/26 Operational matters:

Speed reduction – how did Morton achieve their 30 mph limit on the A15.

Cllr Whitehead reviewed the business case – the parish clerk did a lot of work and it was submitted on more than one occasion before getting approval.

It involved average speed check and pedestrian count. There are differences between our village – there are businesses on all corners, eg nursery, Co-Op and they also referenced the proposed housing development. Lincolnshire stated it was too dangerous to have a safety crossing patrol!

Key to successfully getting a speed limit reduction is data showing a Mean Speed of less than 33 mph through more than 300m of development. Cllr Nicholson confirmed our Speedwatch camera on A15 gives mean speed nearer to 40 mph.

It was agreed no further work would be undertaken until a decision re Baston Green but councillors thanked Cllr Whitehead for work completed to date.

079/26 Planning Matters

a Wates Development

To date: 199 objections – 184 public and 14 consultees have submitted on the portal. The deadline to comment is 24 June (which is extension from 6 June due to notices not being posted). Would encourage everyone to comment.

Planning should apply the same rules/policies as applied to Langtoft to reject their housing development (which was for only 49 houses and not 283)

b S26/0904 – Ash Trees (King Street, Baston)

No objections from councillors

080/26 Village business

a CEMEX/Thetford Farm Quarry

Now included in Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Plan.

b BPFMC

No meeting held this month.

Martin Wynne has stepped down – clerk to liaise with C Greenall for monthly report.

Email sent re Xmas tree discussion potential dates 22 or 29 June – awaiting PC response.

c Grass-cutting Brudenell Close

Chair has liaised with local resident to confirm grass-cutting requirements.

There is a car parked on land so cannot be cut but resident has confirmed they will keep this tidy (as grass cutter cannot safely access this).

081/26 Correspondence

- a Issue reported with rats in Chesham Drive by two residents due to overgrowth from Kirkstone House. They have been contacted but have been advised to contact G Wyman. Cllr Smith is also aware – need to contact Environmental Agency.
- b The church have agreed to fund 50% of the push-tap installation at the allotments.
Action: Cllr Redmore to get quotes
- c Complaint received from a local resident regarding the ‘Stop the Housing’ leaflet produced by the council – but this had been agreed at the May meeting by councillors.
- d Chair had contacted Baston and Langtoft school re the proposed Baston Green development and responses from the education authority for their comment specifically about the number of allocated spaces and whether they could accommodate this.

082/26 Agenda items for next meeting:

Councillors to send any items by Tuesday 2 June 2026.

Public questions:

Query whether the dykes would be cleared along Greatford Road

Action: Clerk to email drainage board for response

Do Anglia Water still intend to give a presentation to the July PC meeting

Action: Chair to send email to A/Water contact

Issue with ivy along some of the walls at Hadrians Drive – resident happy to remove.

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

Date: 9/06/2026

Future meeting dates for Baston Parish Council:

August – no meeting

Thursday 10 September 2026

Thursday 8 October 2026

Thursday 12 November 2026

Thursday 10 December 2026

APPENDIX A

Cllr Baxter, County Councillor Report – May 2026

Update on Local Government re-organisation re the process 19/5 (response by 16/6) – 4 bidders.

Question asked “What would be the preferred name of your council?” – South Lincolnshire Council

Needs political endorsement – government decision by July (could be sooner) but paperwork not until March 2027.

Nothing to report on the 7.5t weight limit installation.

Greater Lincolnshire are running Investment Portfolio – nearest one is Grantham in July.

APPENDIX B

Cllr Smith, District Councillor Report – May 2026

- Planning Application S26/0710 – Baston Green
I have already called this in for committee decision should officers be minded to approve it. I note recent comments, particularly by LCC raise concerns about the proximity to gravel safeguarding area. 184 public comments to date.
- Name plate for the Jitty:
Neither the responsibility of LCC or SKDC
Have suggested that the Parish Council fund if desired
Quote: £96 wall mounted aluminium standard street sign
- Hedgehogs:
The pupils at the school have decorated these, any suggested locations? (Will put a post on fb if not)
- Minerals and Waste:
As per last month - Regulation 19 anticipated next month