

BASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Baston Parish Council held on Thursday 9 July 2026 in Baston Village Hall (The Barn).

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

Apologies: Cllr Vaughan

Members of public present : 6

Public forum:

I think originally Wates were hoping their outline planning application would go to an SKDC Planning Meeting in August. With the current requests for further information for Wates to supply to LCC about several highway's questions; responses from Anglia Water about foul drainage; and the archaeologist report then August seems unlikely. Wates have asked for S106 requests relating to community facilities to be submitted via SKDC. Can the Parish Council write to all village organisations including the primary school, the church and BPFMC for their S106 village suggestions with a deadline say 31 July 2026 so that the Parish Council can submit a whole village response early August 2026?

PC Chair did confirm has communicated with both Baston and Langtoft Schools re the LEA request for £3 million in the Wates application based on additional spaces required at local schools. Baston has advised can take no more than 10 students (age group dependent) and have no room to extend; Langtoft could accommodate additional student but will require funding; the SEN places could be located anywhere in Lincolnshire!

The PC will focus their S106 requirements on safety, eg road structure, cycle paths, etc.

Action: PC Chair agreed to write to organisations asking for their suggestions

Relating to the 6 steps of the latest Wates response on the website:

- **Highways**

The comments concerning the access points and the A15 roundabout possibility.

Are we able to get/insist that the Director in charge of Highways comes to Baston and sees the situation/discusses it with the BPC and a select few of the parishioners here, on-site? Lincoln is some 50 miles away. He is the key person, not his staff, to ask about the key criteria of road planning - such as which Government or Highway Acts, research criteria or 'accepted' consultant guidance they are using for their decisions in operational or safety terms for road usage and traffic conditions? Can we have that knowledge?

- **Drainage**

All the comments refer to the provision and thus maintenance of static 'holes' or basins – called water collection points for overflow/floods into basins, swales etc - used prior to soakaways. These are not suitable for housing areas as they directly offer sanctuary to mosquitoes and other unsavoury insects close to housing. Such 'holes/basins' are found alongside highways and motorway

intersections - not housing. Baston has never had such 'basins' alongside its various housing estates - only free flowing cared for dykes. The Fens were plague basins/swamps before being drained - any free-flowing water stops this insect problem - as seen in the large water-filled deep lakes surrounding Baston - usually free flowing due to wind and deep seepage. They are large areas not small basins/soakaways to be discharged by pumps to the drainage system.

- **Archaeology**

Can we see the designated sites for excavation.

- **Affordable housing**

Worried about the possibility of selective buyers and County imposition of Houses of Multiple Occupation - as occurred in Langtoft.

- **S106**

Agreed with Mrs Mort note re: seeking the collected views of village organisations for a clear proposal by BPC with delivery to Wates in August.

Can the PC provide an update to the weight limit implementation?

We have lodged a complaint with highways and have been advised that signs need to be illuminated and two of these have been lost! They are looking into this and have been advised it will be implemented shortly.

Action: PC Chair to contact again end July for another update

What is the status re The Jitty sign?

The chair has spoken to Mr Wyman as the signs will be located on his property. He was going to review and advise where he is happy for the sign to be installed. Cllr Smith has provided Clerk with supplier information.

Action: PC Chair to speak to Mr Wyman and then take appropriate action

083/26 Chairman's remarks:

Welcomed members of the public.

084/26 Apologies for absence received:

Cllr Vaughan and County Cllr Baxter

085/26 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.

086/26 Minutes of last meeting:

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

087/26 Matters arising from minutes

Re issue of rats for some residents – Environmental Office visited Kirkstone School and could find no evidence (rat traps were down but none caught).

Contractor has advised village sign will be complete and re-installed early August (delays due to other commitments).

Cllr Redmore will contact contractor to get a base for bench near the sign and quote for commemorative bench beginning August.

Complaints received from residents re the dyke clearance that has taken place in Main Street and the mess left behind. This is because they have no licence to remove – although they state this is better for the environment! Dykes in Greatford Road were not cleared.

Action: Clerk to send email asking why

088/27 Clerks report on matters outstanding:

AGAR submitted and receipt acknowledged from auditors.

Public notice has been posted onto the PC noticeboard and website.

Are any PC members attending the Local Government Reorganisations? Need to confirm so Clerk can send names to register.

Action: Councillors to advise Clerk ASAP

089/26 To receive reports from representations on outside bodies:

County Councillor A Baxter

None received – apologies received

District Councillor V Smith

See Appendix A.

090/26 Financial matters:

(a) Financial Update:

Bank Reconciliation General Account		Bank Reconciliation Savings Account	
Opening balance	£40,763.81	Opening balance	£10,551.94
Less expenditure	-£1,933.22	Less expenditure	£0
Plus income	£0	Balance 30 June 2026	£10,551.94
Statement 30 June	£38,830.59		

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

Date on Bank Statement	Payee	Gross	VAT	Net	Category / Description
03.06.26	E Clarke (Parish Clerk)	-£468.00	£0.00	-£468.00	Salary (May 2026)
04.06.26	E Clarke (Parish Clerk)	-£22.99	-£3.83	-£19.16	Stationery (Amazon)
04.06.26	Gary's Gardens	-£700.00	£0.00	-£700.00	Grass Cutting
08.06.26	D Knibbs	-£190.00	£0.00	-£190.00	Dog Bins
16.06.26	BPFMC	-£40.00	£0.00	-£40.00	Hall Hire (May)
16.06.26	Lincs Integrated (LIVES)	-£500.00	£0.00	-£500.00	Baston PC Donation
17.06.26	Baston Shop	-£7.98	£0.00	-£7.98	Stationery
19.06.26	Lloyds Bank	-£4.25	£0.00	-£4.25	Service charges

(c) Reconciled accounts for June 2026

Accounts agreed – proposed by Cllr Nicholson/seconded by Cllr

Whitehead (all approved)

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

(d) Authorisation of upcoming payments:

None

091/26 Operational matters:

PC Chair has a meeting scheduled 30 July 2026 instigated by the local MP regarding the A15 and possible 30mph speed limit.

092/26 Planning Matters

a Wates Development

A local resident has completed a lot of work on this but unfortunately couldn't attend the PC meeting but this has been shared with all councillors, and the Chair will review and action points raised accordingly.

093/26 Village business

a CEMEX/Thetford Farm Quarry

PC will object again based on their original objection – how can extension be applied for without knowing any safety issues until the site is up and running?

Will also look at points raised by Jim Mooney to the wider Minerals and Waste Local Plan and submit accordingly.

b BPFMC

Report received – see appendix B.

c Bus Shelter

This was recently damaged and was 'made safe' as soon as the issue was raised. There is a plan for this to be replaced but will be bespoke to ensure suitable disabled access.

d Christmas Tree

Meeting held between BPFMC and PC representatives recently. BPFMC issued notes of the meeting (prior to the PC meeting) and these to be circulated to councillors.

Action: Clerk to circulate

094/26 Correspondence

a Anglia Water proposed a one-hour presentation – so a separate meeting to be booked and advertised via social media. Date: TBC

b The PC received an email regarding a tree survey – agreed to proceed.

Action: Clerk to submit

095/26 Agenda items for next meeting:

Councillors to send any items by end August – next meeting to be held in September.

Public questions:

Who is responsible for the grass-cutting on Main Street?

Confirmed not the PC and no strimming is completed.

Trees are overhanging on Thetford Avenue/Main Street which makes it difficult to see.

Needs to be reported on FixMyStreet.

Both the Chair and Clerk will be absent at the September meeting. This will be chaired by Vice-Chair Cllr Groutage and minutes completed by Cllr Nicholson.

Action: Clerk to prepare all paperwork and circulate

The meeting was closed at 8:15pm / Signed: Cllr Clarke (Chair)

Date: 10/09/2026

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 Smith, District Councillor Report – July 2026

District issues:

- **Bin collections:**
These have been earlier in the day to protect staff from the recent high temperatures.
- **Planning:**
Submission of details pursuant to Requirement 6 – (Detailed design approval) for Phase 2 Main Construction Works in relation to The Mallard Pass Solar Farm Order 2024 No. 796 is due for discussion at SKDC planning committee on 9 July.
Officer recommendation: That the Committee endorse the draft response to Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd and delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Planning & Growth, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to issue the final response and determine the Requirement 6 submission
- **Local Government Reorganisation:**
It is anticipated that further information will be available in the next two weeks which may give an indication of how Lincolnshire local authorities will be reorganised. The order to dissolve SKDC is not anticipated until next year so the exact timeframe for local government reorganisation remain uncertain.
- **283 Houses at Baston (s26/0710):**
This is likely to be determined by committee no earlier than September 2026. Archaeological surveys are being carried out at present.

County Issues:

- **Public consultation on Lincolnshire County Council Local Plan for Mineral and Waste is live:**
Closing date end of July. I have already shared a detailed overview of this on the village Facebook page. Essentially, I am concerned that with further quarrying at Baston and a proposed new quarry at Greatford the village will become surrounded by yet more quarrying and our already dangerous access routes of the A15 and King Street will see increased vehicular movement making the roads yet more hazardous.
I would encourage all local residents to comment as this will be the last opportunity to do so before the plan is sent to the Secretary of State for final sign off. <https://www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/mwplan-2026>

Baston Issues:

I will be sorting some 30mph bin stickers over the next month or so - I will keep the PC updated.

End

Cllr Vanessa Smith

Casewick Ward - South Kesteven District Council

APPENDIX B

BPFMC Report – June 2026

June has been a relatively quiet month.

- Monthly maintenance and play equipment checks have been completed.
- We met with PC members to discuss the location and feasibility of Christmas lights. The meeting was positive and we've found a possible location for the Christmas tree and lights. We also gathered information from Langtoft PC about their Christmas tree setup and the lights they use. This has been passed on to the PC.
- We're currently negotiating a single user agreement for our football pitch. This will ensure regular use and provide a guaranteed monthly income towards pitch upkeep. This will start from August.