BASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Baston Parish Council held on Thursday 8 October 2026 in Baston Village Hall (The Barn).

Present:		Cllr K Brudenell-Maylin
		Cllr B Easy
	Chair	Cllr A Clarke
		Cllr L Eassom
		Cllr T Edwards
	Vice-Chair	Cllr J Groutage
		Cllr M Nicholson
		Cllr P Redmore
		Cllr R Whitehead
		E Clarke (Parish Clerk)
	County Council	Cllr A Baxter
	District Council	Cllr V Smith - Apologies
Apologies:		Cllr S Minn
Absent:		Cllr G Vaughan

Members of public present: 5 attendees

Public Forum:

"I have had several correspondences with Cllr V Smith regarding Wates proposal and the proposed road sizes which are not relevant to today's size of vehicles."

A: LCC use the 'latest national guidance report' which they know is out of date but that's currently published so is utilised.

"The technical review submitted by the Parish Council is a great document (115 pages) and includes some very good comments/question but there is no reference to the information in the 'Better Streets for Lincolnshire' website/document so there is some information missing."

A: The originator of the document will review this for any other relevant points.

"Assume Cemex planning application road widths have utilised the same 'out of date' report as Wates for their proposal?"

A: It is the latest guidance so would presume so.

"The write-up in the latest edition of the Baston Voice will form the history of the village signs – do councillors have any objections?"

A: No

"There are over-hanging trees near the speed signs in the village."
A: These should be reported to FixMyStreet with photographic evidence.

Other notes captured with the Village business section under the appropriate headings .

110/26 Vice-Chair's remarks:

Welcomed members of the public.

111/26 Apologies for absence received:

Cllr Minn and Cllr V Smith.

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112/26 To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations.

None raised

113/26 Minutes of last meeting:

Proposed approval by Cllr Groutage seconded by Cllr Edwards - All in agreement as a true record of meeting.

114/26 Matters arising from minutes

Two proposed new location for benches in the village – will be reviewed during budget setting for 2027/28 (Cllr Redmore advised cost approx £1,500 each). This will require a licence from highways.

FixMyStreet have responded regarding curb erosion on Maltby Drive does not need any further action at this point in time.
Action: Cllr Groutage to challenge this

115/27 Clerks report on matters outstanding:

AGAR approval/certificate now received – all published accordingly.

116/26 To receive reports from representations on outside bodies:

County Councillor A Baxter

See Appendix A.

District Councillor V Smith

Apologies given – report submitted Appendix B.

117/26 Financial matters:

(a) Financial Update (30/09/26)

Bank Reconciliation General Account	
Opening balance	£29,160.66
Less expenditure	-£1,705.27
Plus income	£1,660.00
Statement 30 September	£29,115.39

Bank Reconciliation Savings Account	
Opening balance	£10,551.94
Less expenditure	£0
Balance 31 July 2026	**£10,798.86**

(b) Authorisation of payments made:

Date on Bank Statement	Payee	Gross	VAT	Net	Category / Description
01.09.26	Elaine Clarke (Parish Clerk)	-£455.70	£0.00	-£455.70	Salary (July 2026)
01.09.26	Elaine Clarke (Parish Clerk)	-£68.40	£0.00	-£68.40	Wage Rise (including backpay)
08.09.26	Baston Events	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	Donation towards Village Sign
16.09.26	D K Knibbs	-£190.00	£0.00	-£190.00	Dog Bins
16.09.26	Community Cleaner	-£305.04	£0.00	-£305.04	Salary
18.09.26	C Plant	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	Allotment Rental (Plot 11)
18.09.26	C Lovelle	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	Allotment Rental (Plot 9)
18.09.26	K Bunch	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	Allotment Rental (Plot 2)
18.09.26	G M Hall	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	Allotment Rental (Plot 3A/B)

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21.09.26	A Colbourn	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	Allotment Rental (Plot 7)
21.09.26	D E & S L Beeby	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	Allotment Rental (Plot 4B)
21.09.26	Lloyds Bank	-£4.25	£0.00	-£4.25	Monthly service charge
22.09.26	P K Littlejohn	-£252.00	-£42.00	-£210.00	External auditors fee
24.09.26	A Roullier	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	Allotment Rental (Plot 8A)
24.09.26	R Whitehead	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	Allotment Rental (Plot 12)
28.09.26	G Gardens	-£350.00	£0.00	-£350.00	Grass Cutting
29.09.26	M Rolls	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	Allotment Rental (Plot 6)
30.09.26	Howsafe	-£79.88	-£13.32	-£66.56	CSW Equipment

(c) Reconciled accounts for September 2026

Accounts agreed – proposed by Cllr K Brudenell-Maylin seconded by Cllr M Nicholson

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

(g) Authorisation of upcoming payments:

Total Christmas Tree costs £1,026.90 presented by Cllr Groutage.
Proposed by Cllr Redmond seconded by Cllr Edwards – all approved.

Cllr Clarke advised invoices will be required to detail VAT information.

118/26 Operational matters:

(a) Community Speed Watch

Clerk ordered high-vis jackets after holiday so currently awaiting delivery before this can commence.

119/26 Planning Matters

a **Wates Development (Baston Green)**

This is not on the agenda for the SKDC 15 October planning meeting and new planning rules come into effect from 31 October which will impact which applications goes to committee and gives more power to planning officers.
Cllr Clarke sent an email requesting that this application still goes to committee (next meeting 26 November).
Cumulative effects can now be taken into account for applications and there have been several housing applications rejected in the area recently for that reason.
One of the reasons for rejecting recent Bourne housing application was flooding.
Cllr Groutage had shared with councillors info re bio-diversity.
Question asked "Is there a planning meeting scheduled for December?" as this application could be heard at that meeting.
Action: Cllr Clarke to check
NB: Agenda is only released 7 days prior to the SKDC planning meetings.

b **S26/1422 – Baston Church**

Replace lead roof of nave with terne-coated steel – replacement will be the same as the recent extension. No PC objections.

120/26 Village business

a **CEMEX/Thetford Farm application**

S106 are still o/standing – states 'pending legal agreement'.
People seen in high-vis potentially marking out new road – but no confirmation.

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b **BPFMC**

Amanda Greenall sent apologies unable to attend – advised nothing significant to report.
David Plant did attend and advised issue with rabbits (although not on the cricket green). There are several holes in the ground near the gym equipment and near the gate/seating area which will be filled in and hexagon matting applied to allow grass to grow through.
Issue with pebbles on the tennis court previously reported – although not sure how much they will now be utilised?
Action: BPFMC to provide a brush

c **Christmas Tree**

Cllr Groutage sent email regarding contractors proposed positioning of the tree but BPFMC still need to agree this and Chris Greenall needs to be in attendance.
Cllr Groutage proposed meeting Monday 12 October 12 noon – Cllr Eassom to attend also.
Cllr Redmore proposed if no agreement then position by the Baston Village sign, which would require licence application.

d 7.5 Ton Weight limit

There are some new markings on the road but not sure if these are relevant. Dates for completion of these were provided to local resident.
Action: Parish Clerk to send email requesting status report

e 'The Jitty' sign

Installed by Cllr Clarke.

121/26 Correspondence

- Resident reported issue with cables running through trees in Main Street.
  Cllr Clarke reviewed and this is throughout the village due to the size of the trees and liaised with LCC who advised "the cables are protected and this is common – so no action will be taken."
- Speed limit to reduce A15 to 30mph through the village meets requirements and consultation ends 17 November and PC have responded with no objections.

122/26 Agenda items for next meeting:

None – councillors to submit by 31 October 2026.

Public questions:
"There is an issue with over-hanging trees on the A15 obscuring the traffic lights."

A: This needs to be photographed and reported on FixMyStreet.

Cllr Clarke advised will chase the bus shelter replacement as the current one is damaged.

The meeting was closed at 20:50 / Signed: Cllr Clarke (Chair)

Date: 13/10/2026

Future meeting dates for Baston Parish Council:
Thursday 12 November 2026
Thursday 10 December 2026

2027

Thursday 14 January 2027

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Thursday 11 February 2027
Thursday 11 March 2027
Thursday 8 April 2027
Thursday 13 May 2027
Thursday 10 June 2027
Thursday 8 July 2027
August - NO MEETING
Thursday 9 September 2027
Thursday 14 October 2027
Thursday 11 November 2027
Thursday 9 December 2027

APPENDIX A

Cllr Baxter, County Councillor Report – October 2026

Correspondence with G Simpson regarding trees in Baston – no further action to be taken as these are protected.
No information when Wates will go to Planning Committee. The new legislation is dreadful; takes away from District Councillors to request to go to committee and more power to planning officers. Although a housing development of 283 should be sufficient to go to committee,
Drainage Board have now advised they have no issues with the proposed Wates application which is very concerning.
Action: Cllr Edwards to send Cllr Baxter info regarding draining from technical review for him and also forward to Draining Committee
Proposed speed restriction of A15 from Bourne to Market Deeping is 40mph but Langtoft/Baston would be 30mph.
No update re the 7.5T weight restriction – awaiting meeting with Cllr Dilks – should have an update at next meeting.
Re local government re-organisation – local elections next year or beyond for larger councils (and Lincolnshire potentially later).

APPENDIX B

Cllr Smith, District Councillor Report – October 2026

DISTRICT ISSUES:

- **Planning: SKDC Local Plan**
  Central government announced changes to the National Planning Policy Framework over the summer months. SKDC are working to ensure that practices are updated in accordance with the new policy. The new legislation comes into effect from the end of October. This means that the Wates application will now be determined following the updated NPPF. Under the new rules councillors can no longer call in applications. Some applications which form part of schedule 2 can still go to planning committee if certain criteria are met (the gateway test) and there is agreement of a nominated officer and nominated committee member. I have been told that the Wates application fulfils these criteria so will still be determined at committee. I applaud all of the hard work put in by our community in standing up to this application and will continue to do what I can to support residents on this matter. Furthermore, Local Plan development processes are being changed. SKDC has chosen to adopt the new Local Plan process. This means that SKDC will be working towards the writing of a new Local Plan within a 30-month timeframe. SKDC will be doing another call for sites in the next couple of months with a local scoping consultation likely being held later in the year.

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- **Anglian Water Reservoir and pipeline**
  There is a public consultation open on this and there will be an exhibition in the Barn, Baston on 13 November. This new pipeline will run from the new reservoir (near Sleaford) to Peterborough and the south. The pipeline will not interfere with the current pipeline being laid but will cause some disruption locally. It is anticipated that work on this will not commence until at least 2030.
- **Campaign to reduce A15 through Baston and Langtoft to 30mph**
  This has been launched by our local MP and consultation has now commenced.

End

Cllr Vanessa Smith

Casewick Ward - South Kesteven District Council

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