

**Baumber Parish Council - Agenda of Ordinary Meeting.
Parish Clerk – Melvin Grosvenor 01507 578657.**

Agenda of Baumber Parish Council Ordinary Meeting on **Wednesday 17 January 2024** commencing 7.30pm at Baumber Village Hall.

In accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 as amended by Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A the Public and press may attend the meeting.

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The agenda is set out below.

Melvin Grosvenor

Clerk to the Council

Date of issue: 10 January 2024.

0124/49 Apologies for absence.

To Receive any apologies.

0124/50 Consideration of a Application for the Co-Option of a New Member on to Baumber Parish Council.

0124/51 Public Participation.

To resolve if necessary, to temporarily suspend the meeting for a period of no longer than 15 minutes to allow for public participation. Members of the public may raise subjects they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. Items relating to matters on the agenda will be taken first and any decisions will be made when the meeting is declared open.

0124/52 Declaration of Interest.

Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 made under the s.30 (3) of the Localism Act 2011

To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

a. To note dispensations given to any member in respect of the agenda items listed below:

0124/53 Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Minutes Ordinary meeting held on 18 October 2023 to be approved and signed as a true record.

0124/54 Clerks report on matters outstanding:

Update ref: 1023/41. Speeding and RTA's concerns raised by Silver St residents, **Update:** Clerk emailed concerns on 10 July 2023 to LRSP, Highways & Lincolnshire Police & Cllr Bradwell who liaised with Horncastle Neighbourhood Police for increased speed monitoring on Silver Street. LRSP undertook traffic survey 27 July to 2 August 23. Survey Outcome: *'Analysis of the speed data showed that the average speed of vehicles was 39.6 mph in a 60 mph limit. The speed data showed evidence that some vehicles were exceeding the speed limit at a speed that would make the drivers liable to action or prosecution by the Police'*. Clerk provided details of survey for consideration. Members **Resolved:** for Clerk to raise ongoing concerns as survey indicates

speed limit is set to high and although a small percentage of vehicles were exceeding the 60mph limit this demonstrates a complete disregard for the safety of other road users and residents along the narrow stretch of Silver Street after passing through blind bends. **Update:** This concern was raised by Clerk at the Police & Crime Commissioners online Parish Council's liaison meeting 5 December 2023. Clerk has responded to email from Lincolnshire Neighbourhood Policing & included invitation to attend 17 January 2024 meeting in addition to Cllr Bradwell's invitation.

Clerk provided details of proposed '*Welcome to Baumber Please drive carefully*' signs. Members considered proposed costs & locations. Members **Resolved:** that Silver St would be given priority for any additional signage. Defer decision to next meeting once year end finance statement is finalised. **Update:** Consideration of purchase of new signs.

Cllr Gray is happy to allocate a contribution from ELDC Cllr Grant allocation further feedback required. Clerk has enquired re cost of '*30mph Check your speed*' signs. LRSP have advised that; '*the cost of upgraded signs has increased to £20 to ensure they do not fade and weather as previously*'. **Resolved:** that Clerk to order 10 new signs to replace all faded signs. (Note: The white Baumber entry gateways are extremely dirty and are in need of cleaning. Members agreed working party should be arranged as LCC will not clean gates. **Update:** RTA has completely destroyed a village Gateway & 30mph sign on entrance to Baumber from Horncastle. Clerk has reported incident & awaiting replacements.

Update ref: 1022/50 - B1225/A158 junction permanent street lights switch off - LCC Highways confirmed existing A158 redundant lights (29-43) to be removed, but in order to disconnect the electrical supply to these street lights it would also necessitate the switching off and removal of the street lights at the A158/B1225 Junction which are on the same cable system. Cllr's W Gray & P Bradwell, Mere Balk Lane residents & Clerk raised concerns, that switching off lights at junction could increase risks of RTA's and requested improved reflective warning signs and traffic calming measures. Highways to provide proposed improvements prior to any switch off for consideration. Awaiting further information.

0124/55 Financial Statement at 18/10/2023.

Description	DR/CR/Ref	Amount £
Bank Reconciliation Balance B/F 29 September 2023		4787.24
Invoices /Payments 18 October 2023.		
Invoice Bus stop by school maintenance.	DR (361)	125.00
Balance C/F Total		4662.24
Remittance Advice LCC Grass cutting contribution 2023.	CR	1116.74
Total		5778.98
Invoices - payments due 18 October 2023.		
Subscription: Local Councils update.	DR (362)	110.00
Balance C/F Total		5668.98
Bank reconciliation 29 December 2023		5668.98
Invoices /Payments 17 January 2024.		
Glendale St Swithin's 2nd Cut October 2023.	DR	208.24
Glendale Village cut June 2023.	DR	203.15
Glendale Village cut Sept 2023.		203.15
Clerk 2nd Stage Remuneration	DR	1000.00
Sub Total	DR	1614.54
Balance B/F		5668.98
Balance C/F		4054.44
Expenses to 31/03/2024.		
Baumber Village Hall hire.	DR	180.00

Purchase 10 Check Your Speed signs 30mph	DR	200.00
Balance C/F		3674.44
Estimated VAT Refund to Yr End 31-03-2024	CR	596.32
Estimated Reserves Yr End 31-03-2024		4270.76

0124/55 Financial Statement cont/..

- a) Invoices/Payments due to be for payment to be approved.
- b) Clerk has chased Glendale re additional village verges cuts.
- c) Consider Year End Financial Statement & Proposed Budget for 2024/25 to set Precept.
- d) Members to further consider statement in the light of the cost for potential new Baumber signs.

0124/56 Planning.

1. Update ref: 0323/72 - S/079/01078/22 LAND ADJACENT SOTBY WOODS HATTON.

Planning Permission - Installation of a temporary ground mounted 49.9MW solar farm with associated infrastructure, construction of vehicular accesses, CCTV cameras on 4m high poles a 15m high communications tower and security fencing to a maximum height of 2.2m.

Update: Following the letter received from the office of Secretary of State dated 28 September 2023 - on 27 October 2023 ELDC granted Full Planning Permission.

The Government remains committed to giving more power to councils and communities to make their own decisions on planning issues and believe that planning decisions should be made at the local level wherever possible. The call-in policy makes it clear that the power to call in a case will only be used very selectively. The Secretary of State has decided, having had regard to this policy, not to call in this application. He is satisfied that the application should be determined at a local level.

2. Update ref: 20/21/05 Manor Farm Lincoln Road Baumber - Alleged 5 Contraventions of Development Consent. - Case update still awaited from ELDC Development Control.

0124/57 Update ref: 1023/44 Un - adopted historical footpath West Lane - St Swithin's - kissing gate & access to Footpath 92 Adoption application in progress. Residents providing further witness statements to be included in the submission. Clerk proceeding. Further comment received from Andrew Roberts. Clerk has written to resident to provide further information awaiting response. In hand.

0124/58 Update ref 1023/37 Co-Option of new Members: Cllr M Baverstock & Cllr T Cuttall DPI forms submitted to ELDC & LALC New Cllr Training Course (online) booked for 6 February 2024.

0124/59 Correspondence.

0124/60 Minor Items.

0124/61 Date of Next Meeting/s: 20 March 2024 - 22 May 2024 Annual Parish Council & Ordinary Meeting. All meetings commence at 7.30pm at Baumber Village Hall. Consider date of Annual Baumber Community Meeting due to be held in 2024.

Meeting to be closed.