

Baumber Parish Council - Draft Minutes of Ordinary Meeting.
Parish Clerk – Melvin Grosvenor 01507 578657.

Minutes of Ordinary Baumber Parish Council Meeting on **Wednesday 21 May 2025** commenced at 8.00 pm at Baumber Village Hall.

Those present: Chairman Cllr M Harrison, Vice Chairman Cllr M Jones, Cllr M Baverstock Cllr T Cuttall, Cllr C Smith, Cllr G Wilbourn, LCC Cllr N Oliver.

Clerk: Mr M Grosvenor. 1 Baumber resident, 1 Hatton & 1 Sotby Resident.

Introduction & Welcome of Newly Elected LCC Cllr Natalie Oliver.

0525/11 Apologies for absence.

Received apologies Cllr W Gray.

0525/12 Public Participation.

1. Representation by Hatton & Sotby residents re Agenda item **2. Update ref: 0524/18 - S/079/01078/22 LAND ADJACENT SOTBY WOODS HATTON** - Appeal against ELDC's refusal of planning permission - confirming that the local residents were intending to be a Rule 6 Party to the Appeal and requesting BPC's continued support objecting to the application.

2. Representation by Baumber resident (local consultee) re Agenda item **1. 02174/25/FUL Baumber Village Hall West Lane Baumber.** Planning Permission - Erection of a Storage Shed. Support in principle but, concerns regarding proposed location.

2a) Seeking update on the blocked permissive footpath Agenda item **0525/18 ref: 0325/66.**

0525/13 Declaration of Interest.

Cllr's M Baverstock & T Cuttall as Baumber Village Hall Committee Members re Agenda item: **0525/17 Planning. 1 Planning Permission - Erection of a Storage Shed.**

0525/14 Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 19 March 2025 approved and signed as a true record.

0525/15 Clerks report on matters outstanding:

Ref 0324/66 Update: b) **Speed Limit reduction: Update:** 28-01-2025. Confirmation No objections received - LCC Highways currently in the process of arranging the installation of the new speed limit signs on West Lane (30mph) and B1225 - Silver St (40mph). **Update: 04/02/2025:** *'Highways team have surveyed the area alongside the new TRO plans and can arrange the following when the new speed limits signage is installed.*

The Village Name Plate and the Wolds sign will be moved together to make a gateway effect at the south end of the village. This will minimise the number of posts here and neaten the area. The other new Village Name Plate will be moved to the north end and put with the new speed limit signs. These works do take some time, so we expect these to be completed within the first half of the year'. Updates: 28/04/2025 The works order passed to Contractor - 12/05/2025 Contractor confirmed new signs ordered and awaiting scheduling of installation.

Update: 0724/27 - 0524/15 - 0324/63. Public Participation item a) Resident of Silver St Baumber - B1225 raised significant concerns regarding speeding traffic causing noise and threats to resident's safety, whilst walking and accessing their properties on the narrow footpath, which is

only wide enough for one person. This narrow footpath is in a poor condition and is caked in mud and debris from the spray of water and muck from fast moving traffic, which has built up over a long period and exacerbated by the repeated flooding of part of Silver St. The spray is also splattering over the walls, front doors and windows of those properties with no front gardens and directly adjacent to the road surface RF. - Agreed to initiate works to improve condition of footpath which was agreed to be essential. Update: 23 October 2024. Cllr Bradwell advised meeting that the works are in hand but there appears to be an issue with the limited width of the footpath which is not compliant with current Highways regulations. Cllr Bradwell will continue to liaise with Highways senior management for a satisfactory resolution. - Jan 2025 Cllr MJ & Clerk Observations. LCC Highways have undertaken repair patching of small areas of footpath in front of the row of houses adjacent to the road surface. Cllr N Oliver agreed to chase improvement works to clear footpath to improve access and amenity.

Update ref: 0524/15 -1022/50 B1225/A158 junction permanent street lights switch off. LCC Highways confirmed existing A158 redundant lights (29-43) to be removed, Clerk received the following response 28/05/2024:

'Your ongoing concerns about the impact of switching off the lights at the junction are noted. As previously indicated, this is necessary to allow for the removal of the lights already switched off in the vicinity as a part of the Street Lighting Transformation project in 2016/17, as they are all on the same cable system.

As a result of a swift response from LRSP, with no concerns being raised by them, and in order to make the change during the shorter nights, we have this morning been informed that the lights in question were in fact switched off last week on Thursday 23 May 2024. We can assure you that we will now be monitoring the impact of this using information from LRSP and no permanent removal of any of the columns will take place for at least twelve months. Matter for review May/June 2025.

0525/16 Financial Statement at 21/05/2025.

Description	DR/CR/Ref	Amount £
Bank Reconciliation 31/03/2025		5809.21
Note: Balance Includes Cllr W Gray Funding Traffic Calming signs		850.00
ELDC Precept 2025/26 Received 24/04/2025	CR	3267.60
Balance C/F		9076.81
Invoices/payments 21/05/2025		
LALC Annual Subscription 2025/26	DR 391	84.18
LALC Annual Training Scheme 2025/26	DR 391	132.00
Annual Insurance renewal 01/06/2025 * Ref: b)	DR 392	214.00
1st Stage Clerk Remuneration 2025/26	DR 393	1306.00
TQ Services Village Grass cut 28/04/2025	DR 394	228.00
Internal AGAR & Accounting Audit 2024/25	DR 395	50.00
ICO Annual registration fee	DD	52.00
Sub Total	DR	2066.18
Balance B/F		9076.81
Balance C/F		7010.63
LCC Grass Cutting Contribution 2025	CR	2431.27

0525/16 Financial Statement cont/..

a) Approved Invoices/Payments due.

- b) Approved new Insurer Zurich from Clear Council (Ecclesiastical) - Renewal Invoice £316.33. Comparative Invoices: Clear Council £316.55 & Zurich £214.00.
- c) Notification by Bank - Monthly Bank Charges to be applied to account from 13 May 2025 at £4.25pm.

0525/17 Planning.

1. 02174/25/FUL Baumber Village Hall West Lane Baumber.

Planning Permission - Erection of a Storage Shed.

Members considered application and **Resolved**: to support in principle, but for the proposed location of the shed to be positioned at the southern end of the Village Hall, between the hall and the West Lane hedgerow and adjacent to the Eastern boundary hedgerow. This position would be less visually intrusive and would minimise the reduction in car park spaces. The installed shed should be of green metal construction with an apex roof.

2. Update ref: 0524/18 - 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**:

Planning committee convened on 04/10/2024 - Officer's recommendation to approve - Majority Committee decision to refuse on the grounds of landscape impacts & Setting of Grade 2 listed Corner Farm and historic agricultural barn with conversion consent for recreational/holiday accommodation. **Update. Decision letter published 31/10/2024.**

Refused consent. Update 07/05/2025: Appeal ref no: AP/02008/25/REF An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of ELDC - Notification of Public Inquiry. Consider participation in Inquiry Members **Resolved**: to continue objection and support the Community case at the Appeal.

3. Update ref: 20/21/05 Manor Farm Lincoln Road Baumber - Alleged 5 Contraventions of Development Consent. - Case update still awaited from ELDC Development Control. Members considered concerns raised regarding the felling of the line of approximately 20 trees lining the internal access to Manor Farm.

0525/18 ref: 0325/66 Un - adopted historical footpath West Lane - St Swithin's - kissing gate & access to Footpath 92. **Update**: 10/10/24 Clerk posted to the 2 involved landowners Service of Notice of Application for Modification Order - Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) with covering letter requesting support for application. 23/10/2024 Clerk has submitted all completed forms and resident's evidence to the Definitive Map Officer LCC. **Update**: Ref Agenda Item **0125/49 Public Participation**. b) Representation by Resident & landowner of Baumber House and adjacent land in respect of agenda item **0125/55 - ref: 1024/44** Un - *adopted historical footpath West Lane - St Swithin's - kissing gate & access to Footpath 92 Adoption application in progress*. Reported damage and removal of replacement fencing by person/s unknown and withdrawal of support for footpath adoption application. Clerk provided Members of details of previous site meeting with landowner suggesting reinstatement of the fencing and retaining continued access to footpath with potential financial support provided by Baumber PC. Members reiterated willingness to provide financial support for reinstatement of damaged fence and provision of approved kissing gate, to maintain a positive working relationship between BPC and the landowner, whilst the application for the adoption of the footpath is in progress to facilitate the continuation of this valued historical local and public amenity. Landowner to provide written feedback in due course.

Update: 15/05/2025. Exchanges of emails between LCC & landowner confirm that:

- a) LCC has agreed to provide an approved kissing gate FOC.
- b) The landowner has confirmed acceptance of the installation on boundary fence of the existing permissive footpath, but is not in support of the DMMO application for the Adoption of the footpath.
- c) Clerk has notified LCC of approval of installation of the specified kissing gate which is now on order and will be delivered during the Summer of 2025.
- d) Clerk has been liaising with qualified contractor to arrange the installation and confirm the cost of the installation which can be funded from available BPC's reserves ref: Agenda item 0525/17.
- e) Clerk to write to the adjacent landowner to seek consent for the Kissing - Gate to be installed at the boundary fence.

0525/19 Correspondence.

None of note.

0525/20 Minor Items.

Cllr's M Baverstock & C Cuttall raised concerns regarding the rapid deterioration of the newly resurfaced Footpath No 90 by LCC. Cllr N Oliver to raise the matter with LCC. Clerk to also submit report.

0525/21 Date of Next Meeting/s:

Ordinary Parish Council Meetings; 23 July 2025, 22 October 2025. All Parish Council meetings commence at 7.30pm at Baumber Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.