

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

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Parish Council Meeting of Baumber Parish Council on **Wednesday 21 January 2026** commencing **7.30pm** at Baumber Village Hall.

In accordance with the provision 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.

The recording at Council Meetings is permitted with the full knowledge of the Chairman of the Meeting and must be conducted openly.

The agenda is set out below.

Melvin Grosvenor

Clerk to the Council

Date of issue: 14 January 2026.

0126/48 Apologies for absence.

To Receive apologies/reasons for absence.

0126/49 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.

0126/50 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.

a. 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.

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

0126/51 Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 22 October 2025 to be approved and signed as a true record.

1026/52 Clerks report on matters outstanding:

a). Update: 0724/27 . Public Participation item a) Resident of Silver St Baumber Re: Condition of footpath. The narrow footpath is in a poor condition and is caked in mud and debris Jan 2025 Patching undertaken. **21/05/2025** Cllr N Oliver agreed to chase improvement works to clear footpath to improve access and amenity. **Update: 15/08/25.** Clerk met Cllr N Oliver on site & progress report received.

Update 21/01/26 Works undertaken to scrape slit and debris and other obstructions along the narrow footpath. Feedback from Cllr M Baverstock & Cllr M Jones.

02/10/25 - LCC Highways have undertaken works to clear the debris in the roadside drainage ditch: *The job to jet the culvert and drainage ditch has taken place, there were no defects found, and the culvert is running well. Will continue to monitor the build-up of silt as we move into Autumn/Winter.* **Update: 21/01/26** Cllr M Jones monitoring over the past few months - report.

0126/53 Update: 1025/39.

Cllr's M Baverstock & C Cuttell raised concerns regarding the rapid deterioration of the newly resurfaced Footpath No 90 by LCC. Cllr N Oliver has raised the matter with LCC. Clerk submitted report on 27 May & received a response confirming the matter has been referred to the contractor. Update: LCC have initiated remedial works. Any further deterioration to report? - **Update 21/01/26** Cllr Baverstock reported surface still slippery in icy conditions - Clerk has applied for Grit Bin.

0126/54 Update ref: 1025/40 B1225/A158 junction permanent street lights switch off. LCC Highways confirmed existing A158 redundant lights (29-43) to be removed.

Matter for review May/June 2025. **Update:** Clerk received the following response from Highways 03/09/2025: *As confirmed there have been no collisions of any severity since May 2024 when the additional lights were switched off, we shall proceed with column removal works. With staff returning from summer leave, works preparation shall begin shortly with column removals planned for the winter, most likely Jan/Feb 2026.* **Update 21/01/26** awaiting confirmation of removal works.

0126/55 Financial Statement at 21/01/2026.

Description	DR/CR/Ref	Amount £
Bank reconciliation 29/09/2025		6864.99
Note: Bal Includes Cllr W Gray Funding Traffic Calming signs		850.00
Payments/Invoices Paid October/Nov 2025		
TQ Services Village grass cut 10/09/2025 (2nd Cut)	DR 398	228.00
TQ Services St Swithin's Churchyard cut 29/09/2025	DR 398	144.00
Cllr M Jones Replacement Litter Picking boots	DR 399	81.00
Clerk Admin Expenses Aug/Sept/Oct	DR 400	34.00
LALC WMS Additional 5 hours	DR 401	108.00
R & H Plant Kissing Gate Installation Permissive FP	DR 402	420.00
TQ Services Village grass cut 06/10/2025 (3rd Cut)	DR 403	228.00
17/10 Bank Service Charge	DR	4.25
28/10 Bank Service Charge	DR	5.25
28/11 Bank Service Charge	DR	6.25
Sub Total	DR	1258.75
		6864.99
		5606.24
LCC Highways Grass cutting contribution 2025	CR	2431.27
Bank Reconciliation 29/12/2025		8037.51
Invoices/Payments Due 21/01/2026		
Clerk Remuneration - 2nd Stage 2025/26	DR	1100.00
Clerk Expenses Nov/Dec 25 Jan 2026 Office 2024	DR	56.99
TQ Services 27 Oct 25 Village Cut & St Swithin's	DR	372.00
Cllr M Jones Waterproofs	DR	29.00
baumberparishcouncil.gov.uk domain set up & support	DR	343.20
Sub Total	DR	1901.19

	Bal B/F		8037.51
	Bal C/F		6136.32
Invoices/Expenses Due to 31/03/2026			
Baumber Village Hall Hire 2025/26	DR		300.00
Annual Subs Council Updates	DR		100.00
Clerk Admin Expenses Feb/March	DR		30.00
TQ Services Feb 2026 Village cut	DR		228.00
Bank Service Charges Jan/Feb/March	DR		18.00
Sub Total		DR	676.00
	Bal B/F		6136.32
	Bal C/F		5460.32
Estimated VAT Refund	CR		395.80
Estimated Reserves 31/03/2026			5856.12
Recommend 2.5% Increase 2026/27 Precept			3349.00

0126/56 Financial Statement cont/..

- a) To Approve Invoices/Payments due.
- b) Consideration & Approval of Financial Statement - Budget 2026/27 to Set precept for Financial Yr Commencing 1st April 2026 - 31 March 2027.
- c) Clerk attended NALC online review session (02/12/2025) in preparation for 2025/26 AGAR Assertion 10 compliance requirements for Parish Councils to own their own email domain name .gov.uk or .org.uk. Recommend Active Council services for domain name registration & email set up and ongoing support. The current email: baumberparishcouncil@gmail.com is noncompliant with Assertion 10.
- d) Update re Grass cutting services. Contractor has confirmed will be undertaking 5th Cut in Feb 2026 & 2025/26 costs are held for 2026/27.
- e) Update: Interactive Speed reduction signs.
- f) Maintenance works on Bus stop by Pilgrim School and installation of an internal bench plus pressure washing of grubby white village gateways - awaiting confirmation of completion and costs.

0126/57 Planning.

- 1. 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: Refused consent. Update 07/05/2025: Appeal ref no: AP/02008/25/REF** to Secretary of State against refusal by ELDC. Local resident group participating as a Rule 6 Party. **Update: 12/12/2025** Appeal decision to Approve Development Consent.

- 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. Members considered concerns raised regarding the felling of the line of approximately 20 trees lining the internal access to Manor Farm.

- 0126/58 ref: 1025/43** 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.

0126/58a Kissing gate Post PRoW No 92 - eastern access to St Swithin's.

Cllr M Jones reported the wooden Kissing gate post is rotten and no longer secure. LCC footpaths have provided a new replacement post. Clerk liaising with St Swithin's, landowner & contractor for the replacement post work to be completed.

0126/59 Update: 1025/44 Minor Items Cllr M Jones raised concerns regarding overgrown and rat infested condition of the derelict Red Lion site. Clerk to submit complaint to ELDC Enforcement & Environmental Heath. Response 04/09/25 Ref: EC/02196 Site inspected and determined that the land is not suitable to be considered for any action under Sec 215 of Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

0126/60 Update: 1025/45 Walled Garden Invitation to Members to attend an event on 4 April 2026. Members available to attend.

0126/61 Correspondence .

0126/62 Minor Items.

0126/63 Date of Next Meeting/s:

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting:18/03/2026. Annual & Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: 20 May 2026. All Parish Council meetings commence at 7.30pm at Baumber Village Hall. Date of Baumber Annual Parish/Community Meeting to be confirmed.

Meeting to be closed.