

# MINUTES OF BANTON & ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 8pm in the Reading Room, Banton.

Present were Councillors Mr W Gibson, Ms S Lucas (Chairman) and Mr S Taylor.

Clerk, Mrs J Rice and members of the public, two.

25/16	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive and note apologies received by the Clerk.</b> There were apologies received from Cllr M Lucas (via Ms S Lucas), Cliff Stanton and Julie Stanton (residents and members of the Nature Recovery Group).	
25/17	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> <b>To receive all declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</b> (Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business). There were no declarations of interest made.	
25/18	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> <b>Arrangements will be made for the public to join the meeting. A maximum of 15 minutes will be permitted for members of the public to address the meeting on any item on the agenda.</b> The members of public agreed to wait until items later on and be invited to speak then. It was agreed to move the 20mph item to the start of parish projects.	
25/19	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (previously circulated)</b> <b>To agree the minutes of the last meeting on 8/5/25 are a true record. Minutes to be signed by the Chairman.</b> The minutes were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.	
25/20	<b>GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND TRAINING</b>	
	20.1	<b>To receive and discuss finance report until end of May/June 2025, herewith, and resolve any issues.</b> The Clerk explained the budget is 33% spent at 25% through the year, due to payments of insurance, subscriptions, audit and grass cutting weighted to start of the year. Project expenditure from this year's High Field Road budget is unspent, however the play area third party contribution budget is spent. The 4K grant monies carried forward for the Sheepwash refurb is now spent as the fencing is complete. The bank balance is 13.2k and includes 2k for HF Road measures and 3.7k for 20mph/speed control measures plus 0.8k for plants and benches from leadership fund monies. VAT reclaim 1.5k and rest of precept due, leaving general reserves healthy at approx. 6-8k. Cllr S Lucas said there could be Ward Leadership Fund monies again.
	20.2	<b>To agree any new dates and costs for training required for Councillors.</b> There was no training requested.
	20.3	<b>To note insurance policy renewed (long term agreement until May 2027) and any additional premium for new play equipment, telephone box and benches yet to be added.</b> The policy was renewed at £500 (in budget) and the Clerk will add these assets in time. <b>Action Clerk</b>
	20.4	<b>To receive any co-option application form(s) and appoint according to co-option policy or agree future recruitment strategies.</b> There were no applications and recruitment was not discussed specifically, however the Clerk puts an advert in the Parish News and Facebook on a regular basis.
	20.5	<b>To receive update from staffing committee on Clerk's appraisal and recommendation and resolve, including payment for additional 30 hours worked.</b> The Clerk has submitted her preparation/summary and the staffing committee agreed to meet before the next meeting. It was agreed to pay overtime as worked. <b>Action Cllr S Lucas and Cllr Taylor, Clerk</b>
	20.6	<b>To discuss Poors Charity Trustee places for the Parish Council and agree action.</b> It was noted that there are three Trustee places and only one is taken up by a Parish Councillor at present. It was agreed to ask that the Parish Council be allowed to nominate two more as per the constitution. <b>Action Clerk to write to N Clough</b>
25/21	<b>REPORT FROM NEW WARD COUNCILLOR To receive report from K Tighe, Ward Councillor</b> Cllr Tighe was not present however Cllr S Lucas had had a meeting with him and reported to him that the PC want to continue with Barnack Ward meetings as they were useful to share and agree joint issues. She relayed that Cllr Tighe is to hold a parish surgery on 19/7/25 from 3pm-6pm in the Reading Room. <b>Also, from Cllr Boyce that he is no longer Parish Liaison Working Group member/lead</b> This was noted.	
25/22	<b>PARISH PROJECTS</b>	

	<b>22.1</b>	<b>To receive update from Nature Recovery Group and agree any action and expenditure from budget.</b> It was reported that there was no update apart from that PCC has mowed the County Wildlife Site verges in High Field and Bainton Green Roads, as per the agreement to do twice a year. Cllr S Lucas thanked Cliff and Julie Stanton for continuing with the successful mowing plans.
	<b>22.2</b>	<b>To receive any new update report from Village Traffic Calming Group, including 20mph installation.</b> It was reported that the new 20mph signs should be installed very soon, following the months of discussion and consultation and agreement of the Parish Council and Traffic Calming Group to go ahead. It was further explained that the change in speed limit between the villages will be followed up with Cllr Tighe, as this was thought to help the overall traffic behaviour. Mr McNeish explained the situation with the AutoSpeedwatch cameras and the lack of use of the data still by the police force, however that this could change in the future and they would be very effective as penalties will apply. He further stated that monies for the community that come with any new housing development could be used for further measures. The member of the public expressed dissatisfaction that he had had no responses from Highways to his emails and feels that the new 20mph penalises the already compliant drivers. Mr McNeish explained that many other options were all considered and discounted for various reasons and it has been well documented from Parish Council meetings but unfortunately for some that are not in favour, the 20mph limit was thought to be the best option to reduce overall speed. Mr McNeish said the cameras do give data to show the many drivers exceeding 30mph to justify the need for some level of control and that a combination of measures should help.
	<b>22.3</b>	<b>To receive update on new benches (now 2 x 5') for the Sheepwash.</b> The Clerk explained that there had been a delay in sourcing the wood but that the 2 x 5' benches would be installed asap.
	<b>22.4</b>	<b>To receive and note minutes/update from multi-agency group meetings on flooding.</b> The minutes had been circulated and it was noted that due to recent improvements, there were no major issues at present.
	<b>22.5</b>	<b>To receive update on measures to reduce anti-social behaviour at High Field Road and agree a course of action, including signage/gateways, new request for bund idea.</b> It was noted that following consultation with farmers, the installation of bollards in gateways will cause them some concerns and just the PCC no parking etc signs will be installed for now. The decision to install a Bundt is still the Parish Council preferred choice and this will be revisited, as it was noted that other areas have done this successfully, including at Ginton. It was noted that flytipping is increasing and the City Council via the Ward Cllr will be approached for help with CCTV to address this hotspot. It was further noted that Cllr S Lucas and Ward Cllr Tighe will meet with the Head of Highways to discuss the installation of a Bundt. <b>Action Cllr S Lucas/Clerk</b>
	<b>22.6</b>	<b>To receive and note update on BT phone box being painted and converted to house books for swapping. (Shelves needed)</b> It was noted that the kiosk has been repainted with thanks to resident Rob McNeish and shelves and signs have been installed with the very kind help of residents/relatives. It will be advertised and filled with books in time. <b>Action Clerk/Reading Room</b>
	<b>22.7</b>	<b>To note verges correspondence and further non-compliance issues and agree action.</b> The situation regarding verges was discussed and it was noted that some household mowing of verges goes unchallenged, however the special City Council's County Wildlife Site verges need to be protected and managed carefully by them, with polite attempts to control resident behaviour with help and advice, supported positively by the Langdyke Trust.
<b>25/23</b>	<b>CLOSURE OF GRAVEYARD AND PROVISION OF NEW</b>	
	<b>23.1</b>	<b>To receive feedback on the closure process and options for the Parish and resolve to hold public meeting.</b> The information and process to close the burial ground at Bainton was received and noted, following a meeting with the Reverend and Councillors from the ward. It was noted that the process has been started and the Parish Council can take on the maintenance of the churchyard (including grass cutting, walls and trees) or pass the responsibility to the City Council. There is a grant that would be payable for 75% of the costs to maintain it. It was further noted that an alternative site will be explored with the possibility of involving the Poors Charity for land and the Langdyke Trust for a nature reserve and green

		burial site. It was agreed that an open, public meeting will be held in October when more information is available. <b>Action Clerk</b>	
	23.2	<b>To receive feedback on grant for future graveyard costs and any ceiling.</b> The Clerk will follow this up as no response received as yet. <b>Action Clerk</b>	
23/24	REPOR	<b>FROM REPRESENTATIVES AND ASSET MAINTENANCE</b>	
	24.1	<b>To receive and note play area refurbishment project update and resolve any issues, including siting of playhouse and road sign.</b> The Clerk updated the Councillors on the project and is awaiting further discussions with the supplier including a query regarding refurb of the fence at the rear. <b>Action Clerk</b>	
	24.2	<b>To receive and note defib checks carried out.</b> It was noted these will be followed up. <b>Action Cllrs</b>	
	24.3	<b>To receive information regarding any new maintenance issues and agree action/expenditure.</b> There was none raised.	
25/25	<b>PLANNING To receive details of applications and note or resolve council response.</b>		
	25.1	<b>To note planning enforcement case for reporting of cars parked/stored and sheep grazing on land off B1443. Planning Enforcement case number 25/00051. Chased up.</b> It was noted that this has been followed up with no feedback as yet.	
	25.2	<b>25/00215/214 demolition of lean to and replacement heritage style orangery at Bainton House, Tallington Road. Response of support sent. Permitted 27/5/25.</b> This was noted.	
	25.3	<b>24/01633/FUL proposed new agricultural building at The Green, Helpston Road, Bainton. Re-submission. Deadline 8/7/25.</b> This was discussed and it was decided that due to the unknown use of this site and building, and the recent enforcement issues and concerns raised in the Wildlife Officer report, to object to the application. <b>Action Clerk to send response.</b>	
	25.4	<b>To receive and note any new feedback on the draft Peterborough Local Plan consultation.</b> It was noted there has been no further feedback.	
	25.5	<b>To receive and note any new applications arriving after agenda issued to see if can be agreed now.</b> There was none.	
25/26	<b>PARISH/COMMUNITY/PCC LIAISON</b>		
	26.1	<b>To note feedback from Parish Liaison meeting and note any actions.</b> There was no meeting/feedback.	
	26.2	<b>To receive other feedback from recently attended meetings.</b> Cllr S Lucas explained the ongoing issues with High Field Road were raised with the Ward Cllr.	
25/27	<b>COMMUNICATION AND CORRRESPONDENCE</b>		
	27.1	<b>Survey from PCC on Government re-organisation to one-tier council, deadline 20/7/25. Correspondence from CAPALC on re-organisation.</b> It was agreed Cllrs could do their own response and it was communicated to residents too. <b>Action Cllrs</b>	
	27.2	<b>From resident re dog waste littering – reporting of.</b> An issue had been raised regarding the reporting of residents discarding dog waste bags on green areas and not in the bin and advice was given on how to follow it up, also put in Parish News.	
	27.3	<b>To note message from resident re 20mph.</b> This was handled at the meeting.	
25/28	<b>PAYMENTS – to authorise payments to be made or made as follows;</b> The following payments were authorised as listed.		
	28.1	Clerk for mileage and home office £26 for June	£55.70
	28.2	Clerk ink plan share June £3.92 pm	£3.92
	28.3	HMRC PAYE payable by employer/ee June and July	£71.40
	28.4	Ufford Village Hall for meeting on 27/3/25	£25
	28.5	Clerk salary £356.40 less tax, to be paid 30/6/25 and 31/7/25 & 31/8/25	£285
	28.6	Clerk overtime hours x 20 hours	£316.80
	28.7	Timotay deposit payable for play area, grant received first	£8985.66
	28.8	Gary Archer for Sheepwash fencing (grant received in 2023)	£4000 paid
	28.9	Leics Gardens for grass cutting as per contract x 2 April and May	£1200 paid
	28.10	To Grantscape for Augean grant landfill tax	£2790Paid
	28.11	Pay EOTH parish council for share in stationery	£17.22
Incm	28.12	From Allotment Association for water, received 14/5/25	£55.27
25/29	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The date of the next Parish Council meeting was agreed as <b>4th September 2025 at 7pm.</b>		

