



BASLOW AND BUBNELL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

For the meeting held on 18th November 2025 at Baslow Village Hall

Councillors present:	David Dawson	Simon Chalk	Apologies: Cllr Kath Potter (Peak Park) PC Shaun Jakins PCSO Anthony Boswell
	Christopher Brown	Richard Clark	
	Emma Beer	Nick Gilbert	
	Steve Brown	Jonathan Holsgrove	
	Jane Buckham	John Hopkins	
Others:	Cllr Susan Hobson (DDDC and DCC)	Sarah Porter	

*Report / Action
Required*

1. There were apologies for absence received from Cllr Kath Potter, PC Shaun Jakins and PCSO Anthony Boswell.
2. There were no declaration of interests.
3. Public speaking:
 - Anthony Boswell – Police (via the Clerk) – There was an attempted break in of a business premises in Beeley in the early hours of Sunday morning. Over the same night/morning there were 2 other business premises locally were targeted. There were a number of shed break ins in Hathersage over the weekend. Between 20/10 and 18/11 there's been 3 reported crimes in the village of Baslow - 1x shoplifting, 1x theft and 1x malicious communications. If you see people acting suspiciously, then please report it on 999, 101, online form (if not emergency) and social media.
 - Cllr Susan Hobson when she arrived at 8.20–
 - Went to the Severn Trent Water meeting about the water main improvements. They have some funding for Community projects.
 - Chatsworth Market parking – the Doctors surgery has asked for people to not use their car park at weekends as it is required for access for contractors.
 - Police and Crime Commissioner meeting about the speeding in Baslow and not yet heard anything back.
 - East Midland Mayor representative for Sustainable Transport held a meeting in Rowsley to look at extending the White Peak Loop. They are looking for improvements across all transport areas.
 - There is a Scrutiny meeting at DCC next week about readiness for flooding. The message Cllr Hobson is taking to it is the need to keep grids and gullies clear especially of leaves.
 - The white lines at the bottom of School Lane have not been reinstated. This has been reported and asked for the roundabout to be done again. DCC claim that they have not found this to be an issue, so Cllr Hobson has challenged this.
 - Cllr Buckham thanked Cllr Hobson for the Council sweeping around the green and tidying up where the yellow lines are.
 - Temporary lights for STW works were put up days before the work was due to start. This is not acceptable. Please challenge this through the Clerk and Cllr Hobson.
4. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th September were approved.
5. There were no items from Part 1 of the Agenda which should be taken with the public excluded.
6. Matters Arising (actions from previous meetings to note – non-decision making):
 - Public speaking:
 - State of footpaths and pavements reported to DCC and Cllr Hobson
 - Gatepost removed from the Village Green
 - Clerk vacancy was discussed under Item 11
 - Councillor updates and photos for the website
 - Planning was discussed under Item 7
 - Suggestions from residents were discussed under Item 8
 - Inspections were discussed under Item 9
 - Working Parties were discussed under Item 10
 - Correspondence – actioned as agreed

7. Planning Applications
New:

Chairman's Signature Date.....

- NP/DDD/1125/1119 - Park House, Park Lane, Baslow - Listed Building consent - Reform existing covered up lightwell – No comments

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Discussed via email – None

Existing:

- NP/DDD/0825/0812 - Newby House, Over Lane, Baslow, DE45 1RT - Removal of existing timber fence and gates. Construction of new wood-effect aluminium gates and stone walling. See supporting drawings for full description of works.- Granted conditionally
- NP/DDD/0825/0808 - Park Lodge, Park Lane, Baslow, DE45 1SR - Proposal to form new doorway through as previous approved opening will be more intrusive to original building fabric. – Granted conditionally
- NP/DDD/0325/0228 - The Old Bakehouse Bungalow, Nether End, Baslow - Change of use of outbuilding for use as residential holiday let and external alterations to existing bungalow roof, windows and doors. Formalising existing access from rear private drive – Granted conditionally
- Eaton Hill Development update – The developer is not able to be a Registered Provider (RP) for affordable & social housing and therefore is looking to work with DDDC to deliver this scheme. The Councillors queried if the houses are still going to be sold with a Derbyshire clause or whether they will be rented by DDDC? There was concern about the removal of the green roof as this was key to the support from the village and whether it would be better for DDDC to retain the community space. Clerk will ask this.

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8. Suggestions or issues from residents:

- Telephone box change of use – There was a discussion about using the space for a defibrillator. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact BT about taking over the box.
- Hedge overgrown on Church View Drive – The hedge has now been trimmed.
- Himalayan Balsam – Clerk has reported the concerns to Chatsworth who plan to hold some volunteer days to tackle the problem led by the Head of Fisheries

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9. Inspections

➤ Issues from latest inspections?

- Defibs
 - New pads and batteries – It was agreed to replace the pads and leave the batteries. The Clerk will also ask for a quote for a new defibrillator for the phonebox.
- Burial Ground
 - Bins – Green bin having everything put in. There may be a need for some signage.
- Woodland
 - Met with Triumph – They rotate the groups in the play area with a maximum of 20 children. It was suggested that this was quite high. They have developed a sign reassuring the public the play area is open for all.
 - Proposal for the old bike track area – There was a discussion about the scheme for a building in the old bike track area. This will be a community building and developed with the school and Sports Field. Need to be clearer about the purpose of the building. Chatsworth have to be involved, and the design needs to be in keeping with the woodland space. It has to be useable for all users of the woodland park.
 - Climbing wall – lottery grant successful. The potential location was discussed. There was then a discussion about the existing damaged piece of equipment. Some Councillors will have a look on Thursday.
 - Rospa inspection – all actions completed except:
 - Zip wire – new screwdriver required. The one to buy has been sent to David Robins.

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All

10. Working Party and General Updates:

- Crime data update for Tideswell, Litton, Baslow and Beeley (<https://www.police.uk/your-area/derbyshire-constabulary/tideswell-litton-baslow-and-beeley/?yourlocalpolicingteam=about-us&tab=crimemap>) –
 - 17 crimes in September 2025 – 5 crimes in Baslow:
 - 3 violence and sexual offences
 - 2 criminal damage and arson
 - 19 crimes in August 2025 – 4 crimes in Baslow:
 - 1 anti-social behaviour
 - 2 violence and sexual offences
 - 1 criminal damage and arson
 - 14 crimes in July 2025 – 2 crimes in Baslow:
 - 1 other theft
 - 1 violence and sexual offences

There was a query about the increasing appearance of violence and sexual offences. The Clerk will request this information.

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- Community Orchard Land Registry – Needs some legal help. Cllr Holsgrove has got 2 quotes of £750 and £500 plus VAT and disbursements. There are covenants on it linked to the neighbouring houses. It was agreed to go with the £500 quote. Clerk
Cllr
Holsgrove
 - Community Orchard Group would like to thank the Parish Council for the grant for apple day. This year apple day made a profit and wondering about buying another gazebo or apple press along with some repairs. The sad report is that it appears someone or some people removed a number of apples from the orchard. The trees will be monitored more closely by the Orchard Group next year.
 - Baslow Environment Group – A meeting is being arranged to discuss the future involvement of the Parish Council.
 - Chatsworth Christmas Market restrictions seem to be working well so far. There has been requests for further cones, but these are not justified as on cul-de-sacs. Requests for changes should be made to the Clerk and ideally be supported with photographs showing the issue. All
 - Emergency Planning – Flooding – the WhatsApp groups worked really well. Flood defences were put up and all supported one another. Bar brook did not flood any properties and the water moved away much quicker due to the clearance work undertaken by the Environment Agency. The Nether End Flood Group has written to thank the Environment Agency, and it would be good if the Parish Council did the same. This was agreed. Clerk
11. Finance and Administration including Working Party Update:
- Clerk vacancy – One application received so far and 2 expressions of interest. It was agreed Cllr Chris Brown, Cllr David Dawson and Cllr John Hopkins would be on the interview panel. A date for interview will be arranged between the panel. The Clerk will circulate the CVs to all Councillors. Clerk
 - Contract specifications have been publicised for the Ground Maintenance, Woodland Park and Website
 - Accounts to 6th November 2025 were noted.
 - 2026-2027 Budget setting – All to send Clerk ideas for the budget setting such as defibrillator, new netting for the Woodland Park and new building at the Woodland Park. All
 - S137 Requests - None
 - New expenditure approved - None
 - Expenditure noted:
 - Standing Order - Clerk – £502.40 per month
 - Electronic payment – Clerk - Remembrance Wreath - £24.49
 - Electronic payment – Baslow Village Hall – Room Hire - £18
 - Electronic payment – W E Brindley – Ground Maintenance - £1292
 - Electronic payment – Opera PR – Website - £135.79 and £240
 - Electronic payment – Chatsworth – Woodland Park Rent - £70
 - Electronic payment – David Robins – Woodland maintenance and bike track clearance - £1640
 - Direct Debit – Landline Anywhere about £100
 - New income noted - None
12. Correspondence
- Beaver Feasibility Assessment – is an initiative to introduce beavers on to the Derwent. The Nether End Flood Group has been put forward as a consultee. This was noted. Clerk
 - 75th Anniversary of the Peak District National Park – This is in 2026. Peak Park is currently looking at ideas to celebrate this.
 - Peak Partnership Summit – 19th November – No one able to attend
 - DDDC Local Government Review – Still in debate over the Amber Valley. This does not overly affect Baslow and Bubnell. DCC has changed its proposal to a countywide unitary authority that would include Derby City. No details about this have been published and it is different to what they consulted on in the summer.
 - Severn Trent Water works and other roadworks in Baslow – list of roadworks in the last few years had been previously circulated. There has been a lot of infrastructure improvements on the water pipes, fibre broadband and electricity. This was noted.
 - Peak District National Park Authority: Local Plan consultation on Preferred Approach – This was noted and the paper version taken by Cllr Dawson. Cllr
Dawson
 - Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 8 December 2025 – no one able to attend
 - Snow Warden Scheme 2025-2026 signed up to and grit ordered. Cllr S Brown thought there was no need for more grit as plenty at the sports field. Clerk has not been told this by David Robins.
13. Feedback from Meetings and Training:
- Police Crime Commissioner meeting with Cllr Hobson – 23rd September – Local police can't deal with these issues only the transport police. Keep reporting.

- Derbyshire Flood Warden Training – 25th September – Good general information. Running a couple of pilots in the county where the village can put signage up regarding flooding rather than the County Council, sadly Baslow was not chosen for this.

14. For information:

- Hulleys has reopened

15. Reading (circulated by email):

- Clerks and Councils Direct (paper)
- Citizens Advice 6 Month Impact Report - Derbyshire Dales
- Severn Trent Councillor Newsletter
- Baslow Environment Group
- DALC Newsletters
- Peak District News, Views and Bulletins
- Friends of the Peak District News
- Media Releases from Derbyshire Dales District Council
- Parishes Planning Bulletin
- Peak Park Parishes Forum papers and newsletters
- Rural Matters Newsletter
- Rural Services Network Bulletins and Press Releases
- Rural Opportunities Newsletter
- Weekly Rural News Digest
- Police Alerts and newsletters

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS - All meetings held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

- 20th January 2026
- 17th March 2026
- 19th May 2026
- 21st July 2026
- 15th September 2026
- 17th November 2026