

Barton Mills Parish Council

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Chairman: Mrs A. Dawson 01638 714449

Minutes of the Meeting of Barton Mills Parish Council

held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th August 2018 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr. A. Dawson (Chair), Cllr. F. Lewis, Cllr K. Fuller, Cllr N. Horne, Cllr R. Lewis, Cllr S. Mullender, Cllr G. Flack, Cllr A. Harji.

Clerk Jadi Coe, Isobel Wright (Hastoe Homes) and fifteen members of the public

18/08/01 Public Participation

Parishioner Robert Nelson stated his reasons for not wanting affordable homes built on land behind Manor View. He said he couldn't understand the reasons the landowners gave for dismissing the original piece of land chosen by BMPC on Church Lane as he had spoken to the farm contractors who said it would make no difference to them. Robert believes there are other sites more suitable for housing and asked why these have been rejected.

Parishioner Gill Nelson stated that affordable homes built on the proposed area would affect the peace, privacy and lifestyle of those people living in Manor View which back onto the proposed development, and that the view is what attracted them to purchase their home. Gill asked why the 12 original sites proposed were not to be used as these sites would have little residential impact.

Parishioner Colin Brotherton asked why the affordable home site couldn't be alongside the existing affordable home site on the Tony Morley site. Colin also asked why there was a need for additional affordable homes as affordable homes are being built on the Worlington Road site.

Parishioner Reg Gray spoke about the following issues he had in regards to the new Hastoe Home proposed site: why the site behind Manor View is being considered as it was not part of the original 12 proposed sites; he had never received a survey in regards to housing needs; whether the wildlife living in the area is to be considered; whether we had considered the affect on the already narrow Church Lane; the effect the homes would have on current house values in the close area; surrounding villages are developing heavily and does Barton Mills also need to develop homes in a similar way.

The public were informed that Isobel Wright from Hastoe Homes had attended the meeting to answer questions and explain the process and details of the new proposed land (item 5).

18/08/02 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr P. Boura

18/08/03 Declaration of members Interest

Cllr F. Lewis, item 6a Planning Appl. DC/18/1126/OUT

Cllr R. Lewis, item 6a Planning Appl. DC/18/1126/OUT

Cllr A. Harji, item 5 Hastoe Homes proposed site

18/08/04 Minutes

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd July 2018 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. F.Lewis and all agreed these were then signed Chairman Cllr. Dawson.

18/08/05 Parish Matters

18/08/05.01 Discuss Hastoe Home proposed site

Cllr A. Harji left the meeting.

Isobel stated the land behind Manor View was the only piece of land that has been offered to them for affordable homes in Barton Mills..

Isobel spoke of the planning process and stated that a survey had been sent independently to all parishioners and the survey showed that the village has a clear need for more affordable homes. Land owners had been asked to come forward if they had land they could sell. One landowner came forward stating they would consider selling a piece of land but that it would not be the piece originally identified by BMPC as a possible site. They have suggested the land behind Manor View. It was made clear to the public that no decision has been made therefore there are no site plans available.

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To answer some of the public's questions and concerns the following was stated:

- The request for land owners who would potentially sell land for affordable housing was publicised in the village magazine Barton Miller and to date no other land owners have come forward.
- Although there is affordable housing being built on Worlington Road this would not be for 'Barton Mills people' but would be for those most in need decided by FHDC.
- Only if the site is outside the current village boundary can the homes be for 'Barton Mills people' and they would be kept for people with a connection to Barton Mills for perpetuity.
- The homes would be for those who have a connection to Barton Mills, which would mean they either currently live here, have moved away in recent years because they could not afford a home here, work in the Parish or have family in the Parish.
- If the proposed site was agreed that this would not mean that the entire field would then be developed at a later date as the policy would not allow this.
- The survey indicated that bungalows and small units were needed.

It was proposed by Cllr Dawson and agreed by all to ask Isobel to go back to the landowners and ask if they would consider selling the strip of land adjoining Church Lane that had been originally identified by BMPC as a possible site and also if they could elaborate on their reasoning for declining this original piece of land as it may be something the planners could accommodate. Isobel also agreed to contact Suffolk County Council to see whether they would sell their land for affordable housing and the cost of this.

Isobel agreed and stated she would hopefully be able to give us more information before our next meeting.

Cllr A. Harji rejoined the meeting

18/08/06

Planning and Environment

General & For Consideration:

a) DC/18/1126/OUT – Outline planning application for 5 dwellings on land north of Belle Vue, Church Lane

Cllr F. Lewis and Cllr. R Lewis left the meeting

Objected based on the land being outside the development area

Cllr F. Lewis and Cllr. R Lewis rejoined the meeting

b) DC/18/1407/HH – Planning application for detached garage at 15 Wiggin Close, Barton Mills

No objection

Tree Applications (for information only):

a) DC/18/1327/TPO – Fell and reduce trees at Beeches Moat, Barton Mills.

No comment

18/08/07

Finances & Policies

18/08/07.01 Parish Council Bank Balances and Reconciliation

These bank reconciliations were presented to Cllr A. Dawson and agreed

18/08/07.02 Cheques for signing and approval

It was proposed by Cllr Dawson to approve the following cheques and this was agreed by all:

Chq	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
717	K & M Light.	July maintenance.	6.66	1.33	7.99
718	J Coe	July salary	230.40	0.00	230.40
719	SALC	Clerk workshop	31.00	6.20	37.20
720	Village Hall	Hall hire, bin coll.	126.78	0.00	126.78
721	P Boura	Cllr expenses	20.41	0.00	20.41
722	J Coe	Clerk expenses	104.30	8.84	113.14
723	K M Light.	Aug maintenance	6.66	1.33	7.99
			526.21	17.70	535.92

The clerk overtime of two hours in July was also agreed that this would be paid along with the clerks August payment.

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18/08/08 Clerk's Report & urgent matters arising

The clerk reported that a member of the public had sent a photo of the play frame at the park showing a fault. The clerk had forwarded this to Cllr Boura who made a temporary fix and Cllr Boura stated that an order from park equipment supplier Proludic would need to be made.

A member of the public attending the meeting and Cllr Dawson looked at the play park and the member of the public kindly offered to make a more secure temporary fix the following day. All agreed for this to be done and the clerk to contact Cllr Boura to order part needed. (JC)

A member of the public asked who is responsible for cutting hedges encroaching onto public footpaths. It was explained that the Parish Council were in contact with Suffolk County Council and FHDC in regards to the cutting schedules. The clerk also stated she had reported issues that she was informed of and would chase any that had not been resolved.

18/08/09 Items for future agendas

- Need for parish gardener, hedge/bush trimmer
- Use of playing field
- Hastoe Home proposed site update

18/07/15 Agree Barton Miller back page and clerk page

No September Barton Miller only a page would be printed. It was agreed to inform the parish of the affordable homes agenda item for the next meeting

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

J. Coe Clerk

