

Barton Mills Parish Council

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Chairman: Mr A. Harji 01638 510251

Minutes of the Meeting of Barton Mills Parish Council

held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr A. Harji, Cllr. C. Miller, Cllr. P. Boura, Cllr. K. Fuller, Cllr. S. Mullender, Cllr. G. Flack, Cllr. N. Horne, Cllr. F. Lewis

Also Present: Clerk, Judi Coe, District Councillor B. Harvey and County Councillor L. Busuttill and five members of the public

Cllr A. Harji welcomed everyone to the meeting

19/03/01 Apologies

Cllr. R. Lewis

19/03/02 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllr. F. Lewis item 10.3 Donations and 10.4 Barton Miller Paper Donation.

19/03/03 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 5th February 2019 were proposed as a true record by Cllr. K. Fuller and all agreed.

19/03/04 Police Matters

None of relevance

19/03/05 County and District Councillors Report

County Councillor L. Busuttill reported that Suffolk County Council have recently approved the budget and the budget for 2019/20 is £520,000,000 (£10million per week). 75% of the budget is for social care, mainly for adults and the remaining 25% is for all remaining services including Highways and healthcare.

District Councillor B. Harvey reported that there is an increase in the District precept for 2019/20. He had a message from the Highways Officer stating that residents must report potholes in the area using the reporting tool on the County Council's website to ensure Highways are aware that the potholes exist. The website can also be used to report faulty street lights. Also reported by Cllr. B. Harvey was that the last official FHDC meeting is scheduled for 20th March and FHDC will close on 31st March. As of 1st April Cllr. B. Harvey is the designated nominated Chairperson of the new joint council until 22nd May when a new Chairperson is to be elected. Cllr. B. Harvey informed the PC that as of 1st April when the District Council enters purdah, he will not be able to attend the PC meetings and report as councillor but may attend the meeting as a member of the public.

19/03/06 Planning and Environment

General & For Consideration:

None

Tree Applications (for information only):

None

Awaiting Forest Heath decisions and pending appeals:

DC/18/2191/FUL – planning app. For 1 self contained two bed unit at 35 The Street, Barton Mills, IP28 6AA - pending at 25.2.19,

Cllr B. Harvey reported of issues in regards to the registration of the property.

DC/18/2027/FUL change of use of land for sale and display of cars at Hand Car Wash, Fiveways, Barton Mills, - pending at 25.2.19

Decided/approved (for information only)

DC/18/2503/HH – planning app. For single storey front extension, loft conversion with Juliet balcony to rear elevation and new pitched roof at Laburnum Cottage, 10 Worlington Road, Barton Mills, IP28 7DY.

- approved on 20.2.19

19/03/07 Clerk's Report & Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting (For Info Only)

The clerk reported she contacted The Waffle Shack regarding the refuse around the site as agreed at the previous meeting. It was noted that the area had yet to be cleared.

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19/03/08 Correspondence

The clerk reported correspondence had been received from the promoter of the Bell Lane Solstice detailing arrangements for the event on 22nd June 2019.

19/03/09 Parish Matters

19/03/09.01 Update on progress of purchase of land from SCC for affordable housing

Cllr. B. Harvey ensured the members of the PC that he and Cllr. L. Busuttil had put forward the PC views to SCC in regards to intentions of SCC for the land owned by them on Church Lane at the recent meeting with SCC. SCC have stated that they will not sell the piece of land required by the PC for affordable homes to Hastoe Homes. However SCC would like to work with the PC to develop the whole field. This would ensure SCC maximised value from the land owned. The reason for this being SCC would not need to provide additional Social Housing as the Affordable Homes by Hastoe would cover the percentage required on the total site. It was noted that even if those at the SCC board meeting agreed to sell the piece required to Hastoe this would be overturned by the Finance Officer at SCC as SCC would not be maximising the value of its assets, especially as SCC is currently in financial difficulty. It was stated that under current planning policies it would be likely that permission to develop the whole field would be declined but this answer would not be determined for at least two years and this would not meet the PC immediate need for affordable housing. Some of the members felt disappointed with Brian Prettyman due to the fact he did agree in principal at a previous meeting that SCC would sell the piece required for affordable homes only, although he did not have the authority to make such decisions and therefore the PC felt much time has been wasted.

It was then agreed by the that the Parish Council would not continue to seek the piece of land owned by SCC on Church Lane for affordable homes at the present time.

It was agreed for the clerk to contact Isobel at Hastoe Homes and ask that all the original sites identified to be looked at again. It was also agreed that the clerk would request from Hastoe price guides for land for the purpose of affordable homes so that members could approach land owners of potential affordable home sites in the parish to ask whether this is something they would consider. (JC)

19/03/09.2 Football Grant update

Cllr. B. Harvey stated if the acceptance form were not returned before Friday then funding would be lost. Cllr. S. Mullender reported he had not spoken to the member of the Football Club to discuss the acceptance form. It was agreed the clerk would discuss with the member of the football club again to determine whether they would be willing to accept monies and give to Sporting87 to fund the coaching. (JC)

19/03/09.3 Allotment lease update

The clerk reported she had emailed SCC requesting renewal. The clerk to chase this request. (JC)

19/03/09.4 Maintenance of Assets

Nothing to report on

19/03/09.5 SID Rota

The rota was agreed until the end of April and the clerk to forward updated Rota to all volunteers. (JC)

19/03/09.6 Highways meeting update

The clerk reported Peter Grimm has retired and Steve Merry has taken over the role of Transport Policy Manager. Steve has stated a meeting can be arranged and requested dates and venues that the PC had in mind. It was agreed to ask Steve for a meeting to be preferably held on a Friday evening when the Village Hall was likely to be free and have the meeting as part of the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk to contact the Village Hall and Steve to arrange meeting. (JC)

19/03/09.7 Elections update

The clerk stated an appointment was booked for the morning of 29th March at Bury St Edmunds. It was agreed all nomination packs should be with the clerk by 9:00am on 29th March if individuals wish the clerk to deliver these.

19/03/09.8 Great British Spring Clean

Cllr. P. Boura reported this is due to take place on 23rd March, however if the weather is poor then it would take place on 30th March. Equipment can be collected from outside the Village Hall between 9:30am and 10:00am. The event is kindly being organised by a resident of the village.

19/03/09.9 Update on visibility from drive opposite the VH

Cllr. S. Mullender reported that the resident who had requested a mirror on the Peace Garden has decided not to install a mirror.

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19/03/09.10 Street light request Old Mill Lane

Cllr. A. Harji reported that the resident who had requested installation of a street light which had been declined by the PC at the previous meeting was not happy on this decision. It was agreed to suggest to the resident to install a dusk to dawn light on the property. (AH)

It was also reported by members of the PC that vehicles are using Old Mill Lane as a quicker route to access the A11. Vehicles can gain access to the petrol station via Old Mill Lane, and this is being seen regularly especially on Friday evening when traffic on the A11 increases. It was agreed that the clerk should report this to SCC Highways and Highways England. (JC)

19/03/09.11 Ideas for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed if Steve from Highways could not attend the Annual Parish Meeting then the item to be brought forward to the next meeting.

19/03/09.12 Receive quotes and funding options for Spring football pitch works

The clerk reported that as agreed at the previous meeting she would seek further quotes to compare with quote received from INL. Additional quotes were requested from five local businesses but only one responded and she was waiting for a quote. The clerk also reported she had contacted Suffolk Sport and Suffolk CF in regards to funding but none were available. However Funding4Sport group had suggested Big Lottery Fund, Local Councils, Suffolk FA (Football Foundation Funding) or Sports England Community Asset Fund.

It was agreed that the clerk should attempt to obtain further quotes and look further into the funding options available. (JC)

19/03/10 Finance & Policies

19/03/10.1 Parish Council Bank Balances and Reconciliation from list of Payments and Receipts.

The clerk reported £10,000.91 was held in the deposit account and £10,642.87 in the current Account.

The reconciliations and statements were signed by Cllr. P. Boura. Cllr. P. Boura stated that although the monthly budget to actual expenditure showed overspending on some items in the current year this was not the case. This is due to reserves allocated to particular expenses in prior years not being shown on the spreadsheet. The clerk agreed to try to show this differently on future reports. (JC)

19/03/10.2 Cheques for signing and approval and to authorise payment of outstanding invoices.

The following payments were proposed by Cllr. F. Lewis and all agreed:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>	
28-Feb	J Coe	Clerk salary	268.40	0.00	268.40	Chq 1619
28-Feb	J Coe	Expenses	69.89	7.59	77.48	Chq 1620
28-Feb	Pamela Boura	Expenses	18.95	0.00	18.95	Chq 1621
14-Feb	S Limmer	Gardening	25.00	0.00	25.00	Chq 1622
01-Feb	K & M	Feb Maint	6.66	1.33	7.99	Chq 1623
01-Mar	K & M	Mar Maint	6.66	1.33	7.99	Chq 1624
			395.56	10.25	405.81	

It was also agreed that the clerk would pay for Domain Hosting totalling £77.88 and claim back via expenses as cheque was not an accepted payment method.

Cheques were signed by Cllr. P. Boura and Cllr. A. Harji.

19/03/10.3 Agree donations to be made

The following donations were suggested:

Good Neighbourhood Scheme	£150
Rainbow Club	£150
Citizens Advice Bureau	£150
Suffolk Accident & Rescue Service	£150
Headway Suffolk	£150
Air Ambulance	<u>£250</u>
	£1,000

These were proposed by Cllr. K. Fuller and all agreed.

The clerk to arrange with Cllr. A. Harji and Cllr. P. Boura signing of the cheques before 31st March 2019. (JC/AH/PB)

19/03.10.4 Agree paper donation in return for clerk page within the Barton Miller

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Cllr. F. Lewis reported that in a year there are 10 issues printed and that a page advert costs £10 per issue. It was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase £120 worth of paper (net cost to the PC of £100) in return for the Clerk page in each edition. It was agreed the clerk would purchase this from Tindalls as in previous years. (JC)

19/03/11 Parish Councillors reports (for information only)

Cllr. C. Miller reported that herself and the clerk had attended the defibrillator seminar along with five members of the public. The attendees stated that they found the seminar very useful. The trainer suggested to include in the defibrillator pack a disposable razor and disposable mouth guards. Cllr. C. Miller agreed to look further into the cost of these items. It was also agreed that Cllr. C. Miller would find out more information in regards to a Vet System Call Out, which involves volunteers being notified of a cardiac arrest by Community Heartbeat Trust to help assist individuals. (CM)

Cllr. P. Boura reported that 35 houses were now occupied on Sapphire Gardens and that she had put a note into each Barton Miller edition asking for a volunteer to deliver the Barton Miller, but had not had a response.

Cllr. F. Lewis reported that the next meeting would be her last as she has decided to not stand for council in the upcoming elections. Members agreed she would be missed.

19/03/12 Items for future agendas

Possible sites for Affordable Homes

Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meeting

Football coaching and fund update

Elections update

Use of field as carpark

19/03/13 Agree Barton Miller clerk and back page

Back Page:

Nothing agreed

Clerk Page:

Possibly football coaching

Highways meeting and Annual Parish Meeting (if agreed)

The Meeting was closed at 9:10pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 2nd April 2019



J. Coe Clerk