

Barton Mills Parish Council

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Chairman: Mr N. Horne 07590 672963

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Barton Mills

held on Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7:30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall

Present: Chairman - Cllr N Horne, Cllr A Harji, Cllr K Fuller, Cllr C Miller, Cllr T Newman, Cllr M Colsey, Cllr R Lewis, Cllr S Mullender, Cllr A Potts, Cllr L Stanbury, Cllr B Harvey, and five members of the public.

The Chairman Cllr N Horne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Forum:

No members of public took the opportunity to speak.

22/02/01 Accept and receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr T Newman and the clerk Jadi Coe

22/02/02 Declarations of members interests

Cllr R Lewis declared a potential interest in items 7, Neighbourhood Plan

22/02/03 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 4th January 2022 were proposed and approved as a true record of the meeting held.

22/02/04 Police reports

It was noted that Inspector Mark Shipton is to retire

22/02/05 County and District Councillors report

Cllr Stanbury reported:

- Mallards bridge is now open, the total cost of the bridge was £171,000, the groundworks cost become very expensive. There have been a few complaints about the large gaps in the bridge and the overall appearance.
- SCC budgets have now been set with an increase in the precept of 1.99%. The budget includes a carbon budget to reduce the County Council's carbon footprint.
- Sunnica plans have now reached the cabinets office and is due for discussion on 2nd February.
- SCC has joined with a partner to build houses rather than selling the land to developers. Several sites have been set a side for building including sites in Lowestoft, Mildenhall and Newmarket.

Cllr B Harvey reported:

- Various schemes have been introduced including registration of appliances in case of recall, scam prevention.
- There will be no charges for events for the Queens Platinum Jubilee
- The next West Suffolk Forum is to be held on 9th February
- Rough sleeping remains an issue, more so in the Bury area

22/02/06 Planning and Environment

General & For Consideration:

DC/21/2368/HH – two storey side extension including first floor extension above existing garage at 3 Cricket View, Barton Mills, IP28 7FA

It was noted that the application appears to be the same as application DC/22/0052/HH. The reason for this to be clarified.

It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council has no objections to the application.

DC/22/0052/HH – part two storey side extension at 3 Cricket View, Barton Mills, IP28 7FA

As the application appears to be the same as DC/21/2368/HH again the Parish Council agreed to no objections to the application.

DC/22/0021/HH – a. two storey front extension; b. two storey side extension; c. one and half storey side and rear extensions; (following demolition of existing side extension and garage) d. first floor balcony to the side elevation; e. two bay cart lodge with first floor room at The Croft Mildenhall Road Barton Mills IP28 6BD

It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council have no objections to the application, however there were concerns about future change of use.

Tree Applications (for information only):

DC/22/0045/TCA – trees in a conservation area at 1 The Old Maltings, The Street, Barton Mills, IP28 6AA

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DC/22/0092/TCA – fell one Leylandii hedge consisting of 17 trees at Neyland House, 11 The Street, Barton Mills.

Applications awaiting West Suffolk decision and pending appeals:

DC/21/2285/FUL – 15 dwellings with associated landscaping, highways and engineering works at land used for car boot sale, Newmarket Road, Barton Mills (*pending at 1.2.22*)

DC/21/2061/HH – a) front porch b) two bay carport c) conversion of garage to habitable room d) first floor extension over existing garage e) single storey rear extension at 13 The Street, Barton Mills, IP28 6AW (*approved on 26.1.22*)

DC/21/2233/FUL - one dwelling at The Old Maltings, The Street, Barton Mills, IP28 6AA (*pending at 1.2.22*)

DC/21/0855/HH – a) conversion of existing garage including additional roof dormer, b) conversion of existing conservatory and first floor extension above to form annexe at The Gables, 15 Bell Lane, Barton Mills, IP28 6AJ. (*pending at 1.2.22*)

Decided/approved (for information only):

None

22/02/07 Neighbourhood Plan

A map of the parish was created by Cllr R Lewis with copies distributed to members. The map was split into 15 zones. It was agreed to cover the whole village rather than the surrounding land around the current settlement boundary, this could include nature reserves and zones can be divided and others added during the consultation.

22/02/08 Clerk's Report, Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting and Correspondence

-A resident contacted the council in regards to the new Mallards Bridge, that she agrees with some other local people that the new bridge gaps are large and a small child could fall through and some extra protection is required i.e. wire meshing.

It was agreed to pass these comments onto Suffolk County Council.

-A resident emailed concerned on the road safety on The Street near Barton Hall

Several days during the week vans and cars are parking directly opposite the lane leading down to Barton Hall outside Number 20. This makes it almost impossible for the resident to drive out of their driveway because they cannot edge forward to see if there are any cars coming. The resident would like the parish council to look into white Keep Clear marking.

It was agreed that Cllr K Fuller, Cllr C Miller and/or Cllr N Horne would look into the issue, and the clerk would obtain a quote to do this.

-A resident contacted the Parish Council in regards to the amount of rubbish along the roads around the parish and the lack of footpaths connecting to other villages and has asked for advice to increase and improve footpaths connecting Barton Mills to other villages.

The clerk had responded confirming that SCC no longer maintain all the local rights of ways and if these require maintaining this must be at the expense of the Parish Council.

It was agreed that new footpaths would not be affordable.

-A director from Worlington Management Ltd who manage the Sapphire Gardens estate had spoken with Cllr N Horne and emailed the clerk regarding dog waste bins on the green at Sapphire Gardens.

They have asked for help from the parish council as they would like the dog waste bins can be collected by West Suffolk Council. The green is used by residents of Sapphire Gardens as well as non-residents who do not always pick up their dog's waste.

The clerk has requested a quote from West Suffolk Council but this has not yet been received, to be agreed at the next meeting.

-At the last meeting the clerk was asked to contact SCC in regards to the large drop between the boardwalk and the path on the path to Mildenhall. Suffolk County Council have ordered the works to be carried out to rectify this.

-West Suffolk Council have confirmed they plan to cut back the vegetation between Grange Lane and Church Lane

- A resident had concerns regarding the vicar's letter in the latest edition of the Barton Miller.

It was confirmed that the letter did not originate from the vicar and that the Barton Miller is produced by the Church and not the Parish Council. It was agreed to not publish the letter in the copy to be placed on the Parish Council website.

22/02/09 Parish Matters

1. Update on exception site at Newmarket Road

Havebury has confirmed:

The deadline for planning determination has now been extended to 25th February at the request of West Suffolk.

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In terms of an update on the application, you will note from the planning portal that there were some concerns raised in relation to Curlews and as such we have instructed the additional surveys/assessments they have asked for in order to mitigate their concerns.

We have also responded to the comments that Highways have raised and are awaiting a further response from them to confirm they are now happy.

The other consultation responses have been largely positive.

We have been pleased to see that there are also some supportive neighbour responses too.

A resident raised concerns about false statements on Havebury's website detailing the village having a school and shops and about the noise levels from the A11.

Objections have been noted as the land may be home to some rare birds.

2. Maintenance of Assets

- Lighting, including receiving updated quotes for new units

K and M Lighting have completed the works on units 91, 62 and 75 and the invoices has been received.

Pearce and Kemp have confirmed they are behind on works.

- Play park

Th wheels on one of the goals need replacing or repairing.

3. SID incl rota

The safety camera team have confirmed a SDR was put on Worlington Road from 8.11.21 to 15.11.21, the results showed:

51,503 vehicles speeds were recorded (27,478 from Mildenhall to Worlington and 24,025 from Worlington to Mildenhall)

Of the 27,478 travelling towards Worlington 58.8% were travelling at 31mph or more and 24.7% of those were travelling at 35mph or above.

Of the 24,025 vehicles travelling towards Mildenhall 54.7% were travelling at a speed of 31mph or more and of these 23.5% were travelling at 35mph or above.

The data meets the current criteria for setting up an enforcement site in that area which will be done.

The rota has been agreed to the end of February and one volunteer has agreed to join help move the SID.

4. Update on works at the island outside Chestnut Close incl. new village sign

The installation of the post has now begun.

5. Highways issues

The acceptance letters from WSDC and SCC have been received, completed and returned in regards to the £200 locality grant from both Cllr L Stanbury and Cllr B Harvey for speed counts.

6. The Queens Platinum Jubilee Weekend

The Church Rooms have been booked for Wednesday 16th February to hold a meeting to discuss ideas to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee Weekend.

Plans have been arranged for the weekend on the car boot field.

7. Village Halls request for cones

Cllr N Horne suggests 750mm 1-piece cones from Street Solutions UK at a net price of £5.41 per cone.

The village hall committee have agreed to install a gate at the side of the building so that the cones can be stored securely.

It was agreed to purchase 20 cones.

8. Use of playing field

The clerk has contacted BMFC via email and asked if they would attend the meeting to discuss who is using the field and when but no response has been received.

It was also noted that players and spectators were using the village hall facilities as the club house has not been open.

It was agreed to try and communicate with BMFC.

22/02/10 Finance & Policies

1. Parish Council Bank Balances and Reconciliation from list of Payments and Receipts

The clerk reported that at date £910 is held in the current account and £34,658 in the deposit account.

2. Agree proposed insurance quote

An updated insurance quote has been received and this includes the new memorial bench and the new Barton Mills sign. The insurance has increased by just over £20 to £1,266.93.

It was proposed and agreed to accept the new insurance quote.

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3. Approve and authorise payment of invoices

The following invoices were proposed and approved for payment:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
31-Jan	J Coe	Salary	269.28	0.00	269.28
31-Jan	J Coe	Clerk expenses	23.50	0.00	23.50
31-Jan	R Lewis	Barton Miller printing	26.16	0.00	26.16
07-Jan	Community Heartbeat Trust	Replacement pads	79.00	15.80	94.80
11-Jan	Smith of Derby	3 year clock maintenance	470.00	94.00	564.00
07-Jan	Suffolk County Council	Bridge contribution	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
10-Jan	Gallagher	Insurance	1,266.93	0.00	1,266.93
07-Jan	Pearce and Kemp	Unit 63 *UPKN element	5,977.00	1,195.40	7,172.40
21-Jan	S Limmer	Gardening	30.00	0.00	30.00
21-Jan	K & M Lighting	Unit 62, 75 and 91	1,630.19	326.04	1,956.23
31-Dec	BM Village Hall	Room hire	85.50	0.00	85.50
			10,857.56	1,631.24	12,488.80

4. Agree Church Clock service quote

The clock three-year service plan had now ended. A new contract for the next three years has been received and is in the sum of £470. The Parish Council can choose not to agree the contract and pay £170 for 2022 and this will increase about 3% each year for the following two years (so total over three-year would be approx. £525).

It was proposed and agreed to accept the three-year service quote.

5. Agree K & M Lighting Maintenance Contract

Currently the Parish Council pay £6.66 (net) monthly to K and M Lighting for the maintenance service of four street lights. The three-year contract ends on 28th February 2022, therefore K & M have sent through a new contract, the monthly costs is going to increase to £7.33 per month. There is also the option to choose the contract over one or three years.

It was proposed and agreed to accept the new contract over a three-year period.

6. Agree annual charitable donations

The following donations were proposed and agreed:

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

22/02/11 Parish Councillors reports (for information only)

None

22/02/12 Barton Miller

The Queens Platinum Jubilee,

Schemes which have been introduced including registration of appliances in case of recall, scam prevention.

22/02/13 Items for future agendas

The Queens Platinum Jubilee

Sunnica

Sapphire Gardens dog waste bins

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as being the 1st March 2022



J. Coe Clerk