

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 4th January 2022 at 7:30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall

Present: Chairman - Cllr N Horne, Cllr A Harji, Cllr K Fuller, Cllr T Newman, Cllr M Colsey, Cllr B Harvey and the clerk Jadi Coe.

The Chairman Cllr N Horne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Forum:

No members of public were in attendance.

22/01/01 Accept and receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Potts, Cllr R Lewis, Cllr C Miller & Cllr S Mullender

22/01/02 Declarations of members interests

Cllr T Newman declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 - DC/21/2285/FUL

22/01/03 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 7th December 2021 were proposed and agreed as being a true record of the meeting held.

22/01/04 Police reports

None

22/01/05 County and District Councillors report

Cllr L Stanbury sent his apologies.

Cllr B Harvey reported on various local issues including Sunnica; Mallard's bridge; Electric Vehicle charging points; County lines, Rough sleepers; West Suffolk's Local Plan; Highways issues.

22/01/06 Planning and Environment

General & For Consideration:

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

It was proposed and agreed to support the application and comment that Havebury had responded to the Parish Council's requests with the design and therefore the Parish Council fully support the proposals.

Tree Applications (for information only):

DC/21/2458/TCA – trees in conservation area, fell 6 fruit trees at The Mill House, The street, Barton Mills

Applications awaiting West Suffolk decision and pending appeals:

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 (*pending at 1.1.22*)

DC/21/2233/FUL - one dwelling at The Old Maltings, The Street, Barton Mills, IP28 6AA (*pending at 1.1.22*)

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 1.1.22*)

Decided/approved (for information only):

DC/21/2004/HH - a. single storey side extension b. detached summer house at 27 Church Lane, Barton Mills, IP28 6BQ (*approved 30.11.21*)

22/01/07 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr N Horner deferred this item until the next meeting when a map of the parish is available.

22/01/08 Clerk's Report, Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting and Correspondence

The clerk reported that she has been informed that the child electrode pad for the defibrillator is near to its use by date and requires replacing. New pads cost £85.00 plus delivery and VAT.

It was proposed and agreed to purchase the required pads.

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The clerk also reported that the council's insurance is due for renewal by 4th February, the current quote is £1,243.10 however this it has been requested to add to the policy the replacement cost of the new bench and village sign. The quote can be finalised at the meeting on 1st February.

Finally, the clerk reported that Run Breckland, a local charity, had contacted the Parish Council requesting support for the proposal of an organised River Run based around the Jubilee Fields and the River Lark footpath on 14th August 2022.

The Parish Council support the proposals but to ask Run Breckland to consider additional marshals are present at Old Mill Lane.

22/01/09 Parish Matters

1. Update on exception site at Newmarket Road

The clerk reported she has been sent correspondence from a resident objecting to the application.

It was agreed to respond to the resident noting the objections made and answering questions proposed.

2. Maintenance of Assets

- Lighting, including receiving updated quotes for new units

Unit 63 The Street.

Pearce and Kemp quoted £7,307.90 for a new Heritage light and pole to be re-sited on the opposite side of the road to the existing light. K & M Lighting and UKPN quoted a total of £8,343.05 for a new heritage pole and light to the right of the existing pole. A difference of just over £1,000.00.

The clerk was to check with Pearce and Kemp whether they could quote to install the light to the right of the existing light as per the K & M quote. Pearce and Kemp confirmed this is not possible as there is no clearance from the road edge for a column to be mounted beside and there is a main gully to the right of the pole and a private driveway.

It was proposed and agreed to accept the quote of £7,307.90 from Pearce and Kemp for a new heritage pole and light to be re-sited the opposite side of the road to the original light.

- Play Park

Cllr N Horne reported that the basketball net has been removed and will not be replaced, and that some of the goal nets may require attention.

3. SID incl rota

It was reported that replacement brackets may required for the post on Worlington Road. It was agreed that the clerk would obtain quotes.

It was agreed to advertise for some extra volunteers and to contact volunteers who have helped in the past.

The location of the SID was discussed and it was agreed to keep the SID where it is with the only change being turning it around on the Mildenhall Road post.

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

Cllr N Horne reported that the post was being prepared and he would liaise with the contractor when ready.

5. Sunnica including compulsory purchase of land

It was agreed at the last meeting that the clerk would contact Sunnica and ask, why is the land needed and what will it be used for and if it is for access, why will access not be a little further up Newmarket Road or on Golf Links Road.

The clerk was also asked to inform Suffolk County Council of Sunnica's proposals.

Sunnica stated that access form Golf Links Road was considered but the road is narrow and traffic management would be challenging. There are two possible access sights off Newmarket Road but the option closer to Golf Links Road would require complex temporary traffic signals. The preferred option is as previously confirmed and this would be access for construction only.

6. Mallard's bridge update

It was reported that the bridge was nearly complete and would be in use soon.

7. Highways issues

It was agreed at the last meeting to place two traffic counts and speed units on Newmarket Road at a cost of £600 with £200 being received from both Cllr Stanbury and Harvey from their locality budgets.

Cllr N Horne asked whether the Parish Council would have any input on when the device is installed i.e., a Friday afternoon. Cllr B Harvey confirmed this would be installed for at least a week so it would gather a good range of data.

8. Lighting at the Church Rooms

The clerk reported that early December she received an email from a resident informing her that she had tripped over in the driveway on leaving the church rooms in Barton Mills. The reason being was the total darkness of the driveway and the slightly uneven surface of the ground of which one would be unable to see.

The church room outside does have a security light but no lighting is provided along the driveway.

The resident has asked if the Parish Council can you look into introducing maybe another light to be able to walk safely at night leaving the premises at that area and flatten the driveway.

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It was agreed to respond to the resident informing them that this would be the Church's responsibility but to advise the resident to walk through the church yard where it is lit.

9. The Queens Platinum Jubilee Weekend

In May 2021 Suffolk launched a tree planting and preservation campaign, Queen's Green Canopy, with a view to leave a lasting legacy to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee however Cllr N Horne reported that there were no free trees available and there were lots of conditions to meet to plant these trees.

Cllr K Fuller suggested a small scarecrow festival with the theme of 70 years of the Queen, a Royal themed quiz, and a marquee with music on the playing field.

It was agreed to bring these ideas together, create a working group, and to look at including up to £500 in the 2022/23 budget for this event.

10. Village Halls request for cones

It was agreed at the previous meeting to purchase in February following the Village Halls AGM in January when Cllr K Fuller would suggest the Village Hall committee install a gate at the side of the village hall, and then the cones could be stored behind the gate, which is more secure.

22/01/10 Finance & Policies

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

The clerk reported that at date £470 was held in the current account and £35,658 in the deposit account.

2. Approve and authorise payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
31-Dec	J Coe	Salary	285.91	0.00	285.91
31-Dec	HMRC	PAYE/NI	210.40	0.00	210.40
31-Dec	J Coe	Clerk expenses	27.50	0.00	27.50
23-Dec	S Limmer	Gardening	30.00	0.00	30.00
			553.81	0.00	553.81

3. Approve precept of £27,350 as per the 2022/23 budget and sign application

Following approval of the 2022/23 budget at the December meeting the precept of £27,350 was proposed and agreed and the application form was signed by the clerk and chairman.

4. Agree allotment rent to charge for the year

The allotment society are usually charged annually the same amount the Council pays for the land rent. £100 prior to April 20, £130.00 from 1st April 2020.

It was agreed that for the year to 31st March 2020 (billed July 20) that there would be no charge to the allotment society as due to Covid19 there were no car boots and therefore very little funds.

It was agreed to charge the Allotment Society the following:

Year to March 2021 – nil; Year to March 2022 - £100.00; Year to March 2023 £130.00

22/01/11 Parish Councillors reports (for information only)

Cllr A Harji asked whether Suffolk County Council had responded to the request to cut back the vegetation on the footpath between Church Lane and Grange Lane. The clerk would chase this.

Cllr M Colsey suggested updating the risk assessment as per Cllr B Harvey's updated guidance from Suffolk County Council to include face masks to be worn in the village hall unless talking

Cllr K Fuller reported that the difference in the height of the boardwalk and footpath between Barton Mills and the Jubilee fields is excessive and resulting in some motorised mobility scooters unable to get up and down with ease.

22/01/12 Barton Miller

SID Volunteers; Mallards bridge; Queens Jubilee; Street Link

22/01/13 Items for future agendas

Use of playing field; Charitable donations; Neighbourhood Plan; Queens Jubilee; Insurance; Clock Service

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

The meeting closed at 9:05pm



J. Coe Clerk