

Barton Mills Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Barton Mills

held on Tuesday 6th July 2021 at a7:30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall

Present: Chairman - Cllr N Horne, Cllr R Lewis, Cllr A Potts, Cllr C Miller, Cllr T Newman, Cllr K Fuller, District Cllr B Harvey, the clerk Jadi Coe, ten members of the public

The Chairman Cllr N Horne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Forum:

Cllr N Horne informed the public that they would be able to speak within the agenda item.

21/07/01 Accept and receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Colsey, Cllr A Harji & Cllr S Mullender

21/07/02 Declarations of members interests

Cllr R Lewis, item 10.2 approval of invoices

21/07/03 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 1st June 2021 were proposed and agreed as a true record of the meeting held.

21/07/04 Police reports

No police reports received however it was reported that there was vandalism in the village hall garden and this prevented the playgroup using the garden as it was not secure.

21/07/05 County and District Councillors report

Cllr Stanbury gave his apologies as he could not attend the meeting.

Cllr Harvey reported on various local issues including:

Electric vehicle charging points, there are a total of 46 charging points installed in 15 locations across West Suffolk, more updates to follow

The West Suffolk Draft Local Plan, the "Issues and Options" document for Public Consultation was approved by Full Council on the 29th September 2020.

The Local Plan working group continues to review the various options currently on the table.

Sunnica, WSDC had expected Sunnica to produce their DCO response by June 2021, this has been further delayed and is not now expected until after September 2021.

Town & Parish Council meeting, the next meeting will be held on the 15th July 2021 via Microsoft Teams starting at 6:00pm.

Mildenhall Hub which is now open.

Cllr R Lewis informed Cllr Harvey that he was dissatisfied of the answers as to why the road works on The Street have been delayed. It was agreed Cllr R Lewis would draft an email for the clerk to forward to Cllr Stanbury in regard to this. (RL/JC)

21/07/06 Planning and Environment

General & For Consideration:

DC/21/1170/HH - two storey side extension (following demolition of existing outbuilding) at 50 Church Lane, Barton Mills, Suffolk, IP28 6AY.

A member of the public in attendance read out a statement in regards to this application stating their objections.

It was proposed and agreed that, the Parish Council object to this application because of the large size of the proposal, position on the land boundary, depth and dominance of the proposal, the effect on the street scene and neighbouring properties and other technical issues. (JC)

DC/21/0640/HH - detached double garage with new driveway at 60 The Street, Barton Mills, IP28 6AA

The applicant of the proposal who was in attendance at the meeting raised their concerns as to why the application was refused previously and why after a small positive change the application had to go through the whole planning system again.

Cllr Harvey informed the applicant that if an application goes to appeal then they must see the appeal through.

It was proposed and agreed to support the application and state that the Parish Council strongly disagree with the Conservation Officers comments as there are many larger double garages on other properties on The Street.

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Tree Applications (for information only):

DC/21/1309/TCA – fell conifer hedge at Staunch House, The Street, Barton Mills, IP28 6AA

Applications awaiting West Suffolk decision and pending appeals:

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 30.6.21*

DC/21/1000/HH – a) new access and dropped kerb b) two storey front extension c) first floor side extension at 57 Church Meadow, Barton Mills, IP28 6AR - *pending at 30.6.21*

DC/20/2260/FUL – a) four dwellings with garages (following demolition of existing outbuilding) b) alterations and extensions to existing two dwellings to provide garage with room in roof and front porches c) new vehicular and pedestrian accesses at Development Site adj, 7 Church Lane, Barton Mills, Suffolk - *pending at 30.6.21*

DC/19/2244/HH - Parish Re-Consultation Householder Planning Application - Detached single storey Outbuilding Brook House, The Street, Barton Mills, Suffolk, IP28 6AA. - *pending at 30.6.21*

Decided/approved (for information only):

DC/21/0794/HH – two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at Tudor Lodge, Fiveways, Barton Mills, IP28 6AE - *approved on 14.6.21*

DC/21/0939/HH – a) single storey front extension, b) replace rear window with door and sidelight at 35 Church Meadow, Barton Mills, IP28 6AR. – *approved on 21.6.21*

21/07/07 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr N Horne informed the member that him and Cllr A Potts had recently attended a very informative webinar on Neighbourhood Plans. Cllr N Horne and A Potts are to discuss this further before the next meeting when they will present their views to the members as to whether or not this should be pursued further. (NH/AP)

21/07/08 Clerk's Report, Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting and Correspondence

The clerk reported on the following:

- The volunteer who refills the dog waste bag dispensers requires more bags, and they have concerns that the dispenser on Newmarket Road has been emptied (including the cardboard roll) within two days.
It was proposed and agreed to purchase 12,000 new bags at a cost of £191.55
- A resident has contacted the Parish Council in regard to vehicles parking on Mildenhall Road during football matches and training and not on the field which is preferred.
It was agreed to determine who was using the field and advise them that the field can be used as over flow parking instead of on the road. (JC/RL)

21/07/09 Parish Matters

1. Update on exception site at Newmarket Road and receive feedback from public consultation

Cllr N Horne thanked everyone who attended the consultation and reported that 66 people attended and that the majority of those who attended were supportive of the proposal.

A member of the public in attendance informed the members that she has been liaising with Rob Hancock at SCC who would like to discuss site plans for the SCC owned land on Church Lane with the Parish Council which she felt was a better site for affordable housing. She confirmed that SCC had informed her that the affordable housing could be for local people like an exception site. She also had concerns that the remainder of the site would be developed on. The Parish Council commented that this site was looked at back in 2018, SCC confirmed they would be willing to sell a piece of land for an exception site. SCC then reversed their offer and would only be willing to sell the land if the affordable housing was part of a larger scheme in order for SCC to get maximise land value. This offer was discussed at the time with Hastoe Homes, Cllr B Harvey and Cllr Busuttill until January 2020 when it was confirmed that the affordable homes would not be for local people (as they would be on an exception site) and the site plan sent to the Parish Council would not be viable.

The Parish Council stated if Rob Hancock was to get in contact with the Parish Council a meeting could be arranged to obtain facts. The Parish Council also raised concerns that they had a duty to those interested in the housing to deliver the housing as soon as possible and if there was a change in sites now this would push the scheme back more than 18 months.

It was confirmed that the land agent had provided the Parish Council with a draft plan on the remainder of the site and the Parish Council had agreed they would support this in principle, and this is in no way linked to the exception site and that the application like any other would need to go through the normal process.

Cllr B Harvey backed up all the Parish Council's comments and statements made in regards to the SCC land and the affordable housing being general and not for local people.

2. Maintenance of Assets

A - Lighting, including receiving quotes for new units

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Following the previous meeting it was discovered that the quotes discussed were not the correct quotes, the following correct quotes were discussed:

Unit 91 opposite No 2 Farm Cottages at the end of Grange Lane.

PK - quote for new standard light and pole to be re-sited on private owned land £1,800.40

KM - revised quote, remove, dispose existing lantern and install Indo Air LED lantern for £220. Additionally if the PC wish to change the brackets the cost will be £100.50

Unit 62 (G39) on pole on Dog and Partridge footpath

PK - quote for a new pole and standard light to be re-sited at £1,924.15

KM - revised quote, remove, dispose existing lantern and install Indo Air LED lantern for £220 or if the old lantern from unit 65 is used the price is £70. Additionally, if the PC wish to change the brackets the cost will be £100.50

Unit 75 OS No 41 in Church Meadow

PK - quoted (incl UKPN prices) for a new pole and standard light at £2,016.20

KM & UKPN - quoted £1,914.19 (K&M £989.19 UKPN £925) for a replacement pole and standard light.

Unit 68 (G39) The Street o/s White Lodge

PK - quote for a new Heritage Light and pole to be re-sited but not on private land, including UKPN price £1,903.10

KM & UKPN - quoted £5,305.05 (K&M £1,417.05, UKPN £3,826) for a new Heritage Light and pole to be re-sited but not on private land from K & M Lighting

Unit 63 (G39) The Street o/s Street Farm (41)

PK - quoted £7,307.90 for a Heritage Light and pole to the right to the existing pole post to be re-sited on private owned land (opposite side of the road to existing light).

KM & UKPN - quoted £8,343.05 (KM £1,477.05, UKPN £6,866) for a new heritage pole and light right if the existing pole Cllr A Harji reported via email that this is the most difficult light as Pearce and Kemp were worried about buses colliding with any light near the existing pole.

Unit 65 (G39) The Street o/s substation

PK - quoted £2,536.10 for a heritage light and pole to be re-sited which includes UKPN prices.

KM - revised quote of £1,670 to supply and install ornamental column with Victorian LED lantern. A quote is required from UKPN but this has not yet been supplied.

It was proposed and agreed to accept the following quotes from K & M Lighting:

Unit 91 remove, dispose existing lantern and install Indo Air LED lantern for £220 and change the brackets for £100.50 totalling £320.50

Unit 62 remove, dispose existing lantern and install Indo Air LED lantern for £220 and change the brackets for £100.50 totalling £320.50

Unit 75 replacement pole and standard light for £1,914.19 (K&M £989.19 UKPN £925)

It was defer agreeing quotes on unit 68,63 and 65 until the next meeting.

B - Play Park

It was proposed and agreed to purchase 100 new goal clips at a cost of £43.50 net. (JC)

It was reported there was a dead tree on the field which need removing. (NH/KF)

C - Litter bins

The following was agreed at the meeting in June:

‘to install two further bins on the playing field, one by the picnic benches and one near to where the path ends before continuing on the other side of the road along Mildenhall Road. The total cost of two new bins (metal floor mounted bins) including installation costs is £849.98 and these will incur an annual emptying charge of £160.18 each.’

The above cost includes installation costs of £270 (£135 each), however WSC have reported they would not be able to install these until at least September.

The following quotes have been received to install the bins only:

R J Ayres - £245

Matt Wilson General Builder - £120

It was proposed and agreed to accept the quote from Matt Wilson General Builder and for WSDC to supply the bins only. (JC)

A member of the public suggested installing a bin on the corner of Mildenhall Road, he was asked to email the clerk providing an exact location.

3. SID Rota

It was agreed to decide the rota via email.

4. Update on quotes received to tidy islands at Chestnut Close

It was confirmed the sign license has now been received and the following quotes were received to carry out the work required on the island:

RA Gardens - £1,210 net to install the sign, hard landscaping (border of large charcoal paver kerbs forming and retaining the outer circle with a sloping infill of either granite setts or flint, embedded in strong sand and cement mix over compacted hardcore) around the sign and grassing of the remaining area.

SP Landscapes - £1,625 net, to install the sign, hard landscaping (std sandstone paving) around the sign and grassing of the remaining area.

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RH Landscapes - £2,600 to install sign, square base in soft red bricks with natural stone coping, prepare and seed area, and install a planter.

The clerk has requested that RH Landscapes amend their quote to exclude a planter.

It was proposed and agreed to accept the quote from RA Gardens of £1,210. (JC)

5. Litter issues update

It was agreed that the clerk would ask Mildenhall Town Council if they had discussed installing goals on the Jubilee Fields. (JC)

6. Social media

Cllr T Newman reported that Next-door was working well and posts were being published.

7. Footpath issues in the parish

A resident contacted the Parish Council in regards to the overgrown footpaths from Barton Mills to Mildenhall from both Old Mill Lane and Mildenhall Road. The clerk had requested cutting updates from SCC and SCC confirmed footpath from Mildenhall Road was due to be cut before the end of the week and no response had been received in regards to the footpath from Old Mill Lane.

The clerk to chase the situation on both footpaths. (JC)

The resident also commented on the overgrown footpath on Cherry Hill Lane.

Quote from RH Landscapes was accepted at the Parish Council Meeting in November 2019 of cutting this path at £150 on an ad hoc basis.

RH Landscapes have informed the Parish Council that this quote is no longer valid. The Parish Council agreed that is the cost was £200 or less then the Parish Council would accept the revised quote.

8. Request for memorial bench on playing field update

The resident has chosen their bench which is a green 9 slat park bench made of plastic from Kasier and Kraft and costs £133 net.

RA supplied quote of £220 to install the bench, RH Landscapes £650 and Matt Wilson £120.

It was agreed to accept the quote from Matt Wilson.

It was agreed that the clerk would contact the resident and inform them of the total net prices and ask for the donation before the Parish purchase the items. (JC)

Mallard's bridge update

The latest update from SCC:

The tree work was completed a couple of weeks ago as scheduled. Unfortunately, we don't yet have a confirmed start date for the bridge replacement itself. I am advised that we should be getting that from the contractor in the next week or so.

The clerk to request another update. (JC)

9. A11 and other Highways issues

Seven people contacted the Parish Council, of which all but one objected to the possible closure of the A11 gaps.

It was agreed to inform Cllr Stanbury of these responses and ask him for an update on any other Highways matters. (JC)

10. Church Lane/Newmarket Road junction

A resident has contacted the PC in regard to an overgrown old post on the junction of Church Lane and the Newmarket Road which obscures the view entering Newmarket Road.

It was agreed to determine who the land owner is and then ask permission to have this removed, before asking Sarah if she could carry out this work. (JC)

21/07/10 Finance & Policies

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

The clerk reported that at date £2,356.13 is held in the current account and £43,656.10 in the deposit account.

2. Approve and authorise payment of invoices

The following payments were authorised for payment:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
30-Jun	J Coe	Salary incl. overtime	336.40	0.00	336.40
30-Jun	HMRC	PAYE/NI	302.80	0.00	302.80
30-Jun	J Coe	Clerk expenses	50.50	0.00	50.50
30-Jun	R Lewis	Barton Miller printing	26.16	0.00	26.16
08-Jun	S Limmer	Gardening	30.00	0.00	30.00
11-Jun	West Suffolk Council	New large bin	295.99	59.20	355.19
29-Jun	R H Landscapes	Grass cutting	400.00	80.00	480.00
			1,441.85	139.20	1,581.05

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21/07/11 Parish Councillors reports (for information only)

Cllr A Potts reported he had met with England Highways in regard to the land between the BP garage and the top of Bury Road. They had agreed the land was in a poor state but unfortunately there is no money available to tidy the area. They suggested a local authority could sponsor the land and tidy the area.

21/07/12 Barton Miller

Summer children's program

Police reporting tool

Consultation overview

21/07/13 Items for future agendas

No new items requested.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 7th September 2021

The meeting closed at 9:08pm



J. Coe Clerk