

Barton Mills Parish Council

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Chairman: Mr N. Horne 07590 672963

Minutes of the Meeting of Barton Mills Parish Council

held remotely on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 7:00pm

Present: Chairman - Cllr N Horne, Vice Chairman - Cllr A Harji, Cllr R Lewis, Cllr K Fuller, Cllr. M. Colsey, Cllr S. Mullender, Cllr. C. Miller, Cllr A Potts, Cllr T Newman, District Cllr B. Harvey, County Cllr L. Busuttil, the clerk Jadi Coe and one member of the public

The Chairman Cllr N Horne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

21/03/01 Accept and receive apologies for absence

None

21/03/02 Declarations of members interests

None

21/03/03 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 2nd February 2021 were proposed and approved as being a true record of the meeting held.

21/03/04 Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed to bring this item forward to the next Parish Council meeting and invite Service Manager Marie Smith from West Suffolk Council to attend.

21/03/05 Police reports

None received

21/03/06 County and District Councillors report

Cllr L Busuttil reported on local COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. Due to the upcoming May elections Cllr L Busuttil reported he would not be able to attend the April meeting due to being in Purdah.

Cllr B Harvey reported on the increase in Council Tax rates, rapid COVID-19 testing centres in the area, West Suffolk's dog fouling campaign, penalties issued for breaching government lock down rules and the Sunnica proposal. Cllr N Horne asked Cllr B Harvey whether future requests for locality budget funding were being taken and Cllr Harvey confirmed this.

21/03/07 Planning and Environment

General & For Consideration:

DC/21/0181/HH - cladding to cover render on north and east ground floor elevations at Tanglefoot 36A The Street, Barton Mills, IP28 6AA

It was proposed and approved to support the application on the basis that this would improve the appearance of the property.

Tree Applications (for information only):

None

Applications awaiting West Suffolk decision and pending appeals:

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 adjacent to 7 Church Lane, Barton Mills, Suffolk.

-pending at 2.3.21

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 2.3.21*

Decided/approved (for information only):

None

Review and approve Parish Council Planning Statement

The statement was reviewed and discussed. It was agreed that residents should be able to comment on the statement prior to approving. It was agreed to publicise the statement on the Parish Council website and in the Barton Miller if possible, requesting comments to be received before the April meeting, to then adopt a final statement at the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council in May.

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21/03/08 Clerk's Report, Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting and Correspondence

The clerk reported the following:

- A resident contacted the clerk regarding people smoking in the play park area, and whether signs could be installed.
It was agreed although this would be very difficult to enforce, it was agreed to look at the costs of installing signs in the play area asking users to refrain from smoking.
- A resident has complained of speeding vehicles along Worlington Road and would like a reduced speed limit (60mph – 40mph) between Mildenhall and Worlington.
It was reported by Cllr B Harvey and Cllr L Busuttill that to reduce such a speed limit a traffic management plan would be required which is both lengthy and costly. It was suggested to alter the SID speed limit set speed from 30mph to 60mph and receive permission from Highways to place the SID in the 60mph zone to gather data required for the plan.
It was agreed that the Parish Council would pursue this further starting with asking whether a speed enforcement team could take action on Worlington Road. (JC)
- Beck Row Parish Council have emailed asking whether councillors would be interested in forming a local group of Parish Councils.
It was agreed that the clerk would request more details on this. (JC)
- A resident informed the Parish Council that the flint wall outside Lamb Court is in a bad condition.
It was agreed that the clerk is to inform the relevant housing association. (JC)
- A resident contacted the clerk regarding the uneven and dangerous paths in Church Meadows.
Cllr N Horne agreed to take photos and send to the clerk so that this could be reported to Suffolk County Council. (JC/NH)

21/03/09 Parish Matters

21/03/09.1 Barton Mills Scarecrow festival

A resident has contacted the Parish Council in hope to revive the Scarecrow Festival in the village.

The work required in holding a festival was discussed including whether it would be possible to hold this year or next year. Too much work would be required to hold a traditional festival this year although a simple small scarecrow trail with limited organising may be possible.

It was agreed to invite the resident to the next Parish Council meeting. (JC)

21/03/09.2 Update on exception site at Newmarket Road update

Havebury have stated: that they are still waiting for feedback from West Suffolk Council with regards to our pre-app submission and once this has been returned and if everything is fine, then they will look to work up a full planning application. On the legal side they are awaiting information from the sellers.

21/03/09.3 Maintenance of Assets

a) Lighting

- New street light quotes

Amounts for new street lights in the budget were confirmed as, £6,500 (gross) in 2020/21 budget although this is now all to be carried forward to the 2021/22 budget. £5,550 (gross) included in the 2021/22 budget so total of £12,050 (gross) which is £10,041 net.

The below units were quoted (net) for by both Pearce and Kemp and K & M Lighting Ltd:

- Unit 91 opposite No 2 Farm Cottages at the end of Grange Lane.
Quote for new standard light and pole to be re-sited on private owned land.
Pearce and Kemp - £1800.40. K & M Lighting - £989.19
- Unit 62 (G39) on pole on Dog and Partridge footpath
Quote for new pole and standard light please to be re-sited but not on private land
Pearce and Kemp - £1,924.15. K & M Lighting - £989.19
- Unit 63 (G39) The Street o/s Street Farm
Quote for a Heritage Light and pole to the right to the existing pole post to be re-sited on private owned land.
Pearce and Kemp - £7,307.90. K & M Lighting - £1,477.05
- Unit 65 (G39) The Street o/s substation
Quote for a heritage light and pole to be re-sited but not on private land
Pearce and Kemp - £2,536.10. K & M Lighting - £1,477.05
- Unit 68 (G39) The Street o/s White Lodge
Quote for a new Heritage Light and pole to be re-sited but not on private land

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- Unit 75 OS No 41 in Church Meadow
Quote for new pole and standard light
Pearce and Kemp - £2,016.20. K & M Lighting - £989.19
- Standard light to be fixed to an existing telegraph pole on the opposite side of Station Road
Lights can no longer be fitted onto UKPN poles and there is no space on the verge for a new pole.

In summary for 6 new lights the total cost would be £7,398.72 from K & M Lighting and £17,487.85 from Pearce and Kemp.

It was agreed that the clerk would confirm with K & M Lighting that the quotes included connection, old lights removed and disposed of and that no other expenses would be incurred. (JC)

Once the quote was confirmed permission from land owners would need to be requested.

- Suffolk County Council street light inventory has been received and requires approving so that Suffolk County Council can send a final invoice. (AH/KF)
 - Light 0084 on Mildenhall Road was reported as not working on 10.9.20.
Light 0186 on Station Road was reported as not working in 2017. Suffolk County Council have been unable to repair this in the past due to excess foliage but this has now been removed.
At date neither light has been repaired. It was agreed the clerk and Cllr R Lewis would draft a letter addressed to Suffolk County Council requesting a reason why these lights have not been repaired and a refund on the energy and maintenance costs paid on these units for the times they were not working. (JC/RL)
 - The Bell Lane light has not been moved as agreed due to miscommunication between UKPN and Pearce and Kemp. A meeting has been arranged on 4th March at 9am between Cllr A Harji, Pearce and Kemp and UKPN. This meeting would be to determine a couple of options of positions bearing in mind the large number of utilities in the path and then once agreed Pearce and Kemp can book in with UKPN and their operatives a suitable day to complete the works.
- b) Play park, including agreeing additional quote for park repairs
The parts from Proludic have now been delivered and Eastern Playworks begun the work on Monday 1st March. The original quote agreed from Eastern Play Services was £1,527, however since then more works needs to be carried out on the train and Eastern Playworks have quoted an additional £73 for this.
It was proposed and agreed to accept the additional quote of £73 for the extra work required. (JC)

21/03/09.4 Covid-19 update and issues in the Parish

None

21/03/09.5 SID Rota

The rota was agreed up to May 2021, the clerk to email updated rota. (JC)

21/03/09.6 Update on request to tidy islands at Chestnut Close including new Barton Mills sign license and draft designs

It was agreed the clerk would clarify that permission has been granted from both land owners and confirm that the license charge of £100 to install a sign is a one-off charge. (JC)

Four draft designs of a new sign were created by Cllr N Horne were shown to all councillors for comment.

It was agreed draft designs for the whole island would be drafted to review at the next meeting. (NH)

Cllr N Horne would arrange a site meeting with Cllr R Lewis and local landscaper to determine ideas and rough costs for work required. (NH/RL)

21/03/09.7 Litter issues update including dog fouling

The following actions were agreed:

- The clerk to contact volunteer regarding dog waste dispenser on the football club changing rooms. (JC)
- Place dog fouling posters in the notice boards
- Cllr T Newman to take photographs of the fly tipping in the verge opposite the Bull Hotel to forward to the clerk who is to report this West Suffolk Council (JC/TN)
- Cllr N Horne to look at repairing or replacing the dog waste bag dispenser on the Bell pub (NH)
- The clerk to seek how many litter picking sets could be obtained from West Suffolk Council (JC)
- To devise a litter picking plan to cover the whole village

21/03/09.8 Social media

It was agreed to include Cllr T Newman as an admin on the Facebook page and to try to use the Facebook page more to engage with residents.

21/03/09.9 Request for memorial bench on playing field

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The family member who requested a memorial bench to be installed in the village had thanked the Parish Council for supporting this and suggesting alternative locations however, they would like the bench on the playing field preferably along Mildenhall Road.

Cllr N Horne agreed to find some suitable locations before going back to the resident on this request. (NH)

21/03/10 Finance & Policies

21/03/10.1 Parish Council Bank Balances and Reconciliation from list of Payments and Receipts

The clerk reported that at date £3,472 was held in the current account and £24,682 in the deposit account.

21/03/10.2 Approve and authorise payment of invoices

The following payments were approved for payment:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
28-Feb	J Coe	Salary	269.08	0.00	269.08
28-Feb	J Coe	Clerk expenses	87.80	12.86	100.66
24-Feb	Proludic	Park materials	946.03	189.20	1,135.23
21-Feb	Ben Coates	BMFC roof repairs	600.00	0.00	600.00
25-Feb	RH Landscapes	Grass cutting	100.00	20.00	120.00
			2,002.91	222.06	2,224.97

21/03/11 Parish Councillors reports (for information only)

Cllr R Lewis suggested sending Cllr L Busuttill a thank you letter from the Parish Council for his time and help as the County Councillor. This was agreed. (JC)

21/03/12 Barton Miller

Back page

Possibly littering, dog fouling, rapid testing centre

Clerk page:

List of councillors and planning policy

21/03/13 Items for future agendas

Annual Parish Council Meeting

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Locality budget projects

Scarecrow festival

Neighbourhood Plan

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 6th April 2021.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm



J. Coe Clerk