

Barton Mills Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Barton Mills

held in the village hall on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7:30pm

In attendance: Parish Council Chairman Cllr N Horne, Cllr C Miller, Cllr, K Fuller, Cllr R Oke, Cllr T Newman, Cllr R Lewis, Cllr A Potts, District Cllr B Harvey, the clerk Jadi Coe, 8 members of the public, and Paul Bonnett from Havebury Homes.

Public Forum:

One member of the public asked if they could attend the meeting which the Parish Council agreed to try and arrange at the January meeting with Havebury, Natural England, RSPB and West Suffolk Council. Cllr N Horne confirmed that this would likely be a closed private meeting.

23/02/01 Accept and receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Mullender and Cllr M Colsey.

23/02/02 Declarations of members interests

Cllr R Lewis on item 3 and 11.2

23/02/03 Barton Mills Football Club

Four members of the public attended the meeting to propose their plans to become BMFC:

They wish to become BMFC, take on the lease for the pavilion, including running costs. At date they have 52 players interested in signing up for a mens team and that they would like to look at creating youth and ladies' teams once they are established. They have a committee group ready to go, and have had talks with the FA regarding affiliating the club. They have approached local businesses and have had confirmation from 5 to sponsor the team, of which they have formal letters from. They would be happy to help with local events to raise funds in the likes of car boot sales and the Summer Solstice.

A letter has been received from MTFC asking that they are considered to be lease holders for the BMFC pavilion, including taking on costs, offering support and working alongside a possible new BMFC.

It was agreed in principle to allow the new BMFC to be formed. BMFC would arrange a meeting with MTFC to see if they could work alongside and help each other. At the next meeting a draft lease agreement could be presented and BMFC to present a budget, to ensure costs could be covered and confirmation from potential sponsorships.

23/02/04 Exception Site on Newmarket Road

Paul Bonnett attended the meeting to give an update:

The exception site is within the Stone Curlew buffer zone which is set by Natural England. There have been numerous conversations with Natural England as all surveys carried out show no Stone Curlews on the site and it would be very unlikely for them to nest on the site due to how the site is used at other times, e.g., car boot, circus. Natural England, a statutory consultee will not withdraw their objections. West Suffolk Council have no mitigation policy in place and therefore they are unsure how to move forward by satisfying these concerns. An onsite meeting with Natural England would make no difference to their objections and at date have ignored all requests for a meeting. There are other objections to the application from other consultees i.e., Highways but these are all problems that can be solved easily. Cllr B Harvey agreed to make some enquiries with West Suffolk Council as to whether the application could go to committee despite Natural England's objections.

To bring forward to the next meeting.

23/02/05 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 3rd January 2023 were proposed as a true record of the meeting held by Cllr Miller, the minutes were approved and signed.

23/02/06 Police Reports

None

23/02/07 County and District Councillors report

Cllr L Stanbury sent his apologies

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CLlr B Harvey reported on:

- the upcoming local elections including the need for photo id to vote and that bus passes are suitable
- Sunnica including the upcoming hearings next week
- rough sleepers in the area
- County Lines
- Locality funds
- unclaimed energy help for those on prepaid meters

23/02/08 Planning and Environment

General & For Consideration:

DC/23/0008/ADV – one internally illuminated totem sign at Barton Mills Service Station, Fiveways, Suffolk, IP28 6AE

West Suffolk Council confirmed that they are currently recommending the application for refusal as the submitted documents are the same as the recently refused application DC/22/0222/ADV

It was agreed to not comment on the application.

Since the agenda was published two applications have been received, DC/23/0134/FUL and DC/23/0172/VAR.

Extensions to the consultation period of 8th March have been requested.

Tree Applications (for information only):

None

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 25.1.23*

Decided/approved (for information only):

DC/22/1798/HH – a. front porch b. replace door with window on front elevation at The Willows, 36 Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6BD – *approved 5.1.23*

DC/22/2038/HH – a. single storey side extension b. detached swimming pool building at 27 Church Lane, Barton Mills, IP28 6BQ – *approved 3.1.23*

DC/22/1497/HH & DC/22/1498/LB – application a. repairs and restoration of external facades b. refurbishment of existing external windows and doors c. extension of existing chimney stack d. repair and refurbishment of existing outbuilding with replacement roof, door and window e. refurbishment and re-thatching of front gate f. internal alterations at Lords Manor Cottage, The Street, Barton Mills, IP28 6AA – *approved 11.1.23*

DC/22/1744/FUL – a. external alterations consisting of installation of entrance door, replace windows; b. timber refuse enclosure; c. mechanised plant consisting of three AC condensers, one catering condenser, one air intake louvre and on extract louvre at Millford Service Area, A11 Barton Mills, South Bound, Barton Mills, Suffolk. – *approved 6.1.23*

DC/22/1625/HH – a. relocation of entryway to front elevation, b. half-porch with pitched roof to front elevation, c. installation of new window to front elevation, e. installation of new window to rear elevation at 56 Church Lane, Barton Mills, IP28 6AY – *approved 12.1.23*

Neighbourhood Plan update

A letter has been sent to all who have volunteered to join the NH Plan steering group. The letter outlines the structure of the group and provides information on a NH Plan. The first meeting will be scheduled for March.

Proposal to close gaps in the A11 central reservation update

No update

23/02/09 Clerk's Report, Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting and Correspondence

- Easter Monday, 10th April, there is no group scheduled to hold a car boot sale and it has been suggested the new BMFC may wish to hold a car boot to raise funds.

It was agreed to ask BMFC, if not the members of the Parish Council could assist.

- Due to the May Local Elections the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will not be able to be held on Tuesday 2nd May. This meeting must take place between 9th and 25th May.

It was agreed to hold this meeting on Tuesday 16th May.

- A resident has concerns with the increasing number of HGV traffic coming off the A11, up Church Lane and through Mildenhall Road.

It was agreed that the clerk would look at what could be done and costs of any surveys required.

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23/02/10 Parish Matters

1. Street Lighting

Unit 64 The Street has been reported as not working, K&M lighting have been informed and will look to repair this. The clerk to report unit 85 again which has been out for some time.

Cllr K fuller noted a unit in Bell Lane is often not working, Cllr K Fuller to report or inform the clerk of the location to report.

2. Play park

A quote has been received from IA Play Solutions:

Groundworks - Excavate 118m² @ 50mm, remove old rubber off site and excavated spoil. Flat Swing/Basket Swing/HipHop/Gyro/Cradle Swing. £3,450.00

Rubber Mulch - To supply and install 118 m² of Bonded Rubber Mulch to a depth of 50mm in Green Brown Mix £8,850.00

Groundworks - Heras Panels/Digger/Dumper £930.00

Other - Repair damaged HIP HOP wooden plate. Replace damaged side panels on Slide + 8 new caps. Replace 4 shackles for cradle swing. Remove old rotten wooden barrier and replace with 6m Knee rail. Repair bent panels on Train. £1,604.00.

Totalling £14,834 plus £2,646.00 VAT, GROSS £17,480.00

The 2023/24 budget shows £2,500 in play area/field maintenance and £5,500 in other.

Cllr K Fuller to find contacts for other contractors to get additional quotes.

3. SID

Cllr M Colsey has made some enquires in regard to a solar battery SID, to bring forward to the next meeting.

4. Old Mill Lane railings update

The final paint samples have been sent to SCC, but no response has been received as to whether the paint samples contain any lead or not.

5. Island at Chestnut Close

The clerk to ask Robert Ayers when the agreed work will be carried out.

6. Queens Jubilee funds

It was agreed to accept the quote of £190.00 for a large frame for the Crown Fingerprint art created. This would then be displayed in the village hall.

It was agreed to plant a silver birch on the playing field to commemorate the Queens Jubilee, with the location to be agreed. This would be funded by either the underspent locality budget, if allowed, or the money raised over the Jubilee weekend.

7. Kings Coronation

To bring forward to the next meeting.

8. Run Breckland 2023 event

Run Breckland are looking at holding their 2k/5k river run in the same format as last year on Sunday 25 June. They would like permission from the Parish Council to hold this again?

The Parish Council agreed this was fine, if the event was the same as the previous year.

23/02/11 Finance & Policies

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

At date £29,228 held in the deposit account and £1,155 in the current 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-Jan	J Coe	Salary	281.68	0.00	281.68
31-Jan	J Coe	Clerk expenses	24.50	0.00	24.50
31-Jan	R Lewis	Barton Miller printing	26.16	0.00	26.16
01-Feb	West Suffolk Council	Emptying dog bins	27.73	0.00	27.73
31-Dec	BMVH	Room hire and brown bin	159.34	0.00	159.34
			519.41	0.00	519.41

3. Agree charitable donations

Within the 2022/23 budget there is £1,100 available for donations.

The following charitable donations were agreed:

Good Neighbourhood Scheme	£150
Rainbow Club	£150

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Suffolk Accident & Rescue Service	£150
Headway Suffolk	£150
Air Ambulance	£250
Citizens Advice Bureau	£150
BMFC	<u>£100</u>
	£1,100

4. Agree insurance length

The annual insurance policy cost was agreed and paid in January 2023. The insurance broker also requires to know whether the Parish Council wish to enter a 1 or 3 year insurance contract.

A three year contract sets the rate for three years and the premium will only increase due to index linking.

It was proposed and agreed to take on the three year contract.

The clerk to provide Cllr C Miller a copy of the certificate to display in the notice boards.

23/02/12 Parish Councillors reports (for information only)

- Cllr K Fuller reported that a resident had concerns on the height of the Conifers between Sapphire Gardens and The Old Railway Station.

The clerk noted that this was a problem previously and was addressed in April 2022. The clerk forwarded correspondence to Cllr K Fuller.

- Cllr K Fuller reported on the possibly blocked drains and the manhole cover which requires replacing. The clerk to look at obtaining quotes.

- Cllr R Lewis reported that Matt Wilson was ready for the water to be turned back on at BMFC. The clerk to organise this so that Matt Wilson is on site.

- Cllr C Miller and Cllr A Potts reported that they would not be standing at the upcoming elections.

23/02/13 Barton Miller

Elections

Tree planting ceremony

BMFC

23/02/14 Items for future agendas

Barton Miller paper donation

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7th March 2023

The meeting closed at 9:20pm

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J. Coe Clerk