

Barton Mills Parish Council

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Chairman: Mr N. Horne 07590 672963

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Barton Mills

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

In attendance: Chairman Cllr N Horne, Cllr K Fuller, Cllr R Oke, Cllr R Pollard, Cllr M Colsey, Cllr S Mullender, Cllr R Lewis, Cllr E Jarvis, Cllr T Newman, District Cllr D Taylor, the clerk Judi Coe and eight members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Forum

No members of the public wished to speak.

23/11/01 Accept and receive apologies for absence

None

23/11/02 Declarations of members interests

Cllr R Lewis items 8.5 & 9.2

23/11/03 Minutes

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 3rd October proposed by Cllr K Fuller, seconded by Cllr R Lewis, all in favour.

23/11/04 Police Reports

No police reports were received. The clerk to ensure such reports were being received.

It was reported that there was a home break in/robbery on Mildenhall Road.

23/11/05 County and District Councillors report

County Cllr L Stanbury was not present.

District Cllr D Taylor reported on local issues:

- The lack of police presence in the district.
Cllr N Horne confirmed he would like to see police attend at least two parish council meetings per year.
- The development proposals on the car boot field which is not currently included in the Local Plan .
- The Jaynic proposal of which WSC has not commented on as there is no application submitted.

Cllr R Lewis reported on the inappropriate road closures by SCC in the local area, recently in Worlington. These have been reported to Cllr L Stanbury who is waiting for a response from SCC.

23/11/06 Planning and Environment

General & For Consideration:

DC/23/1586/HH – single storey side extension following demolition of two external walls at The Grange, Grange Lane, Barton Mills, IP28 6BG

DC/23/1587/LB – listed buildings consent - single storey side extension following demolition of two external walls at The Grange, Grange Lane, Barton Mills, IP28 6BG

Cllr S Mullender reported on the applications and proposed that the council SUPPORT the applications, this was agreed following a unanimous vote.

Tree Applications (for information only):

DC/23/1730/TPO - tree preservation order - a. one Plane (marked on plan (western most) within A1 on order) prune lowest lateral branch back to boundary line b. one Plane (marked on plan (central) within A1 on order) reduce lateral spread by one metre to previous points c. one Beech (marked on plan within A1 on order) crown reduction on southern aspect by up to one metre at 15 The Street, Barton Mills, Suffolk, IP28 6AW.

Applications awaiting West Suffolk decision and pending appeals:

DC/23/0358/FUL Proposal Planning application - one dwelling at The Old Maltings, The Street, Barton Mills, Suffolk, IP28 6AA – *pending at 29.10.23*

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 29.10.23*

DC/23/0172/VAR - variation of condition 2 of DC/22/0021/HH to allow use of amended plans for a. two storey front extension; b. two storey side and rear extension; c. conversion and extension of existing garage to

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habitable space; d. single storey side extension to existing garage (following demolition of existing flat roofed garage); e. roof alterations to existing link extension; f. two bay cartlodge with room above at The Croft, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, Suffolk, IP28 6BD – *PENDING APPEAL*

Decided/approved (for information only)

DC/23/0772/FUL use of land to hold car boot sales on Saturdays from April to October at Newmarket Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6AQ – *approved 12.10.23*

Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr N Horne confirmed that the steering group met with Places4People (Planning consultants), and following advice given it was decided that they would proceed. Grants are available so the cost to the PC would be minimal. The grant application process would be completed with the help of People4 Places, Cllr R Oke and the clerk. He also confirmed at this stage the group did not require the PC's permission but would at a further stage, but he would update the PC at each step. The final plan would need to be agreed by parishioners by a referendum.

23/11/07 Clerk's Report, Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting and Correspondence

Village Hall Car Park

The works were completed on Friday 27th October, Mark has confirmed that a storm drain at the far end of the car park is completely blocked, and clearing this would prevent the car park flooding. Mark has quoted £250 to clear the storm drain.

It was proposed and agreed to approve the quote to clear the drain.

Jaynic Proposal

An email was received asking if the Parish Council know how far advanced the discussions are between Jaynic and the local authority. The clerk responded confirming that the PC did not.

It was agreed that the clerk should ask Jaynic for an update and if appropriate ask them to attend a PC meeting around Easter 2024.

23/11/08 Parish Matters

1. Street Lighting

West Suffolk County have now released details of their Decarbonisation Initiatives Fund. The first call on this fund is for parish and town councils to upgrade their remaining streetlights to LED in order to obtain the environmental benefits. The grant can be paid in relation to any LED upgrades carried out since 1 April 2022. The grant will cover 100 per cent of the cost of works.

It was agreed to upgrade non LED lights and look at claiming for any upgrades since April 2022, the clerk to complete the form.

2. Play park including quotes

The following quotes were reported on:

OLP net £31,406.00 to remove existing surfacing and replace with Fibrefall Resin Bound Rubber Mulch.

IAP net £12,530.00 to remove existing surfacing and replace with Bonded Rubber Mulch.

Cllr N Horne has clarified with OLP that the materials 50mm Forest Green Fibrefall resin

bound recycled rubber mulch encapsulated with colour PU polymer (OLP) is the same as Bonded Rubber Mulch (IAP).

Cllr N Horne to get IAP in for a final site visit to confirm work required in hope to propose and accept a quote at the December meeting.

3. SID

Cllr M Colsey reported that the rota was agreed until the end of the year.

He also reported that the new solar SID had been delivered and it required installing by a contractor with adequate insurance.

It was agreed that the clerk would obtain quotes and accept the lowest quote if it is £150 or less.

4. Highways issues

It was confirmed no work had taken place on Station Road where markings had been painted around previous repairs. The clerk confirmed she has contacted Cllr L Stanbury but at date he had no response from SCC.

5. Update on land for sale, Mildenhall Road

Cllr T Newman reported on comments received from residents:

- 10 responses at date, 4 in favour, 6 against
- Those in favour and against stated that they thought the selling price was too high
- One person was willing to contribute if the area was planted with broadleaf trees and wildflowers

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- Could the PC look at making for a lower offer and then offer them an overage.
- One resident was willing to make an offer and was happy for the precept to be increased
- The plot is small and there is no obvious benefit to the village owning this
- The land would need to be fenced off, high ongoing maintenance costs, access would be on a dangerous corner
- Could be an expansion of the Nature Reserve
- Camping facilities
- A bird hide and small shop

The cost of the land was discussed. Cllr R Lewis reported that yes agriculture land is sometimes valued lower but that is for land in the fens not land adjacent to a village and the value is what someone is willing to pay for it. He also confirmed an overage tends to be offered on and intended for development. The potential use and maintenance costs of the land was also discussed.

It was agreed that Cllr N Horne and Cllr R Oke would look at grant funding options in more detail and this could be discussed again at the December meeting.

6. Asset list

It was agreed that the list needed to detail replacement cost, and insurance value. The clerk to update the list and forward to members to help advise what assets are held.

7. Remembrance Service arrangements

Cllr N Horne confirmed he had the wreath and wine.

Cllr E Jarvis agreed to get other refreshments.

Cllrs R Oke, E Jarvis, N Horne and M Colsey volunteered to help set up the VH for the reception.

Cllr M Colsey agreed to lay the wreath.

Cllr N Horne to ask BMFC to amend their KO time until after the laying of the wreaths.

8. Tree on Grange Lane

Cllr N Horne reported that there are concerns about some of the trees on the playing field on both Grange Lane and Mildenhall Road side and that these need trimming.

It was agreed to obtain quotes and Cllr N Horne would meet contractors on site to discuss work required.

9. Overgrown path, Newmarket Road

It was reported that vegetation along Newmarket Road is very overgrown and encroaching the footpath.

Cllr R Lewis to provide the clerk with details for her to contact land owners asking them to rectify this.

It was also reported that the footpath on Church Lane had still not been cut, the clerk to continue to chase for the works to be completed.

23/11/09 Finance & Policies

1. Parish Council Bank Balances

At date £35,864 is held in the deposit account and £2,236 in the current account.

2. Approve and authorise payment of invoices

It was resolved to pay the following invoices, all-in agreement.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
30-Oct	J Coe	Salary	281.68	0.00	281.68
31-Oct	J Coe	Clerk expenses	24.50	0.00	24.50
01-Nov	West Suffolk Council	Emptying dog bins	27.73	0.00	27.73
30-Sep	BMVH	Room hire	45.00	0.00	45.00
27-Oct	MC Excavation	VH car park works	430.00	0.00	430.00
13-Oct	Swarco	SID	3,525.00	705.00	4,230.00
31-Oct	R Lewis	Barton Miller	26.16	0.00	26.16
27-Oct	S Limmer	Gardening	30.00	0.00	30.00
12-Oct	John Berret	Plants	30.00	0.00	30.00
30-Oct	RH Landscapes	Grass cutting	300.00	60.00	360.00
			4,720.07	765.00	5,485.07

3. Amendments to the current 23/24 budget and draft 24/25 budget

A copy of the suggested amendments to the current budget and the draft budget for 24/25 was provided to each member.

The clerk reported on the schedule and highlighted the following points:

Suggested amendments to the current 23/24 budget are to bring the totals in line with expected total income and expenses at 31.3.24.

The draft 24/25 budget shows:

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A precept figure of £30,500 which gives a 4.42% increase to council tax payers

£1,850 b/fwd in street lights renewals

£580 b/fwd in Queens Jubilee, which includes £57 underspent locality budget and £523 funds which the committee raised

£200 b/fwd in football coaching, which needs to be spent

£14,670 total within Projects

£2,500 in park repairs

23/11/10 Parish Councillors reports (for information only)

CLlr K Fuller reported on the faulty bolt on the Jubilee gates and that the fallen tree is still in the river however a concerned parishioner is meeting with WSC to discuss this.

23/11/11 Barton Miller

An update on the Jaynic proposal (possibly)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

It was agreed not to put Land for sale in the Barton Miller again but to repost on social media

23/11/12 Items for future agendas

Land by the A11 owned by the Parish Council

Land for sale

Budgets

Asset list

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 5th December 2023

The meeting closed at 9:14pm

J.Coe

J. Coe Clerk