

# Barton Mills Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Barton Mills Parish Council

Held in the Village Hall on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.00 pm.

**Attendance:** Cllr Pamela Boura  
Cllr Keith Fuller  
Cllr Frances Lewis  
Cllr Charlie Peachey  
County Cllr James Waters  
James Bercovici (Clerk)

As neither the Chairman nor the Vice Chairman were present, the Clerk invited those councillors at the meeting to select a chairman for the meeting. Both Cllr Boura and Cllr F Lewis put themselves forward and Cllr Peachey nominated Cllr Boura to chair the meeting. This was agreed.

0. **Opportunity for members of the Public to speak (3 minute limit, not statutory part of meeting).**  
None present.

1. **Courtesies. Apologies and Signing of the Register. Declarations of Interest.**

Apologies: Cllrs Blanchard, Flack, Harji, R Lewis, Mullender and PCSO Askew  
Declarations of interest: Cllr F Lewis (6f)

2. **Police Matters**

Report received - two crimes were reported: one a theft from a car at the Lazy Car Boot Sale, the other a theft from a vehicle at the Balfour A11 construction site.

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2014**

Cllr F Lewis proposed agreeing the minutes: all in favour.

4. **Matters arising and pending**

a. Field and car parking. Mark Hayward has been instructed to undertake the work at the entrance to the car park. Cllr Waters has agreed to finance this from his locality budget. Cllr Boura asked when the work would be done; the Clerk advised that he had instructed Mark Hayward and understood it would be undertaken imminently. Cllr F Lewis asked about the financing of this as the Clerk had been asked to approach other organisations for funding. the Clerk advised that he had approached the 100 Club and the Burrell Trust as well as Cllr Waters but had only received a reply from Cllr Waters who had offered to fund the work entirely from his locality budget.

Cllr Boura had said there were other issues with the field such as dead branches in the trees at the far end of the field along Grange Lane and has asked Cllr Boura to advise which trees needed attention. Cllr Boura said it would be obvious which trees are in need of attention in the spring and suggested the work be left until then. The Clerk asked her to remind him at that time.

Cllr Boura asked if there was any progress on climbing equipment for Under 7s which had been discussed with Cllr Huggan. The Clerk said he would liaise with Cllr Huggan on this.

b. Footpath. The boardwalk has been installed. Cllr F Lewis said it was generally agreed to be good but asked why there is a space between two sections. She asked Cllr Waters if the middle section could be filled in. She reported that Cllr R Lewis had asked if handrails could be fitted although he thought probably not as they could be intrusive. Cllr Fuller pointed out that handrails are not generally found on boardwalks but that some do have a lip to stop wheelchairs going off the edge. Cllr F Lewis said that Cllr R Lewis had also wondered about low-level solar-powered lighting as children may need to use the

path after dark. Cllr Fuller said that, if the path needs to be lit, then solar power is not sufficiently reliable. Cllr Boura said that, because the path is through a nature reserve, lighting would not be possible. Cllr F Lewis also wondered about potential vandalism.

c. Standing Orders. Cllr R Lewis has been unable to progress this and had suggested it should be deferred to November or later as he hoped that an officer from FHDC would attend to explain the proposals for the changes to the development line. Cllr Boura said that, clearly, this item needed to be deferred again. She enquired about the reference to changes in the development line; Cllr Waters said he was unaware of any such proposals.

d. Car boot sales 2015 - the meeting took place on 13th October. The following was agreed:

Day	Date	Hall	Field	BBQ
Easter Monday	6 April	V Hall	V Hall	
May Day	4 May	W I	BMFC	
Spring Bank Holiday	25 May	Church	BMAA	BMAA or BMFC
Late Summer Bank Holiday	31 August	Church	Church	BMFC

The organisation receiving income from the field is responsible for advertising in the media and for giving a donation to the Parish Council – expected to be £100 on a good day. The group serving refreshments in the Village Hall is to pay for the hire of the hall. If there is a BBQ on the field, this would serve only burgers and hot dogs; on all dates, bacon butties can be served in the Village Hall kitchen.

Cllr Boura proposed endorsing the arrangements: all in favour.

**5. Reports from the County Councillor**

Cllr Waters said he had received a complaint about flooding on the Street and that county officers have looked at the problem. He said it would be sorted. He said there was also a problem at the A11 junction which is being looked at and that he would make enquiries about closing the boardwalk gap. He advised he has more locality money available and confirmed it can be used for Parish Council projects (unlike District Council locality budgets). He asked to be copied in on the email to Cllr Huggan about climbing equipment.

Cllr F Lewis asked him if he could help achieve a repair to the entrance of the church car park which she hoped would be undertaken free of charge.

**6. Finance - Standard Payments for approval (inc. VAT)**

- a. £294.00 Clerk's net salary (October 2014) – chq. 1316
  - b. £73.50 HMRC (PAYE October 2014) – chq.
  - c. £22.36 Clerk's expenses (October 2014) - chq. 1316
- Cllr Peachey proposed agreeing the standard payments: all in favour.

**Special Payments for approval (inc. VAT)**

- d. £60 Royal British Legion (donation) - chq. 1317
  - e. £64.55 Big Red Wine Company (Remembrance Sunday) - chq. 1318
  - f. £34.67 Frances Lewis (Remembrance Sunday) - chq. 1319
  - g. £67.50 Barton Mills Village Hall (hall hire July to September) - chq. 1320
- Cllr Boura proposed agreeing the special payments: all in favour (Cllr F Lewis abstained).

**7. Planning.**

Note - *ITALICS: Parish Council comments passed to Forest Heath DC.* **Bold: Forest Heath DC decision**

**General and for consideration:**

- a. PL\0245\14 (F/14/1862/CMW) - Barton Mills Quarry, Herringswell Road. Siting of storage container beside storage building to house generator to power chalk processing plant located within the building. *Cllr Peachey proposed no objections: all in favour.*

**Awaiting Forest Heath decisions and pending appeals**

- b. F/2014/Variation of Condition 2, 9 and 10 of Planning Permission F/2011/0278 - Barton Mills Chalk Quarry, Chalk Hill.
- c. DC/13/0927/OUT - Land South Of Worlington Road: Outline application - residential development of up to 78 dwellings with creation of new vehicular access (Major Development and Departure from the Development Plan). *Cllrs F Lewis and R Lewis declared interests. Cllr Boura proposed that the Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds that it would create a suburb of Mildenhall within Barton Mills, it would link Barton Mills to Worlington, there would be considerable issues with both traffic and pedestrian access and it is outside the development line: all in favour.*

8. **Any other business (with consent of the Chairman)**
  - a. Cllr F Lewis thanked Cllrs Boura and Harji for their help on Remembrance Sunday. She also thanked the Clerk. Cllr Boura said the ceremony had been very well attended.
  - b. Cllr F Lewis said residents of Church Lane Close were fed up with the progress of the development of the garages site and enquired whether there had been any update on this. The Clerk said he had not been notified of anything relating to this and that, as far as he was aware, Cllr R Lewis had chased this but had not received any response from Flagship. Cllr Waters said he would also follow this up.
9. **Date of next meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014.