**Barton Mills Parish Council**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Barton Mills Parish Council**

Held in the Village Hall on Friday 13th February 2015 at 7.00 pm.

**Attendance:** Cllr Amin Harji (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Pamela Boura  
Cllr Garry Flack  
Cllr Keith Fuller

Cllr Frances Lewis  
Cllr Charlie Peachey  
James Bercovici (Clerk)

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, R Lewis and Mullender, County Cllr Waters

Declarations of interest:

1. **Police Matters**

None reported.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2015**Cllr Boura proposed agreeing the minutes: all in favour.
2. **Matters arising and pending**

a. Planning discussion with Marie Smith of FHDC. Specifically, long term planning strategy for the Village: the LDF, SHLAA, village boundaries, when the Parish Council can consider the development of the village, commenting on planning applications.

b. Field and car parking. Mark Hayward has been instructed to undertake the work at the entrance to the car park. Cllr Waters agreed to finance this from his locality budget; the cheque has been received. Cllr Boura asked when the work would be done; he job was in progress as at 13th February.

Cllr Peachey noted that the job is over-funded as grants had been received from both Cllr Waters' locality fund and the 100 Club. Cllr R Lewis suggested giving the 100 Club an option to have money returned unless they would be happy for the money to be used elsewhere. the 100 Club suggests it could instead be put towards any shortfall in the cost of installing climbing equipment for under sevens

Cllr Boura had enquired about climbing equipment for Under 7s. Funding has been provisionally agreed (subject to actual cost). Cllr Boura met with a Proludic representative to discuss possible options. She outlined the proposals and suggested the Clerk put forward a quote for funding in the region of £16,000.

c. Footpath boardwalk. The Clerk was asked to find out when the section between Hassall's Corner and the boardwalk would be raised: Claire Dickson has advised that she is waiting on final year end spend from Highways.

d. Standing Orders. Cllr R Lewis outlined the need to review these. He said the Clerk had expressed concern that some standing orders would never be followed by the Parish Council or were irrelevant to Barton Mills. He wondered whether the full council should consider the standing orders over a period of time. Cllr Fuller said they would need to see them in advance of any such consideration; Cllr Mullender agreed. The Clerk forwarded these to all councillors.  
  
Cllr R Lewis said this should be postponed again and thanked the Clerk and Cllr Boura for their work on this to date. The Clerk offered to bring hard copies to the February meeting. Cllr R Lewis wondered if the council is permitted to change standing orders so close to an election; the Clerk said he would check this. Cllr Boura suggested a draft could be prepared for approval at the Annual Meeting in May.

Cllr F Lewis suggested this be postponed until the next meeting. Cllr Harji agreed; he thought Cllrs R Lewis and Mullender would want to be involved with this.

h. Footpath to Bury St Edmunds - Cllr R Lewis outlined a suggestion of a coordinated path connecting Barton Mills to Bury St Edmunds (and, in effect, West Row to Bury). He suggested a dialogue should be started with other parishes along the route. Cllr Huggan thought this a fantastic idea which would require linking different organisations. He thought it would be a medium to long-term project and it would be necessary to bring in private organisations for funding. Cllr Mullender said many existing paths would simply need upgrading and connecting but the route would be fantastic and very scenic. Cllr Huggan pointed out that future maintenance would have to be considered, hence the need to include outside organisations. He added that the Forestry Commission which owns some of the land concerned does not always see the commercial potential but he thought it would be good for local businesses as Barton Mills would be an ideal overnight stop between Cambridge and Bury. Cllr Boura thought the first stage for development could be from Barton Mills to Lackford Lakes. Cllr R Lewis suggested including this on the February agenda and wondered which FHDC department would be able to offer advice on this. Cllr Waters thought Community and Leisure and suggested emailing him and Cllr Huggan in the first instance. He said a caravan park was being considered for West Stow and other commercial projects were being discussed at St Edmundsbury

i. Football coaching in the summer holidays for school children. Cllr R Lewis reminded councillors od the scheme from 2013. Cllr Waters was unsure whether funding would be available again but Cllr Huggan said there are other groups which may be able to help; the Clerk observed that the Football Club would be able to apply for Cllr Huggan's locality budget for funding. Cllr R Lewis suggested the Parish Council may be able to contribute. Cllr Waters wondered about s106 funds; Cllr Huggan said he would investigate this. The Clerk said he would follow this up.

k. Rural Coffee Caravan visit proposed for the morning of Tuesday 21st July. The Clerk had given provisional permission for use of the car park. Cllr Boura proposed confirming this: all in favour.

l. Cllr F Lewis made a booking request for the Barton Mills Playing Field for the weekend 6th and 7th June for the Open gardens weekend. She declared a personal interest but advised that it would probably be used for free parking. She said a contribution would be made depending on receipts. Cllr P Boura proposed agreeing this: all in favour.

m. Village sign. Neil Horne advises that he is waiting to get it lacquered and will reinstate it as soon as this has been done.

n. Street lights. Cllr Boura said she is chasing this and asked the Clerk to follow up the permission needed for Walnut Tree far.

o. Dip in field. Cllr Boura asked the Clerk to arrange the delivery of gravel for this.

p. Public transport. Cllr F Lewis said the Parish Council needed to make a fuss to achieve re-routing through Barton Mills. The Clerk said he would contact Cllr Waters about this.

1. **Reports from the District and Country Councillors**None
2. **Finance - Standard Payments for approval (inc. VAT)**

a. £294.00 Clerk’s net salary (January 2014) – chq. 1325

b. £73.50 HMRC (PAYE January 2014) – chq.

c. £26.56 Clerk's expenses (January 2014) - chq. 1325

Cllr Boura proposed agreeing the standard payments: all in favour.

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

d. £135.78 (Barton Mills Village Hall - hall hire Oct-Nov and bin refuse collection) - chq. 1326

Cllr Boura proposed agreeing the special payments: all in favour.

**Other**

e. Donations

i. Rainbow Playgroup: goods to the value of £110 plus VAT

ii. Citizens Advice Bureau: £130 - chq. 1327

iii. Barton Miller: goods to the value of £100 plus VAT  
 iv. Suffolk Accident and Rescue: £110 - chq. 1328  
 v. East Anglian Air Ambulance: £160 - chq. 1329

Cllr F Lewis declared a personal interest in 6eiii; Cllr Boura explained her involvement in this organisation. She proposed maintaining the donations at the 2014 level: all in favour.

7. **Planning.**

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

**General and for conside**ration:

a. DC/15/0071/HH - Hive Cottage 3 Worlington Road. Two and single storey rear extension (following partial demolition of existing extension) (householder application). *Cllr Boura proposed an objection to the weather-boarding but no objection to the pronciple of the application itself: all favour.*

b. DC/15/0223/FUL - Land At Corner Of Bridge Farm Close And Worlington Road. 4 no. two bedroom apartments (revised scheme of DC/14/1071/FUL) (applicant: Bellway Homes)

c.. DC/15/0225/FUL - Development Site Bridge Farm Close. 3 no. dwellings and associated parking (applicant: Bellway Homes)

These applications were considered together. *Cllr Boura proposed objecting the both applications because of the loss of existing parking spaces; however, if one is to proceed, a preference should be expressed for DC/15/0225/FUL on the grounds that it is less intrusive and would have a slightly lower impact on parking: all in favour.*

**Awaiting Forest Heath decisions and pending appeals**

d. DC/14/2346/ADV - Proposed Mcdonalds Land To NW of Fiveways Roundabout. Advertisement Consent - Various site signage.

e. DC/14/2347/FUL - Proposed Mcdonalds Land To NW of Fiveways Roundabout. Advertisement Consent - installation of customer order display.

The above items were considered together. Cllr Boura proposed 'no comment': all in favour.

f. DC/14/2377/FUL - 36 Mildenhall Road. Revised scheme of DC/14/0146/FUL - Demolition of existing double garage and pole barn and erection of single storey one bedroom dwelling and new garage for existing property. Cllr Boura reminded the meeting of the earlier proposal and its outcome then highlighted the differences in the new application. However, she thought the fundamental objection remained and *proposed objecting on the grounds that the layout of the proposed development weould not be in keeping with the rest of Mildenhall Road: all in favour except Cllr Peachey (abstained).*

g. 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.*

h. F/2014/Variation of Condition 2, 9 and 10 of Planning Permission F/2011/0278 - Barton Mills Chalk Quarry, Chalk Hill.

**Decisions**

i. DC/14/2320/FUL - 26c Worlington Road. Erection of 9 no. dwellings (including 2 no. affordable) and 1 no. B1 office unit. Cllr F Lewis and R Lewis declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item which Cllr Boura chaired. She outlined the proposal which Cllr Peachey declared himself opposed to on the grounds that it is outside the development line for Barton Mills. Cllr Blanchard said she would have like to see where the land is. Cllr Fuller was also against the application for the reasons given by Cllr Peachey and *proposed objecting to it on these grounds: all in favour.* **APPROVED**

8. **Any other business (with consent of the Chairman)**

a. Parish Forum - Cllr Boura asked if anyone could help with refreshments at the meeting to be held in Barton Mills on Wednesday 18th February.

b. Roadworks - Cllr Fuller suggested the drainage on Worlington Road should be looked into, citing a wall blackened by cars spraying water from the road. He was asked to pass a photo to the Clerk or direct to County Highways. Cllr Flack said there were potholes on Church Lane.

c. Roadworks on the Street - Cllr Boura thought the plan was to resurface the entire road along the section that had seen recent works. She asked the Clerk to raise this with Cllr Waters.

d. Meeting day - Cllr Harji asked if councillors considered Friday to be the best day for meetings. Cllr F Lewis thought this best left for discussion at the AGM, after the elections.

9. **Date of next meeting:** 13th March 2015.