

Barton Mills Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Barton Mills Parish Council

Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at 8.15 pm (approx)

Present: Cllr Pamela Boura (Chairman)
Cll Amin Harji (ViceChairman)
Cllr Annette Dawson
Cllr Garry Flack
Cllr Richard Hayward
Cllr Frances Lewis
Cllr Robert Lewis

Abigail Davies (Clerk)

0. Opportunity for members of the Public to speak (3 minute limit, not statutory part of meeting).

(This part of the meeting occurred at 7.30 prior to the Annual Meeting.)

Don Proctor DipTP MRTPI spoke regarding a review of the new settlement boundary to include a small development along Newmarket Road, Barton Mills. He explained that in the past any development had been rejected as this area was classified as open space, however he pointed out there is no public access. He stated any development would not encroach on existing properties and dropped kerbs were already in place. He thanked the Parish Council for their time. Don Proctor then left the meeting.

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

Apologies: Keith Fuller, Steve Mullender

Declarations of interest: Cllr F Lewis and Cllr R Lewis item 11

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2016

3. Cllr F Lewis proposed signing; all in favour.

4. Police Matters

None reported

5.

Rev. Sandie Barton informed the Parish Council about future plans for the Church Room.

She explained the ‘temporary room’ had been in situ for 30 years and is now at the end of its life. She stated the Church Room is a different type of facility from the Village Hall. There are 2 options being considered. Option 1 to build something on the same spot or option 2 is to purchase the vicarage from the Diocese. Fund raising for this purchase would need to be around £500,000. Fundraising would be via a combination of grants and local sponsorship.

She explained the Vicarage is part of the curtilage of the Church and could provide facilities of a wider benefit to the community –e.g. a community hub, office space for the church, manned areas, a shop. Rev. Barton would like to canvass the villagers as to what they would like. This feedback would then be used to consult with potential funders. Cllr Hayward queried the running cost of the Vicarage, Rev Barton hoped the rental income from the top floor being an apartment would cover the running costs. Cllr Boura highlighted Barton Mills is only 1 mile from Mildenhall where these facilities are already available. Rev. Barton stated that larger venues are available, but not smaller ones which it would be envisaged this project would provide..Cllr R Lewis queried timescales due to the planning lapse on the Church Room.

Rev. Barton thanked the Parish Council for their time and then left the meeting.

6. **Reports from District and County Councillors**

No reports.

7. **Planning.**

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

General and for consideration:

- a. DC/13/0927/OUT Reserved Matters Application - Submission of details under outline planning permission - the means of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for a residential development of 78 dwellings with associated garages, landscaping and ancillary works. Land South of Worlington Road Mildenhall Suffolk Parish Council noted Condition 25 – on the outline planning permission already granted.

Cllr Dawson stated the development had had only one objection in total. Overall it is agreed the proposed development is quite spacious.

Cllr Boura proposed “no objection” and this was agreed with 5 in favour and 2 abstentions.

The Parish Council to ask for consultation regarding the proposed traffic calming, the design of the gate feature which should include a Barton Mills sign, and that the crossing should be a "Pelican" type crossing. The clerk to also enquire about the possibility of S106 funding for improvements to the footpath to Mildenhall.
Action proposed by Cllr Boura; agreed.

- b. DC/16/0636/HH 27 The Street Barton Mills Suffolk IP28 6AA. Householder Planning Application - (i) first floor extension to create two storey dwelling (ii) single storey rear extension with attached garage to side. There have been no objections. Cllr Dawson proposed on objection; all in favour.

Awaiting Forest Heath decisions and pending appeals:

- c. DC/16/0242/FUL Belle Vue , Newmarket Road, Barton Mills, Suffolk, IP28 6BJ Planning Application - Single storey extensions to existing barn conversion (as approved under DC/15/1402/PMBPA) as amended by email, design and access statement revision A and drawing nos. TAB189-01 Rev B and 10 Rev A received on 22nd March 2016 removing annexe DC/16/0395/HH 26 Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, Suffolk. IP28 6BD –a single storey extensions to side elevations and rear elevation (following demolition of existing garage and shed). *No Objections **Approved***
- d. DC/16/0242/FUL 5 Grange Lane Barton Mills Suffolk IP28 6BA - Single storey extensions to side and rear (following demolition of existing porch). *No Objections **Approved***

8. Matters arising and pending

- a. Provision of a village notice board in the vicinity of Worlington Road – awaiting feedback from FHDC.
- b. Footpath to Mildenhall. A meeting with Clare Dickson from Suffolk CC is being arranged to discuss costing and funding of the 2 options of hogging or a full boardwalk.
- c. The Queen's 90th birthday. Cllr F Lewis gave an update. The working group will meet again on 11th May at 7.30 in the Church Room. Frances highlighted that we need help from volunteers.
The PA needs a microphone- Cllr Hayward volunteered to assist in purchasing one.
- d. Picnic Area Update: Building materials will be purchased this week and the project is nearing completion.
- e. VAS (30mph flashing sign) Update: none reported.

- f. Defibrillator. Update: Cllr Boura and the clerk had a meeting on 3rd May with Community Heartbeat Trust. Cllr Boura highlighted the will be some additional costs to repair the phone box to a fit state to house the defibrillator. Cllr R Lewis proposed to approach Mr Waters to ask if he would provide full funding of the project it is fully. All in favour.
 - g. Proposal for Multi-sport camp in the summer holidays - Clerk reported no response from the camp following leaving a message for them.
 - h. Blerch sporting foundation – provides free sporting activities for ages 4-16, they may approach BMPC regarding use the playing fields sometime in the future.
 - i. Matters arising from the Parish Meeting 20 April 2016 – covered in point 7.f.
9. **Minutes of Parish Meeting May 2015** Proposed Cllr Harji; all in favour.

Chairman’s report for 2015/16 – see Appendix 1

10. Finance

Income – precept was received from FHDC on 29 April 2016 for £9,960.00

Payments

- a. See Appendix 2
Standard Payments: Cllr Harji proposed; all in favour
Non standard payments Cllr Flack proposed; 4 in favour

Bank balance 29 April 2016 £32,240.65

Application to SALC Transparency Fund – deferred to next meeting

11. Consultation on Development and Settlement Boundaries FHDC Local Plan

Cllr Boura and Cllr Hayward will draft a response prior to the next meeting. This will cover pockets of land that may provide small areas of development and what the impact will be on traffic on Worlington Road from the expansion of western Mildenhall and the creation of the Mildenhall Hub.

12. Any Other Business

BMPC to ask the Village Hall Committee if wifi could be made available.

Date of Next meeting: Tuesday 7th June 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Appendix 1 Chairman’s Report

Annual Report of Barton Mills Parish Council April 2016

My first year as Chairman began after the elections in May last year which were uncontested as far as Barton Mills Parish Council was concerned with just seven people standing for the nine seats. Steve Mullender and Richard Hayward from Worlington Road were co-opted to fill the vacant places. Later Annette Dawson was also able to re-join the council when Kay Blanchard resigned. Our thanks are due to Kay for the contribution she made during her time in office. Charlie Peachey decided not to stand for re-election after spending about 50 years as a Barton Mills Councillor and, in September, we marked his long service by planting an oak tree on the playing field.

Another addition to the playing field last summer was a new climbing frame aimed at the 3-7 age group. This was largely funded by a grant from Forest Heath District Council with additional contributions from the 100 Club and the Burrell Trust. This support was greatly appreciated by the parish councillors and, of course, by the many children who come to our field to play.

The 7 a-side goals, which have now been on our field for several years, remain popular with teenagers and the parish council was keen to repeat the children's football training sessions which were also held several years ago. Funding was arranged with the support of our District and County councillors through their locality budgets and sessions were held at February half term and in the Easter holiday, with further sessions to come.

Another project on the playing field has been to plant a “Bee World” of wildflowers on the edge of the field as part of a national project with seeds funded through Friends of the Earth. The work was carried out earlier this month by a small band of volunteers. Another working party tackled our litter black spots as part of the national “Spring Clean for the Queen” campaign. Our thanks to all those who have helped with these projects.

To celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday, there will be a cream tea in the Village Hall in May organised by the Coffee Caravan project and we are planning a Sunday afternoon of activities on the field in June. A new picnic area, adjacent to the play area, will be our legacy project to mark this unique occasion.

Other projects in the pipeline include a noticeboard to serve the Worlington Road area. We are investigating a new phase of affordable housing and we are also looking for funding to upgrade the surface on the footpath to Mildenhall. The A11 and street lighting are perennial issues.

The parish council is a strong team and for 12 years it has been ably assisted by the work of James Bercovici as our clerk. He has now retired from this position and we have greatly appreciated the contribution that he has made. We also welcome our new clerk, Abi Davies, who will ably carry this on.

Thank you to all the parish councillors, to our district and county councillors for their support, to our families and to all who contribute in any way to making Barton Mills the active and successful community that it is.

Pamela Boura
Chairman

Appendix 2 – Payments May 2016

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS																								
Payments 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016																								
ITEM				BANK				WAGES &				MEMO:												
No.	DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Chq	ST. NO.	MIN.	PG.	DON 137	TRAINING	ADMIN	MAINTENANCE	OTHER	PROJECTS	VAT	TOTAL	PROJECT	MEMO: FA							
STANDARD																								
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16	03-May-16	A DAVIES	APRIL 2016 WAGES	1411					£249.60						£249.60									
17	03-May-16	A DAVIES	APRIL 2016 EXPENSES	1412						£49.61				£1.20	£50.81									
OTHER																								
18	03-May-16	A DAVIES	TSOHOST FOR YEAR	1413						£12.49				£2.50	£14.99									
19	03-May-16	BM VILLAGE HALL	USE£85.50 BROWN BIN £59.28	1414						£85.50	£59.28				£144.78									
20	03-May-16	PEARCE AND KEMP	STREET LIGHTS INSTALLED 2015	1415									£3,645.16	£729.03	£4,374.19		FA - LIGHTS ADDED YR END MARCH 2016							
21	03-May-16	P BOURA	BARRIER TAPE FROM SCREWFIX	1416																				
22	03-May-16	E BEARDSMORE	PURCHASE OF 2ND HAND PA SYSTEM	1417									£180.00		£180.00									
23	03-May-16	F LEWIS	EXPENSES MARCH 16	1418							£6.00		£21.00	£1.20	£28.20		£21 LICENCE FOR 90TH BIRTHDAY							
24	03-May-16	ST MARYS PCC	ROOM HIRE 12 APR 2016	1419						£15.00					£15.00									
25	03-May-16	AYENTEE ACCOUNTANCY	INTERNAL AUDIT 15/16							£30.00				£6.00	£36.00									
26																								
27	TOTAL OF PAYMENTS ON 3 MAY 2016														£0.00	£249.60	£192.60	£65.28	£0.00	£3,846.16	£739.93	£5,093.57		