

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Barton Mills

held in the village hall on Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 7:30pm

Present:

Cllr. Colsey (Chair)	Cllr. Lewis
Cllr. Curtis	Cllr. Mullender
Cllr. Fuller	Cllr. Oke
Cllr. Jarvis	Cllr. Pearlman

Also in attendance were the Clerk Naomi Alecock, District Cllr. Taylor, County Cllr. Busuttil and 7 members of the public

1. Welcome

Cllr. Colsey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Walston.

3. Declaration of members interests and dispensations

Item 11.4 – Cllr. Lewis

4. To receive approval of minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2026 from those members present at the meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting of Tuesday 5th May 2026. Proposed by Cllr. Pearlman, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour.

5. Public Participation

The 100 Club presented the Parish Council with a cheque for £500 towards the tree bench; they were thanked for their generosity.

A query regarding the exception site planning application was raised. The speed limit was stated as being 30mph in the Barton Miller, however the revised plans are now showing a 40mph limit.

The public footpath along the old A11 and The Street is impassable due to overgrowth.

6. District Councillor Report

The Better Recycling scheme has started and figures will be published on how much food waste is recycled. Bulk collections have been suspended temporarily whilst the scheme is rolled out.

The first hour of free car parking starts on 15th June.

Joint up working has started in preparation for the unitary authority; there will be a Mayor appointed in 2 years.

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7. County Councillor Report

Reform have raised a judicial review on the Local Government Reorganisation. This is their 2nd JR with the 1st being against postponing the SCC elections for 2 years which they won. It is currently proposed that there will be a shadow authority 2027-28 with a year overlap. The cost savings are questionable.

Cllr. Busuttil's 3 priorities are Sunnica, Western Mildenhall development and potholes. There is also a decline of bridges which risks a loss of highways if not rectified.

District Cllr. Taylor and County Cllr. Busuttil left the meeting at 8.02pm.

8. Planning Consultations

There were no planning consultations.

9. Planning Applications decisions, statuses and appeals

The paper was received and **NOTED**.

10. Parish Matters

10.1 To discuss the arrangement of defib training from EAAA

The delivery of first aid training for the public was discussed. An article will be placed in the next Barton Miller to gauge interest.

10.2 To receive a verbal update with regards to streetlights

There was nothing to report on streetlights.

10.3 To receive a verbal update with regards to the play park

Cllr. Walston sent a report in his absence.

The matting has now been repaired, the broken wobble board has been removed following approval at the last meeting, the tree bench has been installed and work has started on the bench refurb project.

Cllr. Jarvis raised concerns over weeds growing through the mulch matting. It was agreed to monitor this.

10.4 To discuss traffic control and to receive an update on SID's

Cllr. Curtis reported that the SID on Worlington Road has been rebooted and now has 18 weeks of data showing 28,000 vehicles a week, 63% travelling at less than 30mph and 8.75% over 35mph. Worlington Parish Council have looked at costs to reduce the speed limit between Worlington and Barton Mills and have been quoted in the region of £5,000 - £7,500.

There is over a years' worth of data for the SID at Church Lane and Mildenhall Road with a maximum speed of 65mph.

The SID site on The Street is now operational and on the Friday of bank holiday showed 115 vehicles in 15 minutes. Cllr. Curtis will have 2 weeks of data for the next meeting.

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Now that we have an additional site for the battery SID, it is hard to cover all problematic areas and we may have to look at purchasing additional SIDs.

11. Financial Matters

11.1 To re-approve the Accounting Statements 2025/26 (Section 2)

The amended Accounting Statements of the 2025/26 Annual Return (Section 2) were presented. It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman and Clerk as the Proper Officer to sign the document. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Oke. All in favour.

11.2 To confirm the dates of the Notice of Public Rights

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** that the Notice of Public Rights be published on Monday 8th June 2026 for the notice period of Wednesday 10th June 2026 – Tuesday 21st July 2026. Proposed by Cllr. Oke, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour.

11.3 To receive the current bank account balances

It was confirmed that there is currently £518.75 held in the current account and £58,289.09 in the deposit account.

11.4 To approve and authorise payment of invoices

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the following invoices:

Retrospective approval of invoices (subject to item 5.15 of the Financial Regulations)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
15/05/2026	Jati Ltd	Anchor bolts - tree bench	122.91	24.59	147.50
19/05/2026	Clerk	Salary	352.40	0.00	352.40
<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
31-May	R Lewis	Barton Miller	26.16	0.00	26.16
31-May	Clerk	Expenses	41.60	0.00	41.60
31-May	N Parkinson	Gardening Services - May	100.00	0.00	100.00
01-Jun	West Suffolk Council	Weekly bin collection - June	17.42	0.00	17.42
23-May	R & S Playground	Surface repair & bench installation	650.00	130.00	780.00
20-May	JRB Enterprise	Dog poo bags	80.12	16.02	96.14
01-Jun	N Parkinson	Bench works	315.00	0.00	315.00
31-May	R.H. Landscapes	Grass cutting - May	325.08	65.02	390.10
			2,030.69	235.63	2,266.32

Proposed by Cllr. Mullender, seconded by Cllr. Pearlman. 7 in favour, 1 abstention.

12. Governance Matters

12.1 To review and adopt the Code of Conduct

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Code of Conduct with recommended changes. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Oke. All in favour.

12.2 To review and adopt the Data Audit and Risk Management Strategy

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Data Audit and Risk Management Strategy with recommended changes. Proposed by Cllr. Curtis, seconded by Cllr. Oke. All in favour.

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12.3 To review and adopt the GDPR Policy

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the GDPR Policy with recommended changes. Proposed by Cllr. Fuller, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour.

12.4 To review and adopt the Media Policy

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Media Policy with no changes. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour.

12.5 To review and adopt the Resilience Plan

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Resilience Plan with recommended changes. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Curtis. All in favour.

12.6 To review and adopt the Publication Scheme

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Publication Scheme with no changes. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Oke. All in favour.

13. Clerks report

The fallen trees in the river by the gas pools have been reported to the Environment Agency.

Tree works identified in the tree survey will be carried out on Friday 19th June.

The River Run event ran by Run Breckland has been rescheduled from 12th July to 5th July due to an event on the Jubilee Fields in Mildenhall.

2 quotes have now been obtained for the repair of the village sign and been sent to the insurance company.

The defibrillator is still with the supplier but is expected to be returned imminently.

14. Parish Councillors reports

Cllr. Lewis is planning to meet with Cllrs. Walston and Oke to look at the website review. He also requested that the ear marked reserves are reviewed at the next meeting.

Cllr. Oke asked if the Environment Agency and SCC could be chased regarding the mitigation of flooding on the footpath. Cllr. Fuller reported that 2 areas of the river bank have been reinforced and sand bags have been put in place. Cllr. Lewis said that the river level had been at the lowest it has been for a while but has now risen so this may have been whilst they did works.

Cllr. Jarvis informed the Council that there will be a Scarecrow Retrospective event on the 22nd August at which they would like to unveil the plaque for the Brothertons. Wording is to be agreed by email as previously approved.

15. To discuss and agree the content for the next Barton Miller

It was **AGREED** to include the following items in the next Barton Miller:

- Tree bench
- Defib training
- Weeds in the mulch matting

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- Scarecrow Retrospective

16. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

17. Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 7.30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6BB

The meeting closed at 8.44pm.

N. Alecock

N. Alecock, Clerk