

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 1st April 2025 at 7:30pm

Present:

Cllr. Horne (Chair)
Cllr. Colsey
Cllr. Fuller
Cllr. Jarvis

Cllr. Lewis
Cllr. Oke
Cllr. Mullender

Also in attendance were the Clerk Naomi Alecock, District Cllr. Taylor and 6 members of the public.

Following the announced resignation of Cllr. Horne, Cllr. Colsey thanked him for his time on the Council and presented him with a gift from the Members. Cllr. Horne thanked everyone for their support and said that he has enjoyed his time on the Council working with and meeting lots of different people.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Lewis and Marshall.

2. Declaration of members interests and dispensations

There were no declarations of interests or dispensations.

3. To receive approval of minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 from those members present at the meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting of 4th March with no amendments. Proposed by Cllr. Oke, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour.

4. Co-option of Councillor

We have received one expression of interest for co-option from Harry Walston. Harry provided the Council with some information about himself. Cllr. Fuller then proposed to co-opt Harry, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour. Harry was invited to join the meeting as a Councillor and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by him and the Clerk.

5. Public Participation

A parishioner asked if there is an update on the proposed 15 houses on Newmarket Road and noted that there is a new developer.

6. District Councillor Report

Cllr. Taylor gave an update on devolution and the local government reorganisation; a letter was sent by WSC to Government 2 weeks ago with a preference of 2/3 unitary authorities for Suffolk. SCC are proposing 1.

Simpler recycling is being rolled out to enable households and businesses to recycle glass and food waste.

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7. County Councillor Report

Cllr. Stanbury sent his apologies.

8. Planning Consultations

8.1 DC/21/2285/FUL – To collate a response to the amended plans for Newmarket Road, Barton Mills

It was **RESOLVED** to **FULLY SUPPORT**. Proposed by Cllr. Horne, seconded by Cllr. Colsey. All in favour.

Cllr. Taylor left the meeting.

8.2 DC/25/0472/HH – Householder planning application – single storey rear extension – 17 Church Lane, Newmarket

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT**. Proposed by Cllr. Mullender, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour.

9. Planning Applications decisions, statuses and appeals

The paper was received and **NOTED**.

10. Parish Matters

10.1 To discuss a proposed use of the playing field

More information has been received from Inspire Gym on the proposed use of the field. Concerns were raised over the music and toilet provision and it was **AGREED** that this be allowed on a trial basis and that it be monitored. A contribution to attend was also discussed as it is a commercial entity.

10.2 To discuss a proposed Summer Fete by Barton Mills Football Club

BMFC would like to hold a summer fete to raise funds for the club and a charity on Saturday 26th July 11am – 7pm as they did last year. It was **AGREED** to accept this proposal.

10.3 To discuss installing a bench around the Jubilee Birch tree

It was **AGREED** for Cllr. Jarvis to cost a new bench with 1 plaque in commemoration of the Jubilee and 1 to thank the Brothertons for the Scarecrow Festival and present to the next meeting.

10.4 To receive a verbal update with regards to streetlights and to consider a quote for the streetlight on Station Road

The Clerk has contacted SCC and K & M and the faulty blue streetlight in Station Road is not on any inventories. K & M have provided a quote of £230 + VAT to replace the faulty light. It was **AGREED** to accept the quote and add to our inventory. Proposed by Cllr. Horne, seconded by Cllr. Oke. All in favour.

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

Cllr. Jarvis has replaced the bolt on the train and will replace the bolt covers.

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It was **AGREED** that the basketball net is replaced. Our insurance covers Councillors to carry out work, however SALC have advised that it may be more suitable to use a contractor who specialises in playground and equipment and will have the necessary experience and insurance for working at height.

10.6 To receive a verbal update with regards to the SID

Cllr. Colsey is still encountering problems downloading data from the solar SID and has contacted Swarco.

The mobile SID is with Cllr. Colsey for the next 2 changes and then a rota will be done for the next 6 months.

11. Financial Matters

11.1 To discuss the agreed donation to BMFC

BMFC are unable to receive the approved donation of £100.00 as they do not have a current bank account and this will not be set up until the start of the next season. They have asked if this payment could be made to the Church. There was a discussion and it felt more beneficial if the money could be used towards the bench for the playing field.

1 member of the public left the meeting.

11.2 To receive the current bank account balances

It was confirmed that there is currently £355.50 held in the current account and £28,522.85 in the deposit account.

11.2 To approve and authorise payment of invoices

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

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Payee</u> | <u>Details</u> | <u>Net</u> | <u>VAT</u> | <u>Gross</u> |
|-------------|---|--|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 31-Mar | R Lewis | Barton Miller | 26.16 | 0.00 | 26.16 |
| 31-Mar | Clerk | Expenses | 36.12 | 0.00 | 36.12 |
| 31-Mar | N Parkinson | Gardening Services - March | 30.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 |
| 31-Mar | R.H Landscapes & Maintenance Services Ltd | Grass cutting - March | 315.00 | 63.00 | 378.00 |
| 01-Apr | West Suffolk Council | Emptying of litter bins - weekly 01/04/25 - 31/03/26 | 199.97 | 0.00 | 199.97 |
| 01-Apr | West Suffolk Council | Combination bin - weekly - April | 15.14 | 0.00 | 15.14 |
| 01-Apr | SALC | 2025/26 membership | 443.19 | 0.00 | 443.19 |
| 31-Mar | SALC | 6 months payroll | 45.00 | 9.00 | 54.00 |
| | | | 1110.58 | 72.00 | 1182.58 |

Proposed by Cllr. Oke, seconded by Cllr. Horne. All in favour.

12. Clerks Report

There was nothing to report.

13. Parish Councillors reports

Cllr. Fuller asked if we are going to compile a schedule of works for the play area so that we have some structure for maintaining and repairing. Cllr. Jarvis will compile a list of the work that is required.

The Village Hall are chasing on the progress of the electric charging points.

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Cllr. Oke asked about the works on Station Road. Cllr. Horne has emailed County Cllr. Stanbury but not had a response.

Cllr. Colsey has been contacted with regards to implementing a buddy scheme for the defibrillator. He will liaise with the Good Neighbour Team to investigate this.

The road markings on Mildenhall Road are being repainted within the next 8 weeks.

Cllr. Horne advised that all records historically held by the Chair have been archived at The Hold in Ipswich.

There is no update to the Neighbourhood Plan draft.

Cllr. Horne is willing to replace the damaged village sign. Add to next agenda.

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

It was **AGREED** to include:

- Annual Meeting of the Parish
- Activities that are available on the playing fields
- Defibrillator and its location

15. Correspondence

A letter has been received from SARS thanking us for their donation of £150.00.

16. Exchange of information

Cllr. Horne confirmed that the Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 6th May 2025.

17. Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7.30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6BB

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.

N. Alecock

N. Alecock, Clerk