

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 at 7:30pm

Present:

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

Cllr. Mullender  
Cllr. Newman  
Cllr. Oke  
Cllr. Pollard

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

The Chair welcome everyone to the meeting. He informed the Committee that it was Cllr. Newman's last meeting as she would be resigning due to moving from the area. He thanked her for her time and service wishing her well and presented her with a gift.

The Committee was also advised that Cllr. Pollard will also be stepping down due to moving from the area but this will be in April.

### **1. Acceptance of apologies for absence**

No apologies were received.

### **2. Declaration of members interests and dispensations**

Item 7.1 – Cllr. Horne  
Item 11.2 – Cllr. Lewis

### **3. To receive approval of minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 from those members present at the meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> November with no amendments. Proposed by Cllr. Oke, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour.

### **4. Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

### **5. District Councillor Report**

Cllr. Taylor advised that there are discussions around devolution, however it is anticipated that nothing will happen until 2028. If anyone has any questions they can contact him.

*Cllr. Taylor left the meeting.*

### **6. County Councillor Report**

Cllr. Stanbury sent his apologies. He circulated a report to the Council prior to the meeting but there was nothing significant to relay.

### **7. Planning Consultations**

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## **7.1 DC/24/1547/HH – Householder planning application – replacement pitched front porch – 59 Church Meadow, Barton Mills**

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT**. Proposed by Cllr. Mullender, seconded by Cllr. Newman. 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

## **8. Planning Applications decisions, statutes and appeals**

The paper was received and **NOTED**.

## **9. To adopt the Resilience Plan**

The Resilience Plan was reviewed and the following amendments agreed:

- To add reference to a contact for the Village Hall
- Add resources available such as SULSAR, Suffolk infolink
- Add 'Compiled by Barton Mills Parish Council with date'
- Change of wording 'a call to alms'

It was **AGREED** once these amendments are made to publish the document to the website and social media, West Suffolk Council website, SALC. All in favour.

*1 member of the public left the meeting.*

## **10. Parish Matters**

### **10.1 To receive a verbal update with regards to streetlights**

There was no update with regards to streetlights.

### **10.2 To receive a verbal update with regards to the play park**

There was no update with regards to the play park.

### **10.3 To receive a verbal update with regards to the SID**

Cllr. Colsey informed that the rota for the battery SID has been done until the end of February. Cllr. Pollard has downloaded the data from the solar SID but is unable to open the file; he asked one of the other users to try. Access details will be passed to Cllr. Jarvis.

### **10.4 To discuss the proposed improvements to Fiveways roundabout and A11**

SCC have queried what area we would like asphalt laying on the A11. The Committee confirmed it would be the concrete surface from the bottom of Chalk Hill to the 40mph speed limit signs approaching Fiveways roundabout which is approximately 1 mile; this would minimise noise levels.

## **11. Financial Matters**

### **11.1 To receive the current bank account balances**

It was confirmed that there is currently £410.53 held in the current account and £24,045.20 in the deposit account.

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## **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>
11-Nov	The Big Red Wine Company	Wine for Remembrance Sunday	73.26	0.00	73.26
30-Nov	R Lewis	Barton Miller	26.16	0.00	26.16
30-Nov	Clerk	Expenses	30.06	0.00	30.06
30-Nov	N Parkinson	Gardening Services - November	30.00	0.00	30.00
30-Nov	R.H Landscapes & Maintenance Services Ltd	Grass cutting 01,15,29 November	315.00	63.00	378.00
01-Dec	West Suffolk Council	Emptying of Combination bin - December	14.49	0.00	14.49
			<b>488.97</b>	<b>63.00</b>	<b>551.97</b>

It was **AGREED** to put a declaration of no usage in to E-on Next with regards to their backdated invoice and withhold payment until the query is resolved.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
07-Nov	E-on Next	Electricity BMFC 01/01/23 - 31/03/23	257.40	12.87	270.27

Proposed by Cllr. Horne, seconded by Cllr. Colsey. 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

## **11.3 To receive and discuss the draft budget for 2025/26**

The draft budget for 2025/26 was circulated.

The Clerk explained that the reserves remain untouched apart from the £1,500 play area/field maintenance reserve and £4,000 from the unallocated reserves which went towards the cost of the play area repairs. The clock service has not had any money budgeted against it as there is currently enough in reserves to cover the next 3-year cost which will be due in 2025 leaving a balance to carry forward. It is proposed to budget £5,740.00 from the precept to add to reserves as there is expected works to the matting of the play area which will arise shortly and will be costly. This also enables any other projects to happen.

Some lines have been renamed such as Kings Coronation and Queens Jubilee to Events to make it more generic.

The proposed budget gives a 2.5% increase to tax payers with a precept figure of £31,250.00.

It was **AGREED** to accept the budget for 2025/26. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Horne. All in favour.

## **12. Clerks Report**

The Clerk advised that a grant for the Neighbourhood Plan has been applied for which will cover the preparation, pre-submission consultation and the submission to the Local Authority and we await a decision as to whether we have been awarded it.

Cllr. Stanbury has informed us that the signage on Newmarket Road/Bell Lane is being replaced and it is on order so will be done in due course.

## **13. Parish Councillors reports**

Cllr. Lewis has received an email regarding signage for the Football Club, it was agreed that more detail was required on sizes and design and he would forward to the Chair and Clerk to follow up.

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He also raised concerns over road closures where no notification had been received. Clarification was requested on the reason behind road closures and the Clerk requested to contact Highways.

Cllr. Fuller informed that the floodlight at the BMFC has been left on and has made contact with the Manager to address this.

Cllr. Newman thanked everyone for the opportunity to be on the Council; she has learnt a lot and feels that she has been welcomed into the community.

### **14. Exchange of information**

There was no exchange of information.

### **14. Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6BB**

Cllrs. Horne, Lewis and Mullender made their apologies for this meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm.

**N. Alecock**

**N. Alecock, Clerk**