

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 4th February 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 4 members of the public.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Pollard.

2. Declaration of members interests and dispensations

Item 11.2 – Cllr. Oke

3. To receive approval of minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2025 from those members present at the meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting of 7th January with no amendments. Proposed by Cllr. Jarvis, seconded by Cllr. Oke. All in favour.

4. Co-option of Councillor

We have received no applicants for co-option. It was agreed to run the advert again in the Barton Miller using different wording.

1 member of the public joined the meeting.

5. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

6. District Councillor Report

Cllr. Taylor met with the WSC Planning Officer, Amy Murray, for the exception site today and was shown modified drawings by Cocksedge. It was recommended that a meeting is organised between Julie Baird, Amy Murray, Cllr. Taylor, Cocksedge and the PC to discuss what is delaying the determination of the application.

The PC expressed concerns in the required submission of plans/documents with planning, particularly that of the recent stable application. The Clerk was asked to send these details to Cllr. Taylor.

The Government have not sent a letter regarding devolution and at present the SCC elections will take place.

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7. County Councillor Report

Cllr. Stanbury sent his apologies; he circulated his report ahead of the meeting.

8. Planning Consultations

8.1 DC/24/0151/HYB – Reconsultation – Hybrid planning application – a. Outline application with all matters reserved (means of access to be considered) – residential development of up to 1000 dwellings (C3) and up to 80 bed care units (C2), up to 5 hectares of commercial (within Class E g, Class B2 and Class B8), local centre, land for primary school and 2 no. early years facilities (D1), public open space (including Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace), landscaping, associated infrastructure and demolition b. Full planning application – means of access to northern parcel of the site, reconfiguration of James Carter Road and Fred Dannatt Road, alterations to Safe Pac site and construction of new yard – Land West Of Mildenhall, West Row Road, Mildenhall

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO COMMENT**. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Horne. All in favour.

9. Planning Applications decisions, statuses and appeals

The paper was received and **NOTED**.

10. Parish Matters

10.1 To discuss a proposal for signage at the Football Club

The proposed signage was viewed and discussed. It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the signage following the removal of the quote on the bottom of the joint sign. Proposed by Cllr. Mullender, seconded by Cllr. Horne. 4 in favour, 3 abstentions.

10.2 To consider a proposal to install a bench in memory of Charlie Peachey and Graham Peachey on the playing field

A proposal to install a teak bench with plaque near the Oak tree on the playing fields was considered. It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** this on the proviso that the family provide and install a cement plinth and meet with Cllr. Horne to agree the positioning. Proposed by Cllr. Oke, seconded by Cllr. Lewis. All in favour.

1 member of the public left the meeting.

10.3 To consider a use of the playing field from U14 Red Lodge Youth FC Team

A request was considered for the U14 Red Lodge Youth FC Team to use the playing field for home games. It was felt that the field is in danger of overuse as it is at capacity so it was **AGREED** to reject this request.

10.4 To consider a request for the River Run 2025

A request was considered for the River Run 2025 event to be ran on Sunday 13th July. It is a 2k/5k run consisting of 80 runners who will travel from the Jubilee Fields into Barton Mills via the footbridge and boardwalk, along Mildenhall Road, The Street, Old Mill Lane and back along the river footpath. It was **AGREED** to **SUPPORT** this event as in previous years providing protocol is followed.

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10.5 To receive a verbal update on the exception site

A draft statement relating to planning application DC/21/2285 was reviewed. It was **AGREED** to approve this subject to the dates being swapped in paragraph 10 and to submit to the WSC Development Control Committee if required before the next Parish Council Meeting.

10.6 To receive a verbal update with regards to streetlights

The street light along Station Road that is lit blue has been reported to SCC; they have said it is not on their inventory and require further information as to whom installed this prior to any works being carried out. It was **NOTED** that this light was originally closer to the bridge but was re-sited after being knocked down.

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

A discussion took place regarding if the basketball net should be replaced. It was **AGREED** to look at the option of purchasing a chain net. Cllr. Horne will obtain a quote.

10.8 To receive a verbal update with regards to the SID

The rota for the mobile SID has been completed for the next 3 months. Cllr. Pollard has downloaded the data from the solar SID on Worlington Road; Cllr. Colsey needs to download this from the portal.

11. Financial Matters

11.1 To receive the current bank account balances

It was confirmed that there is currently £528.70 held in the current account and £32,352.79 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>
23-Dec	JRB Enterprise Ltd	Dog poo bags	80.12	16.02	96.14
31-Dec	Barton Mills Village Hall	Hall Hire 01/10, 05/11, 10/11, 03/12	85.50	0.00	85.50
21-Jan	Gallagher	Insurance 04/02/25 - 03/02/26	1646.37	0.00	1646.37
31-Jan	R Lewis	Barton Miller	26.16	0.00	26.16
31-Jan	Clerk	Expenses	34.86	0.00	34.86
31-Jan	N Parkinson	Gardening Services - December	30.00	0.00	30.00
01-Feb	West Suffolk Council	Weekly bin collection - February	14.49	0.00	14.49
			1,917.50	16.02	1,933.52

Proposed by Cllr. Fuller, seconded by Cllr. Colsey. 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

11.3 To agree the annual charitable donations

It was **AGREED** to make the following charitable donations:

Good Neighbourhood Scheme	£150.00
Rainbow Club	£150.00
Suffolk Accident & Rescue Service	£150.00
Headway Suffolk	£150.00
Air Ambulance	£250.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	£150.00

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Barton Mills Football Club

£100.00

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

11.4 To consider the maintenance contract renewal quote from K & M Lighting Services

There are 4 street lights that K & M Lighting Services maintain for us; the renewal quote has gone up from £8.80 a month to £9.82 a month. It was **AGREED** to ask SCC if they are able to quote to add these to our current agreement with them; if they are unable to maintain these, approval was given to **ACCEPT** the maintenance contract renewal quote from K & M Lighting Services. Proposed by Cllr. Mullender, seconded by Cllr. Horne. All in favour.

12. Clerks Report

The Clerk advised that she has escalated the query of the E-on invoice to the Ombudsman following receipt of a debt letter and not receiving an adequate response or evidence of charges from E-on.

Correspondence has been received regarding the Barton Miller. It was **AGREED** to continue to print the colour cover in return for using the back cover page. It was also **AGREED** to delegate approval costs of the paper if it is quoted above the agreed £150.00.

One response has been received in response to our article on EV chargers. It was **AGREED** to pursue this option.

A letter has been received and noted regarding concerns over the use of the playing fields on Newmarket Road. It is noted that there is no breach of planning conditions or illegal activity taking place and no action is needed.

13. Parish Councillors reports

Cllr. Fuller informed the Village Hall Management Committee at their last meeting of the Resilience Plan and their involvement in this.

Cllr. Oke reported that the inspection of Station Road has still not been carried out. Cllr. Horne will chase.

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

It was **AGREED** to include:

- Co-option advert
- Update on EV chargers

15. Exchange of information

It was noted that the front lock of the Village Hall needs looking at as it is difficult to unlock/lock.

16. Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7.30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6BB

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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N. Alecock, Clerk