

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Barton Mills

held in the village hall on Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 7:30pm

Present:

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

Also in attendance were the Clerk Naomi Alecock, District Cllr Taylor, County Cllr Busuttil, 11 members of the public, Steve Nugent – Cocksedge and Rebecca Howard – Ingleton Wood LLP

1. Welcome

Cllr. Colsey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Acceptance of apologies for absence

No apologies were received. Pearlman was absent.

3. Declaration of members interests and dispensations

Item 11.4 – Cllr. Lewis

4. To receive approval of minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June 2026 from those members present at the meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting of Tuesday 2nd June 2026. Proposed by Cllr. Fuller, seconded by Cllr. Colsey. All in favour.

5. Public Participation

No members of the public wished to speak.

6. District Councillor Report

District Cllr. Taylor gave an update on Better Recycling; 100 tonnes of food waste is being collected every week and turned into bio gas, fuel, gas animal feed etc. Door to door visits will be starting to target the areas where recycling rates are low.

Last Wednesday evening WSC raised a motion about the proposed refugee camp at RAF Barnham to state that it was not the right place for it to be.

WSC Cabinet visited the precinct in Mildenhall last week; they are putting pressure on the landlords to improve the area as they only own the land and not the structure.

7. County Councillor Report

County Cllr. Busuttil is delighted that WSC have advised against RAF Barnham. The SCC Leader is in discussion with Barnham School regarding safeguarding.

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He expressed his support for planning applications detailed in items 8.4 and 8.5 for the proposed total of 25 houses.

SCC are pushing back on Sunnica and LGR plans. They have raised a judicial review to challenge whether the Secretary of State had the authority to go against One Suffolk which was proposed by SCC as part of the LGR consultation.

He reported that Nigel Farage resigned today.

Sunnica have submitted amendments to go up to the fence of RAF Mildenhall which has caused concerns over defence and fire safety issues.

SCC are pushing back on net zero, they want SCC farmland to be used for growing food rather than a power plant.

Lovells are being challenged over the Western Mildenhall Development as there are concerns over the traffic implications, problems with current road layout, no promise of relief road and water pressure. The Fire Service are in agreement with the concerns.

County Cllr. Busuttil and 1 member of the public left the meeting at 8.02pm.

8. Planning Consultations

8.1 DC/26/0619/FUL – Planning application – change of use and conversion of existing garden shed to office/ meeting room – 19 Sceptre Drive, Barton Mills

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT**. Proposed by Cllr. Oke, seconded by Cllr. Curtis. 7 in favour, 1 abstention.

8.2 DC/26/0880/TE1 – Determination in respect of development by telecommunications code systems operators – replacement tower with headframe, six antennas, two transmission dishes, one equipment cabinet and ancillary development following removal of existing tower, three antennas and three equipment cabinets – Mast TI572761 274305 Fiveways Services, Fiveways, Barton Mills

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

8.3 DC/26/0881/VAR – Planning application – variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of DC/21/2061/HH to allow for use of amended plans for a. front porch b. two bay carport c. conversion of garage to habitable room d. first floor extension over existing garage e. single storey rear extension – 13 The Street, Barton Mills

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOT COMMENT**. Proposed by Cllr. Jarvis, seconded by Cllr. Curtis. All in favour.

8.4 DC/21/2285/FUL – Reconsultation – Planning application – 15 dwellings with vehicular and pedestrian access, associated landscaping and engineering works – Land used for car boot sale, Newmarket Road, Barton Mills

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** as the Parish Council are satisfied that the housing need and points raised regarding trees, layout and speed have been addressed. They would like to emphasis the request to achieve a 30mph speed limit from The Bull, past the field to Church Lane. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour.

Steve Nugent, Rebecca Howard and 1 member of the public left the meeting at 8.26pm.

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8.5 DC/26/0855/FUL – Planning application – 10 dwellings with associated access, landscaping, play area, car parking, cycle storage and open space – Land east of Church Lane, Barton Mills

It was **RESOLVED** to comment **AGAINST** the development as it is not in the settlement boundary; this will remain until the boundary is amended. Proposed by Cllr. Mullender, seconded by Cllr. Walston. 6 in favour, 2 abstentions.

District Cllr. Taylor left the meeting at 8.41pm.

9. Planning Applications decisions, statuses and appeals

The paper was received and **NOTED**.

10. Parish Matters

10.1 To consider a response to the West Suffolk Local Plan 2045 scoping consultation

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOT COMMENT**. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Fuller. All in favour.

10.2 To consider a response to the Barton Mills Neighbourhood Plan consultation

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT**. Proposed by Cllr. Colsey, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. 6 in favour, 2 abstentions.

10.3 To discuss the arrangement of defib training from EAAA

It was agreed to defer this item to the September meeting.

10.4 To receive a verbal update with regards to streetlights

There was nothing to report on streetlights.

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

Cllr. Walston updated on the bench refurbishments in which there are 6 left to do. There has been good usage with no issues or vandalism.

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

Cllr. Curtis reported that in 2 weeks on The Street 11% of vehicles were travelling in excess of 30mph with the highest speed being 50-55mph. There is 10 times more traffic on a Friday than the week. SID data has been sent to County Cllr. Busuttil. Currently looking at funding for a new SID, some other councils use a different company to what we have used and they are £2,500. Cllr. Curtis was asked to make some enquiries into 20mph speed limits.

5 members of the public left the meeting at 8.58pm.

11. Financial Matters

11.1 To receive Q1 cashbook figures

The cashbook, current account and deposit account summaries for quarter 1 were **NOTED**.

11.2 To review the earmarked reserves

The Clerk recommended leaving £16,125.00, 6 months of expenditure, in the unallocated reserves and moving £5,699.00 into an earmarked reserve for village signage. Requests were received for some of this money to also be moved to the SID and Play Area/ Field Maintenance earmarked reserves. It was **RESOLVED** to leave the £21,824.00 in unallocated reserves. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Fuller. All in favour.

11.3 To receive the current bank account balances

It was confirmed that there is currently £362.06 held in the current account and £56,812.11 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>
08/06/2026	N Curtis	Mileage increase back date	13.20	0.00	13.20
23/06/2026	Clerk	Salary	352.20	0.00	352.20

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04-Jun	SALC	Allotments training - Liz Jarvis	72.00	14.40	86.40
19-Jun	The Joshua Tree Specialists	Tree survey works	1290.00	258.00	1548.00
30-Jun	R Lewis	Barton Miller	26.16	0.00	26.16
30-Jun	Clerk	Expenses	43.14	0.00	43.14
01-Jul	West Suffolk Council	Combination bin - weekly empty - July	17.42	0.00	17.42
01-Jul	Nigel Parkinson	Gardening services - June	100.00	0.00	100.00
01-Jul	Nigel Parkinson	Bench refurb	525.00	0.00	525.00
01-Jul	K & M Lighting	Monthly street light maintenance	8.59	1.72	10.31
30-Jun	R. H. Landscapes	Grass cutting - June	325.08	65.02	390.10
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Proposed by Cllr. Walston, seconded by Cllr. Fuller. 7 in favour, 1 abstention.

12. Governance Matters

12.1 To review and adopt the Cookies Policy

It was **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** with recommended changes. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour.

12.2 To review and adopt the General Privacy Statement

It was **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** with no changes. Proposed by Cllr. Jarvis, seconded by Cllr. Oke. All in favour.

12.3 To review and adopt amended Resilience Plan

It was **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** with recommended changes and an amendment to the wording of the final paragraph under 'Risks'. Proposed by Cllr. Jarvis, seconded by Cllr. Fuller. All in favour.

13. Clerks report

The Clerk reported that she had received compliments about the bench refurbishment and she has thanked the gardener and made him aware.

The insurance company has said we can proceed with a quote to repair the village sign so H Signs have been instructed to proceed.

14. Parish Councillors reports

Cllr. Fuller has received complaints about the grass cutting with areas being missed, in addition the area to the rear of the electric station at the village hall is overgrown. The Clerk was asked to establish ownership of this land but in the meantime to arrange 1 or 2 cuts of this area. Proposed by Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Fuller. All in favour. There are also concerns with the trees being left with tripping hazards.

Cllr. Jarvis will order the plaque for the tree bench so she has for the Scarecrow event in August.

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:

- CPR and defib training

16. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

17. Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7.30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6BB

The meeting closed at 9.22pm.

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N. Alecock, Clerk