

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 March 2025 at 7:30pm

Present:

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

Cllr. Lewis
Cllr. Oke
Cllr. Mullender

Also in attendance were the Clerk Naomi Alecock, District Cllr. Taylor, Vicar Mark McCaghrey and 4 members of the public.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Pollard. No apologies were received from Cllr. Colsey.

2. Declaration of members interests and dispensations

Item 11.2 – Cllr. Lewis

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

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting of 4th February with an amendment to item 2. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Fuller. All in favour.

4. Co-option of Councillor

We have received one expression of interest for co-option from Ellie Marshall. Ellie provided the Council with some information about herself. Cllr. Horne then proposed to co-opt Ellie, seconded by Cllr. Lewis. All in favour. Ellie was invited to join the meeting as a Councillor and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by her and the Clerk.

5. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

6. District Councillor Report

Cllr. Taylor gave an update on devolution; the Government are proposing one Mayor for Suffolk and Norfolk but are looking for recommendations on preference. SCC's preference is 1 unitary authority.

The WSC budget has been agreed with a 2.9% increase.

Cllr. Taylor attended a meeting with BMPC, WSC and Cocksedge regarding the exception site which challenged planners on their decision making. The architect is going to amend the plans; the Councillors thanked Cllr. Taylor for his help with the meeting.

Cllr. Taylor left the meeting.

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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/25/0230/TCA – Trees in Conservation Area Notification – one Beech (T1 on plan) fell; one Norway (T2 on plan) fell; one Laburnum (T3 on plan) fell – Cherry House, 66 The Street, Barton Mills

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO COMMENT** as the Tree Officer has more knowledge on tree applications. Proposed by Cllr. Mullender, seconded by Cllr. Lewis. All in favour.

8.2 DC/24/1704/FUL – Reconsultation – Planning application – a. Building for workshop and generator b. associated drainage infrastructure c. LPG storage tank – East of England Ambulance Station, Fiveways, Barton Mills

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION** subject to satisfactory surface water drainage. Proposed by Cllr. Mullender, seconded by Cllr. Lewis. All in favour.

9. Planning Applications decisions, statuses and appeals

The paper was received and **NOTED**.

10. Parish Matters

10.1 To discuss VE Day 80

VE Day 80 on Thursday 8th May and VJ Day on Friday 15th August were discussed. It was **AGREED** not to organise any event due to capacity. The Vicar, Mark McCaghrey informed that the Church will be doing a commemoration.

10.2 To receive a verbal update with regards to streetlights

There were no updates.

The Vicar, Mark McCaghrey left the meeting.

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

The Clerk was asked to look at the insurance and speak to SALC regarding a Member changing the basketball net.

It was **AGREED** that the cost of reseeded the pitch should lay with MHFC and BMFC. It is felt it would be of benefit to have a meeting at the end of each season with both clubs to review the condition of the field.

A request for the use of the field has been received from Inspire Gym in Mildenhall. More information was requested in order for a decision to be made.

10.4 To receive a verbal update with regards to the SID

There was no update.

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11. Financial Matters

11.1 To receive the current bank account balances

It was confirmed that there is currently £785.42 held in the current account and £29,000.07 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>
14-Feb	Complete	Paper - Barton Miller	159.92	31.98	191.90
28-Feb	R Lewis	Barton Miller	26.16	0.00	26.16
28-Feb	Clerk	Expenses	32.16	0.00	32.16
28-Feb	N Parkinson	Gardening Services - January	30.00	0.00	30.00
1-Mar	West Suffolk Council	Weekly bin collection - March	14.49	0.00	14.49
			262.73	31.98	294.71

Proposed by Cllr. Jarvis, seconded by Cllr. Oke. 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

12. Clerks Report

The Clerk advised that E-on have agreed to credit the disputed backdated invoice in full and to issue a cheque for £100 as a goodwill gesture

The contract with K & M Lighting has been renewed for 1 year as SCC did not submit a quote before the renewal date, SCC have said that they will ensure we receive a quote for consideration next year.

SCC elections have been postponed for 1 year due to devolution.

13. Parish Councillors reports

Cllr. Lewis informed that there is a property available in Church Lane. It has been advertised on Rightmove through a local agent; however, we were not notified prior to it becoming available. A question was raised over who is marketing the property. The Clerk has added the Rightmove link to the Facebook page and will add to the website and notice boards once a poster is received from Hastoe Housing.

Cllr. Oke chased about the works on Station Road. Cllr. Horne will follow up with County Cllr. Stanbury.

Cllr. Fuller advised that parking cones are now being placed along the road for football matches but there is still an excess in number of cars in attendance.

Cllr. Jarvis asked who to contact regarding sunken drains and was told this would be under the remit of SCC.

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

It was **AGREED** to include:

- Co-option advert
- Church Lane property

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15. Exchange of information

Cllr. Horne told the Council that tonight should have been Cllr. Pollard's last meeting but he was unable to attend. He was thanked for his time and effort on the Council.

16. Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 7.30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6BB

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

N. Alecock

N. Alecock, Clerk