

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 5th November 2024 at 7:30pm

Present:

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

Also in attendance were the Clerk Naomi Alecock, District Cllr. Taylor, County Cllr. Stanbury and 4 members of the public.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Newman and Pollard.

2. Declaration of members interests and dispensations

Item 10.2 – Cllr. Lewis

3. To receive approval of minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st October 2024 from those members present at the meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting of 1st October with no amendments. Proposed by Cllr. Oke, seconded by Cllr. Fuller. All in favour.

4. Public Participation

A question was raised as to how data is obtained from the SID and when it will be available to view/published. Cllr. Pollard is looking at downloading the data from the solar SID. The Council are still looking at how to obtain data from the mobile SID. However, this will only provide limited data although it is hoped that the SID's act as a deterrent to speeding.

An update to the Neighbourhood Plan was requested; there will be an update when necessary.

5. District Councillor Report

Cllr. Taylor informed that WSC are looking at a balanced budget for this year and he can not foresee any major changes. Opportunities are being sought for the use of Mildenhall bus station; please send any ideas or suggestions to Cllr. Taylor.

The Council were asked if they would be open to a meeting with all Parish Council's to discuss issues as we are all experiencing the same ones.

A question was asked regarding the land at College Heath Road and whether it is earmarked for housing. Cllr. Taylor said he would look into this and clarify.

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6. County Councillor Report

Cllr. Stanbury updated on the unexpected cost of an increase in national insurance and the impact it would have on the SCC budget.

There is currently a consultation on expenditure of SCC, there is a link in the report that he circulated for those who would like to comment.

The Dome has been sold and is still with Savills, no details of the purchaser have been confirmed. The remainder of the site is in SCC ownership and reserved for a potential school, which will be an alternative to Red Lodge.

There is funding available through the Highways Capital Fund which assists with repairing signs, bollards, white lines etc.

There is a proposal to impose elected Mayors in Suffolk and Norfolk.

There is RIS funding available for improvements to works at fiveways roundabout for a bypass or flyover. This is being supported by Nick Timothy. It was agreed to add this to the next agenda.

There is an issue with cars driving through the bollards on Mill Lane, Cllr. Stanbury is looking at a staggered junction as the bollards are unable to be moved due to access for mobility scooters.

Cllr. Stanbury left the meeting.

7. Planning Consultations

7.1 DC/24/1533/FUL – Planning application – a. refurbishment and extension of restaurant b. alterations to drive thru lane and additional drive thru booth with existing booths updated c. access door and cladding d. installation of patio furniture, relocated cycle shelter and grill bays with associated works to the site e. refurbishment of the cladding – Mcdonalds, Fiveways, Barton Mills

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

7.2 DC/24/1534/ADV – Application for advertisement consent – five internally illuminated fascia signs – Mcdonalds, Fiveways, Barton Mills

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

8. Planning Applications decisions, statuses and appeals

The paper was received and **NOTED**.

Cllr. Oke asked if there was an update on the exception site. Cllr. Lewis informed the Council that Natural England published a report 3 weeks ago stating that there are no stone curlews on the site so it does not appear to be an issue now, however there has been no official notification from Cocksedge.

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9. Parish Matters

9.1 To discuss a proposal from Mildenhall Town Youth Football Team

The proposal was discussed and further information on the specification was requested. This is to be added to the next agenda for formal consideration.

9.2 To review the proposed changes to the West Suffolk Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2025 to 2026

It was **AGREED** to make **NO COMMENT**.

9.3 To confirm the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday

It was confirmed that Cllr. Colsey will lay the wreath at the Peace Garden on Sunday. Cllrs. Jarvis, Oke and Fuller will provide the refreshments and these have been purchased. Cllr. Jarvis will collect the key to the Village Hall Saturday afternoon. James will be supplying the wine. It was **AGREED** to end the refreshments at 12.

A request has been received from Barton Mills Football Club to lay a wreath at the Peace Garden on Sunday. This was **AGREED** and for the representative at BMFC to arrive at the Village Hall at 10.40am Sunday and to introduce themselves to Glynn East to be added to the list of wreath layers.

9.4 To receive a verbal update with regards to streetlights

The streetlight at the corner of Burrell Crescent and Grange Lane is not working, it has been reported.

9.5 To receive a verbal update with regards to the play park and consider a 2nd quote for repairs to the spring bike

We have received a 2nd quote of £400 to remove the old grass mats, put stone down and green and brown mulch in a circle like the new surfaces that have been done. It was **AGREED** to accept this quote. Proposed by Cllr. Jarvis, seconded by Cllr. Lewis. All in favour.

The pieces for the goals are on order and it just needs some brackets, nuts and bolts.

9.6 To discuss an issue with the field gate

An issue of the field gate being left open has been raised. It was **AGREED** for Cllr. Horne to make a sign reading 'Please close gate on exit'.

9.7 To receive a verbal update with regards to the SID

Cllr. Colsey informed that the rota has been done for the mobile SID until January.

10. Financial Matters

10.1 To receive the current bank account balances

It was confirmed that there is currently £497.82 held in the current account and £26,521.39 in the deposit account.

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10.2 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>
30-Sep	SALC	Payroll service	45.00	9.00	54.00
30-Sep	Barton Mills Village Hall	Use of hall 02/07, 03/09 and 11/09	72.00	0.00	72.00
1-Oct	Community Action Suffolk	One Suffolk Hosting	50.00	10.00	60.00
2-Oct	West Suffolk Council	Bin Installation	539.80	107.96	647.76
25-Oct	Matt Wilson	Peace Garden repairs	600.00	0.00	600.00
26-Oct	Parish Online	Mapping Software	90.00	18.00	108.00
31-Oct	R Lewis	Barton Miller	26.16	0.00	26.16
31-Oct	Clerk	Expenses	37.56	0.00	37.56
31-Oct	R.H. Landscapes & Maintenance Services Ltd	Grass cutting and hedge cut - October	435.00	87.00	522.00
1-Nov	West Suffolk Council	Emptying of combined bin	14.49	0.00	14.49
1-Nov	N Parkinson	Gardening Services - October	30.00	0.00	30.00
			1,940.01	231.96	2,171.97

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

10.3 To discuss and approve the 2024-25 pay award to the Clerks salary

The Clerk advised that the NALC 2024-25 pay award has now been agreed. Their contract states that they are on scale point 23 which was at £16.67ph, now increasing to £17.29ph. They advised that the Council, as the employer, needs to agree this increase if they are happy to accept. It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE**. Proposed by Cllr. Jarvis, seconded by Cllr. Oke. All in favour.

11. Parish Councillors reports

Cllr. Colsey has circulated a draft resilience plan for review. There is an insurance issue if the PC declare an emergency first. It was **AGREED** to add to the next agenda for adoption.

Cllr. Lewis expressed a personal view on the Neighbourhood Plan; he feels that the PC should have looked at going outside the settlement boundary and that there is a missed opportunity. It was felt by other councillors that the plan reflects the views of the neighbours who completed the survey and the general consensus is that they want a small development rather than a significant one.

8.50pm – 1 member of the public left the meeting

Cllr. Horne informed the council that WSC advised to align within the scope of the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan can be altered in the future, this should result in a better outcome at referendum.

Cllr. Fuller has travelled on the Ipswich bypass which has recently been overlaid with asphalt and it makes a noticeable difference to noise levels and wondered if it could be an option as part of the A11 improvements. It was **AGREED** to ask Cllr. Stanbury if this is something that would be considered.

Cllr. Jarvis advised that there is not a 'No Horses' sign on the entrance to the playing field near the play equipment. It was felt that there should be a sign on every access point to the field and it was **AGREED** to install a small sign on the entrance where one is missing.

Cllr. Colsey left the meeting.

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

It was agreed to include the below in the next Barton Miller:

- Christmas

13. Exchange of information

Cllr. Jarvis advised that The Street and Church Lane flood when there is a downpour and wanted to know what the process is when this happens. Cllr. Horne advised that it needs reporting to Suffolk Highways when it occurs so that they can assess.

14. Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 7.30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6BB

The meeting closed at 9:09pm.

N. Alecock

N. Alecock, Clerk