

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 1st October 2024 at 7:30pm

Present:

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

Also in attendance were the Clerk Naomi Alecock and 3 members of the public.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Colsey, Mullender, 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 3rd September 2024 from those members present at the meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting of 3rd September with one amendment to item 9.4. Proposed by Cllr. Jarvis, seconded by Cllr. Horne. All in favour.

4. Public Participation

A parishioner raised concerns over the volume of traffic cutting through the village from the A11 which is worse over weekends. Cllr. Horne advised that conversations with Suffolk Highways and Highways England have taken place to reduce the speed limit or restrict to village traffic only but this is not possible.

The condition of the footpath on Bell Lane to The Bull is also a concern as it is becoming dangerous and requires clearing and resurfacing. It was agreed that SCC Highways would be contacted.

A question was raised as to whether a new litter bin could be placed on the footpath leading to Mildenhall. Cllr. Horne advised that WSC are reviewing their rounds currently and that this would not be possible.

5. District Councillor Report

Cllr. Taylor was not in attendance. We have not received a report for circulation.

6. County Councillor Report

Cllr. Stanbury sent his apologies. We have not received a report for circulation.

7. Planning Consultations

7.1 DC/24/1273/TCA – Trees in a conservation area notification – a. one Hazel (G1) and one Prunus (T1) reduce height by two metres b. one Apple (T2) two Prunus (T3 and T4) and

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one Maple (T5) overall crown reduction by up to two metres – Walnut Tree Farm, Bell Lane, Barton Mills

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT**. Proposed by Cllr. Horne, seconded by Cllr. Oke. All in favour.

8. Planning Applications decisions, statuses and appeals

The paper was received and **NOTED**.

9. Parish Matters

9.1 To receive a verbal update with regards to streetlights

There are no issues.

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

It is disappointing that the inspection reports from WSC contain old information.

A 2nd quote for the repair of the spring bike is still being awaited.

Cllr. Horne has received a quote of £40-50 + VAT for spare parts to repair the goal post and there will also be some welding required in addition to this. It was **AGREED** to proceed with these costs. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour.

9.3 To receive a verbal update with regards to the SID

Cllr. Pollard is in the process of downloading data from the solar SID.

A question was raised over the visibility of the solar SID and its effectiveness in alerting drivers.

10. Financial Matters

10.1 To receive the current bank account balances

It was confirmed that there is currently £772.03 held in the current account and £25,665.52 in the deposit account.

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>
05-Sep	PKF Littlejohn	External audit	210.00	42.00	252.00
06-Sep	Community Heartbeat	Emergency phone annual rental year 8	60.00	12.00	72.00
10-Sep	Community Heartbeat	Annual support cost 06/10/24 - 06/10/25	126.00	25.20	151.20
11-Sep	Royal British Legion	3 x poppy wreaths	60.00	0.00	60.00
30-Sep	R Lewis	Barton Miller	26.16	0.00	26.16
30-Sep	Clerk	Expenses	38.71	0.00	38.71
30-Sep	N Parkinson	Gardening services	30.00	0.00	30.00
30-Sep	Suffolk County Council	1/2 yearly rent 01/04/24 - 30/09/24	65.00	0.00	65.00
30-Sep	R.H. Landscapes & Maintenance Services Ltd	Grass cutting 06/09, 12/09, 25/09	315.00	63.00	378.00
01-Oct	West Suffolk Council	Emptying of dog bins - weekly 01/10/24 - 31/10/24	28.98	0.00	28.98
			959.85	63.00	1,102.05

Proposed by Cllr. Fuller, seconded by Cllr. Oke. All in favour.

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10.3 To receive the 2023/24 External Audit Report and Certificate of Conclusion of Audit

The paper was received and **NOTED**.

11. Parish Councillors reports

Cllr. Horne informed the Council that a letter and subsequent email had been sent to The Bull regarding the overgrown footpath and they had responded this week informing that they will clear it this week. There are still problems with overgrown footpaths along Newmarket Road and it was agreed to contact the relevant properties and SCC.

A new bin has been installed at Sapphire Gardens, a compromise was made with WSC to move the bin to a different location, however due to the staff being verbally abused by a resident it has been agreed for it to remain in the current situ.

Wine is ordered, hall is booked, wreaths have been ordered and received for Remembrance Day. Cllr. Fuller agreed to be the liaison on the day and Cllrs. Fuller, Jarvis and Oke will provide the refreshments. Cllr. Colsey will lay the wreath at the Peace Garden.

Hastoe Housing contacted the PC to assist with the advertising of the property available in Church Lane, however it was felt that more could be done to attract a wider audience so correspondence has been made with them expressing our disappointment. They have 4 applicants that are interested in the property. It was **AGREED** for the property to be offered to applicant 2. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour. There is a 2nd property that will be available shortly and it was felt that contact should be made to pre-empt the publicity of this.

1 member of the public left the meeting.

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

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

- Hastoe Housing
- Remembrance Day
- Lighthouse advert
- Clearance of paths and reporting issues

13. Exchange of information

Cllr. Lewis advised that he will be meeting with the youth section of Mildenhall Football Club on Monday evening to discuss investing in the facilities of the Football Club. It was agreed that any decision should be made in conjunction with Barton Mills Football Club.

14. Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 7.30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6BB

The meeting closed at 8:28pm.

N. Alecock
N. Alecock, Clerk