

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 3rd September 2024 at 7:30pm

Present:

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

Cllr. Mullender
Cllr. Newman
Cllr. Oke
Cllr. Pollard

Also in attendance were the Clerk Naomi Alecock, District Cllr. Taylor, County Cllr. Stanbury and 10 members of the public.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Lewis.

2. Declaration of members interests and dispensations

Item 7.2 – Cllr. Oke

3. To receive approval of minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 from those members present at the meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting of 2nd July. Proposed by Cllr. Newman, seconded by Cllr. Colsey. All in favour.

1 member of the public joined the meeting.

4. Public Participation

A parishioner informed the Council that a condition had been breached in relation to the car boots and asked if the PC could contact planning enforcement. Conditions state that car boots should not be held on 2 consecutive Sundays and they have been held for 3. It was agreed that the Council would look at the planning conditions before taking any action.

Concerns were raised over the condition of parts of the village including vegetation covering the river, pavement along Newmarket Road becoming overgrown and becoming narrower, dead conifers. Cllr. Horne advised that the Council are aware and are working with the Environment Agency, Suffolk County Council and Mildenhall High Town Council to resolve. Affected home owners have also had letters sent to them asking for maintenance to be carried out. Cllr. Mullender informed the Council that both sides of the footpath by the river were cut this afternoon.

An update was requested on the exception site. Cllr. Horne advised that Steve Nugent from Cocksedge will be attending the next meeting to provide an update.

The Chair Cllr. Horne swapped items 5 and 6.

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6. County Councillor Report

Cllr. Stanbury has circulated his report to the Clerk. He has been dealing with Sunnica over the last few weeks and the onus is now on the District Council to get the best deal for the community.

5. District Councillor Report

Cllr. Taylor gave an update on the Sunnica decision and the reason for withdrawing from challenging the decision.

Cllr. Stanbury left the meeting.

7. Planning Consultations

7.1 DC/23/1577/OUT – Reconsultation – Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except means of access) for a mixed-use development including: a. 8 hectares of employment land for use as light industry (Use Class E(g)(iii)), general industry (Use Class B2), storage and distribution (Use Class B8); b. Residential development (Use Class C3) for up to 300 dwellings; c. Up to 300 m2 of flexible floorspace for Class E uses (Class E(a-f)) and takeaway uses (sui generis); d. Public open space, SANG and landscaping; and e. All garaging, parking, servicing, access, drainage, footpath and cycle links and other associated infrastructure works – Land North Of Acorn Way, Manor Wood, Red Lodge

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

7.2 DC/24/1035/FUL – Planning application – construction of stable building – Stables, opposite 19 Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills

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

2 members of the public left the meeting.

7.3 DC/24/1216/TCA – T1 – Pine – Fell, Tree is in major decline physiologically and much of the tree is dead – South View, Newmarket Road, Barton Mills

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

8. Planning Applications decisions, statutes 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 and to consider a quote for the repair of the spring bike

A quote has been received from HAGS for £1,102 (excl. VAT) to supply and lay 2m x 2m bonded rubber mulch patch underneath the product to cover ground bracket and laid flush with black base

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cover (approx. 40mm deep at edges, building up to 80mm in centre). The Council requested another quote from the company who recently carried out the works to the playground. Proposed by Cllr. Horne, seconded by Cllr. Newman. All in favour.

Cllr. Horne advised that one of the goals is worn and needs repairing/replacing. Cllr. Horne will prepare a quote for the next meeting.

Cllr. Jarvis advised that the train may be an issue in the near future.

9.3 To receive a verbal update with regards to the SID

Cllr. Colsey advised that the rota for the battery SID has been done for the next 2 months. There is still difficulty in obtaining the data. It was **AGREED** to contact Claire once more for assistance.

The solar SID is working fine and the bushes surrounding it have been trimmed. Cllr. Pollard is working with Swarco and making progress in downloading the data.

9.4 To discuss and agree arrangements for Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday will be on Sunday 10th November. Cllr. Horne is unavailable but urged all councillors to attend if possible.

It was **AGREED** to hire the village hall and provide tea, coffee and wine as in previous years. Cllrs. Oke and Jarvis offered to help with the teas and coffees.

It was **AGREED** to order 3 wreaths from Mildenhall RBL Poppy Appeal at a cost of £20.00 each. Cllr. Colsey will lay 1 wreath on behalf of BMPC.

9.5 To discuss the hedging around the parish

Cllr. Horne informed the council that a letter has been sent to The Bull asking for them to attend to the overgrowing hedge. A request was made for letters to also be sent to:

- 4 Chestnut Close
- 17 Mildenhall Road
- 80 The Street

Cllr. Taylor left the meeting.

10. Financial Matters

10.1 To receive the current bank account balances

It was confirmed that there is currently £679.34 held in the current account and £29,141.32 in the deposit account.

10.2 To receive the accounts to date for 2024/25

The paper was received and **NOTED**.

10.3 To consider a donation request to Lighthouse Women's Aid

It was **AGREED** to promote the charity in our next Barton Miller.

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10.4 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> |
|--|--|---|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <u>Retrospective approval of invoices (subject to 5.5(a) of the financial regulations)</u> | | | | | |
| 29-Jul | N Parkinson | Gardening services - July | 30.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 |
| <u>To be approved</u> | | | | | |
| 11-Mar | SCC | Replacement lantern (carried out prior to approval) | 442.21 | 88.44 | 530.65 |
| 11-Jul | Swarco | SID post | 260.00 | 52.00 | 312.00 |
| 31-Jul | R.H. Landscapes & Maintenance Services Ltd | Grass cutting 05/07, 12/07, 19/07, 26/07, 02/08 | 525.00 | 105.00 | 630.00 |
| 01-Aug | West Suffolk Council | Emptying of dog bins 01/08/24 - 31/08/24 | 28.98 | 0.00 | 28.98 |
| 01-Aug | AIM Pest Control | Rodent control - VH | 100.00 | 20.00 | 120.00 |
| 02-Aug | Suffolk.cloud | Registration of domain name and mailbox storage | 230.00 | 0.00 | 230.00 |
| 31-Aug | R Lewis | Barton Miller | 26.16 | 0.00 | 26.16 |
| 31-Aug | Clerk | Expenses | 406.46 | 0.00 | 406.46 |
| 01-Sep | West Suffolk Council | Emptying of dog bins 01/09/24 - 30/09/24 | 28.98 | 0.00 | 28.98 |
| 31-Aug | R.H. Landscapes & Maintenance Services Ltd | Grass cutting 08/08, 14/08, 21/08, 28/08 | 420.00 | 84.00 | 504.00 |
| 31-Aug | N Parkinson | Gardening services - August | 30.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 |
| | | | 2,527.79 | 349.44 | 2,877.23 |

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

1 member of the public left the meeting.

11. Parish Councillors reports

Cllr. Horne advised that the gardener has been asked to detail the work that they are carrying out. If there is a particular task that needs doing, please raise. It was **AGREED** that they would be asked to cut the nettles around the dog bin on Newmarket Road as it has become inaccessible.

Cllrs. Colsey and Fuller reported issues with their new emails. Once resolved it was **AGREED** to use the new email addresses for all correspondence.

12. Clerks report

The Clerk advised that Matt Wilson is repairing the broken post in the Peace Garden and will treat all of them; they don't all need to be replaced as requested at the last meeting.

Nigel Parkinson started as the Gardener in July.

There has been a delay in getting the new bin installed at Sapphire Gardens, however West Suffolk Council have now informed this will be installed Thursday. Graham Swift has been informed so that the dog bin can be removed.

The new email addresses have now been set up.

The blocked drain near the village hall has been cleared by Anglian Water at no cost to the Council. As the drain is adopted this is the responsibility of Anglian Water; if there are any further problems we need to contact them.

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

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

- Remembrance Sunday
- Lighthouse Women's Aid

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- Neighbourhood Plan – next steps

14. Exchange of information

There was no exchange of information.

15. Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 7.30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6BB

The meeting closed at 8:26pm.

N. Alecock

N. Alecock, Clerk