

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Barton Mills

held in the village hall on Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7:30pm

Present:

Cllr. Colsey (Chair)	Cllr. Lewis
Cllr. Curtis	Cllr. Mullender (from 7.32pm)
Cllr. Fuller	Cllr. Oke
Cllr. Jarvis	Cllr. Walston

Also in attendance were the Clerk Naomi Alecock, County Cllr Busuttil and 5 members of the public

1. Welcome

Cllr. Colsey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Pearlman.

3. Declaration of members interests and dispensations

Item 12.2 – Cllr. Lewis

4. To receive approval of minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2026 from those members present at the meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting of Tuesday 7th July 2026. Proposed by Cllr. Walston, seconded by Cllr. Lewis. All in favour.

5. To receive approval of minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 29th July 2026 from those members present at the meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the Extra Ordinary meeting of Wednesday 29th July 2026. Proposed by Cllr. Oke, seconded by Cllr. Fuller. All in favour.

6. Public Participation

Cllr. Mullender joined the meeting at 7.32pm

The Parish Council were asked why they changed their stance on the Church Lane development when originally, they objected and now they support. The Chair advised that the objection was made as the Council were under the impression that this development was outside of the settlement boundary, WSC have since confirmed that it is not and therefore our comments have been amended.

7. District Councillor Report

District Cllr. Taylor sent his apologies.

8. County Councillor Report

SCC are working with colleagues at WSC to show that housing asylum seekers at RAF Barnham is not appropriate.

County Cllr. Busuttil supports the exception site planning application and will be pushing highways to reduce the speed limit along Newmarket Road from 60mph.

There will be a food security brief stating that farmland should be used to grow food and not for development, such as in the Western Development in Mildenhall.

SCC are still pushing back on net zero.

There is £6,000 available from County Cllr. Busuttil's locality budget, he asked for any ideas of funding to be sent to him.

Cllr. Fuller asked if there were any plans to progress the works at Fiveways. County Cllr. Busuttil stated that Highways England have more priorities elsewhere. A diversion would be more cost effective than a flyover, however there is no additional funding to develop the plan and SCC are unable to influence Highways England.

David Bick is the Reform candidate for the Mayor position and he will be prioritising Fiveways and the dualling of the A1307 between Haverhill to Cambridge. It is uncertain when Mayoral elections will take place due to the Judicial Review challenging the Local Government Reorganisation.

SCC are looking at ways that they can target potholes including the potential procurement of a JCB machine.

County Cllr. Busuttil and 1 member of the public left the meeting at 7.51pm.

9. Planning Consultations

There were no planning consultations.

10. Planning Applications decisions, statuses and appeals

The paper was received and **NOTED**.

Cllr. Lewis gave an update on the exception site planning application. The Planning Officer has done a preliminary report outlining 3 issues which appears to be based on old information. Highways now don't agree with reducing the speed on Newmarket Road from 60mph to 40mph, however, this would be at the cost of the developer. The issue of Stone Curlews has been raised, however the statutory consultees Natural England and RSPB have no concerns. Aspects of the property design have been scrutinised again as the development is adjacent to the Conservation Area. Ingleton Wood are putting together a response to these points. The application is being recommended for refusal and will be going to the Development Control Committee 14/15th October. Ingleton Wood, Cocksedge and Cllr. Lewis will be attending to speak. They will also invite one person who has expressed an interest in the properties to speak as it is felt that this would be useful. District Councillor Taylor is on the DCC.

11. Parish Matters

11.1 To discuss the arrangement of defib training from EAAA

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We have received interest from 7 people for the CPR and defib training. The Clerk will contact EAAA to ask if there are minimum/maximum numbers for the training and add to the next agenda.

11.2 To receive a verbal update with regards to streetlights

There was nothing to report on streetlights.

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

The bench refurbishments are almost complete; extra work has been carried out due to vandalism.

The see saw matting has another hole that has appeared. Cllr. Walston thinks that the rubber matting was not set properly and has raised this with the contractor to find a long-term solution and will meet with them on site.

The inspection reports have flagged a trip hazard on the tractor and there are 2 pieces of equipment, the roundabout and swing, that need looking at as they are getting worse. We need to start to budget for replacements.

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

SID's have been rotated and a report will be presented to Council next month. A request has been received from a resident in Bell Lane for a SID to be installed. It was noted that we did not receive enough volunteers to start a Speedwatch team, however Church Lane and Bell Lane do not meet the criteria to be included in such a scheme.

Cllr. Colsey has received concerns about the local running team and children on e-scooters trying to set the SID's off and see how fast they are going.

11.5 To discuss and consider the implementation of a 20mph limit

Cllr. Curtis advised that in order to implement a 20mph limit, Council approval would need to be gained and a residents survey carried out. 30mph signs would need to be replaced with 20mph. Andrew Moore from SCC can look at the speeds in the village prior to any implementation at a cost of £1380.

A motion was made to proceed with investigating the possibility of 20mph zones. Proposed by Cllr. Curtis, seconded by Cllr. Oke. A vote took place in which 3 were in favour, 4 against and 1 abstention and therefore the **MOTION FELL**.

A motion was made to seek the views of the village on the implementation of 20mph zones in the next Barton Miller. Proposed by Cllr. Fuller, seconded by Cllr. Walston. A vote took place in which 7 were in favour and 1 against and therefore the **MOTION WAS CARRIED**.

12. Financial Matters

12.1 To receive the current bank account balances

It was confirmed that there is currently £508.28 held in the current account and £52,458.77 in the deposit account.

12.2 To approve and authorise payment of invoices

One member of the public left the meeting

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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>
21-Jul	Clerk	Salary - July	352.40	0.00	352.40
31-Jul	PCC	Church room hire	5.00	0.00	5.00
03-Aug	N Parkinson	Gardening services - July	100.00	0.00	100.00
03-Aug	N Parkinson	Bench refurb works	325.00	0.00	325.00
03-Aug	K & M Lighting	Street light maintenance	8.59	1.72	10.31
<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
31-Jul	R. H. Landscapes & Maintenance Services	Grass cutting July	216.72	43.34	260.06
14-Aug	PKF Littlejohn	External audit	210.00	42.00	252.00
31-Aug	R Lewis	Barton Miller	26.16	0.00	26.16
31-Aug	Clerk	Expenses	71.11	0.00	71.11
01-Sep	N Parkinson	Gardening services - August	100.00	0.00	100.00
30-Aug	N Parkinson	Bench refurb works	300.00	0.00	300.00
31-Jul	Pear Space	Domain & Mailbox	130.00	0.00	130.00
24-Aug	Community Heartbeat	Defib battery	266.96	53.39	320.35
01-Sep	West Suffolk Council	Combination bin empty - Sept	17.42	0.00	17.42
01-Sep	L Jarvis	Reimbursement - Bench plaque	30.45	0.00	30.45
			2,159.81	140.45	2,300.26

Proposed by Cllr. Oke, seconded by Cllr. Walston. 6 in favour, 2 abstentions.

13. Governance Matters

13.1 To receive the 2025/26 External Audit Report and Certificate of Conclusion of Audit

The 2025/26 External Audit Report and Certificate of Conclusion of Audit were noted.

14. Clerks report

The post has been ordered for the village sign and the sign stripped ready for work to start mid-September.

The Clerk advised that she is still looking into the land ownership of the land to the rear of the Village Hall but has asked the contractor to include this in the field cut for now. The contractor has confirmed that the large goal posts are not moved during the grass cutting as they are too heavy but they do trim around them.

15. Parish Councillors reports

Cllr. Lewis asked if the Clerk could look at the available capital funds to see if the new signage can be progressed.

Cllr. Mullender requested that in the 20mph article for the Barton Miller that it is detailed that costs will be for the PC to pay for implementation.

Cllr. Jarvis said that there are a number of repeater signs missing; these need reporting to SCC.

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

It was **AGREED** to include the following items in the next Barton Miller:

- 20mph speed limit

17. Correspondence

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The Clerk advised that she had received an email with concerns around the Suffolk Pumpkin Patch event that is happening in October on the car boot field by the A11; she feels that this is outside of the remit of the PC as it is private land and the organiser will have to apply for an events licence. The email also details how much litter is left after the car boots and stated that a resident litter picks this and has asked if the PC would consider sending them a letter of thanks and recognition.

18. Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 7.30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6BB

The meeting closed at 8.51pm.

N. Alecock

N. Alecock, Clerk