

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Barton Mills

held in the church rooms on Wednesday 29th July 2026 at 6:00pm

Present:

Cllr. Colsey (Chair)	Cllr. Mullender
Cllr. Curtis	Cllr. Oke
Cllr. Fuller	Cllr. Pearlman
Cllr. Lewis	

Also in attendance were the Clerk Naomi Alecock and 8 members of the public

1. Welcome

Cllr. Colsey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Jarvis and Walston.

3. Declaration of members interests and dispensations

There were no declarations of interests or dispensations.

4. Public Participation

No members of the public wished to speak.

5. Planning Consultations

5.1 DC/26/0855/FUL – Planning application – 10 dwellings with associated access, landscaping, play area, car parking, cycle storage and open space – Land east of Church Lane, Barton Mills

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application subject to the speed limit on Church Lane being reviewed and consideration given to reducing it to 30mph. The design has been clearly thought out to minimise the disruption to Church Lane. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Mullender. All in favour.

5.2 DC/26/0965/HH – Householder planning application – single storey side extension – 5 Cricket View, Barton Mills

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

5.3 DC/21/2285/FUL – Reconsultation – Planning application – 15 dwellings with vehicular and pedestrian access, associated landscaping and engineering works – Land used for car boot sale, Newmarket Road, Barton Mills

Cllr. Lewis raised concerns over the factual errors in the survey that has been conducted by members of the village and submitted to WSC as part of a petition. There has been no proof that the speed is dangerous, the housing percentages in the Neighbourhood Plan have been incorrectly

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quoted and the Church Lane site has been offered as an alternative for the scheme which is untrue. He has received video footage from a resident's doorstep where those carrying out the survey have stated that the scheme is part of a larger development of 100+ houses which is also untrue. Some of those who have signed the petition did not agree to the submission to WSC and now would like their names retracting. It is noted that there has only been 1 direct objection from residents.

The Clerk advised that she had received a number of emails of concern relating to the accuracy of the survey carried out and the reliability of the submitted petition and had also received an email from last year's Internal Auditor detailing a Facebook post regarding the site. In response to this, she contacted the Case Officer at WSC, Amy Murray, to inform her of the concerns received from residents who confirmed that the application will be determined by considering planning law and material considerations.

Cllr. Lewis proposed that a letter be sent to Amy Murray detailing the inaccuracies of the survey and informing her that people weren't aware that what they were signing was being submitted to WSC. Seconded by Cllr. Mullender. 4 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention. The motion was carried.

6. Financial Matters

6.1 To approve and authorise payment of invoices

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>
08/06/2026	HMRC	Clerk salary	274.73	0.00	274.73
<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
30-Jun	Barton Mills Village Hall	Hall hire Apr - Jun	72.00	0.00	72.00
01-Aug	West Suffolk Council	combination bin empty - weekly	17.42	0.00	17.42
			364.15	0.00	364.15

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

7. Governance Matters

12.1 To review and adopt the Scheme of Delegation

The Clerk explained that the Scheme of Delegation has been drafted to enable the Council to still be able to contribute to planning consultations during August when the Council doesn't meet; however, this does not prevent an extra ordinary meeting being called if it is felt necessary. It was **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** with no changes. Proposed by Cllr. Mullender, seconded by Cllr. Fuller. All in favour.

8. Exchange of Information

There was no exchange of information.

17. Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7.30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6BB

The meeting closed at 6.49pm.

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