

# Barton Mills Parish Council

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## Agenda for the Meeting of Barton Mills Parish Council

To be held in the Village Hall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7.00 pm.

**Circulation:** Cllr Robert Lewis (Chairman)  
Cllr Amin Harji (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Pamela Boura  
Cllr Garry Flack  
Cllr Tim Harris  
Cllr Frances Lewis  
Cllr Steve Mullender  
Cllr Charlie Peachey  
County Cllr Stephen Frost  
District Cllr Tim Huggan  
PCSO Dawn Rowan  
James Bercovici (Clerk)

0. **Opportunity for members of the Public to speak (3 minute limit, not statutory part of meeting).**
1. **Courtesies. Apologies and Signing of the Register. Declarations of Interest.**
2. **Police Matters**
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011**
4. **Matters arising and pending**
  - a. Affordable housing. Following the open day in November and subsequent Parish Council meeting, several issues were raised with Hastoe
    1. Weather boarding
    2. Position of the access road
    3. Moving the properties back slightly so they are further away from the road
    4. More trees to screen the development from neighbours opposite
    5. More visitor parking to the rear of the development.

Cllr R Lewis summarized the current position: the Parish Council had identified its preferred site and drawings had been prepared and everything put to public consultation. He asserted that no final decision had been made. He said the open meeting had been well attended and that the concerns raised by Church Lane residents were being listened to. He said there had been some confusion between this and the Flagship scheme at the Church Lane Close garages. Church Lane residents had requested dialogue with Hastoe concerning the Church Lane scheme, especially in respect of its siting. Cllr R Lewis had attended a meeting between the residents and Hastoe who are now looking at design changes, most of which are acceptable although some are more problematic. The question of the site is the main concern; the residents had identified two other sites for consideration, both privately owned (end of Church Lane and the field behind Mildenhall Road and Church Meadow). There was, as yet, no feedback from Hastoe. At this point Cllr R Lewis declared an interest in the potential field site but said that, at this stage, the Parish Council was looking only at background ideas. Cllrs F Lewis and Peachey also declared an interest in the field site. Cllr Boura asked where access to the field would be if that site was chosen. Cllr R Lewis said two options had been suggested: through 24 Mildenhall Road or alongside 30 Mildenhall Road. He said that if delay to the scheme is necessary to investigate all options this would not affect funding for the scheme.

Hastoe has provided an interim report to the effect that Forest Heath considers the two alternative sites unsuitable.

- b. Street lighting. The four new columns have all been erected. Pearce and Kemp have been informed that they have put the wrong heads on 2 columns as the heritage lantern should be in Bell Lane and the

parish light in Mildenhall Road. This will be corrected. These lights have still to be connected by UK Power Networks.

- c. Village Green re-levelling. The Clerk is pursuing quotes. These have been impossible to obtain during the cold weather.
- d. Diamond Jubilee 2012.

A meeting was held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February to discuss ideas for the celebrations. Members of the community were invited, in particular people representing village organisations.

- e. Play equipment. Previously, the Clerk had investigated the insurance position as to whether minor repairs can be carried out by volunteers and ascertained that the insurers required anyone working on Parish Council-owned property to have their own public liability cover. However, Cllr Boura had suggested the council needs a proper procedure for minor repairs. Cllr R Lewis proposed that Cllr Boura undertakes a risk assessment and effects the repairs as deemed necessary: all in favour. Currently, the frozen ground is preventing the repairs from being effected.

## 5. Reports from the District and County Councillors

### 6. Finance - Standard Payments for approval (inc. VAT)

- a. £264.00 J Bercovici (clerk's net salary, January 2012) – chq. 1165
- b. £66.00 HMRC (PAYE, January 2012) – chq.
- c. £ J Bercovici (clerk's expenses January 2012) – chq. 1165

#### Special payments for approval (inc. VAT)

- d. £3774.06 Pearce & Kemp (replacement columns 90% complete) – chq. 1166

#### Finance – other

- e. Donations (2011 donations in brackets)
  - i. Rainbow Playgroup (2011: goods to the value of £100 plus VAT)
  - ii. Citizens Advice Bureau (2011: £120)
  - iii. Barton Miller (2011: goods to the value of £180 plus VAT)
  - iv. Suffolk Accident and Rescue (2011: £100)
  - v. East Anglian Air Ambulance (2011: £150)

## 7. Planning.

Note - *ITALICS: Parish Council comments passed to Forest Heath DC.* **Forest Heath DC decision**

#### General and for consideration:

- a. F/2011/0762/FUL Plot 4A and 4B Bell Lane – erection of two linked cottages, garaging, parking, access road and associated site works (Departure from the Development Plan) *Cllr Boura proposed objecting on grounds of over-development of the site: one in favour, five against. Cllr Mullender proposed no objections: five in favour, one against.*

#### Awaiting Forest Heath decisions and pending appeals.

- b. F/2011/0731/FUL Barton Mills Depot Millford Service Area A11 – erection of two storey modular building for office use. *Cllr Boura proposed no objections: all in favour.* **APPROVED** (July 2011)

#### Planning – other

## 8. Correspondence

#### Held by the Clerk – Standard items

- a. Forest Heath DC agendas/minutes (available at forest-heath.gov.uk).

## 9. Any other business (with consent of the Chairman)

## 10. Date of next meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012