

Barton Mills Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2009

Held in the Village Hall on Friday 8th May 2009.

1. **Bridge and footpath over the Lark – a further display of the plans**
Cllr Frances Lewis presented the proposals.
2. **Allotments – opportunity for the public to comment**
Paul Kerridge expressed concern about the impact of the allotments on Walnut Tree Farm which would be affected by the proposed access from Bell Lane. His concerns were for his privacy and also for the access itself. He suggested the access could come from Church Lane instead. Cllr Boura pointed out that this would be a longer access route. Paul Kerridge agreed. Mike Clark thought the same problems would arise if the access was moved, observing that Church Lane is busier than Bell Lane although he shared Paul Kerridge's concern about the proximity of the Bell Lane access to the junction with Newmarket Road.

Cllr Robert Lewis asked what is the role of the Parish Council in this. He assumed it was to decide formally if it accepts the position of the site and access. Cllr Flynn ask if Suffolk CC had asked the BMAA if it accepts the site and proposed access to it; Mike Clark said it had. Cllr Flynn said there would not be much traffic with only around 20 allotments. Paul Kerridge claimed there would be parking problems but Cllr Flynn thought that, once the site had been established, most would walk. Richard Evans said the site would always need emergency access so the Bell Lane access would have to remain.

Cllr Frances Lewis summed up that the Parish Council had agreed that since Suffolk CC had offered the site and it was agreeable to the BMAA, formalities were proceeding. She agreed access was a concern for some and said she had discussed with FHDC planning department whether consent for change of use would be required (it wasn't unless the access was to be changed). Cllr Robert Lewis said agreement was needed for a more permanent access; the Clerk said this was being discussed. Paul Kerridge asked if a different part of the field could be used instead. Cllr Boura said a resolution was needed for the Parish Council to look further into the access; everyone was in favour of this.
3. **Housing needs – an explanation**
Deferred
4. **Minutes of the meetings held on Friday 16th May 2008**
Cllr Frances Lewis proposed accepting the minutes: all in favour.
5. **Annual report of the Parish Council for 2008-2009**
Cllr Marie Davis outlined the achievements of the year: new play equipment, an agreed site for the allotments although she acknowledged there were problems to overcome, street light problems had been sorted out and improvements to solve the G39 issue were being investigated, the ongoing housing needs situation. She pointed out the precept had been maintained at the previous year's level and thanked councillors and the Clerk.
6. **Finance accounts of the Parish Council year ending 31st March 2009**
Cllr Harji proposed these to be taken as read.
7. **Any other business**
Parish Forum – re. Local Government Review. Cllr Boura had submitted a report (on file).