

Barton Mills Parish Council

Clerk: Mrs Naomi Alecock clerk@bartonmills.net

Chairman: Mr N. Horne 07590 672963

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Barton Mills

held in the village hall on Tuesday 2nd April 2024 at 7:30pm

Present:

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

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

Also in attendance were the Clerk Naomi Alecock and 4 members of the public.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

2. Declaration of members interests and dispensations

Cllr. Lewis - Item 11.2

Cllr. Pollard - Items 10.5 and 10.6

3. To receive approval of minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2024 from those members present at the meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting of 6th February following the insertion of a missed item under public participation. Proposed by Cllr. Fuller, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour.

4. Public Participation

A member of the public raised that the spotlights on the Village Hall are not working. Cllr. Fuller confirmed that the VH Committee are away and the issue is being addressed.

A question was raised regarding the SID's. Cllr. Colsey confirmed that the solar SID is now working, there was an error with the sensor which was repaired last week. The battery SID is moved between Mildenhall Road and Church Lane and is due to be moved again this weekend.

5. Police Report

No police report has been received.

6. District Councillors Report

Cllr. Taylor sent his apologies. The Local Plan consultation has now finished and officers at West Suffolk Council are now reviewing representations with a view to redraft, reconsult and publish next year.

7. County Councillors Report

Cllr. Stanbury sent his apologies. An annual summary was sent to the PC but nothing specific to Barton Mills to report.

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8. Planning Consultations

8.1 DC/24/0391/HH – Householder planning application – attached double garage – Trego House, Newmarket Road, Barton Mills

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT**; however, concern was raised with regards to the blocking of the pavement when accessing the garage and a question raised as to whether the garage could be moved back. Proposed by Cllr. Mullender, seconded by Cllr. Oke. All in favour.

9. Planning Applications decisions, statuses and appeals

The paper was received and **NOTED**.

10. Parish Matters

10.1 To receive an update with regards to streetlights and consider a request to install a streetlight on the corner of Church Meadow

There was no update on streetlights.

10.2 To receive and update with regards to the play park

Works to the play park have had to be delayed again due to the soft ground and will now commence 15th April.

10.3 To receive an update with regards to the SID

Cllr. Colsey confirmed that the rota has been completed until the end of April and can be used as a record of the SID's movements between sites. Cllr. Colsey will speak to Claire Miller with regards to downloading the data on the battery SID. The data will be reviewed on an annual basis.

10.4 To consider a draft lease agreement for the land by A11

Cllr. Lewis drafted some considerations for head of terms for an agreement which were circulated for discussion. It was **NOTED** that:

- Advertising would need to be delicate – those who made a donation may want a say in what happens to the land
- The value of the site has probably reduced with trees at a height of 15ft
- There will be a high cost to make it worthy
- SCC permission would be required to cross the access road
- It would be realistic to offer the land 1 or 2 years rent free to allow clearance of the site meaning a lease would be suitable than a licence

It was also **NOTED** that we were approached years ago by somebody who wanted to use the land to grow apple trees, however they felt that the land was inadequate for this.

A suggestion was made to use the land for storage containers; however, concern was raised over the appearance of this.

Cllrs. Lewis and Mullender will obtain the Land Registry documents and circulate a final copy of a proposal at the next meeting.

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10.5 To consider a bin proposal for Sapphire Gardens

A proposal was considered regarding the emptying of the litter bins in addition to the dog bins at Sapphire Gardens. It was **AGREED** to submit a proposal to the Management Company to reduce the number of bins and split the cost of 2 new combined bins 50/50 and the PC to the pay for the emptying of this. If they do not want to contribute to the cost the PC could install 1 combination bin and revisit to see if a 2nd bin is required. Proposed by Cllr. Horne, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour.

10.6 To receive a verbal update on the road safety issue at Mace Road

Cllr. Pollard confirmed that the development will not be adopted until 2025 and suggested that the road safety is reviewed again then so that support from the Council can be received to improve safety.

11. Financial Matters

11.1 To receive the monthly bank accounts

It was confirmed that there is currently £5,076.40 held in the current account and £25,425.94 in the deposit account.

11.2 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> |
|-------------|--|--|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 05-Mar | Community Action Suffolk | Domain Name renewal | 24.00 | 0.00 | 24.00 |
| 11-Mar | R.H. Landscapes & Maintenance Services Ltd | Reduce crowns of trees | 1,100.00 | 220.00 | 1,320.00 |
| 19-Mar | Suffolk County Council | Street light maintenance 01.04.23 - 31.03.24 | 5,048.26 | 1,009.65 | 6,057.91 |
| 20-Mar | Places4People Ltd | Neighbourhood Plan support | 4,385.00 | 877.00 | 5,262.00 |
| 25-Mar | R.H. Landscapes & Maintenance Services Ltd | Branch removal - Mildenhall Road | 500.00 | 100.00 | 600.00 |
| 26-Mar | SALC | 6mths payroll ending 31.03.24 | 69.00 | 13.80 | 82.80 |
| 28-Mar | R.H. Landscapes & Maintenance Services Ltd | Grass cutting 14/03, 22/03, 28/03 | 300.00 | 60.00 | 360.00 |
| 31-Mar | N Alecock | Clerk expenses | 49.47 | 0.00 | 49.47 |
| 31-Mar | R Lewis | Barton Miller | 26.16 | 0.00 | 26.16 |
| 01-Apr | West Suffolk Council | Emptying of Dog Bins - weekly 01.04.24 - 30.04.24 | 28.98 | 0.00 | 28.98 |
| | | Emptying of Litter Bins - weekly 01.04.24 - 31.03.25 | 191.36 | 0.00 | 191.36 |
| 01-Apr | West Suffolk Council | | 191.36 | 0.00 | 191.36 |
| 02-Apr | S Limmer | Gardening Services | 30.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 |
| | | | 11,698.23 | 2,280.45 | 13,978.68 |

Proposed by Cllr. Jarvis, seconded by Cllr. Oke. 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

12. Parish Councillors reports

Cllr. Lewis reported that a formal complaint has been submitted to SCC regarding road closures due to inadequate signage and diversions.

Cllr. Newman raised concerns over the parking of vehicles on both sides of Church Lane Close. Cllr. Newman will get some photos of the issues and then SCC Highways will be contacted to ask if the line markings can be readded. Once we have clarity of the issues an open letter can be sent to all residents.

Cllr. Fuller reported that the blocked drain at the football club is now clear. Some residents on Grange Lane have commented on how happy they are with the tree work carried out but a question raised as to when this will be completed.

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Cllr. Pollard attended the Town and Parish Forum held by West Suffolk Council on 18th March, there is £2-5k available for local groups for enrichment. There was a presentation on emergency planning and all parish councils encouraged to draft and adopt their own plan, WSC can help with this and templates are available. Cllrs. Colsey and Pollard to look at this. They spoke about the need for more affordable housing and SCC Highways did a talk on the cost of the repair of potholes.

Cllr. Horne has contacted Hastoe but not received a reply. He advised that the Football Club have got into the Cup Final which will take place 28/29th April in Downham Market. There is a coach trip at £10 a ticket for those interested in attending. BMFC assisted with the car boot and have expressed an interest in holding their own. Cllr. Horne to ask for them to submit a proposal.

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

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

- Congratulate BMFC on reaching the Cup Final
- Advertise the Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 7th May 2024 – 7pm
- Address the parking problems and need for consideration

Cllr. Jarvis advised that the incorrect details for the PCO are in the Barton Miller and she has spoken to Frances and Nancy to update this.

14. Exchange of information

There was no exchange of information.

15. Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 7.30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6BB

The meeting closed at 8:37pm.

N. Alecock
N. Alecock, Clerk