

Barton Mills Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Barton Mills Parish Council

held in the Church Rooms on Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr A. Harji, Cllr. C. Miller, Cllr. P. Boura, Cllr. K. Fuller, Cllr. N. Horne, Cllr. F. Lewis, Cllr. R. Lewis
Also Present: Clerk, Judi Coe, and three members of the public

Cllr A. Harji welcomed everyone to the meeting

Cllr A. Harji invited the members of the public to speak if they wished to.

One member of the public voiced her concerns over the planning application DC/18/1567/FUL including the height of the building, and lack of privacy from installation of third storey window to the proposed neighbouring property. Although she stated the planning applicant had been very accommodating and would be willing to not install third floor window.

19/04/01P Apologies

Cllr. G. Flack

19/04/02P Declarations of Members Interests

None

19/04/03P Planning and Environment

General & For Consideration:

DC/18/1567/FUL – planning app. For two dwellings on AWA Site, Church Meadow, Barton Mills, IP28 6AR

A letter to the Parish Council from the residents of the neighbouring property to plot one, was read out by the clerk, which stated concerns over the height of the dwellings and the impact it would have on their property.

The plans were discussed by the members and questions were put to and answered by the planning applicant, who was in attendance of the meeting as a member of the public.

Members concerns included:

-that the dwellings were large and higher in comparison to most neighbouring properties and that the view from the path Mildenhall would highlight this more than from Church Meadow.

-effect of plot one on neighbouring property in regards to privacy and light obstruction

-extent of protrusion into rear garden of plot one

Cllr. R. Lewis proposed that the Parish Council object to the planning application, due to elements of the design of plot one adjacent to 25 Church Meadows; height of roof ridge; being a three-storey building; extent of protrusion into rear garden. If these elements were adjusted then the Parish Council would be in favour of the application.

A vote was taken, 6 were in favour of the proposal and one against, it was therefore resolved to object to the planning application.

Tree Applications (for information only):

Awaiting Forest Heath decisions and pending appeals:

DC/18/2191/FUL – planning app. For 1 self contained two bed unit at 35 The Street, Barton Mills, IP28 6AA -

pending at 7.4.19, noted.

DC/18/2027/FUL change of use of land for sale and display of cars at Hand Car Wash, Fiveways, Barton Mills, -

pending at 7.4.19, noted.

DC/19/0309/HH – householder planning application at 57 The Street, Barton Mills, IP28 6AA- *pending at 7.4.19*

Decided/approved (for information only)

None

19/04/04P Correspondence

The clerk reported the following correspondence was received:

- Request was received from Red Lodge Ladies Football Club to use the pitch for training on a Tuesday and Thursday evening as the pitch at Red Lodge has been condemned. The clerk reported that she had informed BMFC of the request and BMFC currently train on a Thursday but not a Tuesday. The BMFC also stated that they could use the goals and changing rooms but these would need to be unlocked by BMFC.

It was agreed that the PC would offer Red Lodge Ladies use of the playing field on a Tuesday evening if they completed a request of use form and that the Parish Council would ask for a weekly donation of £20, of which

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the Parish Council would then donate 50% to BMFC if the changing rooms were maintained for use by Red Lodge Ladies. It was agreed that the clerk would confirm these matters with BMFC before responding to Red Lodge Ladies. (JC)

- Gardener Sarah Limmer had requested BMFC contact details to discuss work required to be carried out on the football pitch, and has asked about Health and Safety concerns in regards to cordoning areas of the Village green off whilst repairs work takes place. The clerk reported she had passed on contact details for BMFC. It was agreed that it would not be safe to cordon off areas of the pitch whilst any repairs were carried out on the pitch. (JC)
- A thank you letter from Suffolk Accident Rescue Service had been received in relation to donation made.
- A Facebook message had been received from a resident:

Good morning, can I ask why Newmarket Road has been excluded from the new street light scheme, and also why Newmarket Road is a 60 mph rather than a 30mph this road currently is an accident waiting to happen for pedestrian

The clerk reported she had responded stating, as agreed at the February meeting when a similar message was received that, it is currently not feasible to reduce the speed limit on this road as the level of traffic is not high enough. Response to this was as follows:

I would disagree with the levels of traffic currently, since traffic lights were introduced the levels have increased dramatically, walking along Newmarket road has become dangerous at best. The Brandon road out of Mildenhall is a 30 mph limit with fewer houses along its route and fewer cars use it. I would urge the parish council to contact highways with regards this situation.

The clerk stated she responded in that his views would be brought to the attention of the Parish Council at the next meeting.

It was agreed that due to the recent increase in levels of traffic using Newmarket Road that Highways may now consider a reduction in the speed limit. It was agreed that the clerk would inform Highways of concerns about this road in hope of seeing a reduction made. (JC)

The new Street Lights were being installed by Suffolk County Council and not the Parish Council, the Parish Council felt this may be due to lack of pedestrian traffic along Newmarket Road, however it was agreed the clerk would contact SCC request additional lighting on Newmarket Road. (JC)

- The clerk reported Isobel from Hastoe Homes had confirmed local land owner who may be willing to sell land for an affordable housing site has agreed to meet the Parish Council, it was agreed to ask Isobel to arrange a meeting as soon as possible, preferably before the next Parish Council meeting in May. Isobel also had stated that she had no response from the planners. (JC)

It was stated as agreed at the previous meeting that the Annual Parish Meeting would be used to present the current options the Parish Council have in going forward with a site for affordable homes in the village.

19/04/05P Agree date in which the Council intend to co opt and plan to advertise vacancy

It was agreed to plan to co-opt at the meeting on 4th June 2019 and the deadline for applicants to apply to the clerk would be 21st May 2019. It was agreed to advertise this in the Barton Miller, noticeboards, website and Facebook. (JC) If no candidates came forward by the 21st May it was agreed to look into approaching parishioners who may be interested.

19/04/06P Agree meeting date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting

It was agreed to hold the meeting on Tuesday 7th May 2019

19/04/07P Parish Councillors reports (for information only)

Cllr. P. Boura reported that herself and Cllr. A. Harji had met with Savills in regards to a substation on the Village Green. The substation is required to reinforce the supply which would benefit the community. The substation would be 3meters squared but they would require an area of 4meters x 5 metres, they would ensure the area was tidy and all work carried out and any costs involved would be met by themselves. A one-off payment would be made to the Parish Council of approximately £600.00 for freehold purchase of the land required. Cllr. A. Harji stated he was waiting to hear back from Savills with offer price for the land to enable the Parish Council to agree at a future meeting.

To ensure the Parish Council can sell a piece of the Village Green, it was agreed that the deeds held would be looked at to determine this. (JC/AH)

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Cllr P. Boura reported she had met with UKPN in regards to lighting on Bell Lane, who agreed that the Parish Council should request a quote from Pearce and Kemp to carry out the work moving a light and the cost would be met by UKPN.

Cllr. F. Lewis asked if the Parish Council would advertise the local Easter Monday Carboot sale on the Facebook page, the Parish Council agreed. (CM)

Cllr. F. Lewis also reported on the concerns that road resurfacing is due to take place over the Easter weekend and that she had spoken with Highways who had confirmed that the road would be shut over Easter, which could cause disruption on entering and exiting the Village Green for the Carboot. It was noted that the road works had not begun as had been scheduled and it was hoped that these would now be delayed until after the Easter weekend.

Cllr. K. Fuller asked the clerk for a copy of the allotment lease, the clerk agreed she would send a copy.

19/04/08P Cheques for signing and approval and to authorise payment of outstanding invoices.

The following payment were proposed to be paid and all agreed:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>	
01-Apr	SALC	2019/20 subscription	346.67	0.00	346.67	Chq 1641
07-Apr	RH Landscapes	Grass cutting and hedge trimming	300.00	60.00	360.00	Chq 1642
05-Apr	B&S Chains	Two swing seats & chains	134.56	26.91	161.47	Chq 1643
01-Apr	SCC	Allotment 1/2 yr rent	50.00	0.00	50.00	Chq 1644
10-Apr	The National Allotment Society	Membership renewal	55.00	11.00	66.00	Chq 1645
31-Mar	The VH	Use of Village Hall and Brown bins	141.84	0.00	141.84	Chq 1646
08-Apr	ICO	Data Protection fee	40.00	0.00	40.00	Chq 1647
			1,068.07	97.91	1,165.98	

Cllr. A. Harji invited Cllr. F. Lewis to attend the next meeting on 7th May to which she agreed. Cllr. F. Lewis was then thanked for her time and input as a councillor for her many years held in office, in which she replied it has been a privilege to serve.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

Next meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting 7th May 2019



J. Coe Clerk