

Barton Mills Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Barton Mills

held in the village hall on Tuesday 7th June 2022 at 7:30pm

Present: Chairman - Cllr N Horne, Cllr K Fuller, Cllr C Miller, Cllr M Colsey, Cllr A Potts, Cllr T Newman, Cllr R Lewis, Cllr S Mullender, the clerk Jadi Coe, James Brokenshire-Dyke and nine members of the public.

The Chairman Cllr N Horne welcomed everyone to the meeting

Public Forum:

One member of the public thanked the Parish Council in particular Cllrs K Fuller and C Miller for the fantastic, well organised Queens Jubilee celebrations.

Cllr Neil Horne thanked all those who attended and Cllr C Miller thanked all the volunteers who helped make it such a success.

22/06/01 Accept and receive apologies for absence

None

22/06/02 Declarations of members interests

Cllr R Lewis item 11.2

22/06/03 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 3rd May 2022 were proposed and agreed as being a true record of the meeting held.

22/06/04 Introduction from new Inspector Connor Lyon

Inspector Connor Lyon was not present.

22/06/05 River Lark presentation

James Brokenshire-Dyke from the Environment Agency presented proposed changes and options for the River Lark in Mildenhall and Barton Mills. The aim of the proposed works is for free flow of wild brown trout and eels upstream and to prevent banks collapsing.

James talked about the history of the river, how it has changed over the years and the recent breaching of the banks.

There are two options for Turf Lock bridge to help fish pass: 1 - rock ramp or 2 - a technical fish pass.

Option 1 is the favoured option, it allows all species to pass, it lowers flood risk. Option 2 is more expensive and will require more maintenance.

There are also two options for the gas pools: 1 open the back channel, sluice removed, water levels lowered, the river is then diverted around the back of Parkers Mills. This will create a fast flowing, narrower river with more waterside planting. Option 2 is that the sluice remains and the back channel is also opened but this option would not solve all the issues present.

Option 1 would create a narrower river at the Jubilee field. Following previous feedback received, a pond could be created on the Jubilee fields to allow fishing, access could be created to get to the river edge and riffles could be created to keep the width of the river similar to that as present at the back of properties in Barton Mills.

During the summer, the Environment Agency are engaging with local stakeholders to get feedback on the options presented. It is likely that works will start at Turf Lock in 2023 and the work at the gas pools will begin 2023/24. The start will depend on feedback from stakeholders and from the land owners.

Currently there is money available from grants and other pots of money available.

There were concerns that both options at Turf Lock could cause blockages. James agreed that option 2 a technical fish pass would require maintaining and clearing but any debris coming through option 1, a rock ramp shouldn't get stuck, as the weir would be removed and therefore the water depth would be increased. Although this will be monitored and will be cleared if necessary.

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There were concerns that the recent increase in recreational use in the river could cease. James agreed the changes may affect use of the river in certain spots but the changes were only going to affect approximately 750m of river length.

Members had noticed industrial pollution on the river coming from the A11 end, and there were concerns this would be more present following the proposed changes. James asked that any pollution issues are reported and that the overall volume of the river will not be affected so any pollution would be dispersed at similar rates.

It was agreed to report the pollution now and to agree comments on the proposed changes at the next meeting on 5th July.

More information can be found at www.brecks.org

22/06/06 Police Reports

None

22/06/07 County and District Councillors report

Cllr L Stanbury sent his apologies

Cllr B Harvey reported on:

-The new chair of West Suffolk Council being Mike Chester and the Vice Chair being John Augustine

-The closing date for council tax rebate was 5th June

-The amendments to the Sunnica proposals

-Locality budget that was provided to the parishes to help fund costs in relation to the Queens Jubilee weekend

-The provisional dates for the SDR (Sensor Data Record), which have now been confirmed as 13th July to 21st July.

One will be placed on Worlington Road. If there are two further devices available then these will also be installed on Newmarket Road at the same time, which could reduce the cost.

-The Draft Local Plan which has now been published and issued for public consultation, closing date 26th July.

22/06/08 Planning and Environment

General & For Consideration:

DC/22/0709/FUL – a. reconfiguration of vehicular parking; b. one vehicular and one pedestrian ramp; c. vehicle wash bay following demolition of existing; d. gas bottle storage; e. roller shutter doors to south-west elevation; f. entrance door to south-east elevation; g. electric vehicle charging points at East of England Ambulance Service, Fiveways, Barton Mills, IP28 6AE

It was proposed and agreed that Barton Mills Parish Council support application DC/22/0709/FUL, subject to the surface water from the new vehicle wash bay being disposed of properly to prevent the rivers etc being polluted.

The application also mentions a new security fence however there is no description as to what this will look like in the planning documents.

DC/22/0820/HH – two storey side extension at 12 Church Meadow, Barton Mills, IP28 6AT

It was proposed and agreed that Barton Mills Parish Council support the application.

Tree Applications (for information only):

None

Applications awaiting West Suffolk decision and pending appeals:

DC/22/0222/ADV – one internally illuminated totem sign at Barton Mills Service Station, IP28 6AE (*pending at 30.5.22*)

DC/22/0021/HH – a. two storey front extension; b. two storey side extension; c. one and half storey side and rear extensions; (following demolition of existing side extension and garage) d. first floor balcony to the side elevation; e. two bay cart lodge with first floor room at The Croft Mildenhall Road Barton Mills IP28 6BD (*pending at 30.5.22*)

Cllr B Harvey reported that the application was to go to the delegation panel as there were concerns about the size of the proposed extension on an already existing extension.

It was proposed and agreed that Barton Mills Parish Council would restate their views on application DC/22/0021/HH: The Parish Council are very supportive of the plans and despite planning rules in regards to extending an extension, the council are in favour on the plans and believe the proposal is appropriate and proportional when looking at other properties in the close surrounding area.

DC/21/2285/FUL – 15 dwellings with associated landscaping, highways and engineering works at land used for car boot sale, Newmarket Road, Barton Mills (*pending at 30.5.22*)

Decided/approved (for information only):

DC/21/2368/HH – two storey side extension including first floor extension above existing garage at 3 Cricket View, Barton Mills, IP28 7FA (*withdrawn on 27.5.22*)

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West Suffolk Local Plan

The West Suffolk Local Plan consultation period has now begun and will run until 26th July.

One site in Barton Mills has been included in the plan; Suffolk County Council land east of Church Lane, allocated for housing.

There is no hard copy of the documents available but all documents can be found on line or at the various drop-in presentations in the local area. Cllr B Harvey confirmed he would be attending the drop-in presentation at Red Lodge on Wednesday 22nd June between 3:00pm and 6:30pm.

The documents show which land has been included in the plan and also which land hasn't including the reasons why.

22/06/09 Clerk's Report, Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting and Correspondence

- West Suffolk Council have reported that the dog bin on Station Road by the Nature Reserve has been damaged. West Suffolk Council confirmed that the replacement will be at the cost to the Parish Council and that they no longer supply dog only bins but combined litter and dog waste bins.
West Suffolk Council charge £403.20 for a 120l capacity bin, with a black lid, or for £454.80 a 120l bin, red topped with a dog waste logo on to encourage disposal of dog waste. Dog waste only bins can be purchased from other manufacturers.
The bin doesn't need to be replaced but if the West Suffolk Council can be made aware of the decision made. It was agreed to bring this item forward to the next meeting, and have the exact location of the bin and obtain quotes for bins that are solely for dog waste.
- On 6th June Sunnica launched a non-statutory public consultation on their proposed changes, which will run to the 6th July (next meeting 5th July).
It was agreed to bring this item forward to the next meeting.
- It was reported that the path between Mildenhall Road and the Jubilee Field is very overgrown. Suffolk County Council usually only cut this twice annually and any further cuts are to be funded by the Parish Council. It was agreed to pay for this to be cut if Suffolk County Council's next cut was not before the end of July.

22/06/10 Parish Matters

1. Update on exception site at Newmarket Road update

James Waters has forwarded correspondence between himself and West Suffolk Council in regards to the delays because of Stone Curlews. James has had their own reports carried out and Natural England have confirmed there are no issues and has told West Suffolk Council this.

Havebury have confirmed that their architects have advised that the field work for the ecology assessment is complete and they are finalising the report.

It was agreed to ask Havebury for rough time scales on when the application could be approved and the build start and finish.

2. Maintenance of Assets

A – Lighting

Suffolk County Council are still waiting for a date for the start of works on unit 98 following the quote being accepted at the last meeting.

Cllr R Lewis reported on the road closure and diversions in respect of the installation of unit 63 The Street. Cllr L Stanbury has asked Highways why such a closure and the diversions were put in place.

B - Play park

-A new picnic bench was ordered and paid for, but this was then cancelled and refunded following the item being out of stock - a proforma invoice for a new bench with wheelchair access has been requested.

-The matting under the sweeping sew saw has become loose.

3. SID incl rota

The rota has been updated to end of July

4. Use of the playing field update

It was agreed to ask Josh to attend the meeting in July ahead of the start of the 2022/23 football season,

5. Old Mill Lane railings

Following the last meeting when SCC confirmed they would not carry out this work, the clerk has tried to obtain at least three quotes:

-DJ Sheen – no response

-SJB Painting and Decorating Services – intends to provide a quote

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-Alan Wisbech – too busy

-SV Cook - £3,500 plus VAT, to scrape back and wire brush loose and flaking paint, prime bare metal, apply two coats of Hammerite metal paint

It was agreed to bring this item forward to the next meeting and also ask Knotts decoration for a quote.

6. Highways issues

The provisionally dates for the SDR (Sensor Data Record) have now been confirmed as 13th July to 21st July. This is not for the devices on Newmarket Road, however if there are two spare devices then these will be installed at the same time, which would also cut costs.

7. Island at Chestnut Close

It was agreed at the last meeting not to grass seed the remaining area. The invoice for installation of the village sign and two-meter hard landscaping around is £800 and for approval at this meeting. (Original quote including seeding being £1,210)

Additional quote has been received in regards to the remaining area:

-£860 to level the remaining area, lay a weed suppressant fabric, lay 20mm gravel.

-to add 80-100mm cobbles with gravel this will cost an additional £220 or/and

-add 45 200-300mm boulders or 8-10 300-600 boulders for an additional £290.

It was proposed and agreed to accept the quote to gravel the remaining area but to ask for sketches of the area as to what it may look like with the addition of cobbles and/or boulders.

8. Agree councillor training costs

Leadership training course held by SALC is over four evenings remotely. The cost of each section is £26.

It was agreed the Parish Council would fund these training sessions and these would be booked by the clerk when dates were available that Cllr C Miller is free.

9. Update of vacancy on the Parish Council

The vacancy can now be filled by co-option

It was agreed to try and co-opt at the July meeting with a deadline of the 4th of July for applicants. The vacancy would be advertised in the Barton Miller, the website, social media and the notice boards. If no applicants then to co-opt at the September meeting.

22/06/11 Finance & Policies

1. Parish Council Bank Balances and Reconciliation from list of Payments and Receipts

The clerk reported that at 31st May £3,693 was held in the current account and £40,599 in the deposit account.

2. Approve and authorise payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
31-May	J Coe	Salary	330.79	0.00	330.79
31-May	J Coe	Clerk expenses	196.30	34.16	230.46
31-May	R Lewis	Barton Miller printing	26.16	0.00	26.16
06-May	Complete Business Solutions	BM paper	99.95	19.99	119.94
10-May	RA Gardens	Island work install village sign	800.00	0.00	800.00
15-May	Sarah Limmer	Gardening	30.00	0.00	30.00
11-May	Pearce and Kemp	Unit 68	1,456.54	291.31	1,747.85
18-May	Pearce and Kemp	Unit 68	-107.44	-21.49	-128.93
11-May	Pearce and Kemp	Unit 63	1,264.35	252.87	1,517.22
01-Jun	John Berrett	Plants for troughs	29.00	0.00	29.00
31-May	RH Landscapes	May grass cutting	500.00	100.00	600.00
			4,625.65	676.84	5,302.49

Clerk's overtime of 6 hours was agreed to be paid at her usual hourly rate.

3. Review and adopt the Councillor code of Conduct

In December 2020 the Local Government Association (LGA) approved its new Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020.

Barton Mills Parish Council proposed and agreed to adopt the updated Councillor Code of Conduct.

22/06/12 Parish Councillors reports (for information only)

The success of the Queens Jubilee was reported on:

There were 70plus scarecrows plus 21 entries to the scarecrow treasure hunt,

40 plus vehicles attending the car show on Friday and this was well supported

The football tournament was a success and a volunteer has offered to sponsor a future tournament

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The coffee morning on Friday was well attended

The Thursday quiz night was full and money was raised for the Air Ambulance

The picnic was attended by many people of various ages

The street entertainer who has been booked had double booked and didn't attend, but garden games were purchased in replacement of this

The church service had to be held in the Village Hall due to the weather on Sunday

A wooden crown which was available for people to decorate with fingerprints will be put on display in the Village Hall

22/06/13 Barton Miller

Vacancy advert

Thank you, Queens Jubilee,

West Suffolk Local Plan

River lark proposed changes and information

22/06/14 Items for future agendas

Old Mill Railings; River Lark proposed changes; West Suffolk Local Plan; Sunnica; Works on island at Chestnut Close; Co-option; Dog bin replacement; Photobook for the Queens Jubilee

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as being 5th July 2022

The meeting closed at 9:45pm



J. Coe Clerk