

Barton Mills Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Barton Mills

held on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7:30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall

Present: Chairman - Cllr N Horne, Cllr A Harji, Cllr A Potts, Cllr M Colsey, Cllr K Fuller, District Cllr B Harvey, County Cllr L Stanbury, the clerk Jadi Coe, representative from the Say No to Sunnica Action Group and two members of the public

The Chairman Cllr N Horne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Forum:

A member of the 'Say No to Sunnica' action group spoke about the Sunnica proposal and their campaign in fighting against the proposal. The action group object to the proposal for many reasons including the scale of the proposal and the health and safety issues in regards to the battery storage units which are to be used. The action group are also concerned that none of their questions and concerns are being addressed directly, some land will need to be compulsory leased and that the consultation period was inadequate following a resident survey in villages directly affected by the proposal.

Members of the parish council asked the representative various questions on the proposal and the groups objections.

The Parish Council views on Sunnica remain the same as agreed at the planning meeting held on 8th December 2020 - the Parish Council object to the proposal and support objections to the scheme.

21/09/01 Accept and receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Lewis, Cllr T Newman, Cllr C Miller and Cllr S Mullender

21/09/02 Declarations of members interests

None

21/09/03 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 6th July 2021 were approved as a true record of the meeting held.

21/09/04 Police reports

None

21/09/05 County and District Councillors report

Cllr Harvey reported on:

- Locality budget funding available
- Installation of electric vehicle charging points in the area
- The Local Plan, which the working group and reviewing the various options available
- County Lines, in which 10-13 years old children are being targeted and how important it is that parents look out for signs
- Suffolk Police online reporting tool for non-emergency crimes
- Sunnica including changes to the original scheme and that the Development Consent Order response from Sunnica has been delayed and is expected late September.
- Dog fouling and the West Suffolk campaign
- Rough sleeping in the area and to report anyone rough sleeping at streetlink.org
- Mildenhall hub which has its official opening on Friday 17th September
- Residents must go via their Parish Council if they have concerns and objections to a planning application

Cllr Stanbury reported on:

- The re-settlement of Afghan citizens
- Upcoming climate conference
- Increase in COVID-19 cases
- New fire appliances and a new fire chief being appointed

21/09/06 Planning and Environment

General & For Consideration:

DC/21/1170/HH -two storey side extension (following demolition of existing outbuilding) at 50 Church Lane, Barton Mills, Suffolk, IP28 6AY

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It was confirmed that the Parish Council previously objected to the original application based on the large size of the proposal, position on the land boundary, depth and dominance of the proposal, the effect on the street scene and neighbouring properties and other technical issues.

A neighbouring property still objects to the revised plans and the residents, who had attended the meeting, read a letter detailing the reasons for objecting, including:

The impact of the extension has been moved forward and still remains nearly as large and domineering; the revised footprint of the extension is now larger than on the original plan; although the plans have moved off the boundary line, it is still very close; the boundary line shown on the plans is incorrect; the size and scale remain dominant and overbearing which has a negative effect on the neighbouring property; the proposal does not keep with the character of the street; issues of parking at the front of the property

It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council still object to the application and that the previous comments made still stand because, although the plans have been amended slightly it appears comments made by the Parish Council have not been addressed.

Tree Applications (for information only):

None

Applications awaiting West Suffolk decision and pending appeals:

DC/21/1170/HH - two storey side extension (following demolition of existing outbuilding) at 50 Church Lane, Barton Mills, Suffolk, IP28 6AY – *re-consultation*

DC/21/0640/HH – detached double garage with new driveway at 60 The Street, Barton Mills, IP28 6AA – *approved after the agenda was issued on 2.9.21*

DC/21/0855/HH – a) conversion of existing garage including additional roof dormer, b) conversion of existing conservatory and first floor extension above to form annexe at The Gables, 15 Bell Lane, Barton Mills, IP28 6AJ. - *pending at 7.9.21*

Decided/approved (for information only):

DC/19/2244/HH - Parish Re-Consultation Householder Planning Application - Detached single storey Outbuilding Brook House, The Street, Barton Mills, Suffolk, IP28 6AA. – *approved on 24.8.21*

DC/21/1000/HH – a) new access and dropped kerb b) two storey front extension c) first floor side extension at 57 Church Meadow, Barton Mills, IP28 6AR – *approved on 30.6.21*

DC/20/2260/FUL – a) four dwellings with garages (following demolition of existing outbuilding) b) alterations and extensions to existing two dwellings to provide garage with room in roof and front porches c) new vehicular and pedestrian accesses at Development Site adj, 7 Church Lane, Barton Mills, Suffolk – *approved on 15.7.21*

21/09/07 Neighbourhood Plan

Deferred to the next meeting

21/09/08 Clerk's Report, Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting and Correspondence

A resident had contacted the clerk in regard to the state of the cemetery including the trees which is causing the area to look in very poor condition. The clerk confirmed to the resident that this was not owned or maintained by the Parish Council.

A resident contacted the Parish Council in regard to traffic cones. Many years ago, the Parish Council purchased some traffic cones that lived by the village hall and were used to prevent traffic parking on the public roads when car boot and other public events were held.

Costs vary depending on size and supplier but estimate £4/£5 net each.

It was agreed to include purchase of traffic cones as an agenda item at the next meeting.

21/09/09 Parish Matters

1. Update on exception site at Newmarket Road

Havebury have confirmed that they are still in the process of completing the legal side of purchasing the land and hope to have this completed in the near future

Cllr N Horne reported that he had spoken with Rob Hancock at Suffolk County Council, who confirmed that their position had not changed and that the land may be included in the local plan.

Cllr N Horne was asked about the housing cascade. It was confirmed that firstly homes would go to people with a Barton Mills connection and in the unlikely event that a home is left empty then homes will go people with a connection to the villages of Worlington and Tuddenham.

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Cllr M Colsey raised concerns that a home on the existing exception site had gone to someone without a Barton Mills connection. This was confirmed that it was an error made by Hastoe Homes who has since confirmed that this will not happen again.

2. Maintenance of Assets

A - Lighting, including receiving updated quotes for new units

Unit 186, Station Road

The clerk reported that SCC informed the Parish Council that unit 186, (previously not working and not repaired due to being engulfed in foliage) requires replacing as it is beyond repair, and have asked if the new lantern could be installed outside of the G39 zone for ease of future maintenance.

A quote has been received from K & M Lighting in the sum of £320 to remove and reposition the bracket, supply and fit an LED lantern controlled by photo electric cell and a quote has been requested from Pearce and Kemp.

To bring forward to the next meeting.

Unit 62 Dog and Partridge footpath, 75 Church Meadow and 91 End of Grange Lane

The clerk accepted the quotes from K & M Lighting to replace units 62, 75 and 91 following the last meeting. Work has not yet begun as UKPN require payment prior to carrying out the works. This payment is for approval at this meeting.

Unit 68 (G39) The Street o/s White Lodge

Pearce and Kemp quote for a new Heritage Light and pole to be re-sited but not on private land, including UKPN price £1,903.10 net

K & M Lighting & UKPN – quoted £5,305.05 net (K&M £1,417.05, UKPN £3,826) for a new Heritage Light and pole to be re-sited but not on private land

It was agreed to look at the original quotes to determine if existing pole could be used or a new pole was required, and to contact the owner of the home near to where the street light may be installed to inform them of this. (JC/AH/MC)

Unit 63 (G39) The Street o/s Street Farm (41)

Pearce and Kemp – quoted £7,307.90 net for a Heritage Light and pole to the right to the existing pole post to be re-sited on private owned land (opposite side of the road to existing light).

K & M Lighting & UKPN - quoted £8,343.05 net (K&M £1,477.05, UKPN £6,866) for a new heritage pole and light right of the existing pole

It was agreed to bring forward this quote to the next meeting following review of the budgeted expenditure.

Unit 65 (G39) The Street o/s substation

Pearce and Kemp quoted £2,536.10 net for a heritage light and pole to be re-sited which includes UKPN prices.

K & M Lighting and UKPN quoted £6,084 net (K&M £1,670, UKPN £4,414) to supply and install ornamental column with Victorian LED lantern.

Cllr A Harji proposed to accept the quote from Pearce and Kemp in the sum of £2,536.10. It was also agreed that if UKPN required their element of the quote to be paid in advance then this could be done without approving at a meeting. (JC)

B - Play park

It was reported that the basketball net was in a poor state and Cllr N. Horne suggested removing the old net and not replacing it.

It was reported that a net on one of the small goals was in poor state. Cllr N Horne to determine if he holds a spare net. (NH)

C - Litter bins

Cllr N Horne confirmed the new bins were with the installer and a final position on where to install needs to be agreed. It was agreed to install the bins either side of the picnic tables.

Cllr K Fuller reported that a bin by the river had been knocked over. The clerk agreed to report this. (JC)

3. SID Rota

The rota was agreed until the end of October

4. Update on works at the island outside Chestnut Close

Cllr N Horne confirmed he would liaise with the contractor to find out when the work would begin. (NH)

5. Memorial bench on playing field update

The resident has chosen a bench from supplier Kaiser and Kraft made from plastic in a wood finish, the bench costs £229 net (differs from original agreed as this bench is now in stock) and installation is to be carried out by Matt Wilson for £120. £349 has been received from the resident and the bench has been ordered but requires payment which is to be approved in item 10.

The resident intends on installing a small plaque onto the bench.

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6. Mallard's bridge update

SCC have confirmed that the contractor has indicated that they hope to commence this work late September although no date has been confirmed.

7. Newmarket Road issues including HGV restrictions

Cllr Stanbury had passed on information from SCC in regards to Newmarket Road which detailed the cost and process for a new Traffic Regulation Order but has advised to wait as SCC Highways are going to carry out a review of all HGV routes across Suffolk.

Cllr N Horne suggested a 'no left turn' on the junction from the A11 to Newmarket Road at Chalk Hill. It was confirmed that Suffolk Highways would still require data from a road survey and that this could be an issue for farming traffic.

It was suggested that the SID could be calibrated to 60mph and placed on Newmarket Road to enable the Parish Council to obtain their own data.

8. A11 and other Highways issues

None

9. Peace Garden plants

Sarah has informed the Parish Council that four Santolina plants are woody, tired and require replacing in the Peace Garden. Sarah estimates that these will cost £9 each totalling approximately £36.

It was proposed and agreed to purchase new plants up to a value of £50.

21/09/10 Finance & Policies

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

The clerk confirmed that £5,064 was held in the current account and £39,657 in the deposit account.

2. Approve and authorise payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Date	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
30-Jul	J Coe	Salary	269.28	0.00	269.28
30-Jul	J Coe	Clerk expenses incl Mutts Butts	188.13	31.93	220.06
31-Aug	J Coe	Salary	269.08	0.00	269.08
31-Aug	J Coe	Clerk expenses	23.50	0.00	23.50
30-Jul	R Lewis	Barton Miller printing	26.16	0.00	26.16
12-Jul	S Limmer	Gardening	30.00	0.00	30.00
30-Jun	BMVH	VH use	22.50	59.20	81.70
09-Aug	WSDC	New litter bins	579.98	116.00	695.98
19-Aug	UKPN	Unit 75 new light costs	925.00	185.00	1,110.00
27-Aug	KaiserKraft	Memorial bench	229.00	45.80	274.80
27-Jul	RH Landscapes	Grass cutting and hedge trimming	500.00	100.00	600.00
31-Aug	RH Landscapes	Grass cutting and footpath work	700.00	140.00	840.00
01-Aug	Aim Pest Control	Annual rodent control VH	100.00	0.00	100.00
			3,862.63	618.73	4,481.36

21/09/11 Parish Councillors reports (for information only)

None

21/09/12 Barton Miller

Suggestions including planning objections and new village hall sign designs but this would be confirmed via email

21/09/13 Items for future agendas

River Lark

Traffic cones

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 5th October 2021 and the meeting closed at 9:30pm.



J. Coe Clerk