

# Barton Mills Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Barton Mills

held in the village hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7:30pm

Present:

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

Cllr. Lewis  
Cllr. Newman  
Cllr. Oke  
Cllr. Pollard

Also in attendance were the clerks Jadi Coe and Naomi Alecock, Suffolk County Councillor Cllr. L Stanbury and three members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Public Forum**

A question was raised regarding local democracy and the relationship between the Parish Council and Suffolk County Council. The Parish Council is in contact with SCC and is able to raise any issues. Cllr Stanbury is the County Councillor and his details are on the SCC website, he tries to attend Parish Council meetings at least every 2 months. It was suggested that the Parish Council are copied into any issues sent to SCC and this can be reported on at the Parish Council meetings and followed up accordingly.

A request was made to install a streetlight on the corner of Church Meadow, this is to be added to the next agenda.

### **1. Accept and receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mullender.

### **2. Declarations of members interests**

Item 10 (2) - Cllr Lewis

### **3. Welcome the new clerk**

Naomi Alecock was welcomed as the new clerk. Thanks were given to Jadi for her 6 years' service; she has been absolutely brilliant and gone above and beyond and is wished the best for the future.

### **4. Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Proposed by Cllr Pollard, seconded by Cllr Fuller. All in favour.

### **5. Police Reports**

No report has been received.

### **6. County and District Councillors report**

District Cllr D Taylor sent his apologies.

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County Cllr L Stanbury gave an update on the Post Office, discussions are still continuing with West Suffolk Council and Mildenhall High Town Council. SCC have their budget meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February, they need to save £74m and therefore a reduction in funding for the arts is being proposed as this is a discretionary service.

## **7. Planning and Environment**

### **General & For Consideration:**

- Worlington Neighbourhood Plan Submission (Regulation 16) consultation
- West Suffolk Local Plan Submission consultation

Consultations are currently being carried out for the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan consultation is online for individuals to comment. It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council would not make a comment. The consultation for the Local Plan is being held at Mildenhall Hub on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February, posters have been put in the noticeboards.

DC/24/0105/FUL – Planning application – single storey rear shop extension at Barton Mills Service Station, Fiveways, Barton Mills, IP28 6AE

It was **AGREED** to make no comment. All in favour.

### **Tree Applications (for information only):**

None

### **Applications awaiting West Suffolk decision and pending appeals:**

DC/23/1833/FUL - Removal of section of collapsed wall and erection of a 1.8m brick pier and close fence to enclose an existing substation adjacent to 86 The Street, Barton Mills – *pending at 31.1.24*

DC/23/0358/FUL - Proposal Planning application - one dwelling at The Old Maltings, The Street, Barton Mills, Suffolk, IP28 6AA – *pending at 31.1.24*

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 31.1.24*

### **Decided/approved (for information only)**

DC/23/1586/HH – single storey side extension following demolition of two external walls at The Grange, Grange Lane, Barton Mills, IP28 6BG – *approved 12.1.24*

DC/23/1587/LB – listed buildings consent - single storey side extension following demolition of two external walls at The Grange, Grange Lane, Barton Mills, IP28 6BG – *approved 12.1.24*

DC/23/0172/VAR - variation of condition 2 of DC/22/0021/HH to allow use of amended plans for a. two storey front extension; b. two storey side and rear extension; c. conversion and extension of existing garage to habitable space; d. single storey side extension to existing garage (following demolition of existing flat roofed garage); e. roof alterations to existing link extension; f. two bay cartlodge with room above at The Croft, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, Suffolk, IP28 6BD – *APPEAL DISMISSED*

The above applications were **NOTED**.

## **8. Clerk's Report, Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting and Correspondence**

The clerk reported that the dip in the bridge on Station Road has been reported and SCC have inspected and referred this to their structural team for review.

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The insurance values have been updated as agreed on the asset list and the premium has remained the same and has been paid.

Freckenham Parish Council have agreed that the new clerk can use the laptop purchased by them to carry out work for BMPC for a 50% contribution towards the cost of the laptop and software. It has been agreed that the clerks phone number will not be published and all calls directed to the Chair.

## **9. Parish Matters**

### **1. Footpath pitch**

There has been damaged to the pitch which has been inspected and rolled by contractors, it may need reseeding. It has not been reported as a crime to the police.

### **2. Play Park**

The surface area works should have started yesterday but there has been a delay due to freezing weather in January, this is now rescheduled to start 28<sup>th</sup> February. The incorrect date has gone out in the Barton Miller; however, the correct date has been published on social media. Cllr. Jarvis has inspected the play area and sent a list of work that is required to Cllr. Horne.

### **3. SID**

The solar SID is not working, it was suggested that a request is made to the supplier for the correct manual. Cllr. Pollard will have a look Thursday. The rota for the other SID has been agreed until the end of March.

### **4. Old Mill Lane**

SCC have inspected the area and have recommended that bollards or a barrier are installed to prevent drivers cutting across the grass onto the A11, however this will have to be funded by the Parish Council as they are unable to fund.

It was suggested that Five Guys be approached to investigate the possibility of them contributing to this measure as this problem has becoming worse since their opening.

### **5. Highways Issues**

Cllrs. Horne and Fuller attended the Highways meeting in Tuddenham on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Highways England have deferred the A11 closures until 2025 when they will revisit their options and relook at the data.

*Cllr. Stanbury left the meeting.*

*One member of public left the meeting.*

SCC do not support the closure. It was considered that Jaynic may contribute to the cost in their proposal.

It was raised that there is a sign down at the entrance by The Bull, an inspection of signage is due to take place.

### **6. Asset list**

The shed at the side of the village hall that is used for storage for the football club and car boot is not currently on the asset list. This is to be added with an estimated value of £3,000 and included in the insurance cover.

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## 7. Land by A11

It was discussed whether to lease or conditionally offer the land of 3.2 acres to Highways England for a slip road. Cllr. Lewis is to draw up a lease proposal for the next meeting for consideration.

## 8. Football Coaching

We currently have £200 available to donate for football coaching. 4 organisations have been approached, MTFC are hosting an open training session on 25<sup>th</sup> February for local children in years 5 and 6 to create 2 new football teams for the following season.

It was **RESOLVED** to clarify that it is accessible to both girls and boys and if so to support by donating the £200 to them. BMPC would like to advertise locally and share online in association with them acknowledging the donation. Proposed by Cllr. Colsey, all in favour.

## 9. Defibrillator training

It was **AGREED** not to provide training on the defibrillator.

## 10. 2024 River Run

It was **AGREED** to support this event.

## 10. Finance & Policies

### 1. Parish Council Bank Balances

It was confirmed that there is currently £496.05 held in the current account and £35,450.98 in the deposit account. The SID account has a balance of £0.00 and it was agreed to close this account.

### 2. 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>
31-Jan	J Coe	Salary	281.68	0.00	281.68
31-Jan	J Coe	Clerk expenses	24.50	0.00	24.50
31-Jan	N Alecock	Salary	186.78	0.00	186.78
31-Jan	N Alecock	Clerk expenses	13.50	0.00	13.50
01-Feb	West Suffolk Council	Emptying dog bins	27.73	0.00	27.73
31-Jan	R Lewis	Barton Miller	26.16	0.00	26.16
24-Jan	Church	Room hire	5.00	0.00	5.00
08-Jan	SCC	Unit 99 repair	1697.00	339.40	2036.40
24-Jan	Freckenham PC	Laptop use	166.25	0.00	166.25
08-Jan	K & M Lighting Services	Street light – 82 Mildenhall Road	80.00	16.00	96.00
30-Jan	T/A Complete	Paper	159.92	31.98	191.90
31-Dec	Barton Mills Village Hall Registered Charity	Use of VH 03/10, 07/11, 12/11, 05/12	85.50	0.00	85.50
01-Feb	Sarah Limmer	2hrs gardening services	30.00	0.00	30.00
01-Feb	K & M Lighting Services	Street lighting maintenance charges 01/02/24 – 29/02/24	7.33	1.47	8.80
			<b>2791.35</b>	<b>388.85</b>	<b>3185.19</b>
	J Coe	Clerk overtime – 15.5hrs			<b>227.39</b>

Proposed by Cllr. Fuller, seconded by Cllr. Colsey. All in favour.

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## 3. Consideration of grant

It was felt that more detail was needed and it would be more appropriate for the Allotment Society to contact the District Cllr. Dave Taylor for locality funding.

## **11. Parish Councillors reports (for information only)**

Cllr. Jarvis has reported that the streetlight in Grange Lane is out but has not heard back; Lamb Court is very dark.

Cllr. Fuller reported that the tree that fell into the River Lark is to be cleared in 2 weeks. The manhole between the village hall and football club is blocked and will require a contractor. Clerk to make some enquiries and obtain quotes or discussion at the next meeting.

Cllr. Oke reported that the pot holes have now been filled.

## **12. Barton Miller**

It was suggested to include the below in the next edition:

- Update on the A11 closures
- Reminder of defibrillator location and a script of how to use

## **13. Items for future agendas**

Streetlight – Church Meadow

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

**N. Alecock**  
N. Alecock, Clerk