

# Barton Mills Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Barton Mills

held in the village hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7:30pm

In attendance: Chairman Cllr N Horne, Cllr S Mullender, Cllr K Fuller, Cllr R Oke, Cllr R Pollard, County Cllr L Stanbury, clerk Judi Coe and eight members of the public.

### Public Forum

One resident queried whether any work had been carried on the footpath, Newmarket Road to Herringswell Road, and asked for an update on the accessible footpath by Five Guys.

One resident noted the agenda item 'land for sale' and asked if this makes it more imperative to have a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr N Horne commented that these issues would be covered in the agenda.

### 23/09/01 Accept and receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Lewis, Cllr E Jarvis, Cllr T Newman and Cllr M Colsey

### 23/09/02 Declarations of members interests

None

### 23/09/03 Minutes

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings dated 4<sup>th</sup> July and 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 proposed by Cllr K Fuller, seconded by Cllr S Mullender, all in favour.

### 23/09/04 Police Reports

None

### 23/09/05 County and District Councillors report

District Cllr D Taylor was not present.

County Cllr L Stanbury reported on his attendance at the recent exhibition held by National Highways regarding closure of the A11 gaps between Red Lodge and Fiveways. He confirmed he would continue to press National Highways to reconsider their proposal and to look at alternative solutions.

Cllr S Mullender informed Cllr L Stanbury that the two standard cuts for local footpaths are not sufficient; the footpath to Mildenhall from Mildenhall Road have the same issues each year, and is often unusable especially for those with buggies, wheelchairs, mobility scooters etc. Cllr L Stanbury responded by saying that budgets are tight, and unfortunately, they cannot control the weather which has a large effect on growth rate and affects the cutting schedules and this problem is experienced across the county, however he does continue to push for more cuts on essential routes.

### 23/09/06 Planning and Environment

#### General & For Consideration:

None

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

None

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

DC/23/0772/FUL use of land to hold car boot sales on Saturdays from April to October at Newmarket Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6AQ - *pending at 29.8.23*

DC/23/0358/FUL Proposal Planning application - one dwelling at The Old Maltings, The Street, Barton Mills, Suffolk, IP28 6AA – *pending at 29.8.23*

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 29.8.23*

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

DC/23/0134/FUL - alterations to allow for drive-thru facility at existing restaurant including single storey rear extension for collection window, drive-thru lanes, car park alterations and hard and soft landscaping at Pancake and Waffle Shack, Millford Service Area, A11 Barton Mills South Bound, Barton Mills, Bury St Edmunds. – *approved on 28.7.23*

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## 23/09/07 Clerk's Report, Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting and Correspondence

### Five Guys footpath

Cllr N Horne met with the planners in regard to the proposed footpath. The planners realised that their initial proposal to install a permitted pathway in the southwest corner of site adjacent the riverside pathway will be extremely difficult due to the height difference between the highway & the riverside path in this area, this would result in an extremely steep ramp which would be too dangerous.

They are now proposing to move the pathway a few meters further down Old Mill Lane to form an entrance with a very small slope between the highway & our newly constructed pathway within the Five Guys new areas, using this location it also allows them to form the new access in block paving to give a good accessible surface. From this location access through the site continues along a dedicated crossing, paved, lit & safe pathway giving final access through to the riverside at the original entry point.

### BMFC

Cllr N Horne met with the McLarens who were appointed by Anglian Water regarding the claim for the water damage in the pavilion and they have agreed a settlement claim of £2,300.

### Herringswell Road to Newmarket Road Footpath

The clerk confirmed this was cut on 21<sup>st</sup> July.

## 23/09/08 Parish Matters

### 1. Street Lighting

No issues to report, however K Fuller mentioned that the parish may wish look into, either turning off or dimming some of street lights at night to be more energy efficient, and that he believes the controls are in place to be able to do this.

### 2. Exception site Newmarket Road

Havebury have confirmed that the surveys have been completed for this nesting season and further surveys will begin in March 2024.

### 3. Parish bins including new bin proposal

No update.

### 4. Play park

The slide was temporary taped off due to safety issues but the new panels have now been received and installed and the slide has been re-opened.

Cllr K Fuller noted that the matting under the large swing now has a hole in it.

Cllr N Horne asked the clerk to chase the quote for works requested.

### 5. SID

The rota is up to date and the new SID should be delivered end of September or early October.

### 6. Request for Village Hall car park shingle improvements

The following quotes have been received:

- Mark Chambers - £540, £300 for digger and labour, and approx. 4tonnes of gravel at £240 (less may be needed). He also suggests re-raking every 6 months which he can quote for if needed.
- RH Landscapes sent tow quotes:  
£1,100 (net), for 20tonnes of gravel at £37.50 each and £350 labour costs.  
£430 (net), for 4tonnes of gravel at £45.00 each and £250 labour costs.

It was proposed and agreed to accept the cheapest quote (Mark Chambers would be asked if he would consider reducing his quote).

### 7. Highways issues

No issues to report.

### 8. Land for sale, Mildenhall Road

A piece of land on Mildenhall Road is for sale with an asking price of £80,000, Cllr N Horne brought this to the attention of members, as this may be something that the Parish Council would consider purchasing for either recreational, preservation, conservation purposes.

Neil confirmed that no building would be built and various funding options included loans, precept, grants and parishioner donations.

Members thoughts and questions on this included:

- the land is mostly flooded in the winter period
- ongoing maintenance costs
- income possibly available from sale of hay

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- would Suffolk Wildlife be interest in the piece of land?
- the idea would need to be put to residents
- lots of potential and could be a great asset to the village
- not walking distance for many households
- other assets currently held require financial attention first

It was agreed to investigate this further and set timescales for actions to take on this.

Cllr K Fuller agreed to get a valuation for the land and to find out the value of the hay if harvested twice a year.

## 23/09/09 Finance & Policies

### 1. Parish Council Bank Balances

At date £3,832 is held in the current account and £36,795 in the deposit account.

### 2. Approve and authorise payment of invoices

It was resolved to pay the following invoices, proposed by Cllr K Fuller and seconded by Cllr R Pollard, all-in agreement.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
31-Jul	J Coe	Salary	281.48	0.00	281.48
31-Jul	J Coe	Clerk expenses	94.94	13.89	108.83
31-Aug	J Coe	Salary	352.10	0.00	352.10
31-Aug	J Coe	Clerk expenses	25.50	0.00	25.50
01-Aug	West Suffolk Council	Emptying dog bins	27.73	0.00	27.73
01-Sep	West Suffolk Council	Emptying dog bins	27.73	0.00	27.73
31-Jul	RH Landscapes	Newmarket Rd/Herringswell Road	225.00	45.00	270.00
01-Aug	Aim Pest Control	Annual charge	100.00	20.00	120.00
25-Aug	S Limmer	Gardening	30.00	0.00	30.00
27-Jul	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	210.00	42.00	252.00
23-Aug	West Suffolk Council	Election charge	81.91	0.00	81.91
27-Aug	Elizabeth Jarvis	Tape (park)	4.00	0.00	4.00
31-Aug	Proludic	Slide panels	814.22	162.84	977.06
31-Aug	RH Landscapes	Jul/August grass cutting	800.00	160.00	960.00
			<b>3,074.61</b>	<b>443.73</b>	<b>3,518.34</b>

## 23/09/10 Parish Councillors reports (for information only)

Cllr R Oke reported that residents have noted that those using the playing field to play and watch football are often parking on Mildenhall Road.

Cllr N Horne confirmed he would contact BMFC and MTFC and ask that they inform all users/visitors to use the field for parking.

Cllr K Fuller reported the following:

- The bolt on the Jubilee gates is protruding
- The keep clear box at the crossing from Tuddenham to The Bull in faded
- The saplings around a tree on the playing field need removing (ask Sarah to remove as part of her gardening duties)
- There is a dead small tree on the playing field which needs removing
- Thanking Cllr E Jarvis for taping up and repairing the slide
- The footpath by The Bull Inn and Chestnut Close has vegetation encroaching on to it (the clerk to write to The Bull Inn and resident in Chestnut Close)

## 23/09/11 Barton Miller

To be agreed via email

## 23/09/12 Items for future agendas

Asset list

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

The meeting closed at 8:26

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