

Barton Mills Parish Council

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Chairman: Mrs A. Dawson 01638 714449

Minutes of the Meeting of Barton Mills Parish Council

held in the Church Room on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Public Forum:

There were no members of the public present.

Present: Cllr Dawson (in the chair), Cllr Harji, Cllr Boura, Cllr F Lewis, Cllr Fuller, Cllr Flack and Cllr Horne. County Cllr Busuttil and District Cllr Harvey also attended.

1. **Apologies** Accepted from Cllr R Lewis and Cllr Mullender. The Clerk, Vicky Bright was unable to be present due to illness. It was agreed that Cllr Boura would take the minutes.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Dawson Item 6. b)

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 Dec 2017

These were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Boura, agreed unanimously, and signed by the chairman.

4. Police Matters

There was no report available.

5. County & District Councillor Reports

Cllr Harvey reported on the progress of the "One Council" proposal for the merger of FHDC and St Edmundsbury, which had been supported by 74% of respondents during public consultations. The proposal has had initial approval from the Secretary of State and has now moved on to a new stage of planning. Much of the admin is already merged but discussions are now taking place in more detail on, for example, whether there should be two planning committees.

Cllr Busuttil reported that SCC had not been able to find additional savings of £3 million and this sum would be taken from reserves. He has supported a 1.99% increase in the SCC share of the council tax and a 3% rise to be spent on adult social care. There was also a suggested 2% rise in the police budget to be spent on recruitment and he was interested in what the PC thought about this. The PC agreed that this was necessary.

6. Planning and Environment

General & For Consideration:

- (i) DC/18/0001/HH - Householder Planning Application - (i) porch (ii) single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing garage and rear conservatory) - 24 Church Meadow Barton Mills

Cllr Boura presented this application and proposed "support". This was agreed unanimously.

Resolved 18/01/6.01

It was agreed to offer No objections and to support application DC/18/0001/HH.

- (ii) DC/17/2604/FUL - Householder Planning Application - Double garage for temporary living accommodation (retrospective) - Land West of 35 The Street Barton Mills

Cllr Boura presented this retrospective application for temporary living accommodation situated in the rear garden of the property. Cllr Harvey expressed concern that this was a high standard of building for a temporary structure and that he felt that it would become permanent. He would like to ensure that the matter was discussed by the delegation panel and he suggested that the Parish Council should object. Cllr F Lewis proposed objecting to the application and this was agreed with 6 votes in favour and one against.

Resolved 18/01/6.01

It was agreed to Object to application DC/17/2604/FUL.

Tree Applications (For Information Only)

(i) DC/17/2521/TCA – 23 The Street Barton Mills IP28 6AA – *Approved*

Awaiting Forest Heath decisions and pending appeals:

- a.) DC/16/0683/FUL Retention of hand car wash operation - Car Wash Fiveways Services, Fiveways, Barton Mills - *Still Pending. The TPO Application has been approved as of 8th January 2018.*
- b.) DC/17/2435/FUL – 1 dwelling following demolition of outbuilding. Resubmission – Land adjacent to the Old Maltings, The Street, Barton Mills - *Still Pending.*
- c.) DC/17/2220/FUL – 1 dwelling – Minden House, Station Road, Barton Mills – *Refused 02/01/2018.*

d.) 'Fiveways Farm' Update

Cllr Boura explained that she had received a request from Peter Grimm (SCC) for more information. She had been to the site and taken photos which she had sent to him. However, it was noted that most of the land involved belonged to the Forestry Commission and it was agreed that the clerk should be asked to write to them to request that the site be tidied up. *The Clerk has written to the Forestry Commission on two separate occasions since the Eviction was enforced in November 2017, with no response or acknowledgement received.*

e.) Update on Enforcement Ref: Scaffolding Business being run from 37, The Street

The enforcement officer found evidence of current use for this purpose when he visited the property. He will be issuing an Enforcement Notice and the owners will have 28 days to comply.

Possible Institutional Home at 35, The Street.

The property has been purchased by the charity "Regard" to provide supported living for those needing long term care. Planning permission is not required for a home for up to six people and their carers living as one household. Some internal alterations have already been made to the property. It is understood that there will be a planning application for an additional building.

7. Clerks Report & Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting (For Info Only)

- (i) There was no report.

8. Correspondence

The clerk has received an email concerning the poor condition of Bridge House in Worlington Rd. It was noted that the state of health of the current owner made it unlikely that anything constructive could be achieved.

9. Parish Matters

- (i) Update on New Community Notice Board for the Playing Field

A grant has been confirmed from Cllr Harvey's locality budget but a grant from Cllr Busuttill's budget is still in hand. The board will be ordered as soon as all grants are in place.

- (ii) Peace Garden – To Agree Design

Quotes have been received from INL for £3256 + VAT and for £3490 from Robert Ayers. His quote includes removing the roots of the existing shrubs and allows a larger budget for plants. It was proposed to accept the quote from Robert Ayers and this was agreed with 5 in favour and 2 abstentions.

Resolved 18/01/9.01

It was agreed to accept the design and quote from Robert Ayers for £3,490.00.

It was agreed to hold a working party to clear the site on Sat 3rd February at 9.30 am. This will be advertised in the February Barton Miller. Malcolm Boura will use his trailer to take the old shrubs to the recycling centre but a bonfire was also suggested if the weather is dry.

- (iii) Update on Street Lighting Program & UKPN Update

Cllr Boura has chased up the removal of the redundant light from Worlington Rd.

The clerk has received an email from the County Council confirming the new street lighting which will be provided in Worlington Road by the developer. These new lights will be adopted by the County Council

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and will replace the Parish Council lights there. The County Council will arrange for the removal of the redundant parish council lights and offer them to us for re-use, if required. It was agreed that these lights were very old and were not suitable for re-use and that the County Council could arrange for their disposal.

Cllr's Harvey and Busuttill also confirmed that details of the new pedestrian crossing and other traffic calming measures in Worlington Rd have also been agreed between the developer and SCC. The crossing will be a zebra type crossing near the entrance to Bridge Farm Close.

(iv) Affordable Housing Update

None.

(v) Maintenance of Assets

One of the seats on the playing field is in need of repair but Malcolm Boura has this in hand.

(vi) Football Coaching - Further sessions to be considered & update on funding.

Abbeycroft Leisure will provide 50% funding for sessions in the October and February half terms. Assuming this applies to the current year, it was agreed to ask the Clerk to arrange 2 sessions for the coming half term, in time for them to be publicised in the Feb Barton Miller.

A discussion took place on publicity and Cllr. Horne offered to arrange an advertising banner. He will liaise with Cllr Boura over wording and design the banner free of charge. The banner will cost just over £40 to make. It was agreed to go ahead with this. Cllr Boura will organise other publicity.

(vii) The Great British Spring Clean 2018

This will take place 2-4 March. Cllr Boura will not be available to organise it on that date but knows someone who may be willing to do so. She will approach him about it. (Ken Venus has since confirmed that he is willing to organise this for the PC.)

10. Highways & Footpaths

(i) SID Update & Confirm February 2018 Rota

The Bouras were not able to download the data from the SID when they moved it on 23rd Dec.

Feb rota: 3rd Malcolm and Pamela Boura

17th Cllr Flack and Peter Alder if available. Cllr Boura will confirm with him. (He has confirmed)

11. Finance & Policies

(i) Parish Council Bank Balances and Reconciliation from list of Payments and Receipts.

Cllr Boura proposed approving these and it was agreed unanimously.

Resolved 18/01/11.01

The bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts were received and adopted and signed as such by the Chairman, Cllr. Dawson. The bank account balance as of 20th December 2017 is £26,407.15

(ii) Cheques for signing and approval and to authorise payment of outstanding invoices.

The cheques were approved and signed by Cllrs Dawson and Boura.

Resolved 18/01/11.02

SALC	Payroll	1564	£54.00
Village Hall	Hall Hire	1565	£103.50
B Klatt Bell Pub	Defibrillator opening refreshments	1566	£36.00
Mrs. V Bright	Expenses	1567	£23.92

(iii) Update on Account for Reserves

No update available

(iv) Update on GDPR

No update available.

(v) Adopt the 2018-19 Budget and Agree the 2018-19 Precept Request
Cllr Dawson proposed adopting the 18-19 budget as drafted by the finance committee. This was agreed unanimously.

Resolved 18/01/11.03

Cllr Boura proposed that the precept should be £21,534.00. This is a 0.99% increase which is an extra 58p per year for a Band D household. This was agreed unanimously.

Resolved 18/01/11.04

12. Barton Miller Back Page to be agreed

Football Coaching and Peace Garden working party

13. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

(i) External meetings that Councillors may wish to report upon
None

(ii) Councillors Reports

Cllr Harji commented that the opening of the defibrillator had been well attended and the arrangements had gone well. Thanks were expressed to The Bell for their hospitality and the Clerk has written a letter of thanks to them.

Cllr F Lewis reported that representatives of local organisations had been invited to read lessons at the Christmas Eve Carol service. She had read on behalf of the PC.

Cllr Boura reported that she had received a request from residents of Church Meadow for our support in getting a parking restriction in The Street opposite the junction with Church Meadow. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

(iii) Items for future agenda's

- Restricting parking opposite the junction with Church Meadow

The Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

***Next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall.**

Signed: *Annette Dawson*
Chair, Barton Mills Parish Council

Date: 6th February 2018