

Southorpe Parish Council (SPC)

**Minutes of meeting held at Ufford Village Hall at 1900 hours
on Wednesday 12th July 2023**

Councillors present: **Simon Little (SL) Chair**
 Carl Brown (ACB)
 Corinna Blackmore (CB)
 Peter Corder (PC)

Parish Clerk: **Alison Hurford (AH)**

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Victoria Haynes and David Over.

2. Declaration of interests from members

No declaration of interest was received.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 17th May 2023

The minutes of the last meeting held on 17th May 2023 were accepted as a true record without amendment and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by ACB and seconded by PC.

4. Matters arising from the meeting on 17th May 2023

4.1 Mobile Speed Camera. AH to contact the Fogarty Trust to ascertain whether there would be any funding available to purchase a mobile speed camera.

Action: AH

4.2 Purchase of picnic bench. As we are planning to put in a bid for the CLF funding (see item 7.3) again this year to purchase more benches, it was decided to buy the benches in one purchase once the outcome of the bid is known. CB suggested looking at recycled benches.

Action: SL

5. Parish Planning

5.1 23/00671/LBC Middle Farm – a letter of objection will be filed on the planning Portal supporting the Conservation Officer's comments.

5.2 23/00809/WCPP Southorpe Quarry – a retrospective planning application has been submitted and the SPC has no objection to this. AH to record this decision on PCC planning portal.

6. Ward Update

SL, ACB and PC attended the meeting on the 28th June. The main discussion at the meeting was speeding through the villages. DO wanted evidence of speeding from villages wishing to implement a speed restriction. DO acknowledged the fact that many villages would be impacted by the A47 work and the new housing estate on the Burghley side of Stamford (former Cummins Engineering site).

7. Finance Matters

7.1 As VH was absent there was no finance update provided.

7.2 VH confirmed by email that all invoices noted on the agenda had been paid apart from the rent of Ufford Village Hall. That has now been received and will be paid in due course.

Action: VH

7.3 Applications were invited to apply for the CLF Funding and SPC will be applying for £300 to purchase additional benches for the village field. AH to complete the relevant paperwork once suitable benches were sourced by SL

Action: SL/AH

7.4 SL requested that the finance handover be completed as soon as possible to get this in place well before the next AGM. AH and VH to liaise over a date to meet.

Action: VH/AH

7.5 CB requested £325 to purchase fireworks and £75 to use for the village picnic. This was agreed. Proposed by SL and seconded by ACB.

Action: CB

8. Environmental Issues

8.1 CB reported that the crab apple tree purchased to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee has now been planted at the village field. CB to source a metal guard to protect the trunk of the tree.

Action: CB/AH

8.2 It was reported that the footpath from Ufford Bridge along Walcot Road is overgrown with vegetation. CB to make enquiries as to who is responsible for maintaining and ensuring this is addressed.

Action: CB

9. Traffic matters update

9.1 Dualling of A47

i. Meeting on 21st June - The information meeting at Ufford village hall was well attended with many residents registering email addresses for updates.

ii. Funding for Southorpe Enhancement – SL has contacted the Highways Agency regarding the £10,000 available and will continue to pursue this. In the meantime, PC to speak to a contact for advice as to the most efficient speeding system for Southorpe.

Action: SL/PC

10. Village Field Maintenance

It was proposed that the village field be maintained 3 times a year and this would be a paid job. It was suggested it was cut in June, then before the picnic and the fireworks. CB to contact Edward and Tom Elwood to see if they would be interested.

Action: CB

11. Any other business

11.1 Village Picnic – CB to arrange a Whatsapp poll to agree a date.

Action: CB

11.2 Phone Box - CB to put an appeal on the village Whatsapp Group for volunteers to help rub down and paint the telephone box.

Action: CB

12. Date of next meeting

Weds 13th September at Ufford Village Hall, Ufford 7.00 pm