

Southorpe Parish Council (SPC)

**Minutes of meeting held at Barnack Village Hall at 1900 hours
on Wednesday 10th July 2024**

Councillors present:

**Peter Corder (PC)
Corinna Blackmore (CB)
Clare Peacock (CP)**

Parish Clerk:

Alison Hurford (AH)

24/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Simon Little and Carl Brown. In the absence of both Chair and Vice, PC was unanimously elected to chair the meeting.

24/14 Declaration of interest from members

There was a declaration of interest from CP in item 24/17/3 and therefore CP would not comment on this item.

24/15 Acceptance of the Minutes of the last meetings held on 8th May, the annual meeting held on 8th May and the extra ordinary meeting held on 19th June 2024

The minutes of the meetings held on 8th May were accepted as a true record. The minutes of the meeting held on 19th June were accepted with one minor amendment in that item 24/12/9 the black ink was £16.49 whereas it was recorded as £16.46.

24/16 Matters Arising

24/16/1 Footpath from Ufford Bridge along Walcot Road CB has been in contact with Peterborough City Council footpath officer as a matter of urgency. No response as yet but CB to continue to pursue.

Action: CB

24/4/3CLF funding AH/SL to continue to source a picnic bench. Irene Walsh has informed AH that there is more money available for this year. AH to research the criteria for applying and report back.

Action: SL/AH

24/17 Parish Planning

24/17/1 24/00002/REFPP proposed single story rear extension to annex – Middle Farm – Appeal declined

24/17/2 24/00002/REFLBC proposed single story rear extension to annex – Middle Farm – Appeal declined.

24/17/3 24/00800/LBC replace two dormer windows – Bottom Farmhouse. SPC had no objection to this.

24/18 Ward Update

There was no update from the Ward as no Ward meeting has been held. AH to see if any dates have been diarised. CB asked if we could request the Ward look at public footpaths and bridleways in the Ward. Recently several footpaths have been ploughed up resulting in limited access to the countryside. AH to contact Irene Walsh to request it is put on the Agenda for the next Ward meeting.

Action: AH

24/19 Finance

24/19/1 Current Finance

AH presented a bank reconciliation for both bank accounts dated 6th July 2024. These were duly checked and signed by PC and CP. £175.86 is in the current account and £3424.62. AH requested permission to transfer £1000 from the savings account to the current account to cover forthcoming expenses. This was agreed unanimously.

24/19/2 The clerk's wages were agreed unanimously by the Council.

Clerk's wages for July and August at £129.60 net per month.

24/19/3 The following clerk's expenses were agreed unanimously:

Travel 18 miles (2x9 miles) to meeting @ .45p per mile = £8.10

24/19/4 The following payment was agreed and approved:

Square Space Renewal (website hosting company)

£144.00 on 25th July 2024 Website hosting bill

At present this will be taken from AH credit card and refunded. An application for a SPC bank card is forthcoming, and in the future this will be used.

£19.20 on 13th August fee for the domain name. Again this will be taken from AH credit card and refunded.

24/19/5 The following payment was agreed :

PCVS £36.00

24/19/5 AH requested SPC appoint Renaissance Business as the External Auditor for another year at a cost of £125. It was decided to research other Auditors for a comparison and make a decision at the meeting in September.

Action: AH

CB requested permission to purchase some fireworks at the end of August for the November Firework Party. It was agreed that she would have a budget of approximately £300. AH to send CB the relevant request forms and CB to make sure that the invoice was made out to Southorpe Parish Council with AH's address in order to claim the VAT back.

Action: AH/CB

CB spoke about the phonebox and the possibility of getting gold leaf to paint the crown on the phonebox. CB to get a quote for the paint and for someone to apply it and a decision will be made at the September meeting.

Action: CB

24/20 Environmental

24/20/1 Multi Agency Meeting

CB attended the meeting on the 10th July where only Southorpe and Helpston were represented along with PCC and Anglian Water. Anglian Water have agreed to visit the villages, before the next meeting, to carry out their own survey of the drains and waterways. They have a full record of all the problems and incidents from Southorpe and they reiterated how important it is to keep a record of these.

24/21 Traffic

24/21/1 Dualling of the A47

The update meeting due to take place on the 7th July was cancelled with no notification being sent to either PC or AH. This is now scheduled to take place on 27th September and confirmation will be sent out by Galliford Try nearer the time.

24/21/2 Barnack Ward Traffic meeting

There hasn't been a meeting since the elections but dates are being sent out so hopefully this will take place in the near future.

24/21/3 Funding for VAS (vehicle Activated Sign)

AH has contacted Buckles to see if there is any other fund we could apply for but has not had a reply. AH to chase

Action: AH

24/22 Local Plan Update

To date there has been no update.

24/23 Risk Assessment

As two councillors were absent, it was decided to carry this forward to the next meeting.

24/24 Burghley Triathlon

AH has received the following email from the organisers of the Burghley Triathlon:

Hi Alison,

I just wanted to say a massive than you to everyone in Southorpe for having us last weekend.

The event was a huge success and we're in conversation with stakeholders about future editions.

I'd really appreciate you passing on my thanks at the next council meeting. I couldn't have asked for any more from the locals, what a fantastic community you have there. People were out watching, cheering and enjoying the racing, it made for a fantastic atmosphere. Interactions with our traffic management teams were all really friendly and constructive (often the delay can cause frustration and it can get heated).

I've driven the course several times since to ensure that we didn't leave anything behind.

Hopefully we will see you all again next year

Thanks again

24/25 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 11th September at Barnack Village Hall
At 7.00 pm

Weds 10th July at Barnack Village Hall, Ufford 7.00 pm