

Southorpe Parish Council (SPC)

**Minutes of meeting held at Ufford Village Hall at 1900 hours
on Wednesday 11th January 2023**

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

Parish Clerk: Alison Hurford (AH)

Also Present: Andrew Mogridge – Member of Public (AM)
Janet Mogridge – Member of Public (JM)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Victoria Haynes.

2. Declaration of interests from members

ACB declared a declaration of interest regarding agenda item 5.3 and agreed to leave the room whilst this matter was being discussed.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 9th November 2022

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9th November 2022 were approved 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 9th November 2022

4.1 Mobile Speed Camera. AH has received three quotes for this varying from £2250 to £3175 plus vat. It was agreed that the next step would be to liaise with the Fogarty Trust to see if this is something they would be able to contribute towards. VH to contact and report back at the next meeting,

Action: VH/AH

4.2 Flytipping Camera. AH to continue to correspond with Councillor Farouq.

Action: AH

5. Parish Planning Matters (at this point ACB left the meeting, 5.3 was discussed first to accommodate AM and JM)

5.3 Grange Farm Planning Applications

SL welcomed AM and JM to the meeting and advised them that he had sort guidance from PCC Monitoring Officer as to whether SPC and indeed individual Councillors were conflicted due to the fact that all Councillors had objected to their original application in 2019 in some manner or another. He had been advised by the Monitoring Officer that as these were new applications neither SPC or Councillors were conflicted with the exception of ACB who had declared an interests.

SL reiterated the point that whilst SPC appreciated AM and JM taking the time to attend the meeting SPC, as with all Parish Councils, have no powers in terms of planning matters. He also confirmed that it was not his intention to debate the applications and reach any conclusions as to whether SPC had any views or otherwise on the night.

SL then invited AM and JM to address the meeting.

AM explained that there are three Planning Applications submitted to Peterborough City Council in respect of Grange Farm.

1. 22/01678/WCPP – Variation of conditions to outdoor seating and lighting.

This application is to seek the removal of the restrictions imposed as a result of granting the original permissions given for the siting and lighting of the outdoor seating associated with the Shepherds Huts.

AM stated that the arbour benches have been in place for two years without causing a problem. They were placed there to enable guests to use a gas BBQ as using one near the shepherd huts was causing a fire risk. The lighting was from a 2 watt LED lightbulb and AM stated this can only be seen if looking directly at the arbour and not visible from the sides.

2. 22/01755/FUL – Retrospective planning permission for polytunnel

AM advised that when this was erected in January 2022, he researched the need for planning permission and there were three criteria to meet; must not be sited in a front garden, must not be more than 2.5m high and has to be more than 2m from the boundary. The polytunnel erected met all these requirements. A complaint has now been received and a PCC Planning visit made, this resulted in the need for AM and JM to apply for retrospective planning permission as this is required when siting a polytunnel in a conservation area, which Southorpe is. The polytunnel is screened by a handwoven hurdle fence.

3. 23/0001/FUL – Change of use of land to enable outdoor therapy.

JM talked the meeting through the proposed application stating that she intended to offer nature based therapy for neuro divergent children in her role as an Occupational Therapist. This would be on a 1:1 basis and no more than 3 x three hour sessions per week including Saturdays every other week. Children would be accompanied by an adult or carer. She would cater for children aged 2 – 16 years of age. There would be no equipment just using nature in the environment e.g. the orchard on the site. AM mentioned the possibility in the future of offering outdoor yoga session but limiting numbers. When questioned by PC about parking AM assured him and the Council there is plenty of parking spaces available on the site and a large expansion of what they are doing and planning to do is not something they are considering at the moment. JM stated that she was looking to offer quarterly parent group sessions. Full details of this can be found on JM's website www.wellbeingorchard.co.uk/private

JM confirmed there will be no structural development of any nature involved in connection with this application.

AM and JM confirmed the therapy business would be in addition to the Holiday Lets business which they currently run via the Cider Huts and Pea Cottage.

In summary AM stated that they have a four year track record of running the existing business with minimal impact to the village and no complaints re noise or disturbance had been received and they were confident this would continue.

After no further questions SL thanked both AM and JM for attending and AM/JM left the meeting.

ACB rejoined the meeting

- 5.1** 21/01490/HHFUL Two Hoots – still ongoing.
- 5.2** 22/01678/WCPP – Southorpe Quarry – No decision has been made by PCC on this application yet. ACB stated that three signs have now been erected along Sutton Heath Road. This has been referred to the PCC enforcement Department for comment.

6. Ward Update

- 6.1** SL has found a suitable bench for the CLF funding. AH to submit.

Action: AH

DO informed the meeting that the devolved Mayor is proposing a precept for buses, developing skills, economic growth, environment, and cultural events. To accommodate this there will need to be a referendum to increase council tax. He also discussed Fletton Quays where the offices allocated to the PCC remain empty as many staff are continuing to work from home. The next meeting of the BWG is on Wednesday 18th February. ACB agreed to represent SPC.

7. Finance Matters

In VH's absence there was no finance report. Figures will be presented at the next meeting.

8. Environmental Issues

- 8.1** SL has been in communication with Peter Lee from Sutton Parish Council and a tree is available. SL/ACB will arrange to meet with Peter at the Sutton Recreation Ground to select a suitable tree.

Action: SL/ACB

9. Traffic matters update

- 10.1** PC has chased Peter Tebb regarding the signage for the bridge to the south of the village and the 'hidden dip' sign for Gazeley Lodge, to discover that an oversight had occurred, and the signage hadn't been ordered. This has still not been fitted and PC has raised it yet again. He has now been assured that it will be fitted as soon as possible.

- 10.2** SL had an update on the A47/A1 works from Peter Lee. The initial exploratory groundwork is being done but there is still no official start date confirmed although the expectation is work will start some time this year.

10. Code of Conduct

AH attended a training session on this and it was agreed that SPC should have a Code of Conduct in force. DO to speak to Wothorpe PC to ascertain the Code of Conduct they were using and to see if we could adopt that.

Action: DO

11. Amendment to the Articles of Association for CAPALC

This was passed unanimously and AH to register the vote on the CAPALC website.

Action: AH

12. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Weds 8th March at Ufford Village Hall, Ufford

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm