

Southorpe Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Southorpe Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th November 2025
at 7.00 pm at Barnack Village Hall, Barnack

Present: Councillors Peter Corder (Chair)(PC), Corinna Blackmore (CB), Gareth Brown (GB),
Archie Dennis (AD)

Clerk: Alison Hurford

MINUTES

25/99	Apologies for Absence To receive and note apologies for absence received by the Clerk Apologies received from Clare Peacock	
25/100	Declaration of Interest To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda AD declared an interest in item 25/103.3	
25/101	Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated) To agree the minutes of the last ordinary council meeting on 17 th September 2025 – These were agreed and signed by Chairman	
25/102	Matters Arising from meeting on 102/1 Update on funding from Buckles – PC and GB have worked on an application for Traffic Calming measures (gates and planters) Clerk to submit to Buckles 102/2 Accessibility of website – Clerk to make enquiries about this 102/3 CLF Funding – PC to speak to Cllr Tighe regarding a new noticeboard 102/4 Microsoft Renewal – It was agreed to upgrade to the £84.99 package as the cheaper option has limitations which is hindering admin. Clerk to purchase the upgrade	AH GB AH AH
25/103	Planning - To receive details of planning applications and note or resolve council responses	
	103/1 25/01150/FUL Demolition of bungalow and erection of 1 and a half storey self build dwelling – Lindra, Main Street, Southorpe, PE9 3BX – approved	
	103/2 25/01070/PRIOR Land West off Sutton Heath Road Southorpe Peterborough – refused	
	103/3 25/01400/CTR Prune 1 no. apple tree on southern edge of garden - Stud Farm Main Street Southorpe – No objection. Clerk to file comment	
25/104	Ward Update 22.10.25 There was a Ward meeting held on 22.10.25 where the following topics were discussed: Local government re-organisation - The final two options have now been put forward with the north South option being the favourite. Draft Plan – see item 25/110	

	Fly Tipping – this continues to be a problem within the Ward. A plan to eradicate this will be worked on within the Ward with the help of £1000 Ward grant. Antisocial Behaviour – maybe have some signage and improved parking at Southey Woods and Highfield Road to attract more positive usage. £1000 ward grant will be used on a pilot scheme for this area of concern. Speed Restriction – Cllr Tighe to review the plan of action from the PCC and discussed further at the next meeting. Southorpe produced briefing document for latest meeting with James Collingridge.	
25/105	Finance	
	105/1 To receive and discuss finance report with bank reconciliation This was previously agreed and signed by CP. BMM Account - £1490.33 Current Account - £2802.23 Total - £4292.56	
	105/2 To receive and discuss Budget proposal for 2026/27 Clerk presented the budget figures for 2026/27 and to run the Council we require £5028. This will mean increasing the Precept to this amount. Full budget projection figures are available on the SPC website under Finance. This was agreed unanimously.	
	105/3 To agree to change Standing Order for Clerk's pay in line with tax code change. Clerk has had a change in tax code resulting in a change of net salary. Therefore it was agreed to increase the standing order to cover this.	
25/106	The following payments were authorised:	
	Barnack Parish Council Cemetery Maintenance	£300.00
	Clerk mileage for November 18 miles @ .45p a mile	£ 8.10
	Clerk's difference in pay from SO due to tax code change	£ 33.12
	Refund Clerk for Microsoft Renewal	£ 19.99
	Barnack Village Hall Invoice	£60.00
	PCVS (paid by Delegation to the Clerk on 16.10.25)	£36.00
25/107	Environmental	
	107.1 To discuss Multi Agency Meeting - An update will be given at the next Council meeting after the meeting on 19th November	
	107.2 To discuss Village Field The field has been mowed and raked and it was acknowledged that it needed to be maintained maybe a couple of times a year. There are potential Grants available from the Langdyke Trust for fencing. CB to research AD to ask a neighbour if he wants to graze his sheep on there occasionally to keep the grass short.	CB AD
	107.3 To discuss John Clare Countryside Update – CB gave an update by email that she had received supportive comms with The Langdyke Trust and The Wildlife Trust about potential for a range of nature recovery measures and is hopeful that the Wildlife Trust might have an online discussion about it in December/Jan.	

25/108	Traffic	
	108.1 To discuss speed restrictions – no update	
	108.2 To discuss Ward Initiative to slow traffic – report is going to Cllr Tighe see 25/104	
25/109	Community Matters	
	109/1 Bonfire Night – very successful. £184 was raised from the raffle Thanks for Corinna and team for the organisation.	
25/110	Local Plan Update 7 new sites have been added to the Call for Sites, several in Castor and Ailsworth. The following dates have been released: Aug/Sept 2026 – Draft Local Plan is published with 6 weeks of formal representation November 2026 – Draft Local Plan is submitted to Secretary of State July 2027 - Decision is made as to whether the Plan is sound or not sound September 2027 – Final Stage – Council adopts the Plan	
25/111	Objectives of the SPC It was decided to have a document outlining the main objectives of the Council. PC has created a draft document. This to be circulated and comments received at the next meeting.	
25/112	Change date of March meeting – the March meeting will be on Thursday 5 th March rather than the 11 th . Clerk to change the booking with Barnack.	
25/113	Date of next meeting To agree that the date of the next Parish Meeting is Wednesday 14 th January 2026 at Barnack Village Hall at 7.00 pm	