

Southorpe Parish Council

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

Present: Councillors Peter Corder (Chair) (PC), Corinna Blackmore (CB), Clare Peacock (CP), Gareth Brown (GB)

Ward Councillor Kevin Tighe (KT)

One member of the public

Clerk: Alison Hurford (AH)

MINUTES

26/01	Apologies for Absence To receive and note apologies for absence received by the Clerk Apologies received from Archie Dennis	
26/02	Declaration of Interest To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda - none received	
26/03	Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated) To agree the minutes of the last ordinary council meeting on 17 th September 2025 – agreed and signed by the Chairman	
26/04	Matters Arising from meeting on 04/01 Accessibility of website – At present the website is 59.53% accessible so therefore needs some work. Clerk to circulate log in to Councillors to see if they can improve this. Clerk to contact auditor to see what is acceptable. 04/02 CLF Funding notice board – KT responded to this and explained that the fund was for more Ward wide projects so that whole ward can benefit. Ideas to be brought to the next meeting.	AH
26/05	Planning - To receive details of planning applications and note or resolve council responses	
	05/1 25/01150/FUL Demolition of bungalow and erection of 1 and a half storey self build dwelling – Lindra, Main Street, Southorpe, PE9 3BX – approved	
	05/02 25/01400/CTR Prune 1 no. apple tree on southern edge of garden - Stud Farm Main Street Southorpe - approved	
	05/03 25/01451/HHFUL Proposed alterations and renovation of outbuilding – Grange Farm, Main Street, Southorpe – approved	
	05/04 25/01633/PRIOR Change of use to Class E(g)(iii) 'industrial process' at Building A Mill House, Wittering Ford Road, Barnack – awaiting decision	
	05/05 25/01634/PRIOR Change of use to Class E(g)(iii) 'industrial process' at Building B Mill House, Wittering Ford Road, Barnack – awaiting decision	
26/06	Ward Update Cllr Kevin Tighe introduced himself as the Barnack Ward Councillor. He is an Independent candidate.	

	He explained the local government reorganisation. This would lead to a more efficient authority but could result in a rise in Council Tax for some properties but a drop for others. The 2026 elections may be postponed. Although two by elections will still take place. Councillors raised several topics: Flytipping – this is a big problem throughout the Ward and work is continuing to try and improve this. Potholes – these all need logging. Public footpath maintenance – some villages have walkaround with PCC. KT to investigate if walk around is normal practice. Crime – seems to be on the increase around Southorpe area. Report the crime every time however small. This to be discussed at the next Ward meeting.	
26/07	Finance	
	07/1 To receive and discuss finance report with bank reconciliation BMM Account - £1639.76 Current Account - <u>£2152.38</u> Total £3792.14	
26/08	Payments – following payments were authorised:	
	Clerk's wages for January and February	£337.36
	Clerk mileage for January 18 miles @ .45p a mile	£ 8.10
	Refund Clerk for Epson Ink (6 months shared with WPC)	£ 37.54
	Refund Clerk for Microsoft Renewal	£ 84.99
	PCVS Payroll Provider Invoice Oct-Dec 2025	£ 36.00
	HMRC PAYE Direct Debit payment	£108.40
26/09	Environmental	
	09.1 To discuss Multi Agency Meeting on 19TH November There are plans to cleanse the sewers then run a camera through. Results will be presented at the next meeting on the 21st January. Modelling figures have been requested to see if the sewers/drains are sufficient. No tanker has been needed through all the recent heavy rain which is a positive. Ermine Lodge kerb upstand has not been replaced, CB to chase any outstanding issues.	CB
	09.2 Village Field Update Wildlife trust representative will visit on the 25th February. CP to attend if at all possible together with any other Councillors available. CB to contact local farmer about grazing sheep on the field to control the grass growth.	CP CB
	09.3 John Clare Countryside Update CP to attend a John Clare Countryside event on 5th February.	CP
	09.4 Flytipping There has been a lot of flytipping recently including some at the railway near the A47. This is in Sutton parish, clerk to email Sutton clerk to make sure they are aware.	
26/10	Traffic	
	10.1 To discuss Ward Initiative to slow traffic	

	KT has been working on a map of the Ward showing the speed limits and this has been presented to James Collingridge. This is to make sure all are in agreement with the speed limits set. A47 Safety Measures There is a meeting of neighbouring Councils to discuss safety measures along the A47 now that the upgrade has been cancelled. This is on the 23rd January. GB to attend if possible, and if not, comments to be sent in.	GB
	10.2 Potholes Continue to log at Peterborough City Council Fix My Street	
26/11	Community Matters	
	11.1 Community Engagement It was decided to produce a welcome leaflet to be delivered to any newcomer to the village. CP to produce and circulate for comments. CP to put a note out on village Whatsapp to make residents aware of the recent increase in crime.	CP
	11.2 Barnack Poors Society Southorpe Councillors have been invited to have a representative on this Society. To date no interest but will be discussed again at the next meeting.	
	11.3 Metal Detecting It was agreed that the parish council would not permit metal detecting activity to take place on Village Field or any other parish-owned land due to the impact on the surrounding environment. AH to reply to applicant.	
26/12	Objectives of the SPC This will be discussed fully at the next meeting. Councillors urged to review and feedback so we can move this off the agenda.	
26/13	Clerk's Qualification Clerk is to study for the CILCA qualification meaning that Southorpe will then have a qualified Clerk. Wansford Parish Council are funding this completely but Southorpe PC have agreed to Clerk having two hours out of the contracted hours a month to study. Clerk applied for a bursary to purchase the Arnold Baker book on Council Administration and was successful. This will be purchased at a price of £144 (fully paid by bursary) but Southorpe to pay postage of £5.40	
26/14	Date of next meeting - Thursday 5th March 2026 at Barnack Village Hall at 7.15 pm (Please note change of date)	

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm