

Southorpe Parish Council (SPC)

**Minutes of meeting held at Ufford Village Hall at 1900 hours
on Wednesday 13th September 2023**

Councillors present: **Simon Little (SL) Chair**
 Carl Brown (ACB)
 Peter Corder (PC)
 Victoria Haynes (VH)

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Corinna Blackmore (CB) and David Over.

2. Declaration of interests from members

No declaration of interest was received.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the last two meetings held on 12th July 2023 and 8th August 2023

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8th August were accepted and signed as a true record without amendment. The minutes from the meeting held on 12th July were also signed as a true record without amendment.

Proposed by ACB and seconded by PC.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 AH now has a contact to apply for funding from the Fogarty Trust. AH/SL to put together a request for funding in relation to an application for a new speed camera.

Action: AH/SL

4.2 SL to continue to source picnic benches and AH to submit the funding request application to PCC.

Action: SL

4.3 CB to continue to look for a metal guard for the Queens Jubilee tree.

Action: CB

4.4 The overgrown vegetation on the footpath on Walcot Road has now been cut back but the debris has been left on the footpath continuing to make it impassable. CB has been in contact with Peterborough City Council requesting that this is cleared away as soon as possible. CB to monitor and chase if necessary.

Action: CB

4.5 The village field to be maintained as and when required by kind agreement from Edward Ellwood.

4.6 Due to the Kings Coronation picnic and the fact that the summer is now all but over it has been decided that the village picnic will not be going ahead this year.

4.7 Telephone Box - CB and Mark Blackmore plus others to be asked to do the preparation work ahead of painting the telephone box and then depending on the weather and the time of year, either organise volunteers to repaint it or if it's too late this year, it will be repainted next Spring.

Action: CB

4.8 Civic Award - A nomination has been received and unanimously agreed. PC to write the submission and AH to submit.

Action: CB/AH

5. Parish Planning

5.1 23/00286/LBC Middle Farm Discharge of Condition C4 (biodiversity), C6 (drainage system), C8 (details of windows, doors and rooflights) and C9 (construction methodology of plan) – No comment

5.2 23/00658/LBC Middle Farm proposed stable block and menage – No update

5.3 23/00829/FUL – Erection of solar farm, landscaping and associated infrastructure – No comment

5.4 23/01082/LBC Middle Farm – Replacement roof finish on annexe – No objection

5.5 23/00996/LBC Bottom Farm House – Replace existing fence with stone wall, replacement dormer windows and internal alterations to property – SPC in support of this application and agree it will enhance the property which is one of only four properties in the village which is listed.

Action: AH to make appropriate comment in support on the PCC Planning Portal

6. Ward Update

The next Barnack ward meeting is on 4th October. SL and PC to attend.

Action: SL/PC

7. Finance Report

7.1

Reserve Account:

Balance at 17 May 2023	£1,588.75
Interest	£11.87
Balance at 12 September 2023	<u>£1,600.62</u>

Business Current Account:

Balance at 17 May 2023	£2,707.29
C Blackmore Expenses Coronation Picnic	-£127.94
Barnack Parish Council burial grounds maintenance	-£300.00
Bank Charges	-£32.00
V Haynes Squarespace renewal (website hosting)	-£201.60
C Blackmore Fireworks	-£329.99

Ufford Village Hall rental	-£120.00
Community Heartbeat Defibrillator	-£162.00
Capalc Membership	-£154.74
PCVS Payroll Service	-£36.00
Clerk Net Paye & PAYE (May, June, July, Aug)	-£668.40
Clerk Expenses	-£86.09
	£488.53

Assets

Playing Field	£40,000.00
Defibrillator	£2,137.00
Speed Monitor	£2,966.88
Phone Box	£500.00
Computer	£246.10
Printer	£64.99
Miscellaneous Items	<u>£1.00</u>
	£45,915.97

7.2 Payment of £196.00 for Zurich Insurance renewal was agreed.

Action: VH

7.3 VH and AH to liaise and organise a date for the finance handover to AH.

Action: VH/AH

8. Environmental Report

It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting the possibility of some funding from the John Clare Project.

The recent smell from the slurry spreading on the local fields around Ufford was discussed and whilst there is complete acceptance that this is a legitimate form of nutrients all agreed that the strength of the odour omitted this year was quiet overbearing and many in the village had complained about it. It would have been helpful if the farmer had given prior notice to the Clerk so we could have advised all residents.

9. Traffic Report

9.1 i. A47 Dualling - PC to attend the next update meeting hosted by Galliford Try on September 21st at Sacrewell Farm and will reinforce the Council's wish that the speed limit from the new roundabout on the A47 into Southorpe be reduced from 60 mph to 50mph or even 40 mph and the signage strengthened to reflect the 7.5ton weight limit on the road i.e. the old railway bridge as you approach the village. SPC continues to have concerns that speeding, traffic volumes and the fact that Sutton Heath Road and Main Street, Southorpe will be used as a "rat-run" through the village once the work on the A47 commences. This is likely to be exacerbated once the new housing estate on the old Cummins site near Burghley House is built.

ii. Funding for Southorpe Enhancement see 9.3 below.

9.2 SL and PC attended the Barnack Ward traffic meeting hosted by Adrian Chapman and James Colledge from Peterborough City Council. It was felt to be a very positive and constructive meeting. There was support to review the speed limits throughout the villages to help reduce and manage speeding. The next meeting to develop these conversations will be held on 19th October and SL and ACB will attend on behalf of SPC.

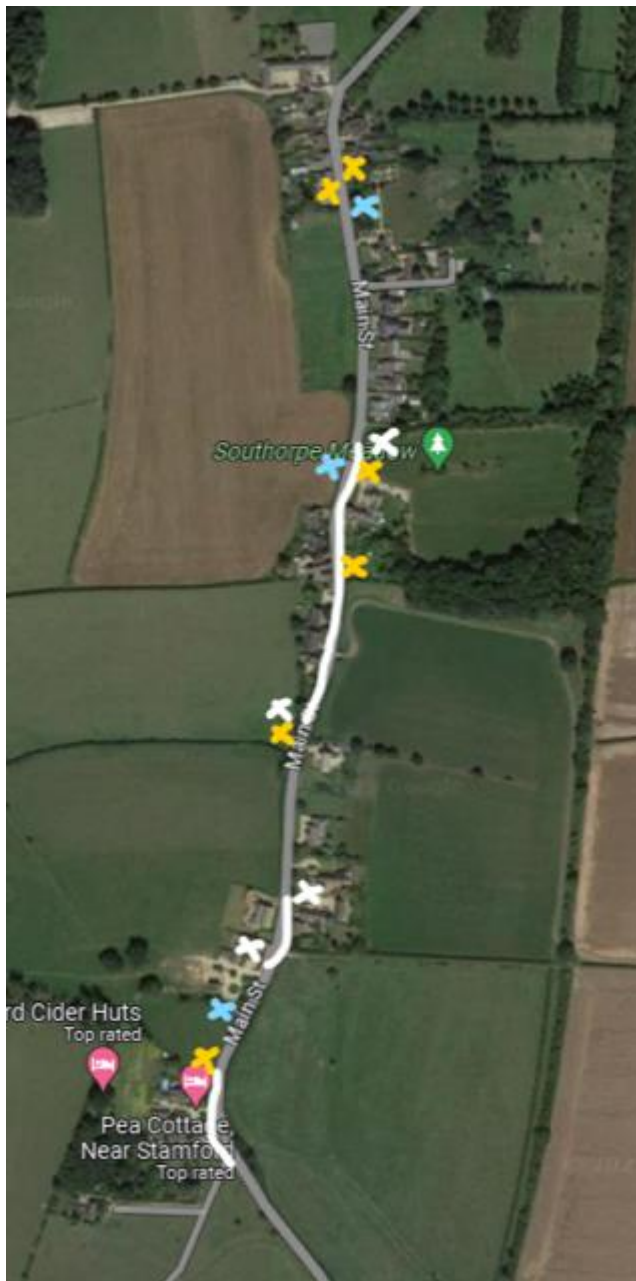
9.3 Peter Tebb from PCC Highways visited Southorpe on Thursday 7th September and meet with PC, ACB and SL to consider and discuss options for further slowing traffic through the village. Peter Tebb has since submitted some proposals for consideration. VH expressed some concern that the additional signage and road markings might not be agreeable to some residents and indeed be an eye sore and potentially invasive. It was therefore agreed that before any decisions are taken we would consult Southorpe residents for their views and opinions on the proposals.

A message will be placed on the village WhatsApp group encouraging residents to look at the Minutes and familiarise themselves with the proposals. Any comments can then be sent to the Clerk on southorpeclerk@hotmail.co.uk and any comments received would be discussed at the next Council meeting.

The proposed suggestions are as follows:

1. 12 x additional 20mph signs
2. 4 x 20mph roundels
3. 1000m of white edge line to support the roundels and endorse the 20mph speed limit through the village

The following map of Main Street Southorpe shows where the proposed signage would be located.



Key:

The yellow crosses - existing posts where 20mph repeater signs could be added,
 blue crosses - existing 20mph repeaters
 White Crosses - possible locations for 20mph roundels
 White line - sections to consider edge marking

10. Local Plan

SL thanked PC for his comments to his draft response to PCC's Local Plan Questionnaire. SL committed to updating his draft and sending it around to all Councillors for any further thoughts. If there are no further comments received from other Councillors by Friday 22 September, it was agreed that SL and AH would finalise the SPC response and submit this to PCC prior to the closing date for submissions for Parish Councils which is 29 September. SL thanked AH for raising awareness on the village WhatsApp Group to encourage residents to review and comment on the Local Plan proposals.

Action: SL/AH

11. Registration of defibrillator

AH to register the defibrillator on the www.thecircuit.uk This is a national website which posts locations of all registered defibrillators.

Action: AH

12. Gift Register

The following Councillors received Burghley Horse Trial tickets and these to be listed on the Gift Register on the Council website:

Corinna Blackmore
Peter Corder
Victoria Haynes
Simon Little

Action: AH

13. Any other business

SL reported that he had been approached by Brian Palmer of the local branch of the Royal British Legion to ask if anyone would like to attend the Remembrance Day service at Barnack War Memorial and read out the names of the Southorpe residents and soldiers who lost their lives in both the world wars at the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 12th November. ACB volunteered to do this.

It was suggested that we could have our own memorial somewhere in the village in future years and this to be discussed at a future meeting together with perhaps a plaque listing all the names of those who lost their lives.

Action: ACB

14. Date of next meeting:

Weds 8th November at Ufford Village Hall, Ufford 7.00 pm

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm