

Southorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 17th September 2025 at
Barnack Cricket Pavilion at 7.00 pm

Present: Peter Corder (PC), Corinna Blackmore (CB), Clare Peacock (CP), Gareth Brown (GB) Archie Dennis (AD)

Clerk: Alison Hurford

25/80	Apologies for Absence There were no apologies for absence.	
25/81	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 25/85.1 GB declared an interest in Item 25/85.2	
25/82	Co-option of new Councillor – Archie Dennis was co opted unanimously onto the Council.	
25/83	Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated) To agree and sign the minutes of the last ordinary council meeting on Wednesday 16 th July 2025 – Minutes were signed by the Chairman	
25/84	Matters Arising from meeting on 16th July 2025 84.1 Banking Update – Clare is now on the banking mandate and can authorise payments	
25/85	Planning - To receive details of planning applications and note or resolve council responses	
	85.1 25/01070/PRIOR Proposed Grain store - Land West Of Sutton Heath Road Southorpe Peterborough - no objection in principle but would like a guarantee that it will be used solely for agricultural use. AD left the room for the discussion 85.2 25/01150/FUL Demolition of a bungalow and erection of a 1 and half storey self build dwelling – Lindra, Main Street, Southorpe, PE9 3BX – GB left the room for the discussion. The Council has no comment on this application 85.4 25/00890/CTR Laburnum Fell - Rosemead Cottage Main Street Southorpe Stamford PE9 3BX - Permitted 85.5 25/00642/CTR T.1 Laburnum and T.3 Cedar (Norway Spruce) Remove - Grange Farm Cottages Main Street Southorpe Stamford PE9 3BX - Permitted 85.6 25/00631/HHFUL Proposed extension and alterations to existing dwelling, and extended patio to suit -Brooke House Main Street Southorpe Stamford PE9 3BX - Permitted	
25/86	Ward Update – No Ward councillor present so no Ward update directly from the Ward Councillor but PC met with Cllr Tighe recently. His main concern within the Ward is Traffic and Roads plus fly tipping. As yet no date has been	

	set for the next Ward meeting but this is due to happen at the end of September or early October. Clerk to chase this.	
	CLF Funding is available again, Clerk to research the price of noticeboard with a view to maybe making a claim for this.	
25/87	Finance	
	87.1 To receive and discuss finance report with bank reconciliation – this was received and approved. Signed by CP As at 20 th August following balances stood: BMM Savings Account: £1484.45 Current Account: £942.97 Total: £2427.42 The precept has since arrived in the account, this will show on the next reconciliation	
	87.2 To receive and discuss current finance situation compared to Budget – this was discussed.	
	87.3 To receive and discuss Clerk's pay increase in line with national agreement – it was agreed to increase the Clerk's pay and pay back pay from April. Wansford Parish Council are willing to contribute to the cost of the Clerk gaining a recognised qualification (CILCA) and it was discussed as to whether Southorpe would be willing to contribute too. Clerk to find out the exact cost and report back to the next meeting.	
	87.4 To receive and sign Letter of Engagement for Auditor for 25/26 – this was received and signed appointing Renaissance Business Services as internal auditors	
	87.5 To discuss banking limits and amend if deemed necessary currently £1000 increase to £3000 – this was discussed and decided to leave at £1000	
25/88	Payments – all following payments were authorised:	
	Clerks wages for September and October £140.08 x 2	£280.16
	Clerk's back pay from April	£ 26.52
	Clerk mileage for September 18 miles @ .45p a mile	£ 8.10
	Refund Clerk for website hosting Inv from Squarespace	£172.80
	Refund Clerk for domain hosting Inv from Squarespace	£ 19.20
	Cloud Next hosting of .gov.uk	£ 59.98
	Cloud Next .gov.uk domain	£ 60.00
	Zurich insurance renewal -30.09.25	£214.00
	Community Heartbeat Inv	£162.00
	Firework International retrospective payment (budget agreed at July meeting)	£361.50
25/89	Environmental	
	89.1 To discuss Multi Agency Group Meeting Update Meeting 17 th September – there are still a couple of issues outstanding but these are being sorted out. CB to follow up on this.	CB
	89.2 Village Field -After a long discussion it was agreed to work with Langdyke Trust and the Wildlife Trust to get advice.	CB

	89.3 Bonfire Night – guidelines for the type of material that can be put on the bonfire to be posted on website and village whatsapp group – note out to save the date. CB to action this.	CB
	89.4 To discuss John Clare Countryside Update Local Nature recovery strategy – CP went to the cluster meeting, field was discussed and some nature recovery ideas. Langdyke Trust were approached and waiting for their feedback. Might need working parties to help. Local recover strategy survey, supported the objective and highlighted the field and could be a site for biodiversity enhancement. See also 89.2	CP
	89.5 Update on Wildlife Trust’s signage at the Meadow Closed July and August as they had done the grass cutting and needed it to settle then a no dogs sign appeared. Wildlife Trust have been contacted and the area is a small area and is very sensitive to small pressures, dog fouling will affect and disturb wildlife from the ground.	CP
25/90	Traffic	
	90.1 To discuss speed restrictions – signs have been cleaned. Weight restriction sign is wrong; GB is in communication with PCC to get the right one. Data will be collected from the VAS to get some comparison as to whether the speed cameras are working. Clerk to contact Buckles to see if there is any more funds available which could be used to maybe purchase some additional speed restrictions such as village gates, flower boxes etc	GB AH
	90.2 To discuss A47 safety working party. Councillors from Wansford and Sutton plus the local MP Sam Carling have created a working party to look at alternative ways to make the A47 safer in view of the cancellation of the dualling. If any one has any ideas, then please email to the Clerk who will pass them on.	AH
	90.3 To discuss Barnack Ward Traffic Group – could be reinstated but as yet no date for another meeting.	GB
	90.4 To discuss VAS installation – posts and speed signs are now in place.	GB
25/91	Parish Liaison Meeting PC to attend on 23 rd September	
25/92	Local Plan Update –Nov/Dec Local Plan will be published followed by a six week period when formal representations can be made. March 2026 – PCC submits the Local Plan to Secretary of State together with any representations from the six week period of formal representation. April-October 2026 Planning Inspector reviews all representations and the Local Plan November 2026 – Inspector will determine whether Local Plan is “sound” or “not sound” December 2026 – PCC adopt Local Plan and then make relevant planning decisions based on the Plan	
25/93	Local Government Reorganisation – SPC responded to the survey	
25/94	Augean Fund – potential new website. A new website is not one of the criterias for the Augean Fund. The website needs to be accessible to all in line with the new Assertion 10 ruling. GB to look into this.	GB

25/95	To adopt Equality & Diversity Statement, Safeguarding Statement and IT - All unanimously agreed to adopt all of these policies	AH
25/96	Councillors' roles and responsibilities – it was agreed that the roles and responsibilities would remain the same and be reviewed at the Annual Meeting	
25/97	Inspections for Risk Assessment Field: PC/CP VAS: GB Defib: CB Clerk to send out the Risk Assessment again and Councillors to record their inspections.	
25/98	Date of next meeting To agree that the date of the next Parish Meeting is Wednesday 12 th November at 7.00 pm at Barnack Village Hall.	