Southorpe Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Southorpe Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 7.00 pm at Barnack Village Hall

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

Clerk: Alison Hurford (AH)

MINUTES

26/57 Apologies for Absence

To receive and note apologies for absence received by the Clerk.
Apologies received from Ward Councillor Tighe

26/58 Declaration of Interest

To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the Agenda – GB declared an interest in item 26/62.5 and will not comment on this.

26/59 Public Participation

No members of the public present.

26/60 Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated)

To agree the minutes of the last ordinary council meeting held on 22nd July 2026 are a true record. The minutes of the meeting were amended to include Clerk's wages for June, then signed by PC as a true record.

26/61 Matters Arising from Minutes dated 22nd July 2026

61.1 New Website – Hugo Fox Update. The website is now up and running. Clerk and CP to spend some time familiarizing themselves with the new site.

61.2 Potential Neighbourhood Plan – not going forward as will cost in the region of £15,000 and no funds are available for this.

26/62 Planning – to receive details of planning applications and note or resolve council responses

62.1 26/002301/HHFUL & LBC Midstone House - Erection of single-storey extension and erection of a 1 and a half storey detached garage, internal alterations to ground floor of main property and associated landscaping – permitted

62.2 26/0002484/HHFUL 2 Southorpe Terrace, Ufford – proposed car port, fence and gate, porch, parapet additions, render treatment and façade and fenestration works - permitted

62.3 25/00125/FUL change of use of agricultural hard standing for siting of 18 self storage containers – Appeal refused and containers need to be taken away unless being used by the farm or they are empty.

62.4 26/002749/HHFUL Proposed single storey rear extension - 2 Middle Farm Cottage, Main Street, Southorpe – Clerk to record a no comment response to Peterborough City Council (PCC)

62.5 26/002803/WCPP – Variation of condition C2 (approved plans) of planning permission – Lindra, Main Street, Southorpe – Clerk to record a no comment response to Peterborough City Council (PCC)

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26/63 Administration

63.1 Risk Assessment for Firework Display – Clerk to continue with preparing this and will send to CB before the event to be signed off.

26/64 Ward Update

64.1 Ward/Police Meeting 30th July – no one attended

64.2 Local Plan Update – Local Plan has been called in and referred to the Scrutiny Committee

26/65 Finance

65.1 To receive and discuss finance report with bank reconciliation. CP has checked this and signed as correct. This can be found on the website under Finance.

65.2 To discuss budget monitoring. Clerk presented a budget update. This can be found on the website under Finance

26/66 Payments – the following payments were authorised:

Clerk's wages for September and October (new salary £150.70)	£301.40
Clerk's back pay from April due to pay increase	£ 24.00
Clerk's mileage for September meeting 18 miles @ .50p per mile	£ 9.00
Invoice from Cloud Next for hosting of .gov.uk	£ 59.98
Invoice from Zurich Insurance renewal	£ 214.00
Refund Clerk for Square space domain	£ 19.20
Hugo Fox website set up	£238.80
Retrospective payments:	
Hugo Fox Annual hosting fee Bronze package – July Minutes	£143.86
Fireworks International – July Minutes	£420.00

26/67 Environmental

67.1 To discuss Multi Agency Meeting – no meeting until October

67.2 Minerals and Waste Local Plan – await until the results of the call for sites

67.3 John Clare Countryside meeting 24th August 2026 – presentation on updates. There are some new high profile trustees, plus Riverford and the National Trust are new partners. More details can be found on the John Clare countryside website www.johnclarecountryside.org.uk

26/68 Traffic

68.1 To discuss update on Tarmac Social donations - working group has cleared the pathway near Walcot Terrace. Awaiting the new noticeboard. PC to chase.

68.2 To discuss Local Traffic Improvement Funding Scheme – on hold until a final decision has been made as to the most effective way of reducing speeding.

68.3 To discuss questionnaire – there were 20 responses to the questionnaire with 15 in favour of some sort of speeding reduction initiative. Clerk to contact Barnack PCC to see what effect the speedwatch campaign had. Clerk to investigate using the services of a road safety auditor.

26/69 Community Matters

69.1 Village Working Group – 35 saplings are due to arrive in November from the Woodland Trust and the date of their arrival will dictate the working group meeting in November.

69.2 Village Picnic Report – great success and a very enjoyable afternoon and evening. Thanks to everyone attending and to CB for organising.

69.3 Report from Barnack Poors Charity Meeting on 7th July – attended by AD.

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69.4 Defibrillator support package – AH to chase for a new battery and first aid kit as this is overdue.

69.5 Village firework display – Risk Assessment will be in place. CB to put on whatsapp group two weekends before to drop stuff at the field for the bonfire

69.6 Village Field Update – CP to keep liaising with the Langdyke Trust for advice on the village field.

26/70 Report on Community Emergency Plan meeting – AH attended a TEAMS meeting but no representative from Lincs CC so didn't move forward. Clerk to ask Richard Joy if he would be interested in preparing an emergency plan just for Southorpe.

26/71 Local Government Reorganisation - on hold

26/72 Matters For Future Discussion – no items

26/73 Date of Next Meeting

To agree the date of the next Parish Council Meeting on 11th November 2026 at Barnack Village Hall at 7 pm

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

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