

Southorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th March 2025

At Barnack Village Hall at 7.15pm

Present: Carl Brown (ACB), Peter Corder (PC), Corrina Blackmore (CB), Gareth Brown (GB)

Clerk: Alison Hurford

25/21	To appoint a Chairman for the meeting ACB appointed Chairman for the meeting. ACB served his Notice of Resignation as a Councillor from 31 st March 2025 Southorpe Parish Council would like to thank Carl for all his hard work during his time as a Councillor	
25/22	Apologies for Absence To receive and note apologies for absence received by the Clerk Apologies received from Claire Peacock (CP)	
25/23	Declaration of Interest To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda - none	
25/24	Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated) To agree the minutes of the last ordinary council meeting on 8 th January 2025 The Minutes were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman	
25/25	Matters Arising from meeting on 8th January 25.1 Augean Funding – application still not open for 2025. AH to monitor 25.2 Horse Riders through village in progress. There is a considerable amount of mud on the road and the verges are getting damaged in the village. The situation will be monitored, and GB to contact PCC highways 25.3 Council Contact Information – AH has contacted relevant organisations. Parish magazine is still incorrect. AH to contact them again. 25.4 .GOV.UK website is now all up and running under .gov.uk and all emails working	AH GB AH
25/26	Planning - To receive details of planning applications and note or resolve council responses	
	26.1 25/00182/WCPP Proposal: Variation of condition C6 (occupation of dwelling) pursuant to planning permission 23/00809/WCPP Site address: Southorpe Quarry Main Street Southorpe – Council has no objection to this application	

	26.2 25/00125/FUL Change of use of agricultural hardstanding for the siting of 18 self storage containers Site address: Land West Of Main Street Southorpe Peterborough Objection due to lack of information at present on opening times, traffic, lighting and security at night. If more information available Council may have a different decision. Concur with conservation officer. Clerk to send in comments to Planning Portal. 25.3 25/00228/CTR - T1 - Rowan - Prune over-hanging branches, T2 - Rowan - Fell, T3 - Rowan - Fell, T4 - Rowan – Fell - Barnack Bowls Club Walcot Road Barnack (within Barnack Conservation area) – No objections 25.4 24/01567/FUL - Change of use of agricultural land to dog walking paddocks including formation of gravel car parking area, fencing and landscaping - Land To The East Of Wittering Ford Road Barnack Stamford – No objections 25.5 To receive and note any new applications arriving after the agenda issued and discuss as appropriate – none received.	
25/27	Ward Update	
	27.01 No report as Councillor Irene Ward not present. Subsequent to the meeting Councillor has now resigned and a by-election will be held on 1st May. ACB to attend the Ward meeting on 20th March. Update since meeting: This has now been postponed.	
25/28	Finance	
	28.01 To receive and discuss finance report with bank reconciliation All agreed and bank reconciliation published on Finance on website. CP to sign this on her return. Current account £842.41, BMM account £1478.15	CP
	28.02 To discuss Ink share with Wansford Parish Council Agreed that SPC will pay for 6 months ink share with Wansford paying for the other 6 months. AH to invoice SPC in December.	AH
25/29	All following payments agreed:	
	29.01 Clerk mileage for March 18 miles @ .45p a mile	£ 8.10
	29.02 Clerk wages for March and April @ £135.56	£271.12
	29.03 Clerk withdraw her expenses for ink subscription in light of 28.02 above	
	29.04 Pay Barnack Village Hall Rental	£ 70.00
	29.05 Pay PCVS Jan/Feb/March	£ 36.00
	29.06 Pay CAPALC/NALC membership £210.54 with DPO Membership or £160.54 without – it was decided to not pay the DPO membership	£160.54
25/30	Environmental	
	30.1 To discuss Multi Agency Group (MAG) Meeting held on 29th January Good progress is being made in addressing the drainage and sewer issues in the village. Anglian Water are still to camera the sewer line to check integrity and provide details of sewer capacity.	

	Since the MAG meeting, the PCC Drainage Team have been very active assessing and cleansing the village's highway gullies and drains. They have also agreed with the landowner to clear the ditch near Brooke House, carry out some remedial work to the piped ditch nearby to improve drainage and undertake some investigative work around the village pond to try and ascertain water flow pathways. Next meeting 19th March which CB will attend. AH has received an email from a resident commenting that surface water on the road was splashing the front of a house and causing staining. AH send on email to Highways department. It has been suggested that a Dog Waste Bin could be placed in the village – monitor the situation to see if it is needed.	
	30.2 To discuss Carbon Neutral Training and Net Zero correspondence from PCC - deferred to next meeting	
	30.3 To discuss John Clare Countryside Update CP attended the John Clare Countryside Cluster meeting in Maxey, and it was useful to connect with others and hear about the initiatives going on in surrounding villages and also hear how they are going about getting funding. Another meeting is planned in the next couple of months. Any information will be shared on the village Whatsapp. Laura from BCN would like to visit Southorpe in early April to have a look around and possibly reflect on the Nature Recovery Plan and the old field report.	
25/31	Traffic	
	31.1 To discuss speed restrictions GB spoke with National Highways East with regard to speeding and concerns that more cars will come through the village during any closures on the A47/A1. Temporary signs could potentially be put up if there is a closure advising motorist especially HGV's that it is not a suitable route. GB to chase.	GB
	31.2 To discuss VAS purchase with funding from Hopkins Charitable Trust & speed data. VAS have been purchased and Peter Tebb has been contacted with details but no reply as yet.	
	31.3 To discuss Barnack Ward Traffic Group Nothing to report. No meetings have been held recently.	
	31.4 Pot hole reporting – some have been fixed, some have not. Report all potholes through Fix my Street. Remind people on village whatsapp.	GB
	31.5 Traffic to do list & potential Lotto funding Speedwatch – GB to investigate if anyone is interested in volunteering to do this. Could lotto funding be applied for to help with any traffic management? It was decided to focus on the current traffic issues at present.	GB
25/32	Parish Liaison Meeting Nothing to report	
25/33	Local Plan – to discuss latest call for site applications	

	Draft Local Plan will be discussed at the Ward meeting on 20 th March. Southorpe not affected as yet and has no Sites mentioned in the Plan. Public Consultation will commence in April. Update: Meeting has been postponed.	
25/34	Risk Assessment – to discuss implementing a Risk Assessment for the Council in line with audit requirements All components were accepted and Clerk to pull together into one document including Financial Risk Assessment (Agenda item 25/25)	AH
25/35	Financial Risk Assessment See item 25/24	
25/36	Village Tribune Welcome Page Clerk to contact the Village Tribune and ask them to put a link to the website rather than a full Welcome page.	
25/37	80th Anniversary of VE Day Nothing planned. AH to contact Barnack to see if they are organizing anything	AH
25/38	Date of next meeting To agree that the date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Wednesday 14 th May at Barnack Village Hall at 7.45 pm Southorpe Parish Council Annual Meeting at 7.15 pm Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 pm	

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm