

Southorpe Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Southorpe Parish Council held on Wednesday 22nd July 2026 at Barnack Village Hall

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

Clerk: Alison Hurford

MINUTES

26/43 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received by Ward Councillor Kevin Tighe and Cllr Archie Dennis

26/44 Declaration of Interest

To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the Agenda - none

26/45 Public Participation

No public in attendance

26/46 Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated)

The minutes of the last ordinary council meeting held on 6th May 2026 were signed as a true record. Minutes were signed by the Chairman

26/47 Matters Arising from Minutes dated 6th May 2026

47.1 New Website – Hugo Fox Update

The new website is nearer completion and should be live by the time the subscription with Square Space expires.

It was agreed to pay the £199 plus vat invoice for the website construction when it is sent as there is no meeting until September and then set up a standing order for £9.99 plus vat a month thereafter. Agree unanimously.

47.2 Update on new bins for Main Street, Southorpe. After a suggestion from a member of the public at the Annual meeting of the council, SPC decided to monitor the situation and see if there is a need.

26/48 Planning – to receive details of planning applications and note or resolve council responses

48.1 26/002301/HHFUL & LBC 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 – comments submitted

48.2 26/002484/HHFUL 2 Southorpe Terrace, Ufford – proposed car port, fence and gate, porch, parapet additions, render treatment and façade and fenestration works – no comment

48.3 25/00125/FUL change of use of agricultural hard standing for siting of 18 self storage containers – Appeal refused

26/49 Administration

49.1 To adopt the following policies in line with audit requirements:

Data Protection Policy - adopted unanimously

49.2 To adopt the new mileage allowance of 50p per mile in line with Government allowances - adopted

26/50 Ward Update

Cllr Tighe was not present but sent the following comments via email:

1. The City Council's last round of consultation on the local plan will start in September. It will be worth the Parish preparing to receive the draft and to make

comments. The City Council has until the end of December to submit to central government. This is an unmovable deadline.

2. The Local government review that was due to be announced last week happened for 36 out of the 38 County's being considered. Cambs was one of the two being given further consideration.

50.1 Ward Meeting: There is a joint meeting with the local police on Wednesday 30th July at Barnack Village Hall at 7.30 – 8.30 pm. All welcome to attend and no appointment is necessary.

26/51 Finance

51.1 The finance report with bank reconciliation was agreed and is published on the website under Finance

Current Account: £1135.36

BMM Account: £9514

51.2 To discuss over payment of Clerk's salary and subsequent refund from Clerk. As Clerk's hours have reduced the SO needed to be changed but wasn't changed in time for the June payment therefore Clerk was overpaid by £22.78 which Clerk has subsequently repaid into the current account. Standing Order is now correct.

26/52 Payments – following payments were authorised:

Clerk's wages for July	£145.90
Clerk's mileage for July meeting 18 miles @ .50p per mile	£ 9.00
Invoice from Barnack Village Hall	£ 60.00
Barnack Parish Council Cemetery Maintenance Invoice	£300.00
PCVS Payroll Provider	£ 36.00

26/53 Environmental

53.1 To discuss Multi Agency Meeting

The Meadows continues to have problems after heavy rain. CB will attend a meeting to discuss further.

Action CB

CB and CP will attend the John Clare countryside meeting/update 24th August 6.30-8.00 at Sacrewell Farm.

Action: CB/CP

26/54 Traffic

54.1 To discuss Tarmac Social Value meeting and donations

The new noticeboard has been ordered and will hopefully be installed by TARMAC over the next few weeks. There was an eight week delivery time after ordering. The footpath from Ufford Bridge up to Southorpe Terrace to be upgraded. PC to liaise with TARMAC about this.

Action: PC

Speeding continues to be a problem in the village and it was agreed to investigate a range of traffic calming measures. Residents to be consulted on their views.

Action: PC/GB

54.2 To discuss Local Highways Improvement Funding Scheme

The new dates for 26/27 are not on the website yet. Any donation requires a 10% parish council contribution. This to be investigated once the results of the public consultation are reviewed.

26/55 Community Matters

55.1 Village Working Group – 12th or 26th September.

It was decided to delay this until the free hedges arrived from the Woodland Trust (early November) and hopefully get volunteers then to plant them and tidy the village field and any other areas in the village requiring attention.

55.2 Village Picnic Date – the date for this was set as 16th August

55.3 Report from Barnack Poors Charity Meeting on 7th July – AD not present so no report. Will be added to the September agenda

55.4 fireworks – 5th November - £350.00 budget was agreed for CB to purchase fireworks.

Items for future consideration:

PC questioned whether Southorpe could benefit from producing a Neighbourhood plan; it may be over the top for our village size but all to review this and report back at the September meeting.

Action: All

PC has been briefed on a meeting to explore the possible preparation of a Community Emergency Plan for Southorpe. This has been initiated by Lincs County Council. PC to review Cambridgeshire's approach/position on this first and report back at the next parish council meeting.

Action: PC

26/56 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on the 9th September 2026 at Barnack Village Hall at 7 pm