

Southorpe Parish Council (SPC)

**Minutes of meeting held at Ufford Village Hall at 1900 hours
on Wednesday 9th November 2022**

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

Parish Clerk: Alison Hurford (AH)

Also Present: Sam Falco - Principle Planning and Conservation Officer
at Peterborough City Council (SF)
Adrian Billing – Member of Public (AB)
Claire Peacock – Member of Public (CP)

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence

2. Declaration of interests from members

Nil

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st September 2022

The minutes of the last meeting held on 21st September 2022 were approved as a true record without amendment and signed by the Chairman (proposed by ACB and seconded by PC).

4. Matters arising from the meeting on 21st September 2022

There were no matters arising.

5. Sam Falco – Principle Conservation Officer for Peterborough City Council

SL welcomed Sam to the meeting. Sam introduced himself and gave an outline of his current role within Peterborough City Council Planning Department. He confirmed that a Southorpe Conservation Area Appraisal Report and Management Plan was completed in 2017 so is up to date. SF then answered the following questions:

ACB: If an application for a new house was submitted, would the application be approved?

SF: As long as it didn't detract from the conservation of the village, it could be approved. He further explained that Southorpe has four village envelopes all off Main Street; Stud Farm, Middle Farm, Hall Farm and between The Meadows and Rosemead. Any application outside of those areas is much harder to get approved.

SL: Do we need a neighbourhood plan?

SF: It is useful to have one in place as it puts forward the views of the village and has to be considered in any planning application.

VH: Can we protect the surrounding countryside from being built on?

SF: To a certain extent

PC: Would small villages like Southorpe be the last to be developed?

SF: As Conservation Officer, he would object but it may happen one day

SL: Would permission be granted for offices in gardens for people wishing to work from home?

SF: If it is in the garden of a listed building it would need planning permission, but an unlisted building could have one as long as it was within the size and regulations whereby planning permission was not required. Otherwise planning permission would be needed.

PC: If a field owner were to apply for planning permission for a solar or wind farm, would that be approved?

SF: It would always be considered as renewable energy becomes more acceptable, and heritage issues would then take a back seat.

ACB: Does the Council try to preserve stone walls within villages?

SF: Stone walls over 1 metre in height cannot be demolished, below 1 metre they can be removed. Although every effort would be made to retain stone walls. All stone walls within the curtilage of a listed building are protected.

Solar Panels were discussed. These could be on a listed building as long as they weren't visible. No restrictions on non listed buildings. There is an Article 4 direction that could stop solar panels in a conservation village.

AB: Could the wattle fence be removed from outside Bottom Farm House?

SF: As it is a listed building, you will need consent but very likely to be supported as long as the replacement is sympathetic with the village. This was also the case for replacing the roof tiles.

SL thanked SF for taking the time to attend the meeting and SF left the meeting.

6. Ward Update

SL/CB reported on the recent meeting where Charlotte Palmer, Head of Highways was in attendance. The issue of traffic through Southorpe from the new Burghley development off Barnack Road was raised. Although this development comes under South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) Peterborough City Council were consulted. Traffic was considered as part of the consultation process and this can be viewed on the SKDC website, planning application s20/2056 where it is stated that the traffic

from the new estate is forecast to be less than when the Cummins factory was in operation.

SPC will be consulted on diversion plans before the proposed work commences on the A1/A47 in March 2023, although a formal final decision on this work has not been made yet. This should happen in January 2023.

The possibility of having a 50 mph speed limit between villages was discussed. This was to be looked at and a range of options investigated. There is soon to be a working group at PCC to address speeding in rural areas and issues arising will be raised with the Leader of the Council.

It was reported that although village envelopes were in place for Helpston, these were moved to encompass the proposed new housing estate to the North of Broadwheel Road. PCC can enforce such changes without consultation with Parish Councils or residents.

7. Finance matters

VH presented the following finance report:

Community Account

Balance as 20 th September	£2769.96
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Outgoings

Clerk's payroll (August and September)	220.80
PAYE	27.60
Clerk's expenses	9.00
Fireworks	285.00
Insurance	196.00
PCVS Payroll Provider	36.00
Gate Lock	14.99
Bank charges	<u>16.00</u>

Balance as at 8 th November 2022	£1964.57
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Reserve Account

Balance as at 21 st September 2022	£1583.38
Interest	<u>0.00</u>

Balance as at 8 th November 2022	£1583.38
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7.2 At the recent Barnack Ward Meeting SPC had secured £200 to buy a bench for the village field. SL to research this.

Action: SL

7.3 CB suggested that we could ask the Fogarty Trust to help with the purchase of an additional mobile speed camera for the village. AH to research the cost of this and report back.

Action: AH

7.4 SL/VH met to discuss the precept for the next year. At the present rate there will be a shortfall against expenditure. Therefore it was proposed to raise the precept by 20% from April 2023. This equates to less than a £1 per month for the majority of households. SPC welcome comments from residents on this proposal before December 31st 2022 as this will be finalised in January.

8. Parish Planning matters

ACB presented the following updates on planning matters:

8.1 22/01466/CTR – Application for Birch Tree Fell at The Tent, Main Street, Southorpe. A comment was submitted to PCC website to say SPC had no objection to this application.

8.2 21/01490/HHFUL – Two Hoots. All paperwork for appeal has been submitted by the applicant and is awaiting an outcome from the Planning Inspectorate.

8.3 22/01327/FUL - Application for Construction of a dwelling for permanent rural worker, Southorpe Quarry Farm, Main Street, Southorpe. This was discussed at length and an objection has been submitted to the PCC. Full details of which can be found on the PCC website planning portal.

9. Environmental issues

CB presented the following environmental updates:

9.1 SPC is aware that work is planned to rejuvenate Walcott Estate's Rams Pond, on the Barnack/Southorpe border, with the help of The Landyke Trust. Should there be a roll for volunteers SPC would be happy to offer support.

9.2 It was decided to delay the planting of the oak the tree for the Queen's Canopy in the Spring. SL to contact Sutton PC again and ACB/PC to select exact site and organised a working party to plant it. AH to investigate how long the commemorative plaques are available to buy.

Action: SL/ACB/PC/AH

10. Traffic matters update

PC presented the following traffic update:

10.1 PC has chased Peter Tebb regarding the signage for the bridge to the south of the village and the 'hidden dip' sign for Gazeley Lodge, to discover that an oversight had occurred, and the signage hadn't been ordered. This has now been done and will be fitted as soon as possible.

11. Code of Conduct

It was decided not to sign the Code of Conduct provided by PCC but to look at an alternative document that Wothorpe PC are producing. Providing they are happy to share this we will review its contents and structure as a possible alternative. SL to contact Wothorpe PC to obtain a copy.

Action: SL

12. Any Other Business

12.1 VH spoke about fly tipping and has seen an article in the Village Tribune whereby a camera can be placed in fly tipping hotspots. AH to contact Councillor Farooq from Glington and Castor Ward to see if one could be placed in the layby near Ufford Bridge.

Action: AH

12.2 The village community Bonfire Night event was enjoyed by all who attended . Thanks were expressed to CB and all everyone that helped on the night. An impressive £158 was raised by the raffle and will help fund next year's event.

12.3 An email has been received informing SPC that they are permitted to appoint a Trustee for the Barnack Pools Estate Charity to manage four almshouses in Barnack which provide grants for deserving persons. AH to ask if we can appoint a resident of Southorpe to be a Trustee. If so, AH will put an appeal on the village Whatsapp group.

Action: AH

12.4 AH has been receiving emails about proposed changes to the flight path from East Midlands Airport. SL is interested in receiving these emails.

12.5 SL informed the meeting that he does not intend to stand for re-election as chairman at the next AGM in May.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Weds 11th January at Ufford Village Hall, Ufford

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm