

Minutes : 16.07.2025

SUDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr Adam Fox

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Chairman Robert Dixon Vice-chair Simon Forde Cllr Matthew Hunt Cllr Sophie Whybrow Cllr Mary Gordon And one member of the public and Cllr David Brackenbury	were present at a an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council at 19:30 on Wednesday 16th of July, 2025 at Francis Giffen Memorial Hall
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Clerk's Report available online and at the meeting

25/030 – To receive and accept any apologies

Cllr Hunt sent his apologies which were accepted. The Clerk will get Cllr Hunt's declaration of office completed

25/031 – Approval of the minutes from the meeting 21/05/2025

Resolved and signed

25/032 – Public session

The member of the public raised concerns about heavy vehicles coming through the vehicle at speed and vehicles being parked on the road leading to Slipton

25/033 – Declarations of interest & requests for dispensation

None

25/034 – Responses to the public session

The parish council will investigate both vehicle issues informally and see what resolution or mitigation can be achieved

25/035 – Planning

- a) NE/25/00189/FUL – 39 Main Street Sudborough Kettering NN14 3BX
An amendment/additional information has been received in respect of the above application for Full Planning Permission upon which you have previously been consulted.
- b) NE/22/00151/FUL – Castle Manor Farm, Thrapston - Appeal lodged
The Hearing before the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State, will take place at Kettering Leisure Village (Lighthouse Theatre entrance), Thurston Drive, Kettering NN15 6PB, on the following dates:
 - Tuesday July 22, 2025
 - Wednesday, July 23, 2025
 - Thursday, July 24, 2025
 - Friday, July 25, 2025
 - Tuesday, August 5, 2025
 - Wednesday, August 6, 2025
 - Thursday, August 7, 2025
 - Friday, August 8, 2025

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- Tuesday, August 12, 2025
- Wednesday, August 13, 2025

On the first day the inquiry will open at 10:00, subsequent days will be 9:30 unless advised by the Inspector. The Inspector scheduled to hold the inquiry is Dr R Catchpole BSc (Hons) PhD MCIEEM IHBC.

- c) Consider a response to any request made by STAUNCH to support their opposition to the above appeal for NE/22/00151/FUL

a) **No comment**

b) **Cllr Brackenbury gave councillors his perspective on where things currently stand not only with the Castle Manor Farm application (NE/22/00151/FUL) but also with the Glebe Land application (NE/22/00698/OUT) and the Wood Lodge Farm Solar Project (NE/23/00858/FUL). Councillors resolved not to send a representative to address the Planning Inspector at the hearing of the developer's appeal in NE/22/00151/FUL but instead to rely on the written objection already submitted."**

c) **The parish council resolved to put its name to a joint statement by local parish councils in the form drafted by STAUNCH**

25/036 – Finance

- a) Report from the RFO. As of 09/07/2025 the Unity account has a balance of £29,665.95 and the Barclays account has a balance of £500
- b) Receive bank reconciliation for Q2 2025
- c) Schedule of Payments
- i. £1,007.77 – Bacs – FGMH – VE Day event
 - ii. £6.00 – DD – Unity – Bank fee June
 - iii. £6.00 – DD – Unity – Bank fee July
 - iv. £371.00 – SO – Adam Fox - Salary June
 - v. £371.00 – SO – Adam Fox - Salary July
 - vi. £51.12 – SO – Cloudy IT 365 Subscription June
 - vii. £51.12 – SO – Cloudy IT 365 Subscription July
 - viii. £26.40 – SO – EON – Lighting maintenance Q2 2025

The signed bank reconciliation was received by the Clerk from Cllr Forde during the meeting.

All July standing orders are incorrectly labelled and should have been labelled for May; otherwise, approved.

25/037 – Resolve a response to STAUNCH's letter requesting a contribution towards the legal fees to be incurred by them in opposing the appeal by Newlands in relation to planning application at Castle Manor Farm (NE/22/00151/FUL) and any further legal fees they have to incur in opposing any appeal by IM properties arising from their planning application in respect of the Glebe land (NE/22/00698/OUT)

Resolved not to contribute parish council funds but to note support for STAUNCH's cause and to ask STAUNCH's if they can provide a material to publicise the appeal to the residents of the parish

25/038 – To pay CiLCA assessment enrolment fee of £450

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Resolved to add this to the payments made this month
25/039 – To appoint a Climate & Nature Champion to represent the council in matters relating to the climate, nature, and the environment
Deferred to the next meeting to request Cllr Hunt consider taking on the role
25/040 – Invitation to Apply for Free Tree Packs for Your Community
Resolved for the Clerk to ask the residents if anyone is interested
25/041 – Resolve to hear from the representative trustee with the Francis Giffen Memorial Hall
Cllr Forde reported the trust is financially healthy. They have received a grant from the Giffen trust for solar panels and are looking into the feasibility of those.
25/042 – Resolve to hear an update on the green spaces project
Deferred to the next agenda
25/043 – Councillors to confirm their register of interests as published on our website
All cllrs confirmed except for Cllr Hunt as they were absent
25/044 – Complete the election expenses forms
Completed and the Clerk will deliver these via email
25/045 – Resolve to hear an update on the A6116 and whether to take our concerns to one of the Highways Drop in event Oundle, 19th August 11:00 – 14:00
Resolved for Cllr Dixon to attend
25/036 – Close: 21:05 Next ordinary meeting: 17/09/2025

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