

**Minutes of SOTHERTON PARISH COUNCIL's Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 19th May 2025 6.30 pm in Wenhaston Village Hall (prior to AGM)**

Attendees: Parish Councillors – Gerard Walker (Chairman), Rosemary Parry, Robert Bucknell, Barry Martin, Louise Sharman, Beryl Goldbart, Sally MacDonald and the clerk, Ann Donnachie.

Apologies: District; Councillor Beth Keys-Holloway.

Others:

1. **Formal Signing of the Parish Chairman's report from 20th May 2024.** Approved.
2. **Parish Chairman's Report on the year 2024-25:**

The Chairman, Gerard Walker delivered a report on the year's events and successes, reproduced here:

We had a successful party at Westhall Racehorse for residents of Blyford and Sotherton. This was paid for by money from Latitude ticket sales.

Sally McDonald has re-joined the Parish Council after several years absence.

It is pleasing to know the Lion Link is no longer likely to come through our parishes as it is making landfall at Walberswick and will continue down on the east side of A12 instead of crossing it twice.

Blyford Estate has now new owners and we look forward to a good relationship with them.

Very many thanks to all of the Councillors for attending meetings and your support. Special thanks to Ann our Clerk for all her hard work.

3. **Comments from Members of the Public:** None
4. **Any Other Business:** None