

SOUTHERY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Minutes Subject to the Approval at the next Meeting
Monday 14 May 2018 at 7.00 pm
Southery Village Hall

1) Attendance:

Cllr Terry Hipsey (Chair)
Cllr Christine Feltwell (Vice Chair)
Cllr Crispin Copsey
Cllr Kay Hipsey
Cllr Alison Youngs
Cllr Annette Osler
(*Two Vacancies*)
Helen Richardson, Parish Clerk

Also in attendance:

Members of the Public: 5

Cllr Martin Storey (Norfolk County Council and Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk)

Apologies: Cllr Neil Richards, Cllr Roger Whitehead and Cllr Javey Osler.

2) Minutes : There was no record of previous minutes.

3) Chairman report

During the last year the Parish Council have had some good achievements, and lots of different items to work through and some rewarding outcomes as follows.

The Parish Council last year employed a new grounds maintenance company to take on the work, they are called Mr Sparkle based in Stoke Ferry. The Parish Council welcome views from the members of the public on comments regarding grounds maintenance, which will be noted through the year. The Parish Council through the Handyman we employ, checks the safety of the play equipment on the recreation ground each month to ensure that it is safe to use for families in the village. The Parish Council have noted that in the last year there has been vandalism of the equipment, and as Chair would like to strongly urge those that damage the equipment to not do, as it is for the residents to use and is expensive to replace which is a cost to everyone. The Parish Council joined the National Playing Field Association, which will enable advise on best use of the playing field and latest equipment available. There is a winter hedge cutting programme and grass cutting programme, by the maintenance company and elected members who volunteer, the Chairman wished to thank the elected members on behalf of the Parish Council and the village. The Parish Council has been auditing registry documents, and during meetings have debated the future use and repair of buildings to ensure they will be looked after and used by those in the future. For the second year running the Parish Council have kept the precept the same amount, which has been down to sound budgetary management and the guidance of the Parish Clerk and RFO. Although Norfolk County Council are responsible for the main roads and side roads, the parish council are consultees, by far the most has been received over the last year including complaints about speeding; drainage; road surface; loose drain gratings and loose drain covers etc. The Parish does have a speed limit, but anyone who wishes to attend this meeting and registers a complaint, or emails the Clerk or any Councillors rest assured Norfolk County Council will be contacted. The Chair advised that in Lynn Road where

Anglian Water were currently doing some major works, the Parish Council were unable to control what they do, but the Parish Council will keep in touch with them for a swift outcome due to the issues that it creates for residents. The Parish Council received a small number of planning applications to consider, and is only a consultee so can only make suggestions on whether they support applications under material considerations or not, to advise the Borough Council whether they need to be approved or object. Unfortunately contributions from developers, we used to have S106 that would come to parish, now we have in place the Community Infrastructure levy (CIL), introduced around 12-18 months ago, the Parish Council will get 15% of any total fund. There had been planning permission along the Lynn Road, and the CIL money came to around £1900, but the Parish Council were only awarded £290, which isn't a lot of money to do something sustainable for the neighbourhood with. There had been a number of events organised in Norfolk in the past year, and Clerk and Councillors attended events such as new GDPR Regulations, Planning Matters, CIL and elected member guidelines have changed. Under his Chairmanship he has managed to ensure that the elected Councillors are checking and completing their Declaration of Interests form as under the localism act they are required to divulge their interests, which covers them to ensure they are transparent, but it also covers the Parish Council as an authority. The Parish Council and elected members arranged to have a Christmas tree on the Were Hen last Christmas and in the village church, and in recent weeks Councillors arranged a Bingo evening which raised £427, and the Parish Council is trying to get bus transportation in the village to go west to Ely for those that don't have buses at their disposal. The Parish Council have also approached the Wissington Factory for funds that they may have available for projects within the village when possible. Without the help of the volunteers and Village Hall Committee for all the events in the village and repairs that have been arranged would not be possible, so thanks to them for their dedication. The Parish Council does note that there has been a lot of speeding in the village, and a lot of hard work by the speedwatch team, which is being monitored by Police officers, so thanks to them for the volunteering time that they put in. The Chair was also concerned of the many accidents that occur on the main turnings into the village on both A10 junctions, and in future years the Parish Council may need to consider a letter to the Norfolk County Council to review the access in and out of the village, together with help of Cllr martin storey. There has also been issues with littering and on rural rights of way in the village, if a place is disrespected it can go downhill and it would be awful to see the village move away from being a pleasant place to live, so it is important that use these spaces use the bins provided or take it home, this was also the same for waste when walking dogs, where it had been noted a lot on the playing field. There were many voluntary groups that could be mentioned, but through their hard work and for which they do it all for nothing, gives Southery community spirit and a home for our village and families, the elderly and also the future generations. Everybody is part of the community and the village, and sincerely thank the volunteers for their hard work throughout the year. The Chair wished to thank Rangers, Borough Council litter picking team, Parish Council's Handyman, Speedwatch team, Norfolk County Councillor and Borough Councillor Martin Storey and Parish Council Clerk.

3) Reports from Community Organisations, if any

The Chair noted there was none.

4) Pavilion

The Clerk opened the item to advise that it had been agreed to add to the Parish Meeting agenda as something that would benefit the whole village to get involved. Cllr Christine Feltwell shared that the Parish Council needed to do something as the current 'Football Hut' stood empty, and perhaps look to refurbishment what we have got. Cllr Christine Feltwell advised that it would provide an extra meeting space other than the Village Hall with access to the playing field and play area. The Chair shared that it was a shame that there wasn't views of the village at the meeting. The Chair shared that there is no point having a building that is idle, and suggested that the Parish Council seek a couple of quotes from builders in its refurbishment.

A Parishioner advised that there was a successful planning application to rebuild the building, and the grants they were relying on didn't materialise. The Clerk advised that funders won't look to fund a building and that in order to gain funds it would be necessary to consult with residents and build a picture of what needs and outcomes the Parish Council were looking to address, as that is what they fund. The Clerk advised that public funding especially was complex in nature and therefore took months or even years to work to, and therefore any refurbishment project may bring it back in to use swifter. The Clerk advised that the Borough Council have grants available up to £10k for one off community projects.

A Parishioner suggested that if there were tradesmen in the village they may be willing to come to together and help.

The Chair shared that there were many builders and asked for invitations to come and have a look, but only local people, with the added advantage of advertisement for them. The Parish Council agreed that a notice could be put up in the Playgroup and School and Village Voice. It was agreed that the Parish Council need to encourage people and more may get involved when up and running. Use of the facilities for outdoor fitness, parties, presentable. The facilities could be used for parent groups; and the outside.

The Clerk suggested giving the project a name, the Chair suggested Southery Multi-Purpose Facility Project and another was Save The Hut. The Parish Council agreed to discuss further on email.

5. Public Comments and Discussion

There was none.

Meeting Closed at 7.43 pm

Chair Approved Minutes

Date