

SOUTHERY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 7.00pm
In Southery Village Hall

106/23 To record the names of those present

Cllr A Osler - Vice Chair, Cllr R Whitehead, Cllr J Osler, Cllr S Welch, Cllr D Smith, Cllr C Edwards and Cllr C Copsey.

Ward Cllr M Storey

Public: 1

Mrs G Robinson - Clerk and RFO

107/23 To consider and approve apologies for absence

It was **resolved** to accept apologies from Cllr A Young.

108/23 To receive Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items and Dispensation requests

Cllr A Osler and Cllr J Osler declared an interest on their expenses claim

109/23 To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the 14th June 2023

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chair of the meeting (All in favour).

110/23 To confirm as a correct record the Minute of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28th June 2023

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chair of the meeting. (All in favour).

111/23 Matters Arising (Clerks Report)

Kissing gate

The Handyman has noted that the kissing gate is too rotten and in the ditch, therefore a new one will need to be made. Mr Pink has quoted £300 to both make and fit the kissing gate. It was **resolved** to go ahead with this quote.

Trod/Bridge - Parish Partnership money

Highways suggested that as there are difficulties in agreeing the scheme with IDB, the Parish Council's contribution should be returned. This will ensure the accounting records will be concise. Highways can work with the Parish Council again to process and re submit the estimate once agreements are made between stakeholders.

The Councillors discussed this matter and would like the bridge to be put in place at the site. It was **resolved** this would be an agenda item for the next meeting. Money would not be requested to be returned at this time.

112/23 To receive an update from County or Borough Councillors

Ward Cllr M Storey reported:

- Visited some of the counties leased farms.
- Public are being encouraged to enjoy days out 'Good journey scheme'.
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/news/2023/07/residents-encouraged-to-enjoy-car-free-days-out>
- The Stradsett junction will be closed for 4 nights from 24th July for road works.
- Norfolk and Suffolk councils given authority and funding to help nature's recover <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/news/2023/07/norfolk-and-suffolk-councils-given-authority-and-funding-to-help-natures-recovery>
- Full council meeting scheduled for 18th July 2023.
- Highway repairs - several bits of repair work have been done on the Southery Road.
- The loose tiles on the barn have been reported but Cllr Stoney has not heard anything back.
- The bollard is still down on Westgate Street. Cllr Storey will report this again.

113/23 To Note Any Councillors Concerns or items for next meeting and note forward work programme.

- Including update on new notice board - Councillors to follow up on this matter for the next meeting.
- Receive an update on the Orchard Way lighting - Cllr Storey noted that the developer will pay for the Parish Council legal fees. Clerk to get confirmation of this and engage a solicitor.
- It was noted that there is ground debris on the footpath beyond the cemetery. Clerk to follow this up.
- It was noted that the children's play area has not been refurbished yet.
- It was noted that there is a couple tree on the cemetery. Clerk to request they are removed to conform with the Cemetery Management Policy.
- The path in front of church, has fallen away - Clerk to report.
- Mr Sparkle to be asked to spray the footpath weeds on Churchgate Street, as they are particularly bad there.
- Councillors noted the gate at the pub end of the cemetery and queried if the access should be larger to accommodate a vehicle rather than just for pedestrians. - Clerk to investigate.

114/23 To approve any Handyman work

It was **resolved** the Handyman should be requested to complete the following items:

- Sweep the bus shelters
- Cut back weeds from fence and repair fence at the cemetery

115/23 To receive financial information including balance at month end and bank statement, income received and payments for approval, including funding for the men's toilets c/o Goal Academy

Beacon - Going to be relocated to near cobbles and on stocks corner. The Councillors were happy for this to go ahead.

Men's toilets c/o Goal Academy - The Councillors considered this proposal and agreed that that the Goal Academy ca provide costing but will have no holding over hut after the work has been completed.

Balance at bank as at 12th July 2023

Treasurers account	£1,314.97
Business Instant	£44,521.17

To consider income

Interest 10/7/23	£30.23
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To consider amounts for payment

Payee	Regarding	Gross
G Robinson	Clerk wage	£287.63
HMRC	PAYE/NIC	0
A Stannard	Handyman	£36.00
K&M Lighting	Lighting maintenance Inv. 8139	£70.83
Stephenson Smart	Under payment of yearly fee	£50.00
A Osler	Coronation event food (Swish donation)	£100.00
SVH	Hire 12/7/23	£12.00
CGM	March	£805.09
CGM	April	£885.60
CGM	May	£885.60
CGM	June	£885.60
CGM	July	£885.60

It was **resolved** to approve all payments (not Cllr A Osler and Cllr J Osler regarding Cllr A Osler expense claim), with the delegated decision to pay the CGM invoices to the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair if considered correct.

116/23 Approval of 2023/24 Action List

Agenda item next meeting.

117/23 To consider preparations for Christmas projects

Groups would like to come together to discuss possible arrangements for Christmas projects as a village.

Clerk to ask: Swish, WI, FOSA, Church and Village Hall Committee. Cllr Smith to be the co-ordinator on behalf the of Parish Council.

118/23 To consider planning items

Applications

Any applications that appear on the Borough Council planning portal up to the date of the meeting that require the consultation of the Parish Council will be considered by the Councillors at their scheduled meeting, even if they are not listed below.

Applications

Decisions

Correspondence

There were no planning items to be considered.

119/23 To Note Date of next meeting Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 7 pm in the Southery Village Hall

Councillors noted the date of the next scheduled meeting.

Parishioner Christine (Tina) Feltwell was welcomed to the meeting. Tina expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor. Councillors agreed to co-opt Tina onto Southery Parish Council.

120/23 To resolve to the moving into a closed session, on the grounds of confidentiality in accordance with the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s.1 (2)

There were no items to consider at a closed session.