

SOUTHERY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7.00pm
In Southery Village Hall

29/24 To record the names of those present

Cllr A Osler - Chair, Cllr S Walch - Vice-Chair, Cllr D Smith, Cllr C Edwards, Cllr R Whitehead, Cllr T Feltwell and Cllr J Osler.

Cllr M Storey

One member of the public

Gail Robinson - Clerk and RFO

30/24 To consider and approve apologies for absence

All members present.

31/24 To receive Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items and Dispensation Requests

There were no declarations of interest.

32/24 To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th February 2024

It was agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

33/24 To confirm as a correct record of the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28th February 2024

It was agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

34/24 Matters Arising (Clerks Report)

- Notice board - The Clerk reported that the Street Furniture application had been successful and that the notice board retrieved from a building the village can be placed at the location the members would like.
- Orchard Way lighting - Cllr Storey reported that G Gott has discussed the problems regarding a bond at LLoyds. NP Law are aware of the problem. Cllr Storey will take this matter forward.
- Football/playing field lighting - Cllr Edwards noted one has been put up and when the weather is better, then the other one will be put up. There is another light that needs dealing with.
- Bowls club charges - no matters discussed at this time.

- Feedback on items reported to Highways and the lighting contractor - It was agreed to fund repair of final light in the village.
- Motor bike - this has been reported to the local police.
- Roof - Cllr Storey has reported and having looked at it again. The tiles are in place and even though asbestos maybe involved it is none hazardous.

35/24 To receive an update from County or Borough Councillors

Cllr Storey reported:

NCC held budget meeting 20th Feb and a budget was agreed. Cllr Storey discuss the figures further and other recent issues. There are awards the people can nominate for and Cllr Storey encouraged members to do that. Cllr Storey noted that there is a lot going on at NCC at present.

BCKLWN held their budget meeting on 22nd Feb and this was agreed too.

NCC is well placed regarding their budget after previous years of spending well.

But there have had to be cuts. The new hospital is on course to be build on target.

36/24 To consider the cemetery entrance

Noted that the deeds show there is a path only to the cemetery from Lynn Road.

Councillors to look into this in more detail prior to the next meeting. Cllr Welch felt the Parish Council will need to take legal advice.

37/24 To consider ways the Parish Council would like to use money from Anglian Water for inconvenience to the village

A representative of AW was coming this meeting but are now coming to the next meeting due to other commitments. It was suggested that the car park, could be improved and they could lift the stumps out at the playing field. Discussed the possibility of having other trees at the start of the village.

Councillors discussed parking/shelters - There is a possible problem with a ditch.

38/24 To consider ways the Parish Council would like to use the money offered by Cllr Storey

£1000 but £500 left - BCKLWN - Village hall is going to use the money for heating. All agreed it should be used on the village hall heating , as much money as possible.

Cllr Feltwell and Cllr Smith declared an interest as members of the village hall committee.

£ 3000 NCC - small highway improvements - Cllr Storey works with A Wallace to agree how this money is spent.- Agreed that the village sign and name Southery to be repaired. And the round 20mph on Ferry Bank and Upgate Street to remind parishioners of the speed limits in the area.

A few 30mph at 99 Feltwell Road and on Lynn road, where the white gate are, where the existing 30mph signs. Clerk to make a request for these.

There are still some lights that are out, Cllr Edwards to get the numbers of the lights that are still out.

38/24 To note any Councillor concerns or items for the next meeting and note items forward work programme

- Cllr Smith would like to know more news about the old Methodist church but nothing is known. No definite information is known but if was felt it should be used by the village.
- Parishioners would like street lights on Lions Close, but it was felt there was sufficient. Cllr Edwards and Cllr Smith to go and have a look at these and need to look at the planning application. Borough Council should know if these lights are on their list.
- Cllr Edwards noted that the wooden replacement on the bridge repair is not fit for purpose.
- Cemetery tree - both trees need to be reduced further. Cemetery will be cut this week.
- D Day celebrations - arrangements to be started and Cllr Smith will follow up.
- The Clerk noted that there is an Invoice still outstanding - CGM, this is because the work was not completed to the PC held back the payment.
- Discussed an ornamental angel on a grave.
- Invite owner of the land next to the cemetery to a future meeting.
- Duplicate keys - Cllr Edwards to have keys cut to for cupboards and the room.
- Clerk to ask Mr Gifford to quote for the area to be strimmed 4 times a year.

39/24 To approve any Handyman work to be undertaken

- Weed the area from the path to the cemetery gate.
- There is some metal sheeting that needs putting back in place.
- Fence at the back of the rectory.
- Clear area in front of the thatched house be strimmed on the layby at Ferry bank.

40/24 To consider financial business

- a. To receive bank account balances
- b. To receive details of income received

- c. To consider the recommended payments, and agree those in line with the budget

A Stannard	£712.00
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SVH	£18.00
K&M Lighting	£70.83
Clerk wage	£287.63
Clerk expenses	£30.99
A&R Grounds	£350.00
- d. To note the progress with the bank mandate change
No progress to report.
- e. To consider accepting Parish Partnership grant - agreed to accept

41/24 To receive general correspondence via email during the month and consider any further actions required:

All items of correspondence were emailed and did not require further actions.

42/24 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.

None

Decisions

None

Correspondence

None

43/24 To Note Date of next meeting Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 7pm in the Southery Village Hall

Members noted the date of the next meeting.

May will be Annual meeting.

44/24 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)

- a. To consider quotes for work required
No matters to consider.