

SOUTHERY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 14th February 2024 at 7.00pm
In Southery Village Hall

Public Comments / Questions on Parish Issues.

An opportunity for public comments and questions. Items relevant to the agenda will be incorporated into later discussions. All new items will be noted for the next meeting.

9/24 To record the names of those present

Cllr S Welch, Cllr C Edwards, Cllr T Feltwell, Cllr A Osler, Cllr J Osler, and Cllr R Whitehead.

Cllr M Storey - Borough Councillor

4 members of the public

G Robinson - Clerk and RFO

10/24 To consider and approve apologies for absence

It was **resolved** to accept apologies from Cllr C Copsey.

It was noted that Cllr A Youngs has stepped down from the Parish Council and therefore as Chair.

Cllr Welch proposed Cllr A Osler to be Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Edwards and all agreed. Cllr A Osler proposed Cllr Welch as Vice Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Edwards and all agreed.

It was **resolved** that Cllr A Osler would be Chair and Cllr Welch would be Vice Chair.

11/24 To receive Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items and Dispensation Requests

There were no declarations of interest.

Cllr Edwards noted that the light fittings for the playing field were wrong so need to go back.

12/24 To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th January 2024

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

Public participation

A parishioner reported street lights not working on:

- Ringmore Road - no fitting and located just into Ringmore Road
- 3 lights out on Feltwell Road
- Top of Recreation Drive

It was noted that all lights need to be LED, at a previously agreed cost of £70. The Councillors need all the lights to be checked by the contractor. Clerk to get a plan to see where the lights are.

A parishioner discussed with the Councillors the mud on the road, particularly all of Feltwell Road, and Ringmore Road, Clerk to report to highways. It was felt this problem was being caused by the lorries using the Anglian Water site.

Clerk to get quotes from other companies for lighting provision.

Hedge over footpath of a parishioners home - Cllr J Osler will kindly do this.

Handy man to clear the areas at the beginning of the village, the roads leading into the village.

It was felt the roof on the building opposite the church is hazardous and this needs reporting, parishioners are very concerned about this. The roof needs reporting to highways. Cllr Storey to take this to the highest level for the Parish Council. Cllr Storey is very keen to see this followed through. The footpath on the other side needs to be repaired. The whole building is not safe. Clerk to send a letter to the parishioner. The wall is leaning too.

13/24 Matters Arising (Clerks Report)

- Notice board - application made for new position.
- Orchard Way lighting - second visit to solicitor to sign the documents and they were left with them, for forwarding to other organisations that need to sign them.
- Football/playing field lighting - came today and the fittings were wrong but should be done soon.
- Bowls club charges - No decision has been made by parish council. No feedback from Mr Starling. The bowls club members are going to following this up.
- Dog fouling signage - These have been ordered from Amazon. Unable to get some from Borough Council.
- Feedback on items reported to Highways and the lighting contractor Lights have all been reported to K&M lighting as they are reported to to the Clerk. School sign overgrown reported. Junction white lines still need doing in the village.
- Update regarding Village Voice/Village magazine, including location of printer and funds held in bank that could be used in the future. The printer is now in the village hall. £400 donation from village voice. It was agreed to spend the money on something for the community. It was agreed Cllr Storey grant would be applied for, for the Ferry Bank

entrance area seat balance. Clerk to get 3 quotes for this once the Parish Partnership grant for the remaining half has been agreed.

14/24 To receive an update from County or Borough Councillors

Cllr Storey reported:

- White lines - These were done in Feltwell recently. Clerk to check they are in the area to do Southery.

Regarding NCC

- Flooding is a very serious issue in Norfolk. Cllr Storey discussed how NCC has discussed this with other bodies. Clerk needs to make sure highways need to fully understand the issues in the village.
- NCC is setting the budget for the county, this has been challenging for the county and hopefully produced a balanced budget.
- Adult social care is the biggest amount in the budget.
- All information is on the NCC - Cllr Storey discussed those issues on the website. https://norfolkcc.cmis.uk.com/norfolkcc/Committees/tabid/62/ctl/ViewCMIS_CommitteeDetails/mid/381/id/2/Default.aspx
- Kings Lynn hospital still on course to be completed on target. KLBC is tracking this project. Borough Council Budget meeting is being held on 22nd Feb at town hall.
- Cllr Storey still has some funds available for the parish if the pc would like to apply for some. Small highway projects, or community play grounds, and £1000 of BC money. Decision needs to be made asap.

15/24. To note any Councillor concerns or items for the next meeting and note items forward work programme

- School Road sign still covered with hedge
- Fence quotes are still coming in
- Holmans hedge hanging over the footpath. This needs cutting back
- Footpath bridge - the side rail is over. Highways need to come out and consider this there is nothing to stop someone going in the drain. This happened last week.
- Grounds maintenance for the 2024 season was discussed.
- Top of Feltwell Road the dip is getting deeper, in the middle of the junction.
- Holmans kissing gates are not fit for purpose. Motorbike is going along this track very fast. Report issue to the police that this happens at the weekend as it is a nuisance.
- Clerk to send thank you car to Mrs Youngs, thanking her for her dedicated service to the Parish Council.
- Mrs Youngs has the Covid plaque to go on the village sign. Cllr Edwards to put it up.

- 20mph sign missing as come into the village
- Conifers on the cemetery need to be cut to the height as grave stone
- Holmans chase trees hanging over footpath.

16/24 To approve any Handyman work to be undertaken

- Strimming at entrance to village
- Whitegate coming into the village needs cleaning
- Sign in the dyke on Lynn Road
- Sweep the bus shelters

17/24 To consider financial business

- a. To receive bank account balances

Bus Bank Instant account £29,391.83

Treasurers Account £9862.57

- b. To receive details of income received

Cemetery fee £ £24.00

Interest £32.39

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

As a new cheque book had been received it was resolved cheques could be written out for :

G Robinson £2013.41 including February

SVH Nov £12.00

Hodson office supplies £43.18

Mrs A Osler - expense £348.62

Anglian Water £19.64

G Robinson - expense £13.65

Wickstead £293.04

Scribe £414.72

- d. To note the progress with the bank mandate change

Cllr Whitehead and Cllr Copsey to sign the form and then it is ready for submitting.

18/24 To receive general correspondence via email during the month and consider any further actions required:

- D Day 80 plan - Cllr Feltwell and Cllr Smith to bring the groups together so that arrangements can be made.

19/24 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.

Applications

- 23/01425/RM - Reserved Matters Application for the landscaping of the site (condition 1 of outline permission) at Service Station 14 Westgate Street Southery Norfolk PE38 0PA - Deadline 16th February 2024 [23/01425/RM planning portal](#)
It was resolved to support this application.
- 24/00187/O Southery 562552 294896 Outline Application:
Proposed 2 bedroom bungalow The Everglades 33C Feltwell Road Southery Downham Market Norfolk PE38 0NR - Deadline not announced yet. [24/00187/O planning portal](#) (Note all documents may not be on the website yet. Consider at next meeting)

Decisions

23/01693/F Southery Blackbarn Drove Ringmore Road Southery Norfolk - Proposed erection of cottage and barn/carport with rear garden including the creation of ponds. Application Permitted 22 January 2024 Committee Decision

Correspondence

None.

20/24 To Note Date of next meeting Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7pm in the Southery Village Hall

Councillors noted the date of the next meeting.

21/24 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

It was resolved that Cllr J Osler and Cllr Whitehead would visit contractors to check that they have appropriate machinery then Parish Council will make a decision.