

**SOUTHERY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**Wednesday 9 November 2022 at 7.00 pm**  
**in the Southery Village Hall**

**Present:**

Cllr Annette Osler (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Crispin Copsey  
Cllr Chris Edwards  
Cllr Roger Whitehead  
Cllr Susan Welch  
Helen Richardson, Parish Clerk & Financial Responsible Person

**In attendance:**

Members of the Public: 5 (public comments section only)  
Cllr Martin Storey, NCC and BCKLWN Councillor

**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.*

- The Village Hall wished to share that they supporting a teen resident in their Roller Skating ambitions to represent Great Britain by running a Bingo. The Parish Council congratulated her on her achievements so far and as she was from Southery. The Village Hall shared that bingo prize donations from any residents would be welcome.
- The Parish Clerk agreed to ask the Editor to attend the December meeting to discuss the magazine.

**120/22 To consider and approve apologies for absence and approve all absences approved for past six months**

That apologies for Cllr Alison Youngs (personal reasons) be accepted and all previous absences over the last six months.

**121/22 To receive Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items and Dispensation Requests**

There were none.

**122/22 To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 October 2022 and note matters arising**

Approved unanimously.

**123/22 To Receive an Update from Cllr Martin Storey, NCC and BCKLWN Councillor**

- NCC has a deficit of £60m in their budget and need to take action to address this issue. All Councillors and Clerks were invited to attend a budget proposal meeting at 7 pm on 22 November (information was on the website) and there would be an opportunity to ask questions. They wished to have the attendees' suggestions of how to spend money over the coming year and years.
- On 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm online the Norfolk Association of Local Councils would be holding an online meeting to discuss how councils can provide help in a crisis..
- NCC has opened all of its 47 libraries for people to attend as a warm bank. All need to pull together and look after each other and if there are people that may need help to signpost them to that help available. The Borough and the County Councils have most things covered, and needs help to get the information to the public. The Parish Council would do all it could do to help signpost people to the help available.

**124/22 To Note Any Councillors Comments or Items for next meeting and note forward work programme.**

- There had been dogs running all over the playing field recently despite signs stating no dogs allowed.
- Gutter on the toilet block had been vandalised.

- Fencing near the flag pole on the playing field was dangerous due it being post wire and the Council agreed to arrange for its removal.
- A new tree donated by the WI had been planting on the Werehen and it looked nice.
- A scheme had been identified to do work to the Dyke near Ringmore Road.
- The school fencing had moved behind the noticeboard.
- There had been youths on the playing field trying to smash the light on the toilet and smashing bottles. The Clerk agreed to contact the Police and ask they attend to deter youths.
- The Clerk agreed to check with in CGM in regard to grounds maintenance missed cuts and damage to graves.
- Cllr Martin Storey agreed to mention to the Highways Manager regarding the manholes loose on Lynn Road.
- Orchard Way lights was with the Developer' solicitor to progress transfer to the PC.
- Cllr Roger Whitehead and Cllr Crispin Copsey agreed to assist with laying of the Remembrance Sunday wreaths.
- The Werehen fencing replacement had been completed.

#### **125/22 To Discuss Village Sign Refurbishment and Approve Any Action Required**

Cllr Crispin Copsey agreed to discuss with a local artist.

#### **126/22 To Discuss and Approve Movement of Soil in Cemetery**

It was agreed to keep the soil where it had currently been piled but keep it trimmed.

#### **127/22 To Approve Location for Installation of the Covid Memorial Plaque**

It was agreed recess it into the village sign base. The Clerk agreed to ask Chris Satchwell if he could assist.

#### **128/22 To Approve a Play Area Refresh Project Working Group**

It was agreed to see if there was people in the village that could help with the project.

#### **129/22 To Approve Any Scheme under the Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership Funding 2023/24**

The current scheme was pending response from NCC.

#### **130/22 To Discuss and Approve Any Actions or Costs in Relation to Southery Christmas Event 2022**

It was agreed to transfer this years budget of £700 to the coronation next year and to only light the tree this year.

#### **131/22 To Note the First Draft Precept and Budget 2023/4**

The Council noted the draft to be approved at the December meeting.

#### **132/22 To Approve Any Handyman Work**

- Path the Cemetery – broken off bits of fencing to remove.
- Feltwell Road to Halls close was overgrown and needed a tidy.
- Mill Lane path needed spraying through to Halls Close.
- Cemetery path was cracking and sliding way. It needed weed spraying.

#### **133/22 To Approve Payments**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
Clerks - wages and expenses - Oct	298.20	0.00	298.20
PAYE HMRC - October	64.40	0.00	64.40
Handyman (Change SAM2 x4; dog bin once) Also £50 owed from Aug/Sept invoices incorreced accounted for	120.00	0.00	120.00
Payroll Quarterly (to October 2022)	50.00	10.00	60.00
Southery Village Hall - Nov Hire	12.00	0.00	12.00

RBL - Poppy Wreaths	40.00	0.00	0.00
Eon streetlighting Sept 2022	203.45	10.17	213.62

**RESOLVED:** That payments be approved as presented. (Proposed Cllr Chris Edwards, Seconded Cllr Crispin Copsey, all were in favour)

**134/22 To Note Date of next meeting – Weds 14 December 2022 at 7 pm in the Southery Village Hall**

It was noted.

**135/22 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC** The Council will be requested to pass a resolution excluding the press and public from the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted (staffing). Opportunity for to discuss any HR issues, Contracts or Legal Proceedings. To Discuss and Approve Any Action in Relation to an Issue Regarding Parish Council Land Rented at Recreation Drive

It was agreed to rent the garage to the GKAcademy for £1 per week as part of their agreement in using the facilities in that area.

9.25 pm