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Join us in Southery Village Hall

On Saturday 3rd December

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Southery Village Hall



For more information regarding events, bookings, and hire charges please visit:
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Church News

I delivered 40 Shoe Boxes to the pick up point for the Link to Hope charity. Many thanks to all who filled a box.

We are so pleased to welcome the children from Southery Academy to church for their Carol Service and for a Christingle.

Services through December and Christmas are as follows.

Sunday 4th No service at St. Mary's

Sunday 11th Communion at 10am

Monday 12th School Carol Service at 6pm

Friday 16th Christingle at 1.30pm

Sunday 18th Communion at 10am

Wednesday 21st Christmas Carols and Afternoon Tea at 2.30pm

Saturday 24th Christmas Eve Carol singing on the Church Lawn at 6pm
followed by short Communion Service at 6.30 in church.

We are hoping to put up a Christmas Tree on the church lawn for anyone to hang a decoration on.

A happy Christmas to all and best wishes for 2023.
Keep safe and warm.

Marion Lewis

Southery Methodist Chapel

Services now alternate with Hilgay and they are as listed below. All Services at Southery & Hilgay now begin at 10.30am. Everybody is most welcome to join us at all Services.

Chapel Services for December 2022

4th 10.30am At Hilgay Methodist Chapel – Ms. Angela Bishop

11th 10.30am At Southery Methodist Chapel – Mrs. Pauline Driver

18th 10.30am At Hilgay Methodist Chapel – Rev. Paul Critchley

24th 6.30pm Carols – Revd. Paul Critchley

No Service Christmas Day

Southery W.I.

Members and guests were welcomed to the November meeting by the President Caroline Hansford. We were joined by PhD Student Sarah Tustin who asked members if they would participate in a Norfolk Research Study giving their preferences towards political decisions in a card sorting exercise and some of our members took part.

We then went on to take part in making a Christmas Table decoration with guidance from Marion Garrett. Refreshments were served by Beryl Stubbins and Sue Stacey. The flower of the month competition was judged 1st Sue Stacey 2nd Lorraine Cummings 3rd Marion Lewis. The Bring and Buy Table manned by Sandy Hackett made £11.

We will hopefully be taking part once again in The Silver Salver competition in 2023 at Bawdswell and the Craft Group will be meeting in November to discuss this further.

On Saturday November 12th members met at The Werehen to place the Plaque next to our Platinum Jubilee Tree. many thanks to Javey Osler for planting the tree for us and Dianne Edwards for keeping it alive until planting. Thank you also to Ian Osler for his help in securing the Plaque.

Dates for Diaries:-

Thursday December 1st will be a Social evening with members preparing food.

Saturday December 3rd Christmas Event in The Village Hall, W.I. volunteers will help serve refreshments. The event will run from 4.30 - 6 p.m. followed by Christmas Tree Lights switch on at The Werehen.

Tuesday 13th December - Invite from Downham W.I. to their Christmas Meeting.

Thursday 15th December our Christmas Meal at The Ship Inn.

Our first meeting for 2023 will be on Thursday January 6th.

Our Walking Group is still going strong and if anyone would like to join us, we meet at the Church every Monday, weather permitting, at 9.45 a.m.

Southery W.I. would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2023.

Val Osler





SOUTHERY SANTA VISITS

8TH & 13TH DEC: 6.30 - 9PM

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SOUTHERY PARISH COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
Wednesday 12 October 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Southery Village Hall
DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING

EXTRACT OF THE DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE VILLAGE VOICE NEWSLETTER

Present:

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: 0
Cllr Martin Storey, NCC and BCKLWN Councillor

The Council observed a 2- Minute Silence in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's following her passing. God Save the King.

102/22 To consider and approve apologies for absence

The Council approved the absences of Cllr Annette Osler (Vice-Chair), Cllr Javey Osler and Cllr Alison Youngs (Chair), (personal reasons) all were in approval.

103/22 To Approve a Councillor to Preside as Chair, if required

RESOLVED: That Cllr Chris Edwards preside as Chair for the meeting. (Cllr Crispin Copsey proposed, Cllr Sue Welch seconded, all were in favour).

104/22 To receive Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items and Dispensation Requests Cllr Chris Edwards regarding payments.

105/22 To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 July 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the 13 July 2022 be approved. (All were in favour).

Matters Arising Report

Trod on Feltwell Road – The Highways Manager have advised after a site visit with the designer and contractor, there is not enough verge width to install the trod as quoted and therefore they are unable to construct as they had hoped. They will however investigate a footbridge option however this was on private land. The Clerk would continue to update with Highways on progress.

Orchard Way – The Developer is instructing a solicitor for the transfer of the ownership of the Streetlights from the NCC to the PC instead, and then once adopted the developer will pay to upgrade them to LED. This was now pending that work.

PO Van Complaint – The Clerk submitted a complaint online on 23 August. The Council received confirmation of the complaint regarding the availability of the van and noted the complete.

Palmers Fish and Chip Van – They noted suggested to park near the bus stop.

Werehen Fencing – This would be installed soon.

Bollard near Ferry Bank – The Clerk reported this to highways on 8 September and it had now been replaced the day before.

School – The School installed fencing around the noticeboard. They had queried ironically about moving it but instead advised they would work around it; clerk last chased them on a date to correct it on 14 September. The Clerk continued to email the contractor.

Letter to Ex-Councillor Christine Feltwell – A card of thanks was sent to her for her long service on the Parish Council.

Cemetery – The mound was trimmed back.

Churchgate Street to Mill Lane – The Handyman was asked to clear this pathway of weeds.

Lynn Road – This was now replaced.

The Village Voice Magazine – The Clerk emailed the Editor suggestions made at the July meeting to place hard copies in the pub, hairdressers, school, and local shop.

Parking at School – The Clerk emailed the school to ask that they remind parents in their return to school information about parking safely outside the school even if that means walking from Churchgate Street.

A10 Lynn Road Southern Entrance – The Highways Technician agreed to check this for visibility splay at the end of August.

Planning Application Consultation Received Between Meetings

22/01136/F Construction of one dwelling, including new access at Tanglewood 31 Lynn Road Southery, PE38 0HU. No comments returned.

Planning Application Decisions (BCKLWN)

21/02430/F Southery Primary School, replacement and additional perimeter fencing and gates and replacement of timber windows and white UPVc windows. Application permitted. 25 July 2022. Delegated decision.

22/00510/F Land at E562338 N293844 Common Lane, Southery - Change of use from Agriculture to keeping of horses, erection of stables. Application permitted. 25 August 2022.

Planning Applications – No consultation with PC

16/00658/NMAM_2 non-material amendment to planning permission 16/00658/FM Proposed residential development land north of Lions Close, Southery

106/22 To Receive an Update from Cllr Martin Storey, NCC and BCKLWN
Councillor Cllr Martin Storey shared the following:

- Budgets will be considered soon by NCC and will be approved at a meeting in February 2023. There was a £60m gap in finance revenue.
- Department of transport had granted £49m to NCC to improve the bus service. £12m would be towards new and expanded bus routes and frequency on key routes including mornings and evenings.
- The Borough and County websites had information to assist people over the winter with grants and other needs they may have, elderly. Libraries and other community buildings were to be used as warm hubs. It has over £60m of support funding available.
- Anyone who needs information can contact Cllr Martin Storey.

107/22 To Note Any Councillors Comments or Items for next meeting and note forward work programme.

The Clerk agreed to report that the white lines needed repainting on the A10 and Feltwell Road junctions to Highways.

108/22 To Discuss the Marking of Service for an Ex-Councillor

This was noted and remembered for a later date in any project on the playing field.

109/22 To Approve Location of a Textile Charity Bin

Cllr Crispin agreed to discuss directly with the organisers to double check if still a requirement.

110/22 To Approve Planting of a Jubilee Tree on the Werehen Donated by the WI

Councillors agreed to find a place on the ground for the tree and would check on the ground placement.

111/22 To Review Grounds Maintenance Contract Performance and Upon Satisfaction it be Extended by One Year as per approval December 2022

The Parish Council were satisfied with the grounds maintenance contractor to provide them with a second year of the two years agreed. The Clerk agreed to seek a quote for cutting some verges in the village for approval from April 2023.

RESOLVED: That a second year be approved for the current ground's maintenance contract in 2023. (Cllr Crispin Copsey proposed, Cllr Chris Edwards seconded, all were in favour).

112/22 To Approve Agreement to Use the Playing Field – GKAcademy

RESOLVED: That a 12-month agreement to use the Playing Field be approved to GKAcademy, and approval of a tournament in one day on 31 July 2023. (Cllr Crispin Copsey proposed, Cllr Roger Whitehead seconded, all were in favour).

113/22 To Approve Purchase of Two Wreaths and Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday Cllr Crispin Copsey and Cllr Roger White agreed to liaise outside the meeting on the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday on 13th November.

RESOLVED: That two wreaths be purchased. (All were in favour)

114/22 To Discuss and Approve Any Actions or Costs in Relation to Southery Christmas Event 2022

RESOLVED: That a budget up to £600 be approved for a village Christmas event in the village hall and lighting of a Christmas tree at the Werehen on 3rd December. (Cllr Crispin Copsey proposed, Cllr Sue Welch seconded, all were in favour).

RESOLVED: That the register of decisions as displayed above be approved. (Cllr Crispin Copsey proposed, Cllr Sue Welch seconded, all were in favour).

116/22 To Approve Any Handyman Work

The Clerk agreed to report the railings at the path near the pub at the cemetery to the handyman as they were broken and needed taking away.

117/22 To Approve Adoption of the Cemetery Management Policy and Review Burial Fees

RESOLVED: That the Cemetery Management Policy be approved for adoption and that all burials fees be increased by 20%. It was noted that there had been no price increases at least for 8 years. (Cllr Crispin Copsey proposed, Cllr Sue Welch seconded, all in favour).

RESOLVED: That payments as presented be approved. (Cllr Chris Edwards proposed; Cllr Roger Whitehead seconded; all were in favour).

119/22 To Note Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 9 November 2022 at 7 pm in the Southery Village Hall.

The December Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7pm on 14th December 2022



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NEWS RELEASE

14 October 2022

Advice for bird keepers in Norfolk amid avian influenza (Bird Flu) outbreaks

There have been several outbreaks of the highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 virus in Norfolk. Mandatory housing measures for all poultry and captive birds in Norfolk, Suffolk and parts of Essex have been introduced from 00:01 on 12 October 2022, following a decision by the UK's Chief Veterinary Officer.

The housing order legally requires all bird keepers in these hotspots to keep their birds indoors and to follow stringent biosecurity measures to help protect their flocks from the disease, regardless of type or size.

Norfolk Trading Standards will be working with the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) to support businesses and minimise the risk of disease spreading further.

The UK Health Security Agency has said that avian influenza is primarily a disease of birds and the risk to the general public's health is very low.

The Food Standards Agency has said that avian influenza poses a very low food safety risk, and that properly cooked poultry and poultry products, such as eggs, are safe to eat.

The measures that APHA require people keeping birds to take to reduce the risk of spreading the disease are:

- housing all poultry and captive birds (including birds kept as pets)
- cleanse and disinfect clothing, footwear, equipment, and vehicles before and after contact with poultry and captive birds – if practical, use disposable protective clothing
- reduce the movement of people, vehicles, or equipment to and from areas where poultry and captive birds are kept, to minimise contamination from litter, manure, slurry, and other products, and use effective vermin control
- keep records of all deaths, movement of poultry and poultry products and any changes in production
- thoroughly cleanse and disinfect housing on a regular basis
- keep fresh disinfectant at the right concentration at all farm and poultry housing entry and exit points. Foot dips should be covered to stop disinfectant getting diluted
- minimise direct and indirect contact between poultry and captive birds and wild birds, including making sure all feed and water is not accessible to wild birds
- prevent access by poultry to ponds and watercourses and ensure that birds are kept in fenced or enclosed areas

The public are advised to keep to designated footpaths, not to feed wild birds, and keep dogs on leads. Don't touch sick or dead birds, their feathers, or their droppings. If you see a dead bird, please report it to Defra's helpline on 03459 335577. Sick birds should be reported to the RSPCA (0300 1234 999) who, dependent on the situation, may be able to offer assistance.

Light Relief

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."

Math Teacher: "If I have 5 bottles in one hand and 6 in the other hand, what do I have?" Student: "A drinking problem."

Q: Why did Adele cross the road? A: To sing, "Hello from the other side!"

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