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Village Voice

SOUTHERY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS

We celebrated the Coronation of King Charles 111 at St. Mary's by decorating the church with flowers, crowns, flags, lots of props, and pictures from Playgroup and held a special thanksgiving service on the Sunday morning.

Then coffee and cake were served after the litter pick. Many thanks to all involved with these events and a special thank you to all who did the beautiful arrangements and displays.

We took part in the village Yard Sales with a sales table and cake stall. We also sold bacon rolls and hot dogs, tea and coffee and cakes. It was a busy morning.

On Pentecost Sunday (Whit Sunday) a few of us attended a Confirmation Service taken by the Bishop of Ely at Crimplesham Church.

Services for June

Sunday 4th No Service at St. Mary's. (Service at Ryston at 9.30 or at Denver at 11am)

Sunday 11th Communion Service at 10am

Sunday 18th Communion Service at 10am

Wednesday 21st Hymns and Tea at 2.30

Sunday 25th Service of the Word at 10am

METHODIST CHAPEL

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

Chapel Services for June 2023

4th 10:30am at Southery - Mr John Houghton

11th 10:30am at Hilgay - Mrs Maggie Blowers

18th 10:30am at Southery - Revd. Paul Critchley

25th 10:30am at Hilgay - Local Arrangement

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History of the Village Voice

In 2000 I retired from farming and needed something to fill some of my time.

I was talking to my co-churchwarden Vincent Osler one day and wondered if a return of a magazine in the village would be a good idea.

He was very enthusiastic about the idea and said he would organise a meeting. He then organized a meeting with people he thought would be interested, it was well attended and given the go-ahead.

The school had an old printer that they had finished with and a group of people (mainly church and chapel members) said they would deliver the copies. We said that we wanted to do this free of charge, making the adverts pay for it.

A name was given and accepted by all, The Village Voice.

Business's were contacted and we managed to get about twenty for a start, we managed to get this up to 26 over the years.

After a while we co-opted some more people to deliver (to whom we were very grateful) and it went from strength to strength. We made a good profit after a few years and were able to give some money to the church, chapel and village hall.

In 2020 I decided to retire and luckily a new editor, Chris Stabile-Barnett, stepped into the breach but unluckily after a short while Covid stepped in and stopped us from delivering. Chris decided to go on the internet and this is still in operation.

A return to paper copies has been discussed, but many of our old deliverers have said they can no longer do it and the cost has more than doubled. So we now have 100 copies in the shop for anyone who hasn't got access to the internet. We also have more than 85 subscribers to the electronic version available by registering on the website (www.village-voice.org) and news items/adverts can be sent by email to contact@village-voice.org for inclusion.

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Editors Comment

On 14th December 2022, I attended the Parish Council Meeting at their request to discuss the Village Voice Newsletter. At that meeting the Council asked about hard copies being circulated again following COVID-19. During the discussion I indicated that we had been printing 650 copies each month prior to COVID-19 and that we now had more than 80 subscribers to the electronic version and the website carried the current and past versions. I also indicated that many of our kind delivery volunteers had retired. I stated that thanks should be given to David Starling and the volunteers and businesses that have supported the Newsletter over the years. It was unfortunate that the final public version of the minutes of that meeting published on the Parish Council website made no reference to the thanks that I had expressed during the meeting. Furthermore, requests for the minutes of the Parish Council were made so that the newsletter could include them each month. Since that meeting no further request to attend the Parish Council has been received to discuss the Newsletter. However, in May we noted the following point in the Public Record of the Parish Council minutes for the meeting held 8th March 2023 and sent by email to the Newsletter Editor on 17th April 2023:

24/23 To discuss and approve any action in regard to the Village Voice

A recent scheduled meeting had to be cancelled. It was noted that information about needing IDs for the election on 4th May could be included. The members noted that money was given for a printer of the Village Voice and there are people that are willing to deliver a village magazine. The members would like a village magazine to go to all households as it was pre Covid as the elderly/housebound residents prefer this and may not have access to the internet or the printed copies available in the village shop etc. Councillors considered if there is maybe a funding issue and the Village Voice need to let the Parish Council know if there is a funding issue. Clerk to follow up.

We were not aware of the recent scheduled meeting that was cancelled. Furthermore, the Newsletter editor was not contacted before the meeting to provide an update until the Parish Council Clerk sent an email on 6th April and 17th April with the March minutes.

In response to this minute, over the first May bank holiday weekend, 450 hard copies were delivered to households in the village and placed in the village shop. A clear banner on the front and on the last page provided a request form for Hard Copy delivery. This could be sent by post, hand delivered, emailed or individuals could register on the website.

At the time of this publication we have **3** requests for hard copy delivery.

As we discussed previously with the Parish Council, we are confident that copies placed in the village shop and via electronic circulation is able to meet the demand.

Consideration needs to be made regarding the cost of hard copy production, interest and need within the village, and of course the environmental impact of producing large quantities of printed paper each month which is not required.



SOUTHERY WOMENS INSTITUTE

President Caroline Hansford welcomed members to our May meeting which was held in The Methodist Church. Caroline introduced our entertainment for the evening, Lorraine and husband Kevin a dance duo who performed Modern Jive and Hip Hop dances and some of our members joined them and this proved quite entertaining.

Sue Welch, Jan Allen and Dianne Edwards served refreshments after which we gave a toast to King Charles III.

Lorraine judged our flower of the month competition and awarded 1st Lorraine Cummings, 2nd Doreen Goodwin and 3rd Val Osler.

On Bank Holiday Monday as this was Community Volunteer Project day the W.I. organized a Village Litter Pick, some of our members took part and were joined by other residents of the village, we filled many bin bags of rubbish finishing at the Church where we had a welcome drink and refreshments.

We will be on our Summer outing in June so our next meeting in The Village Hall will be on Thursday July 6th when we have a Hairdressing Demonstration with Emma Walters.

Our meetings are in Southery Village Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 7.15 p.m.

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SOUTHERY PARISH COUNCIL

No Agenda is currently available on the Parish Council Website for the meeting being held on **14th June 2023**

No minutes are available on the Parish Council Website for the meeting which ratified the minutes of the meeting held **12th April 2023**



NORFOLK FARMERS MARKET PRESENTS

SOUTHERY FARMER'S MARKET

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE
SATURDAY 22ND JULY
SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST
SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER
SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER
SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER

9am - 3pm

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NOTE FROM
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so delivery arrangements can be made.



🕒 19:30

📅 Thursday 13 July 2023

📅 Friday 14 July 2023

📍 Ely Cathedral, Ely, Cambs, CB7 4DL

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🕒 19:30

📅 24 June 2023 – 24 June 2023

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2023 in Ely

🕒 09:30

📅 24 June 2023 – 24 June 2023

SOUTHERY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
Held Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 7pm
In the Southery Village Hall

41/23 To record the names of those present

Cllr Alison Young - Chair
Cllr Annette Osler - Vice Chair
Cllr Roger Whitehead
Cllr Susan Welch
Cllr Crispin Copsey
Cllr Javey Osler

In attendance
Members of the public - 0
Cllr Martin Storey

Public comments/Question on parish issues

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

42/23 To consider and approve apologies for absence and approve all absences approved for past six months

It was **resolved** to accept apologies from Cllr Chris Edwards.

43/23 To receive declarations of interest on agendas items and dispensation requests

Cllr Osler and Cllr Youngs declared an interest on payments.

44/23 To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th March 2023 and note matters arising

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

Matters arising/Clerk's report

The Clerk reported on the following matters:

Bowls club

The lock was smashed off and a new lock has been put on with the same code.

Roof tiles concern

This has been reported to both local and national H&E bodies (BCKLWN and Executive) they put me to the other body so I have said I have provided information and up to them how they proceed.

Road/path/tiles/pot holes/flytipping/bollards

All matters reported as requested. Clerk requested that photos of the problems accompany details of the problem as they support the report so that the matter is correctly report and in the correct place.

Governments grant provider

The Parish Council is now signed up for this to be notified of grants and let other organisations in the village will be notified if relevant.

Brambles on field next to cemetery

Owner is not prepared to cut them back so they don't come onto the cemetery. But is happy for the Parish Council to cut to the fence line.

Mobile home and containers

Update - Mobile home is occupied by family member and does not need planning permission. The containers are used for storage and no evidence of residential use.

45/23 To discuss and approve any action in regard to the Village Voice

The members noted that there are may still be parishioners that are not able to access an online or paper copy of the Village Voice. It was suggested that perhaps doing a flyer to find out who needs a printed copy would be a valuable task. Clerk to follow up with the contact.

46/23 To receive an update from Cllr Martin Storey, NCC and BCKLWN Councillor

Cllr Storey gave an update including:

- Andrew Proctor leader of NCC is not very well, the PC wished him well. Graham Plant is now doing this role.
- Councillor died very recently, this has been a great shock. Cllr Youngs ask that the PC thoughts are passed onto the families of this councillor.
- 50million bus service improvement plan received, one of 30 authorities given this money.
- 1000 more trees planted this winter.
- 1.5 million to boost the economy.
- Social infrastructure fund discussed.
- NCC farms - welcomed 6 new tenants.
- Museum services received new funding
- Adult learning in construction opened in the county
- New family hub to be set up.
- Norfolk is successful in gaining these grants.
- All agreed at NCC that a new hospital needs to be built.

47/23 To note any Councillors comments or items for next meeting and note forward work programme

- It was agreed 2 councillors would present coins - Cllr Osler and another councillor to be confirmed. FOSA and SWISH will also attend.
- Cllr Osler noted that Halls Close path onto Feltwell Road small right of way footpath to top of Halls close
- Cllr Copsey noted that Anglian Water shut the Feltwell Road to do work and have not refilled the road properly.
- SAM2 signs are being moved correctly by the handyman. Cllr Osler to ask about someone about the Speed watch team.
- Cllr Youngs noted the Bus shelter needs sweeping - handyman
- Cllr Youngs noted the cemetery grass is very untidy and the grounds maintenance contractor needs to be reminded to get the work up to date.
- Cllr Youngs noted the Mill Lane path needs sweeping.
- Members to meet and discuss location for soil from cemetery. - agenda item next month
- BMX track discussed
- Bowls club to be agenda item next month
- Hedge cutting around bowls club
- Handyman to be asked to paint bench on play area.
- Bin encasement - wait for Cllr Edwards, however the cost was considered very high.

48/23 To approve any Handyman work

Councillors went through the usual list for the Clerk to pass on details to the Handyman.

49/23 To consider and approve matters further matters relating to King Charles' Coronation celebrations

Refund of cost of printing flyers to promote the activities. Cllr Copsey proposed that this cost of £67.00 should be refunded to the person that purchased them, this was seconded by Cllr Javey and agreed to by all.

50/23 To consider the purchase of a second notice board

The members considered the information and quotes provided by the Clerk to purchase a new notice board. It was resolved that it may be more cost effective to ask a local person to give a quote for this requirement.

- 51/23 To review the action list and 2023/24 and closure of 2022/23 action list**
It was agreed that the current action list used should continue into 2023/24.
- 52/23 To consider Risk Management Scheme Annual Review**
It was **resolved** to continue with the current Risk Management Scheme document unchanged.
- 53/23 To consider Annual Review of GDPR Policy and Audit and Model Scheme of Publication**
It was **resolved** to continue with the current GDPR Policy and Audit, and Model Scheme of Publication document unchanged.
- 54/23 To consider information about the graveyard around the ruined church and how to proceed**
It was **resolved** that the Clerk would seek advice from Norfolkcalc on how to proceed.
- 55/23 To receive financial information including month end bank statement**
Balance at bank as at 31st March 2023
Treasurers account £1924.76
Business Instant £23,336.39
- 56/23 To consider banking arrangements**
Cllr Youngs proposed that the Clerk should alter the banking mandate so that Cllrs Osler and Cllr Welch authorise payments set up by the Clerk. This was seconded by Cllr Osler and all agreed.
- 57/23 To approve Payments**
Cllr Welch proposed that all the payments should be made with the exception of those to CGM, this was seconded by Cllr Copsey and all agreed.

Payee	Regarding	Net	VAT	Gross
G Robinson	Clerk wage	256.03	0	256.03
G Robinson	Clerk expenses - Coronation coins	159.39	31.88	191.27
HMRC	PAYE/NIC month 1	0	0	0
Eon	Electric	185.95	9.30	195.25
Alison Youngs	Cemetery tap repair part	12.99	0	12.99
K&M Lighting	Lighting maintenance	59.03	11.80	70.83
Norfolcalc	Website provision	70.00	0	70.00
Norfolcalc	Subscription fee	306.10	0	306.10
CGM	March	670.91	134.18	805.09
CGM	April	738.00	147.60	885.60
A Osler	Decorations	240.37	0	240.37
D Smith	Posters/flyers	67.00	0	67.00

58/23 To consider the approval of St Mary's Church Clock Servicing Fee
This item is not needed.

59/23 To consider Ferry Bank bollard (knocked over)
Lorries need a sign to remind them to take the corner wide with larger lorries so that they do not knock them down, or the road needs to be wider, this is a very stressful situation for the house owner. Clerk to suggest to Highways.

60/23 To consider planning items
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

16/00658/NMAM_3 Southery 562411 294846 NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO PLANNING PERMISSION 16/00658/FM: Proposed residential development Land North of Lions Close Southery Norfolk - nothing for the PC to consider at this time.

Decisions

22/01619/FM Southery Southery Mill Sedge Fen Road Southery Downham Market Norfolk PE38 0PT - Alterations to existing vehicular entrance, provisions of 2No. new office/welfare cabins, relocation of an existing storage container, extension of existing vehicular storage yard, recladding of an existing steel frame storage shed, installation of a new 2 bay lorry wash facility, revised/alterations to boundary treatments and

all associated site development works including drainage & lighting
Application Permitted 15 March 2023 Delegated Decision

Correspondence

No items of correspondence

61/23 To Note Date of next meeting, Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Assembly – Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7 pm in the Southery Village Hall

62/23 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)

It was **resolved** to move into a closed session.

Cllr Osler discussed how well various organisations worked together to make arrangements for the jubilee last year. It was agreed this celebration was a success for the village.

Councillors agreed that organisations are very welcome to request Parish Council funds to contribute to similar activities. Or individual councillors can also invite or remind organisations that requests can be made, however, all contributions must be considered, agreed to at a full council meeting and recorded in council minutes. It is with this procedure in mind, Cllr Osler and the Parish Council were reassured that they continue to follow the correct legal procedures.