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CHURCH NEWS

After the death of Her Majesty the Queen, the Parish Council requested that their Book of Condolence could be placed in the church for the people of the village to sign. We organised the manning of the church and took the Book to the school where all the children signed it. Some wrote moving sentences about the Queen.

We held a special service of reflection and thanksgiving for the Queen on the day before her funeral.

Harvest Festival was held on Sunday 26th September followed by a Bring and Share lunch. Many thanks to all who decorated the church so beautifully. The next day the children from Southery Academy came into church for their harvest celebration each bringing an item for the Downham Market Food Bank. The food has been taken to the Food Bank who were very grateful as demand has greatly increased recently.

We have a Quiz evening for church funds on Saturday 15th at 7pm in the Village Hall. Phone 01366 378498 to book a place. Supper provided.

Services for October:

2nd No service

9th Eucharist at 10.00

16th Eucharist at 10.00

19th Hymns and Tea at 2.30pm

23rd Service of the Word at 10.00

30th Benefice Service See notice board as to where this will be.

Marion Lewis

Southery Village Hall



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Southery W.I.



Approximately 90 members and guests from Downham Market, Feltwell, Fincham, Littleport and Watlington were welcomed to our September 1st Harvest meeting by President Caroline Hansford.

We were entertained by singer Peter Waddison who soon had us singing along to some old classics from the 60's onwards.

We then enjoyed a delicious buffet provided by Southery members including a cake made by Lorraine Cummings in celebration of 107 years of the W.I. Southery W.I. itself will be 95 years old in March 2023, quite an achievement for a small Village. This was followed by our Harvest Sale of produce with the stall doing a roaring trade of fruit, veg and cakes etc. our sincere thanks to Southery members and local farmers for their generosity.

Our competition for a small table arrangement was judged by The President of Downham W.I. who awarded 1st Sue Hilton 2nd Chris Leahy 3rd Carol Thulbourne . Sonja Wilden received a gift for points gained in recent competitions.

We then enjoyed another session with Peter before it was time to say goodbye to our guests and get down to the job of wash up and clear up.

Caroline thanked everyone for their hard work and for making this a memorable evening.

Southery members can be proud of putting on this event after two plus years of restrictions, many favourable comments were given by a number of our guests.

At our October 6th meeting we have Jean Shore demonstrating her craft with Willow and Twig.



Val Osler

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 October

2 nd	10.30am	At Southery Methodist Chapel – Rev. Alan Bennett
9 th	10.30am	At Hilgay Methodist Chapel – Rev. Paul Critchley –Harvest Festival
16 th	10.30am	At Southery Methodist Chapel – Rev. Robert Roberts
23 rd	10.30am	At Hilgay Methodist Chapel – Mr. John Houghton
30 th	10.30am	At Southery Methodist Chapel – Mrs. Heather Brown



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SOUTHERY PARISH COUNCIL
Draft (until approved at the next full council meeting)
Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
Wednesday 13 July 2022 at 7.10 pm
in the Southery Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Annette Osler (Vice Chair)
Cllr Crispin Copsey
Cllr Chris Edwards
Cllr Javey Osler
Cllr Roger Whitehead
Cllr Susan Welch (minute no. 88/22 – 101/22)
Helen Richardson, Parish Clerk & Financial Responsible Person

In attendance:

Members of the Public: 1
Cllr Martin Storey, NCC and BCKLWN Councillor

84/22 To consider and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were noted and accepted for Cllr Alison Youngs (personal reasons).

85/22 To receive Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items and Dispensation Requests.

There were none.

86/22 To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 June 2022

RESOLVED: The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 June 2022 were approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising Report:

Orchard Way – The Clerk left a message for the Engineer (streetlighting) in the Community and Environmental Services Team at NCC in response to their mentioning of legal contracts and designs for the three lights in recent emails. The Clerk asked them to consider it a special case and find a way to expedite the parish council taking on the streetlighting quickly without designs and minimal legal work (that would be paid for by the developer in any case) since it had been in a deadlock position for 12 years. The Clerk awaits to hear from them with a proposal. The Clerk is keeping the developer and PCs streetlighting contractor up to date.

Electrical Inspection of Hut and Toilet – The three-year inspection took place with no maintenance required.

Handyman – They confirmed they were still able to offer service to Southery. The Clerk added paths near Mill Lane to his list including the verge at Campsey Road.

Letters of Thanks – As in June minutes were all sent.

Jubilee Mugs – The Clerk forwarded Cllr Crispin Copsey details for the school who agreed to distribute.

AGAR – It was submitted to the external auditor.

Planning Consultations Received Between Meetings - 22/00812/F Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of a new three-bedroom dwelling at 39 Feltwell Road, Southery, PE38 0NR. No comment returned.

Planning Application Notification of a Withdrawn Application - 22/00169/F Change of use of paddock to garden and siting of a caravan. 17 Lynn Road, Southery.

87/22 To Receive an Update from Cllr Martin Storey, NCC and BCKLWN Councillor

- EDP press have publicised that the Norwich Western Link is going to cost another £25m but NCC were still supporting this project, this was due to a materials cost inflation.
- Over the summer period there were numerous events that NCC were involved with for families, and more information was available on the website
- The Queen's Jubilee celebrations had been successful and had the effect of bringing communities together was wonderful and it was hoped this would continue.
- Fly-tipping had been of great concern in the borough, there was a fixed penalty of £350 and for repeat offenders a fine up to £5k or imprisonment, and the BCKLWN had committed funds to tackling this issue. There had been some restrictions at recycling sites, but this was currently under review. Any reports of fly tipping will be dealt with quicker and there had been a reduction of incidents due to taking this tough stance.
- There were numerous large amounts of funding available towards installing electric charging points, the borough council had installed some in 7 council car parks (5x Kings Lynn; 1x Hunstanton and 1x Burnham Market with free parking from 6 pm to 8 am).
- CIL application deadlines were 1st August.
- NCC and BCKLWN Council meetings were face to face currently, but there were some hybrid meetings being held virtually.

88/22 To Consider Whether the Council Wishes to Consider Co-option Prior to May 2023 (Election)

An application was received from Sue Welch.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Sue Welch be nominated for Coopted Councillor for Southery Parish Council by Cllr Javey Osler, seconded by Cllr Chris Edwards, all were in favour.

The Parish Council welcomed Cllr Sue Welch onto the Parish Council.

89/22 To Note Any Councillors Comments or Items for next meeting and note forward work programme.

- The Clerk agreed to report the vision splay at the A10 Southery turning to Highways to check.
- The Clerk agreed to contact the Palmers fish and chip van and ask them to stop at the bus stop instead near the Werehen.
- The Clerk agreed to lodge a complaint on behalf of residents regarding the PO Van service as it was not turning up on numerous occasions.
- The Clerk agreed to report a drain outside 4 Lynn Road due to a bad smell to Highways.
- A new lock had been installed in the playing field toilet.
- The Parish Council agreed to send a letter of thanks to Ex-Councillor Christine Feltwell for her service to the village on the Parish Council.
- Cllr Javey Osler agreed to ask the resident who had agreed to assist with the issue relating to the dyke on Campsey Road to call Andy Wallace whilst it was dry to clear it.
- The Council discussed the trees on the Werehen who were growing close to each other.
- The Clerk agreed to ask CGM to trim down the soil mound.
- The Clerk agreed to ask the Handyman to clear the weeds near the rectory.
- Parking at the School was a concern, the Clerk agreed to ask the school to remind parents of the importance of parking and moving outside the school with much care with the HGV and Lorries when they return to school. The Clerk agreed to ask Highways what the complaints process might be concerning the vehicles that go through the village.

90/22 To Discuss and Approve Any Action or Costs in Relation to a Grant Application from the Church in Regard to the Maintenance Work on the Church Clock

The Parish Council had received a grant funding request from the Church for the Clock costs they had incurred in maintenance amounting to £2,930.40. The Parish Council had a power to provide a public clock. The Parish Council budgeted £350 annually for the maintenance of the clock when the PCC requested but this had not been required for the past two years due to Covid.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council approve a grant of £600 towards the costs of the Church Clock maintenance. (Proposed Cllr Roger Whitehead, seconded Cllr Javey Osler, all were in favour).

91/22 To Approve Play Area Grant Application

The Council agreed to form a working party with other parts of the village and residents to create a design and come up with ideas for a new play area ahead of considering what funding maybe required. It was felt the current play area was dated. Cllr Annette Osler and Cllr Sue Welch agreed to take forward. The Clerk agreed to get some brochures.

92/22 To Discuss the Presentation of the Covid Memorial Plaque

The Chair was going to receive the plaque from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Nick Pratt at the village carnival.

93/22 To Approve a Plaque for the Beacon and its Permanent Fixture on the Werehen Village Green

Cllr Crispin agreed to organise a plaque for the beacon.

94/22 To Approve Planting of a Grant Funded Hedge Around the Werehen Village Green

It was agreed not to plant a hedge due to maintenance issues.

95/22 To Approve Replacement of Wooden Rail Fencing Around the Werehen Village Green

Three quotes had been requested and two had been received.

RESOLVED: That a quote of £2220 plus VAT quote from a contractor to replace like for like the fencing on the Werehen be approved. (Proposed Cllr Roger Whitehead; seconded Cllr Javey Osler, all were in favour).

96/22 To Discuss and Approve Any Actions or Costs in Relation to Southery Christmas Event 2022

Cllr Annette Osler agreed to talk to Swish about the events and include again on the September agenda.

97/22 To Discuss The Village Voice Magazine

The Parish Council had received a response regarding the Village Voice about the provision of hard copies to every household again. The Editor had advised that this was not something they would consider as they had offered in recent months and only had one request, but they welcomed the PC's views. The Council agreed to suggest that hard copies be placed in the pub, hairdressers, school, and local shop.

98/22 To Approve Review of the Annual Rent Charge on Recreation Drive for 2023

RESOLVED: That the rent remain the same for 2023 at £90. (Proposed Cllr Crispin Copsey; seconded Cllr Chris Edwards, all were in favour).

99/22 To Approve Any Handyman Work

The work of the handyman was approved as the basic list and anything else discussed in the meeting.

Permissive pathway

UPDATE

We have had no complaints in September about dog mess or bottles and litter in neighbouring gardens to the permissive pathway. Thank you to everybody for their diligence.

Many thanks,
Judith

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