

Southery Village Voice



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CHURCH NEWS

September is the time for Harvest Festivals and ours at St. Mary's is on Sunday 25th at 11am. This will be followed by a 'Bring and Share' lunch in the church. All are welcome.

I know its only September and Christmas is a long way off but I have to start organising the Shoe Boxes now as I have to pass them on at the beginning of November so that they can be delivered to families in Eastern Europe by Christmas.

This year the shoe boxes will be so badly needed by refugees from the Ukrainian war

So please let me know if you are able to fill one and I will deliver you a leaflet which tells you what to put in the box. Thank you.

Services for September:

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| Sunday 4 th | No service at St. Mary's |
| Sunday 11 th | Communion Service at 10.00am |
| Sunday 18 st | Communion Service at 10.00am |
| Wednesday 21 st | Hymns and Tea at 2.30pm |
| Sunday 25 th | Harvest Thanksgiving 11.00am followed by lunch. |

Marion Lewis

Southery Village Hall



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Southery W.I.



Members were welcomed to the August meeting by President Caroline Hansford. Caroline introduced Susanah Farmer, who brought along a variety of vintage film footage from the East Anglian Film Archives where there are over 1000 reels of film. We had everything from Silent Movie Comedy, Farming Life in the Fens in the 1930's/40's, (back breaking work) then on to the 60's/70's and the era of "Hot Pants".

Refreshments were served by Sonja Wilden and Val Osler.

The Jubilee Tree has been purchased and will be planted on the Werehan possibly in September (hopefully it will rain before then). The Tree chosen is called Liquid Amber Worplesdon and was chosen for its varying foliage from lime green in spring through to yellow, orange and deep red in the Autumn. There will also be a commemorative plaque. Our sincere thanks to Javey Osler for kindly picking the tree up for us and to Diane Edwards for keeping it alive until planting.

September 1st Harvest Meeting arrangements were finalised helpers to be at the Village Hall at 5.30 p.m. We are expecting approximately 100 guests and members. We will be entertained by Peter Waddison, singer/guitarist .

Sandy Hackett manned the bring and buy table and made £11

Susanah judged our flower of the month competition and awarded 1st Carol Thulbourne 2nd Caroline Hansford 3rd Maggie Blowers. Maggie also received a gift for points gained in recent competitions.

At our October 6th meeting we have Jean Shore demonstrating her craft with Willow and Twig. This is also our nominations evening for our Committee for 2023.

Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month in Southery Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. Anyone wishing to join us will be made most welcome.

Val Osler

SOUTH FIELD

CURRENT DRY PERIOD

Even though there was some rain recently, the countryside is tinder-dry and brown and we desperately need more rain. The dryness shows up all the litter that has been discarded and is dangerous.

South Field, a permissive footpath, looks dreadful, our men have refused to mow it, because of the dog poo and litter. To clean out the mower, they are clearing out dog excrement and rubbish.

We have had complaints from neighbours about dog poo thrown into their gardens and as well as abusive dog walkers.

We would like to continue, providing the footpath for the good people of Southery, who follow the Countryside Code, take their rubbish home, respect other walkers and their neighbours and their property. If you cannot do that, please keep off these permissive footpaths.

Judith Legge

Everyone should be aware that the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk are responsible for enforcing the law around dog owners responsibility to collect their dog fouling waste. Individuals can be reported using the website below:

https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20094/animals_and_pests/751/dog_and_other_animal_fouling

A10 ROAD ACCIDENT

Recently there has been another serious accident on the A10 outside Southery village. There is increased traffic on the road at this time of the year including more farm vehicles and motorcyclists. The turn into the Southery village coming from the Ely direction is also a particular problem, with the turn lane into the village frequently being used as an overtaking lane by traffic coming from the Kings Lynn direction. This was raised with the local MP a couple of years ago when the junction had a number of accidents over a short period of time. However, is it time for a speed reduction on the A10 outside the village or other measures to protect vehicles entering and leaving the Southery junctions? Furthermore, the speed watch team in July recorded more than 40% of people speeding on Lynn Road on 29th July with the highest recorded speed being in excess of 65 mph.

SOUTHERY PARISH COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 7.10 pm
in the Southery Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Alison Youngs (Chair)
Cllr Annette Osler (Vice Chair)
Cllr Christine Feltwell
Cllr Crispin Copsey
Cllr Chris Edwards
Cllr Javey Osler
Cllr Roger Whitehead
Helen Richardson, Parish Clerk & Financial Responsible Person

In attendance:

Members of the Public: 0
Cllr Martin Storey, NCC and BCKLWN Councillor

71/22 To consider and approve apologies for absence

There were none.

72/22 To receive Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items and Dispensation Requests.

Cllr Annette Osler, Cllr Javey Osler, Cllr Chris Edwards and Cllr Christine Feltwell all declared interest in payments due to refunds regarding the Jubilee.

73/22 To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 May 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual meeting of the parish council held on 10 May 2022 be approved following minimal minor amends. (Cllr Alison Youngs proposed, Cllr Annette Osler seconded, all were in favour)

Matters Arising June 2022

Electric Recharge – this was actioned and paid for the hut between January and March by the goal keeping academy.

Grass cutting Jubilee – The grounds maintenance contractor did cuts for the jubilee.

No Dogs Signs in Cemetery – The Clerk ordered these signs and will be installed asap by handyman.

Dog Fouling in Play Area – The Clerk contacted the School as requested to ask they add a note in their newsletter asking that parents at the school that use the play area not to take dogs within the fenced area as this is not permitted, due to instances of dog mess being left.

Footpaths – The Clerk chased up the NCC Highways technician in regard to the footpath between churchgate street and mill lane (previously marked) and reported the footpath between mill lane and halls close for repair on email on 18th May. They were programmed, and they were going to add the Feltwell Road section near mill lane junction. The Clerk also had asked the Handyman to tidy.

Letter of thanks – Was sent to Nicholsons in regard to the beacon.

Norfolk Swift Response and Norfolk Assistance Scheme – The Clerk added to the website.

Parking Enforcement – The Clerk emailed Cllr Martin Storey for contact details of the BCKLWN team as nothing could be found on their website. The Clerk also emailed the Borough Council parking team on 24 May to find out if there was someone that could assist with issues at Campsey Road and Recreation Drive but they confirmed they were not able to assist either. The Chair was planning to attend the next SNAP meeting with the Police and raise the issue with them. She was

also going to raise asb issues in the village with broken glass and youths reportedly on social media stealing a cat.

Upgate Street Streetlight – The Clerk paid UK Power networks ahead of the contractor then installing the new column and light fitting.

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) due to the fact that it had been in a deadlock position for 12 years. The Clerk awaits to hear from them with a proposal w/c 6th June. The Clerk is keeping the developer and PCs streetlighting contractor up to date. Cllr Martin Storey agreed to take it forward internally and the Clerk agreed to send details.

VAT Return 2021/22 – The Clerk will send this off for £3280.32 and monitor its return.

Planning Consultations Received Between Meetings

22/00432/F Replacement of existing asbestos double garage with a double car port/carriage house. The building only to be used for the storage of two vehicles at Riverside house, Creek Lane, Brandon Creek, PE38 0PR. No comment returned on 24.05.22

74/22 To Note Any Councillors Concerns or items for next meeting and note forward work programme.

Cllr Martin Storey

- **Parking Issues** – There had been a meeting at Hockwold in recent weeks about the same issue, and the Police, NCC Senior Manager, Chair of the PC had discussed with him the issues regarding parking on site near the school, and there was nothing that could be enforced legally.
- The Jubilee had been a wonderful event for all the communities in all local villages across Norfolk.
- The new round of CIL funding was going live between 1st July and 31st July from BCKLWN.
- Flytipping – The BCKLWN were very efficient in coming out to resolve issues that he had reported recently.
- Footpaths – If there were any issues with the right of ways he could assist with to let him know.
- Any grants that were available he would assist.
- Common Lane – There was a manhole sewage cover on Common Lane that had lifted, the Clerk agreed to contact the Highways Technician.
- Churchgate Street Barn – The Clerk agreed to email the Borough Council and copy in Cllr Martin Storey about the issue.

Councillors Concerns

- **Village Voice** – It was understood that the Village Voice was missed in the village. There had been a digital copy available and a lot of older residents would like an hard copy. The Clerk agreed to write to the editor and ask that it was possible.
- **Christmas Event** – Following the jubilee it was felt that an event at Christmas could be arranged with the other organisations in the village and keep the contact forged at the Jubilee continued. It was agreed to add to the July agenda, Cllr Alison Youngs and Cllr Annette Osler agreed to lead on it.
- **Letter of Thanks** - The Clerk agreed to write to a resident who cleaned the toilet facility on the field during the jubilee event.
- **Letter of Thanks** for the resident that provided the door.
- **Letter of Thanks** for assistance provided to installing the beacon.
- **Letter of Thanks** to Nathan at Goal Keeping Academy for the games provided at the jubilee.
- **Letter of Thanks to FOSA, Village Hall and SWISH** – in regard to the jubilee.
- **Thank you** – to Cllr Annette Osler for the beautiful flower arrangement for the jubilee.
- **Mugs** – With the surplus left over to arrange those who didn't receive them collected from the school. The Clerk agreed to contact the school secretary if they would be able to arrange it. It

was agreed to sell the mugs to those who wished to have them for the Christmas event and discuss with the organisations on how to do.

- **Keepsake Box** – It was suggested to have this box and keep in the archive to say that this event happened including photos.
- **Beacon** - Cllr Crispin Copsey agreed to ask in regard to a plaque for the beacon. The Clerk agreed to add on the July to approve its permanent fixture on the village green and the plaque. The Clerk would add to the Assets register for £1 and it was likely insured.
- **Footpath** - outside the Old Rectory path needed tidying but was on the Handyman's list.
- **Toilet** - It was agreed to purchase a handle for the toilet that could be locked from the inside. £30 in total as a health and safety matter. It was suggested to include a modesty screen, and Cllr Chris Edwards agreed to investigate.
- The Clerk agreed to chase up the handyman to level off and trim the verge near Campsey Road.
- The Campsey Road Dyke was dry and would be a prime time to dig them out if NCC wished to do so.
- There continued to be a dog fouling issue with Campsey Road.
- The Werehen fencing needed either replacing and was concerned to be a health and safety issue. The Clerk agreed to get three quotes.
- It was agreed that a resident can paint the Tommy.
- It was agreed to snip off a wire fence on the playing field due to a health and safety issue.

The Chair wished to thank everyone involved and hard work into the jubilee celebrations

The Parish Council wished to thank Cllr Christine Feltwell for her time on the Parish Council and behalf of the village, of the difficult decision that she had made to resign on the Parish Council from 11 June 2022.

75/22 Parish Council Management: To Approve Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22

RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 be approved within section 1 followed by section 2. The Chair had looked over the financial information for year end and agreed the bank statement against the reconciliation. (Cllr Chris Edwards proposed, seconded Cllr Annette Osler, all were in favour).

76/22 To Discuss Play Area Tiles

The Council following on from Wickstead's annual play area inspection the tiles were lifting and mouldy. There was a potential for CIL funding available for the play area. There was discussion that the Lottery and Sport England may be able to assist with a grant. The Clerk agreed to contact the Feltwell PC to find out what they had applied for.

It was agreed to put an application into the CIL for the play area for the following:

- Floor covering replacement.
- Zip Line within the play area.
- Bird Nest Swing.

77/22 To Approve Any Response to the "The Norfolk County Council Local List for Validation of Planning Applications Consultation Draft, 2022: Invitation to respond to our consultation"

It was understood that this was to do with minerals and waste which Southery wasn't impacted. The Parish Council noted it.

78/22 To Approve Any Handyman Work

The following was agreed for action:

- Cemetery path to sweep and tidy.
- Interment area to tidy.
- The footpath along Mill Lane to Churchgate street weeds to tidy.
- Fencing to stain in cemetery and playing field.
- Woodworm treatment needed to be done in the football hut.
- The Clerk agreed to ask the payback team to paint all the fencing in the village in autumn.

- The Clerk agreed to ask the Handyman if he still has capacity that this is due to some work being outstanding for some time.

79/22 To Approve the Annual Review of GDPR Policy, Audit and Model Scheme of Publication

RESOLVED: That the Annual Review of the GDPR Policy be approved, as well as the Audit noted and the Model Scheme of Publication approved. (Cllr Crispin Copsey proposed, Cllr Chris Edwards seconded, all were in favour)

80/22 To Approve the Electrical Inspection in August of the Football Hut and Toilet Block (Every Three Years)

RESOLVED: That the three year electrical inspection for the football hut and toilet block be approved at £160. (Cllr Chris Edwards proposed; seconded Cllr Alison Youngs, all were in favour).

81/22 To Approve Working Party an Unveiling Event for the NALC Covid Memorial Plaque

It was agreed to invite them to the Summer event in July if available. The Clerk agreed to contact them.

82/22 To Approve Payments

Payments for Approval - June 2022

Payee	Net	VAT	Gross
Parish Clerk Wages and Expenses	351.40	0.00	351.40
HMRC	77.40	0.00	77.40
Handyman	40.00	0.00	40.00
CGM - Grounds Maintenance - May and June 2022	1341.82	268.36	1,610.18
Wickstead - Annual Inspection Play Area Maintenance Work	413.40	82.68	496.08
Village Hall Hire - June 2022	12.00	0.00	12.00
K&M Streetlighting - Playing Field Light and one months maintenance	379.03	75.80	454.83
Internal Audit Fee	50.00	0.00	50.00
NPFA Membership Fee	25.00	0.00	25.00
Stephenson Smart Payroll Fee (3 Months)	80.00	16.00	96.00
JD Signs - two no dogs signs	12.00	0.00	12.00
Npower - April Streetlight electricity	226.87	11.34	238.21
BBQ Jubilee Event Refund to Cllr Christine Feltwell	500.00	0.00	500.00
Jubilee Event Volunteer Refunds (six volunteers including Cllr Annette Osler and Cllr Javey Osler)	572.95	0.00	572.95
FOSA	100.00	0.00	100.00
Southery Village Hall	100.00	0.00	100.00
SWISH	100.00	0.00	100.00

Included in the above payments are £100 grant each for the organisations in the village that contributed to the Jubilee event being FOSA, Village hall and SWISH.

RESOLVED: That payments as presented be approved. (Cllr Alison Youngs proposed, seconder Cllr Crispin Copsey, three were in favour and four abstained due to declarations of interests)

83/22 To Note Date of next meeting – Wednesday 13 July 2022 at 7 pm in the Southery Village Hall

Noted.

Southery Speed Watch



SAM data for July at Southery.

Max Speed	
Lynn Rd	70
Feltwell	50

Lynn Road

Largest number of speeders recorded at any one period of time was 32 on 29th at 07:00, this representing 40.5% of total count for this period. Nine of these had a speed of over 40 mph. Highest speed recorded was 65/70mph on the 16th at 19:00

Feltwell Road

Largest number of speeders recorded at any one period of time was 8 on 8th and 16th at 17:00 and 18:00. There were total of six recorded at speeds of 45/50mph but these took place on different days and times.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Feltwell Rd	Count over limit	94	78	93	76	114	82
	% over limit	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.5
	Avg Speeder	38	38.1	38	38	38.2	37.9

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Lynn Rd	Count over limit	769	698	681	732	801	600
	% over limit	15	15.5	14.7	16.3	16.7	16.2
	Avg Speeder	39.3	39.3	39.2	39.3	39.2	39.2

Please note no data recorded for Feltwell Rd between 26th and 31st of July

Location	Data	Time	Watch Data	SAM Number
Feltwell Rd	26-Jul	7am		
		7:30am	3	
		8am		

Location	Data	Time	Watch Data	SAM Number
Upgate St	21-Jul	10am	22	

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