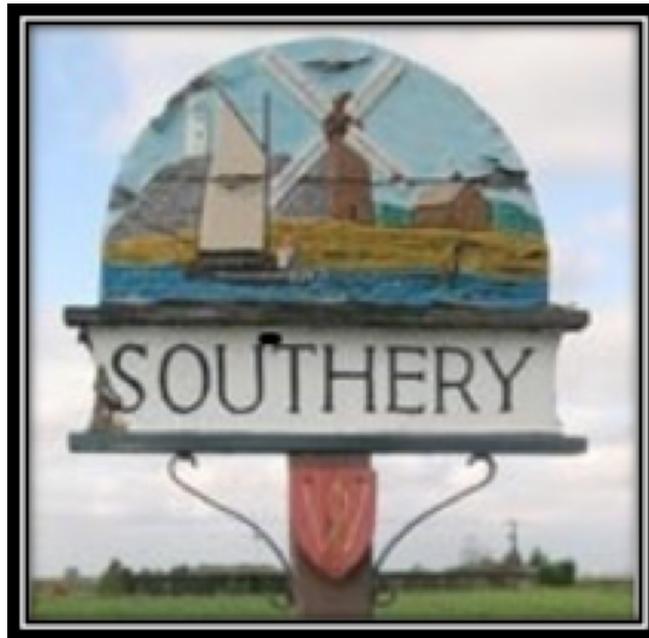


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If you have any items for the newsletter then please send them to contact@village-voice.org

Southery Village Caretaker

The Parish Council would like to hear from persons who may be interested in being a Village Caretaker in Southery on a self-employed basis. Work would be *ad hoc* carrying out repairs and maintenance as requested by the Southery Parish Council. Please could anyone interested make themselves known to the Parish Clerk by the end of March 2020

Parish Clerk: Helen Richardson, Parish Council Clerk & RFO
Phone: 0779 500 6811 Email: parishclerk1@hotmail.co.uk

Southery Yard & Children's Nearly New Sale

The sale will be held on Sunday 3rd May 2020, 9am - 1pm. There will also be sale pitches available in the school playground. The Children's Nearly New sale will be held in the school hall. Follow and like us on facebook @ Southery Yard Sale & Children's Nearly New Sale.

Church News

I have received a thank you letter and poster from the Link to Hope charity. It says: 'Thank you to everyone who took part in the 2019 Shoe Box appeal. 37,400 amazing shoe boxes of love were sent to people who can never repay you. Vulnerable communities now know that someone cares.' You can go to www.linktohope.co.uk to learn more.

The Church Quiz Night is on Sat. 7th March in Village Hall.

We have a bingo for church funds on 20th March.

The March Favourite Hymns and Afternoon Tea is on 11th at 2.30pm.

Services at St. Mary's Church, Southery

March 1st 2020

Benefice Eucharist at Feltwell
No service at St. Mary's

March 15th 2020 10am.

Eucharist

March 22nd 2020 10 am

Mothering Sunday Service of the word

March 8th 2020 5pm.

Eucharist

March 20th 2020

Mothering Friday at St. Mary's
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No service at St. Mary's

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Chapel Services for March

1st March at 11am

1st March at 6.30pm

8th March at 11am

15th March at 11am

22nd March at 11am

29th March at 11am

Mrs. Elizabeth Batstone

Rev. Robert Roberts - Songs of Praise

Rev. Maurice Stafford

Mrs. Joella Nash

Mrs. Pauline Driver

Local Arrangement

Swish

Our first event of the New Year was Sleeping Beauty? the pantomime. Script written by Emma, songs chosen by Rose and directed by Kevin. All four performances were well attended and attracted jovial crowds. Our thanks to all cast members, especially the children who have to juggle rehearsals with school days, stage crew/technicians, musicians, make-up artists, costume designers, painters, sponsors, the Village Hall for their ongoing support with a venue & Southery Hair Studio for selling tickets. Also to you for supporting us by coming to watch and making it the amazing success it was. Lots of time and hard work goes on behind the scenes prior to and after performances, it is wonderful to be part of such an amazing community. Roll on next year ... wait and see what we have in store! A donation will be given to the Village Hall, amount TBC.

AGM to be held on Sunday 1st March, 4pm at The Old White Bell, Southery.

Easter bingo will be held on 3rd April at the Village Hall. Eyes down at 7.30pm and over 60's can play all 10 games free. Half time flyers charged as normal, raffle and refreshments during interval. All welcome.

Dates for the diary:

12th April – Dumbell Rally

23rd April – Quiz (TBC)

25th July – Wild West Outdoor Event

20th August – Hunstanton Bus Trip

September – Pantomime auditions

16th October – Bingo

14th November – Swish Ball (TBC)

30th November – Xmas Bus Trip to Norwich

8th & 10th December – Santa Visits

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Southery W.I.

Sue Hilton welcomed members to the February meeting and introduced Norfolk Artist Paul Bryant. Paul told us a brief history of how he discovered his interest in painting and how he now has a passion for it, he then went on to paint two pictures; one a beautiful landscape and the other of poppies in a corn field, you could literally hear a pin drop whilst we watched him work. The two pictures were raffled off with Jenny and Julie being the lucky winners. Paul then judged our competition with 1st Sue Hilton, 2nd Marion Lewis, and 3rd Beryl Stubbins. Paul was thanked by Sue for a fascinating demonstration.

Maggie and Caroline served refreshments.

Table Flowers were arranged by Christine Bunn.

Business:

Our next fundraising Bingo will be Friday March 13th in The Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The outing to the Triplow Daffodil Festival on Sunday March 29th. Harrods Coach will pick up at the Old White Bell, time to be confirmed but should be approximately 9.30 a.m.

Sheila, Lorraine, Sandy, Val, Marion Garrett, Chris and Margaret are busy preparing our entry for the Norfolk Federation Centenary Salver Competition on April 3rd/5th at Bawdeswell. Our brief for this was an event in history and we have decided that our entry will be "The Great Fire of London". Marion Lewis and Val Osler will be attending the Norfolk Federation Annual Meeting on April 8th at The Theatre Royal Norwich with Marion being our delegate.

Some of our members will be going to Dobbies in Kings Lynn for a Hanging Basket Workshop on Thursday May 14th.

For our Meeting Out on Thursday June 4th we will be going to Wroxham for a boat trip on The Broads and then on to Wroxham Barns. Harrods Coach has been booked for this, picking up at The Old White Bell, with times to be confirmed later.

For our March 5th meeting we have Pat Bernaki with Microwave Cakes and at our April 2nd meeting we will be having a Fashion Show by "Allez Chic" of Castle Rising and we will be joined by guests from surrounding groups.

Val Osler



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POLITE PUBLIC NOTICE - DOG FOULING
ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

It has come to the Parish Council's attention of the amount of dog walking residents who do not pick up their dog's waste. This is occurring all over the village, but most noticeably on the Playing Field which is regarded as being not be a place for dogs to be. The Parish Council are disappointed that some residents feel that it is okay to leave dog waste behind on the field as well as elsewhere in the village.

Residents 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. Any resident can report to them, with evidence, those who do not pick up after their dogs and if relevant can issue prosecution. More information can be found on the following webpage:

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

The Parish Council are very concerned about children's welfare who play on the field and the dangers some diseases as a result can be caused by pet waste which include: Campylobacteriosis – bacterial infection that causes diarrhoea in humans (carried by dogs and cats) and Cryptosporidium a parasitic infection that causes diarrhoea and abdominal distress (carried by dogs and cats).

Please ensure if you are a dog walker that you collect all your waste and either take it home or dispose in one of the dog waste bins provided by the Council around the village.

Southery Village Hall 

Tuesdays – Auction – Entries by 2:30pm with Auction at 6:30pm
Thursdays – Youth Club every 2nd and 4th of the month 7-9pm
Friday – Bingo – 7:30pm

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**SOUTHERY PARISH COUNCIL (EXTRACT FOR VILLAGE VOICE)
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**Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2019 at 7.00 pm
at Southery Methodist Church, Ferry Bank Road, Southery**

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

In attendance:

Members of the Public: 3

Public Comments / Questions on Parish Issues

- *Thank you for arranging for a streetlight in Campsey Road to be replaced.*
- *The Clerk to report streetlight 103 opposite Oak Tree House on Campsey Road.*
- *Flooding in Campsey Road - It was believed that the resident was in regular contact with Anglian Water and the Clerk agreed to notify Norfolk County Council to see if they were aware.*
- *The Clerk agreed to contact the Rangers, British Sugar and BCKLWN regarding path sweeping.*
- *The footpath near 2 Feltwell Road had subsided. The Clerk agreed to follow up with Highways.*
- *There had been two speed watches last month and only four vehicles needed reporting.*
- *The Clerk agreed to report to Highways the attitude of a workman who had removed a Swish sign from the village gates and had spoken rudely to a resident.*
- *The football hut lighting would be discussed at a future meeting.*
- *A part was missing from a footpath gate at Campsey Road and the Clerk agreed to report it.*

Matters Arising (Clerks Report)

- British Sugar confirmed road sweeping took place on 20th December and would be done on the last Friday of every month until the end of the campaign season. The Clerk agreed to check with them as it was believed this was not occurring.
- Hall Close Street Lighting - The light was being checked by the contractor.
- The Clerk reported the hanging light cover outside the Church to the contractor and indicated that a light in the same area had been reported at the end of January.
- The Clerk was going to report the Giveaway sign on Feltwell Road which had been moved.
- Market Buses - Southery was not affected by the recent issue in the County.
- Orchard Close - The Clerk had emailed Highways regarding the issue and was awaiting a response.
- The Clerk had reported to Highways the stay now in the middle of the pathway on Lynn Road.
- The Clerk had reported the broken bollard on Ferry Bank and requested in the strongest way possible that the road layout needed to be reviewed.

Planning Consultation Decisions Notified :

19/01516/F - Towlers Farm Southery Road Feltwell Norfolk IP26 4ER - Demolition of agricultural building and construction of replacement agricultural building. Application Permitted 29 November 2019 Delegated Decision

19/01868/F - 67 Feltwell Road Southery Downham Market Norfolk PE38 0NR - Construction of garage/studio/storage building. Application Permitted 19 December 2019. Delegated Decision

19/01994/AG - Hope Farm Mill Drove Southery Norfolk PE38 0PL - Agricultural Prior Notification: Installation of a ground source heat pump and associated underground pipe work. Consent is Required 16 December 2019. Delegated Decision

Planning Applications Withdrawn:

Demolition of existing garage to allow for erection of proposed dwelling. Existing access to be utilised with parking for existing and proposed dwelling's associated turning & site works at 14A Churchgate Street, Southery.

To Approve the Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2020/21 - It was proposed by Cllr Christine Feltwell pending two sufficient references that the contract for grounds maintenance be given for one year to CGM Ltd being the lowest at £4,292.80 per annum, plus a further two years offered pending performance being satisfactorily completed after the first year, seconded Cllr Roger Whitehead, all were in favour. The contract would start soon as possible after 13 February.

To Discuss and Approve Any Action Related to the Tree Hazard Management Survey - The Council noted that there were no high priority works identified in the survey and it was agreed that the Council would revisit the amber medium priority works.

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To Approve Handyman Work Contract and Commission Quotes - The Clerk shared a report which reminded the Council that in November 2019 they had agreed to discuss a schedule of works for the contract of a Handyman further and they would wish to do this by contracting with a self-employed person. It was agreed to advertise the position to see what interest there was and discuss further at the March meeting.

Playing Field Membership 2020/21 - The Clerk agreed to find out about their meetings and the £2k funding available once membership had reached five consecutive years. It was agreed to pay the annual membership of £25.

To Discuss the Speed Sign Data, if any - Until the speed sign was working the data was limited. The Clerk agreed to circulate it to the Council the latest information received and add to the website. The Council thanked the resident for their work with the speed sign and the other volunteers of speed watch.

To Approve Reinstatement of the Cemetery Wall - A wall in the cemetery wall had fallen over and the Council thanked Cllr Roger Whitehead for securing the area, and Cllr Chris Edwards who had inspected it. Cllr Crispin Copsey proposed that pending the neighbouring property being satisfied, that a hedge be planted in the space, seconded by Cllr Alison Youngs, all were in favour. A volunteer agreed to remove the wall and bricks that had fallen. The costs for the hedging would be added to the March agenda for approval.

Approval of Internal Auditor for 2019/20 Accounts - The Council approved the commissioning of an internal auditor for £50.

Councillors concerns and agenda items for next meeting

- *Inconsiderate parking of residents on Campsey Road.* The verges were eroding from lorries and cars who were unable to fit down the road. The roads in the village were very dirty from the mud as a consequence. The Council felt that people should park more considerately in the village.

- *The verges on the northern bypass of the A10 were eroded by lorries.* The Clerk agreed to report this to Norfolk County Council again.

- *There was subsidence of a road outside Sandway Cottage and Golden Meadow Cottage.* The Clerk agreed to report to Highways. It was believed the residents had already reported this to Highways.

- *There was a lot of dog waste on the playing field.* The Clerk agreed to add stickers to posts on the far side. The Clerk agreed to add a separate notice in the Village Voice that there should not be any dogs on the playing field and the Council were disappointed that people felt that it was okay to leave dog waste on the field as well as elsewhere in the village. The Clerk agreed to add information about the Borough Council website for advice about reporting the antisocial behaviour of not collecting dog fouling waste for those who offend. The Council were concerned about children playing on the field and the dangers. Some diseases caused by pet waste include: Campylobacteriosis – bacterial infection that causes diarrhea in humans (carried by dogs and cats) Cryptosporidium – parasitic infection that causes diarrhea and abdominal distress (carried by dogs and cats).

- *There were reports of sewage in the village across Feltwell Road.* The organisation to report this to was Anglian Water who would investigate. The resident who raised the query had been informed.

- *The Clerk agreed to write to properties in that were close to the playing field to ask that no garden waste or otherwise should be placed on the playing field at any time and they are to dispose in the correct way by going to the local waste site at Crimpleham or purchase a brown bin from the Borough Council.*

- *It was agreed to discuss the land on Recreation Drive in March owned by the Parish Council.*

- *The Clerk agreed to add to the next agenda land to the entrance of Orchard Close at the March meeting.*

- *The Council discussed the Christmas Event, it was placed on the March agenda for further discussion.*

- *The Clerk agreed to report a streetlight failure near the village hairdressers.*

Date of next meeting – Monday 2 March 2020

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