

Southery Village Voice



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Editor comment: Welcome to the first edition of the 2020 newsletter. I would take this opportunity to wish you all good wishes for 2020. The newsletter will continue to be delivered by our group of volunteers and I would like to thank them for their continued support. The newsletter has a slightly new look and has a website providing more information of interest to everyone in Southery at **www.village-voice.org**.

The closing date for inclusion in the next issue of the Village Voice is the 12th of the month. If you have any items for the newsletter then please send them to **contact@village-voice.org**

Poppy Appeal

Another magnificent effort from Southery, our total was £1409.61

A massive thank you to all the collectors this year. We had to endure dreadful weather conditions, wind, rain, and cold. Thanks also to the local businesses who had collection boxes on their premises and also the Academy children. One sad note to finish with is that some of the collectors faced verbal abuse when knocking on doors. Could I please appeal to everyone and ask you to respect these people as they are all volunteers and a "No thank you" is all they require. Everyone has a right to say 'No' but a polite 'No' goes a long way and the volunteers will respect this.

Details: Wreaths £168, Chapel Collection £155, Donation £10, Bingo £230, Boxes £846.61 Total 1409.61 Thank you again, Beryl (Village Organiser)

Church News

As I write this in the middle of December the church is beautifully decorated for our Christmas Tree Festival. Every organisation in the village has decorated a tree. They all look wonderful. There are 16 trees and 4 Nativity sets and all the windows are decorated beautifully too. Thank you so much to everyone who has been involved with this. We hope that lots of you will have been to see it all. The next Favourite Hymns and Afternoon Tea will be on Weds 8th January at 2.30.

Southery Speed Watch

There were four watches completed in November on Lynn Road, 26 vehicles were logged exceeding the speed limit. Thank you to the team for all the time they have given to making Southery a safer and quieter village. Anyone interested in the watch? Please get in touch with Ann Allenby 378417

Chapel Services for January

5 th	11am Rev. Alan Bennett	19 th	11am	Mrs. Maggie Blowers
5 th	6.30pm Mr. Dudley Pickston - Songs of Praise	26 th	11am	Church Fellowship Service
12 th	11am Rev. Gail Kerry			

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Southery WI

For our December Meeting we enjoyed a Social evening with a delicious meal prepared by the members. Tables were decorated festively with Christmas table arrangements which were judged 1st Sheila Osler joint 2nd Sue Haslem and Marion Lewis with 3rd going to Sue Hilton, Judith Legge and Judith Fletcher. A short business meeting was held with members reminded to fill in the National AGM Resolutions form which you will find in the December copy of W.I. Liife

Dates for Diaries 2020:-

Thursday January 16th at 7p.m.

It was decided to discuss and possibly enter The Silver Salva Competition again this year.

Sunday March 29th:-

Triplow Tulip Festival. Harrods Coach will pick up in Southery, times to be confirmed.

Wednesday April 8th:-

Federation AGM at the Theatre Royal Norwich.

For our January 2nd meeting we have a speaker from Riding for The Disabled.

We finished another successful evening with a Christmas Songs Musical Quiz arranged by Sonja Wilden.

Sue Hilton wished everyone a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2020.

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

Val Osler

Services at St. Mary's Church, Southery

January 5th 2020 10 a.m.

Benefice Epiphany Mass at Feltwell

January 8th 2020 2.30 p.m.

Favourite Hymns and Tea

January 12th 2020 10 a.m.

Benefice Mass Rev. David Yabbacome

January 19th 2020 10 a.m.

Eucharist

January 26th 2020 10 a.m.

Service of the Word

February 2nd 2020 10 a.m.

Benefice Service at Northwold

February 5th 2.30 a.m.

Favourite hymns and tea

February 9th 2020 5 p.m.

Communion

February 16th 2020 10 a.m.

Eucharist

February 23rd 2020 10 a.m.

Service of the Word

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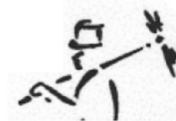
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Swish

Southery Carnival (way back in the summer when it was warm!!) brought the village, their families and friends together for a wonderful day out. Theme for floats was 'Under the Sea' and best float was awarded to Russ Welch and his Zumba Team. Whilst many bands played live music throughout the day, the main arena entertained us with Smile Fitness (Jamie Youngs), dog shows, it's a knockout and Russ with his Zumba team. The field hosted, craft stalls, face painting, fun fair, inflatables, classic vehicles, hot food, cakes, cookies, beverages and much more. The famous Wheelbarrow of Booze was won by Geoff Hearst, 2nd prize – Harry, 3rd prize – Jolene Osler. Our sincere thanks to all that donated, marshalled, gave us the use of equipment and you wonderful people for turning up! A profit of £451.34 will be going towards our pantomime. A donation of £500 has been given to Southery Academy to help fund a trip for the children to the theatre.

Our October bingo hosted a fine turnout of players who helped make a profit of £127.70 and Race Night held at The Old White Bell was very entertaining and made a profit of £125.20, both will go towards our upcoming pantomime.

It was great to see some new faces join us all on the Xmas bus to Norwich this year. Many thanks to those who donated raffle prizes for the journey. Many of you will have seen and heard Mr & Mrs Clause travelling through the village on the tractor and trailer (it is Southery!) visiting 142 children over two evenings. One of our favorite events and brings Xmas cheer to all. Some wonderful letters were given to Santa which makes it extra special. Swish Santa also took time out of his busy schedule and made an appearance at the Werehan for the Parish Council Xmas festivities.

Rehearsals are well underway and nearly perfected for our pantomime Sleeping...Beauty? Performances are January 9th, 10th, 11th – 7.30pm all nights, 2.30pm Saturday matinee. Tickets are being sold at Southery Hair Studio - £7 adult £5 child/OAP and for THURSDAY 9th ONLY an offer of 2 adult tickets for £10. Don't miss out get yours today.

Southery Village Hall



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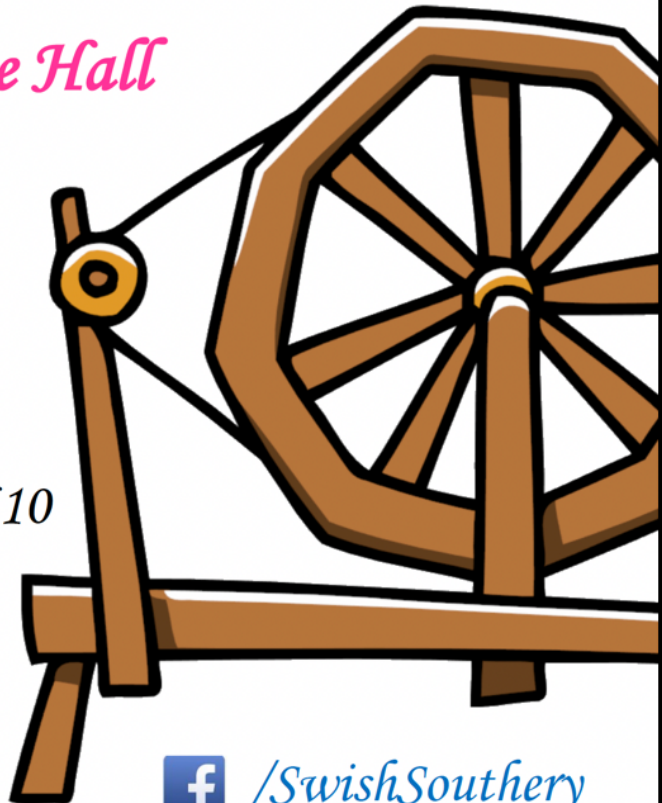
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SOUTHERY PARISH COUNCIL (EXTRACT FOR VILLAGE VOICE)

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Draft (Until approved at the next meeting) Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
Monday 2 December 2019 at 7.00 pm, Southery Methodist Church, Ferry Bank Road

Present:

Cllr Alison Youngs (Chair), Cllr Annette Osler (Vice Chair), Cllr Chris Edwards, Cllr Crispin Copsey, Cllr Javey Osler, Cllr Roger Whitehead

Helen Richardson, Parish Clerk & Financial Responsible Person

In attendance:

Members of the Public: 1

Cllr Martin Storey, Borough and NCC Councillor

218/19 To consider apologies for absence - Cllr Christine was absent but no formal apologies received.

219/19 To receive Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items and Dispensation Requests - None

220/19 Public Comments / Questions on Parish Issues

- The Clerk agreed to report a faulty SAM2 to the contractor.
- A member of public had reported mud on the road. The Clerk agreed to chase up British Sugar on sweeping the roadways.
- There were four watches in November and 26 had been reported for speeding.
- The Clerk agreed to ask for a timescale on the light at Campsey Road but it had been ordered at £325 plus VAT.

221/19 County Councillor and Borough Councillor Update

-The boundary commission consultation had been extended to the 11th February and more information was available on the website, in relation to number of electors within wards.

- There was a number of Christmas events as museum's and libraries on the website.

- The Chair shared that on Feltwell Road had been resurfaced and it had since been dug up many times since for various issues and residents were concerned. Cllr Martin Storey agreed to take the issue forward.

- Cllr Martin Storey had reported to bollard that had been knocked down. The Clerk agreed to take forward a resolution with Highways that was more permanent strongly worded. Cllr Martin Storey agreed to take it forward to.

222/19 To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 November 2019. Approved

223/19 Matters Arising (Clerks Report)

- Christmas Event - The Chair thanked the Council and others who were involved in its organisation and who helped out at the event and Swish, it was felt it was well received and it was enjoyable evening.

224/19 To Discuss and Approve Any Costs or Budget Relating to the Refurbishment of the Football Hut including installation of internal lighting and discussion regarding Football Club for Children - Deferred to February.

225/19 To Approve the Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2020/21 - Deferred to February.



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226/19 To Approve the Parish Partnership Funding Application 2020/21 - It was agreed to submit the application pending information from Highways confirming ownership and pricing.

227/19 To Approve Scheme to Spend Parish Partnership Funding Received for 2019/20 - The Parish Council felt that Highways should consult with the parents, schools and bus companies and the Clerk agreed to progress.

228/19 To Approve the Tree Hazard Management Quote - The tree survey was approved.

229/19 To Discuss Playing Field Toilet Refurbishment - Funding had been received for £750 from the BCKLWN Open Spaces Funding. The Councillors would meet on site in January to make plans on spending the funds.

230/19 To Discuss and Approve End of Year Thanks The Clerk noted the names of those to be thanked during the year. The Chair shared that there were various numbers of people in the village that did tasks through the year and saved a lot of money for the parish. The Councillors agreed to forward names for thanks to the Clerk who will write to the individuals. Due to General Data Protection Regulations it was not possible to name them in the minutes without their consent.

231/19 To Approve Meeting Dates 2020 - Dates for 2020 were agreed to be added to the website. There would be no meeting in January or August and the November and May dates would be a week later. But all would continue to be the first Monday of the month at 7 pm otherwise.

232/19 To Discuss the Speed Sign Data, if any - The data was received on email and due to be circulated outside the meeting. The data had been sent to the Police. It had been noticed that a trailer was being used through the village without a number plate on it attached to a tractor. The Chair wished to thank the Speedwatch team on behalf of the volunteer team who continue to help the village.

233/19 Planning Application for Consideration - 19/01910/F Demolition of existing garage to allow for erection of proposed dwelling. Existing access to be utilised with parking for existing & proposed dwelling's, associated turning & site works at 14A Churchgate Street, Southery, Norfolk - The Parish Council wished to return that they had no comments and were satisfied with the application. They noted that there was good provision for parking.

234/19 To Approve payments for November 2019 - Payments were approved.

235/19 To Discuss Draft Precept and Budget 2020/21 - The Parish Council reviewed the proposed budget and precept based on the comprehensive information supplied by the Clerk and RFO. The budget for 2021 was approved and the precept approved to be £23,867.00 and for a band D property at £56.57 per annum.

236/19 To Discuss and Approve Change of Banking Provider - It was agreed not to change banking provider but use cheques instead.

237/19 Councillors concerns and agenda items for next meeting

- Concern of the health of the tree on the Werehen nearest to the corner. The Clerk advised that this would be covered in the tree inspection.

- Orchard Close - The road had been in a bad state of disrepair for the past 14 years and there were streetlights and not on and had never been on. The Clerk agreed to discuss with Highways.

- Feltwell Road - give way sign had been damaged, the Clerk agreed to report.

- The Clerk agreed to report the path at Lynn road installed but an electric post was now blocking the path.

238/19 Forward Work Programme - The work programme was noted.

239/19 Date of next meeting – Monday 3 February 2020

240/19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC The Council will be requested to pass a resolution excluding the press and public from the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted (staffing). Opportunity for to discuss any HR issues, Contracts or Legal Proceedings. Discussed Parish Council land.

The Meeting Closed at 10.30pm

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