

Southery Village Voice



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COVID-19

At the current time we are all very concerned about the pandemic affecting all people and all communities across the World. With the number of cases in the UK continuing to increase we all need to take responsibility for protecting ourselves and the people around us. The virus does not discriminate, anyone can become infected and while people may feel reasonably well, with little or no symptoms, they need to consider their own safety and that of others around them.

Advice for people at high risk

If you're at high risk of getting seriously ill from coronavirus, there are extra things you should do to avoid catching it.

These include:

- not leaving your home – you should not go out to do shopping, visit friends or family, or attend any gatherings
- avoiding close contact with other people in your home as much as possible

Read the full [advice on protecting yourself if you're at high risk from coronavirus on GOV.UK](#).

Who is at high risk?

You may be at high risk from coronavirus if you:

- have had an organ transplant
- are having certain types of cancer treatment
- have blood or bone marrow cancer, such as leukaemia
- have a severe lung condition, such as cystic fibrosis or severe asthma
- have a condition that makes you much more likely to get infections
- are taking medicine that weakens your immune system
- are pregnant and have a serious heart condition

If you're at high risk, you will be contacted by the NHS by Sunday 29 March 2020. Do not contact your GP or healthcare team at this stage – wait to be contacted.

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Covid-19 Southery help

Are you unable to leave your home because of coronavirus?
We are here to help. We would like to offer support to the people of Southery and ensure that nobody's left isolated or without support. We are not asking for anything in return, we just believe in helping each other in a time of difficulty.

We are your local neighbours and not a professional body. We can only offer help within reason, and in ways that keep you and us safe.

If you need medical advice please use the coronavirus service at 111.nhs.uk/covid-19, or if you do not have internet access please call 111 from your phone. In a medical emergency please call 999

Need support?

If you would like to speak to us or need to ask for help please call or text Ross on 07749 171123 or Clare on 07960 226517

How can we help?

Arrange deliveries, Pick up shopping, collect medication, posting mail, topping up gas/electric etc

IF YOU NEED HELP GET IN TOUCH

Editor comment: During these times I would like to extend a thank you to our volunteers that are distributing the newsletter around the village. Your support is what has made the newsletter so successful over the years and we all appreciate your commitment to keeping everyone informed. The village voice can be contacted by Email: contact@village-voice.org or through our website www.village-voice.org.

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https://drive.google.com/drive/mobile/folders/1cvizYU5BO5OFa71UXP_Wkxr7Gnalw4Jf

Church News

The Quiz Night was a great success. There were 19 teams and we made a profit of £408.00. Thank you to all who helped and a big thank you to all who took part in the quiz.

Unfortunately, all services at St Mary's Church have been suspended until further notice due to the current situation.

The Church will be open daily from 2pm - 4pm for private prayer and the collections for the food bank will continue.

Word from St Mary's Southery

I am enjoying the privilege of sharing with Mother Joan, our Rector, in the life of the church in Southery. I am a retired priest pleased to find that he's still of some use!

As Easter approaches there is much thinking going on about what we believe. However, I am always a bit sad when people who would not class themselves as churchgoers (a term I particularly dislike, in any case!) tell me what it is they think you have to believe and how you must behave if you are to be a member of the church. I am saddened at what they say because it can be so far from the truth. People thus exclude themselves from the fellowship and fun of life in church. Sad, indeed, and I fear I'm sounding a bit negative when, on the contrary, things can be so positive.

When I baptise someone, and it's usually, but not always, a baby, I like to remind all those gathered for the occasion that the person being baptised is being made a disciple of Jesus. Discipleship is about following, and it's about more than that. Disciples are learners who run the risk of getting things wrong as well as right. We don't have all the right answers.

I quite often say when people ask that I'm not interested in religion, but I'm very interested in faith. In church we work at finding the right questions to ask. As disciples, learners, we realise that learning is a life-long process. There are those "penny dropping moments" when everything falls into place. But there are many more times of puzzlement and challenge. That's why the parish church still stands so firmly and faithfully with its doors open; witness to the learning processes of discipleship; taking the risk to get it right or wrong. Above all taking the risk to love as we follow Jesus in his example of love and resurrection.

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Southery W.I.

Sue Hilton welcomed everyone to our 92nd Birthday Meeting in March and introduced Pat Bernaki who demonstrated Microwave Puddings in a mug (chocolate, blueberry muffin and an apple crumble). Pat was thanked by Dianne Edwards. Pat also judged our flower of the month competition: 1st Judith Fletcher, 2nd Dorothy Turner, 3rd Beryl Stubbins. Marion Lewis and Dorothy Turner received gifts for gaining thirty points in recent competitions.

Lorraine Cummings and Marion Garrett then served cheese and wine to celebrate our Birthday. Table Flowers were arranged by Sandy Hackett.

Business:

Unfortunately, due to the current situation all future events have been cancelled or postponed. We will keep you informed as the situation changes.

Val Osler

Chapel Services for March and April

It is with sadness that we announce that all Worship Services are suspended for the time being in line with Government guidance. We will keep you informed as the situation continues.

The village hall has closed from Saturday 21st March until further notice

Southery Yard & Children/s Nearly New Sale has been cancelled.

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Swish

A donation of £98 was given to Southery Playgroup at Xmas towards Nativity costumes.

AGM was held on 1st March and we said goodbye to Chloe, Nathan and Kelly. Our thanks to them for their time with us. No new members came forward this year but we have a strong team who work well together and we continue to grow as people recognise the contribution Swish makes to the Village.

Easter bingo to be held on 3rd April at the Village Hall has been **cancelled**.

The Car Treasure Hunt planned to take place on Sunday 12th April has been **postponed** and a new date will be advertised when possible.

We are hosting a quiz on 23rd May at The Old White Bell, Southery. Entry fee is £2 per person so come along and test your knowledge. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd - starts 8.30/9pm. **This may be subject to change depending on the future situation.**

This year's outdoor event has a Wild West theme and will take place on Saturday 25th July at Southery playing field. As always there will be entertainment for the whole family. If you would like to book a stall/car boot please message cathy@southery.com call the Swish phone or message us on facebook. Pitch fees: stalls £10/ car boot £5

Dates for the diary

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

Swish phone: 07983 162684 or find us on Facebook.

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 **EVENTS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED**

SOUTHERY PARISH COUNCIL (EXTRACT FOR VILLAGE VOICE) (FULL VERSION AVAILABLE ON THE PC WEBSITE)

**Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.00 pm
at Southery Methodist Church, Ferry Bank Road, Southery**

Present: 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: 6 and Cllr Martin Storey, NCC and BCKLWN
- Apologies from Cllr Alison Youngs (Chair) (Illness)

Public Comments / Questions on Parish Issues

- North Lawns dykes were flooding, the water was being discharged from the Dyke into the main sewers and was causing problems further up the road as there was too much surface water. It was hoped that the owners responsible would take action to resolve. They appreciated that there had been a huge amount of water of late in terms of rainfall. Cllr Martin Storey responded to the comments from the residents and advised that landowners should be clearing their own dykes. The Clerk agreed to contact Norfolk County Council regarding North Lawns and ask them to write to residents as they needed more information with respect to the issue. There was also drainage and sewage issues and the Clerk agreed to find out more about what had occurred with Anglian Water and Norfolk County Council as the responsible authority. The Clerk agreed to add the flood team contact details on the Parish Council website and in the village voice.
- A resident came to thank for Cllr Javey Osler and Cllr Crispin Copsey for all they have done in the village.
- It was agreed for Councillors to meet with Swish representatives to discuss the lighting in the football hut and external flood lighting before the next meeting at 6pm on 6th April. The Clerk agreed to arrange for the Methodist Hall to be free.

Matters Arising (Clerks Report)

- British Sugar road had swept the roads on 20th December, 12 Feb, and 28 Feb. Further road sweeping was planned for 27 March including paths.
- Quarter 3 Cashbook reconciled was emailed to Councillors for information as promised after the February meeting.

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- Hall Close streetlight -there was an issue with a connection that UK Power Networks needed to resolve.
 - The Clerk reported regarding the streetlights outside the hairdressers and 103 Campsey Road
 - The Clerk reported the footpath outside 2 Feltwell Road regarding subsidence issues via the Norfolk County Council defect portal on 9th February.
 - The Clerk sent a notice to the Village Voice regarding the Handyman role for expressions of interest. To be discussed at the April meeting to give enough time for response.
 - Road Closure on Lynn Road - Clerk requested Anglian Water that they notify residents of work due to take place. The whole road was to be closed so there was no need for traffic lights. The Clerk requested that Anglian Water/Norfolk County Council ensure that residents were informed of work at the end of February on Lynn Road. They advised that they send out leaflets two weeks before and put signs up as a standard procedure. The Clerk asked that they consider the traffic light positioning as it can cause issues for the nearby houses and asked that they are removed as soon as work is complete.
 - The Clerk emailed on 9th February the Manager at Norfolk County Council regarding attitude of workman who threw a Swish sign into a hedge from the village gates and was rude to a resident. The Manager acknowledged the incident.
 - The Clerk reported the Giveway sign on Feltwell Road and the sign underneath which needed bushes cutting back on 9th February.
 - Clerk emailed on 9th February the Norfolk County Council Flood team to advise them of the Anglian Water issue at Campsey Road and confirm that they were aware. Norfolk County Council were not aware. The Clerk sent them the address on 11 Feb for them to take forward.
 - Thanks to Cllr Chris Edwards who on 10th February inspected the cemetery and playing field following high winds of up to 70 mph the day before. There were no issues for resolve.
- The Clerk reported fallen trees on A10 southern entrance but was advised that they have been noted but no further works will be undertaken.
- Dog waste notice added to the village voice and already on the website, Clerk noted to add extra signs in the area of the playing field. And a dog fouling report made on 25 February to the BCKLWN which was pending a response on the issue. Dogs were not allowed on the playing field.



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- Highways issues had been sent to the new senior highways manager in the form of a report and the Clerk awaits a response. First sent on 9th January, updated on 9th February and resent and again at the end of February. The subsidence near Golden Meadow and Sandway Cottage had been added and the location was updated in the report. The A10 southern entrance was added as an issue for response.
- Highways have begun work to pathways on Orchard Way.
- The Clerk inspected for fly tipping on the playing field and there didn't appear to be any, so they would monitor and send letters if needed.
- Letters to residents regarding compost bins on the playing field had been sent 25th February.
- Gate on pathway off Feltwell Road had been reported as broken The Norfolk County Council advised that in the past the Parish Council had confirmed they would take on repairs to it and therefore they would not repair. The Clerk has added to her action sheet as a Handyman repair later in the year.
- Highways Bridge Team advised in the middle of February on email and the Clerk will update with them later in the year: *With reference to your recent enquiry regarding the bridge at Southery; at the moment only pedestrians can use the bridge. Notices are on site to let people know that equestrian use is still restricted until a suitable replacement can be installed. It remains our intention to replace the bridleway bridge. It is one of a number of footbridge/bridleway bridge replacement schemes that we will be preparing in the next financial year. Delivery will be dependent on the availability of funding and so we will need to look at our priorities carefully. We will be in touch with the Parish as part of the development of the scheme.*
- Highways rangers advised by email on 14th February that items reported had been resolved:
 - 17 signs cleaned on the Southey Junction to Feltwell Road junction.
 - Two village gates have been washed
 - Feltwell Road – path swept 53metres
 - Lynn Road B1160 – 15 signs washed
 - Lynn Road B1160 - 4 gates washed
 - A 10 from Money Bridge junction to Sedge Fen Road junction - 28 signs washed.

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Planning Decisions Received:

20/00024/F	<u>Towlers Farm Southery Road Feltwell Norfolk IP26</u> 4ER - VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING PERMISSION 19/01516/F: Demolition of agricultural building and construction of replacement agricultural building	Application Permitted 17 February 2020 Delegated Decision
20/00122/AG	<u>Further Fen Farm Lynn Road Southery Downham Market Norfolk PE38 0HS</u> - Agricultural Prior Notification: Proposed bulk potato store	AG Prior Notification - NOT REQD 20 February 2020 Delegated Decision

Items agreed:

- Grounds Maintenance Contract 2020/21 was approved
- Cemetery Wall fallen agreed to be replaced by a 6ft fence.
- Repairs to the play area flooding edging approved as per annual play area inspection.
- Cllr Chris Edwards agreed to write a specification for works to the toilet to be agreed in April.
- Booking of the Hilgay Silver band for the Xmas Event agreed but to come out of the fundraising from the bingo event arranged on 17th April.
- There was only one speed watch in February. There were 8 vehicles in February that were caught speeding.
- Planning Application for Consultation - 20/00197/F Construction of single storey conservatory on side of house at 15 Feltwell Road The Parish Council had no comments.

Councillors concerns and agenda items for next meeting

- Sedge Fen - There were no sides to the Bridge and a resident had been in touch with the drainage board and the Norfolk County Council without resolution. The Clerk agreed to discuss with Norfolk County Council.
- Cllr Javey Osler proposed purchase of a ride on lawn mower. The Clerk agreed to add to the April.



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- The Recreation Drive streetlight was out again as reported before. The Clerk has reported it again.
- The Clerk agreed to chase up a drain on recreation drive that had been reported to NCC.
- There was a 'New Surface' sign on Lynn Road and Cllr Crispin Copsey commented on the time it had been in place.
- Date of next meeting – Monday 6 April 2020 - was noted.
- 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. To Discuss HR Issue and Parish Land. - Resolved

Meeting Closed 9.40 pm

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

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