

SOUTHERY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Southery Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 7.00pm at Southery Village Hall

In attendance: Cllrs Sue Welch, Darren Smith, Christine Feltwell, Roger Whitehead, Diane Edwards, Chris Edwards, Ian Goodwin, Annette Osler (Chair) & Javey Osler.

Members of the public: 1, County & Borough Cllr Storey.

Clerk: Miss Lolly Dawson.

1. Apologies for absence.

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr A Osler – Finance, payments.

Cllr S Welch – Finance, payments.

3. Public Participation

Darren Smith, Chair of the Village Hall Committee reported that the last financial year for the hall had been positive with increased income from the previous years, and there are plans to complete some necessary projects subject to funding.

4. To accept reports from:

a) County and Borough Councillor Storey reported that NCC million tree project, half way through and 500,000 have been planted so far. The QE hospital 6653 props holding up ceiling, new hospital project built by 2030 should be on target. Norwich Western Link planning application is now available online to view. New Business Board to boost Norfolk's economy looking for candidates interested in boosting local economy. First Royal Norfolk Business Awards have been awarded. Bus Services are being improved with central government investment; more services being offered. A planning application for 4000 homes approved.

5 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 17 July 2024 were AGREED as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of 17 July 2024

a) Council to consider any matters arising from the minutes that are not on the agenda

None.

7. Finance

The payments list as presented were APPROVED, PROPOSED Cllr J Osler, seconded Cllr D Smith.

- It was NOTED that there are outstanding invoices to CGM, the invoices Total £554.00, it was AGREED to offer 50% of the total cost to complete and close the contract, Cllr S Welch to contact CGM on behalf of the Council.
- It was AGREED for the Nuture grass-cutting contract to be signed by Cllr S Welch on behalf of the Council.
- It was NOTED that the previous Parish Partnership trod project has not been completed and the Parish Council had paid their share, a request for return of the funds has been submitted by Cllr S Welch.

- The current CIL balance is £754.65, received October 2022 and to be spent by October 2027, potential projects to be considered, next meeting.
- It was AGREED for Cllr S Welch to forward to K&M Lighting quote to the landowners' solicitors, with regard to the streetlights on Orchard Way.
- It was AGREED to purchase a mobile phone within a budget of £100.00.
- An update was received regarding the current bank account, the signatories have been updated, it was AGREED to give the new Clerk, Miss L Dawson and Cllrs D Edwards and I Goodwin access to online banking and make signatories.
- It was AGREED to purchase 2 x remembrance wreaths.
- It was AGREED to accept the Nuture quote of £876.00 + VAT for the clearance work on the A10 / B1160 junction, triangular piece of land and also to approve a fortnightly cut at £36.00 + VAT on 17 occasions, subject to the Clerk sourcing agreement from any landowners to carry out the works.

b) Money received – Council to note any money received.

- £500 is expected from Anglian Water, to go towards a new bench, not yet received.

8. Village Matters

a) Lolly Pop Lady – It was AGREED for the Clerk to look into any potential funding.

b) Play Area – It was AGREED for Cllr D Smith to look into potential funding opportunities to refurbish or replace the current play area.

c) Westgate Street Bus Shelter – It was NOTED that CIL and Parish Partnership can be used towards funding a bus shelter. It was AGREED to source some quotes for a new bus shelter.

d) Christmas – It was NOTED that the Annual Christmas Carol Service would be held on 22nd December 2024.

9. To discuss any planning applications or local developments.

Applications:

24/0134/CU Application for Change of use of outbuilding from one unit of holiday accommodation to residential annexe at Annexe at Little London 73 Feltwell Road Southery. It was AGREED to respond with NO OBJECTION.

Determinations:

None.

10. Governance

a) Training

It was AGREED for the Clerk to carry out the ICCM Cemetery Management at a cost of £190.00 + VAT. PROPOSED Cllr S Welch, seconded Cllr A Osler.

11. Staffing

It was AGREED to move this item to the end of the meeting within a closed confidential session.

12. Correspondence

None.

13. Items for Next Agenda

To receive an update on the play area refurbishment and potential funding.

To discuss the local Christmas Event, Cllr D Smith.

To receive a highways update including a meeting with highways and police regarding the fatalities on the A10.

To receive an update from an Anglian Water representative.

To discuss the current speed watch group.

To receive an update on the CIL fund.

14. The date of the next Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 9 October 2024 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

Wednesday 13 November 2024 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

Wednesday 11 December 2024 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall (24/25 Budget-Setting)

It was RESOLVED exclude the Press and Public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to consider the following confidential matters, PROPOSED Cllr A Osler, seconded Cllr S Welch.

11. Staffing

It was AGREED to investigate local contractors to carry out necessary handyman jobs.

It was APPROVED to appoint Miss Lolly Dawson as Parish Clerk & RFO, the employment terms were APPROVED and the contract was signed.