



Minutes of the meeting of Southery Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th October at 7.00 pm in the Southery Village Hall

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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: 3, including County & District Councillor, S Storey and two Anglian Water representatives.

Clerk: Lolly Dawson

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Speaking

- a. An update was received from Anglian Water Representatives. Representatives Dan Stewart and Katie Atkin presented to the Council the current and projected future of the pipeline project, Bexwell to Bury St Edmunds is the project going through Southery, which is one of six sections. Construction on this section will continue in Spring 2025. Testing and commissioning expected Summer 2027, likely to be finalised in 2028. The compound in Southery should be moved within the next month, reinstatement of the line should commence in Spring 2025.
- b. Cllr Storey reported that NCC is providing funding for new bus stop locations. The 1 million tree project is still open, tree packs can be applied for with up to 50% off the price for local community groups and schools. Solar Farms were discussed at the NCC full council meeting as three large developments are currently being proposed in the local area. Winter Fuel allowance and cost of living financial assistance is available from KLWNBC, contact the Clerk or Cllr Storey for further information.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th September 2024 were AGREED as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

5. Updates from previous minutes

- a. It was NOTED that the Clerk has enrolled in ICCM Cemetery training on 14th and 15th January 2025 at cost of £190 + VAT. This will be invoiced nearer the time.

- b. An update on the Parish Partnership Trod project funds return, that it should be returned by the end of the month.
- c. It was NOTED that a mobile phone has been purchased at a cost of £69.00.
- d. An update on the bank signatories, a previous councillor was removed, L Dawson has been added, it was confirmed that S Welch, C Fetlwell, J Osler & R Whitehead are also current signatories.
- e. An update on the £500 grant from Anglian Water, it was AGREED for the Clerk to re-submit the bench location to state the right hand side of the junction as you enter recreation drive, next to the noticeboard, what3words///hunk.pancake.widely, quotes to be sourced for installation. It was AGREED to purchase 3 x cherry trees within a budget of £80.00 to be placed to the left as you enter recreation drive, clerk to source permission for placement of the trees.

6. Finances

- a. An accounts update was received, the Clerk is in the process of populating the accounts software.
- b. The PFK external audit final report and certificate was received and it was noted that it has been published on the website.
- c. The payments and receipts, as presented were APPROVED, PROPOSED Cllr A Osler, seconded Cllr S Welch.
- d. It was APPROVED to donate £500.00 towards the Village Christmas Event, PROPOSED Cllr C Feltwell, seconded Cllr A Osler.
- e. CIL Update
 - i. The 23/24 CIL Annual Report was signed, clerk to submit.
 - ii. Projects for the £754.65 balance were considered, including bus stop improvements, next meeting.

7. Planning

- a. **To consider any planning applications received from Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council prior to the meeting:**
None.
- b. **To note any planning decisions made by Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council:**
None.

8. Administration & Policies

- a. It was APPROVED to purchase the Microsoft 365 Apps for Business subscription at a cost of £8.60 per month, the subscription would include all applications, and 1TB of cloud storage.
- b. It was AGREED to cancel the agreement with Stephenson Smart, payroll provider, and for Clerk to administrate payroll using HMRC Basics payroll software at no additional cost.

9. Highways

- a. It was noted that the A10/Westgate Street junction ownership is unknown, awaiting response from highways boundaries team for the highways map.

- i. It was APPROVED to accept the quote for £876.00 + VAT from Nurture to clear the land and remove the dead tree, and £36.00 + VAT for 17 cuts between March and October 2025.
- b. It was NOTED that the Clerk had contacted the school and researched any funding for a Traffic Warden, Clerk to contact Stoke Ferry for information on their School Traffic Warden.
- c. It was noted that the bus shelter is in need of repair. Clerk to contact NCC for potential funding, quotes still to be sourced.
- d. An update on the A10 fatalities and a potential meeting with highways and police representatives was received and it was NOTED that a response was received from highways, they have declined the Councils request for a meeting on the site, as they cannot offer any further changes to the highways at this time, they would inform the Council if that were to change. It was AGREED for the Council to contact the local MP to ask for any assistance and for the Council to commence a petition for local people to sign if they support further safety measures are required in this location.

10. Open Spaces

- a. An update on the play area refurbishment and any potential funding was received from Cllr D Smith who has contacted NCC community projects partner and arranged a call. Two quotes have been sourced, one was for approx. £120,000 for 5 products, excluding removal or installation.
- b. It was AGREED for the beacon to be re-located to The Werehen and a volunteer to be approached to move it, Cllr A Osler to action.
- c. Orchard Way lighting update, NCC have been contacted with an update, K&M have been instructed to complete the works, land owner has approved the connection and LED quote of £85 + VAT per light.
- d. It was AGREED to plant the 15 small saplings from the Woodland Trust in the cemetery, Cllr S Welch & Clerk to arrange.

11. Correspondence

None.

12. Items of the next agenda

To consider the land adjacent to the cemetery.

To consider the creation of a speedwatch group and police attendance in the village.

To consider a donation to the village hall for lighting.

13. To confirm the date of the next meeting(s)

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)