

# Sourton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Sourton Parish Council meeting held at 7:30pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Sourton Village Hall.

### Council Member Present:

Cllr Eberle (Chairman),

Cllr Jewel

Cllr D Firth

Cllr S Firth

Cllr Stone

### In Attendance:

Mrs A Horn (Clerk). Cllr Southcott WDBC Cllr Mott WDBC

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| <b>70.</b>  | <b>Chairman's Report</b>                       | Annual Report in draft form to be circulated to councillors for review  |
| <b>71.</b>  | <b>Apologies for Absence</b>                   | Apologies were tendered by Cllr Leonard due to a Covid isolation and Cllr Fogerty due to lambing were approved on the proposition Cllr Eberle, seconded Cllr Jewell.  |
| <b>72.</b>  | <b>Public Forum</b>                            | No members of the public spoke  |
| <b>73.</b>  | <b>Declarations of Interest</b>                | None  |
| <b>74.</b>  | <b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b>         | The minutes from the meetings held on 7 <sup>th</sup> March were approved on the proposition of Cllr Jewell and seconded by Cllr Stone  |
| <b>75.</b>  | <b>DCC, WDBC, DNP and Sourton Hall Reports</b> | WDBC had a Full Council meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> April to discuss finance and performance of officers in different areas. Planning improvement plan was also on the agenda. A support plan for housing Ukrainian refugees was in place across Devon with West Devon Supporting Devon County Council in a Devon wide unified plan. |
| <b>76.</b>  | <b><u>Planning</u></b>                         | No planning applications had been received<br><br>WDBC councillors left the meeting at 19.54pm  |
| <b>77.</b>  | <b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>                   | Clerk confirmed details and times of the two meetings on 9 <sup>th</sup> May.   |
| <b>78.</b>  | <b><u>Finance</u></b>                          |   |
| <b>78.1</b> | <b>Finance Report</b>                          | 1. It was noted that the National Lottery Grant application had been successful and that £739 had been awarded to Sourton for the Jubilee   |

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2. On the Proposal of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr D Firth it was **resolved** to explore the possibility of the grant for a survey for the orchids at the lorry park and for some bulbs for in Sourton Village.
3. It was **resolved** on the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr D Firth to renew membership of DALC at £106.26.

**78.2 Bank Signatures** On the proposition of Cllr D Firth and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **resolved** to add Cllr Leonard to the bank signatories for Unity.

**78.3 Payments** On the proposition of Cllr Jewell and seconded by Cllr Danielle it was **resolved** to approve the schedule of payments

On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr D Firth it was **resolved** to approve the payment of the Dalc invoice of £36 as not to miss the payment terms

### **79. Jubilee Celebrations**

**79.1 Platinum Jubilee in Sourton** It was **resolved** on the proposition of Cllr Jewel and seconded by Cllr Eberle to order the gas beacon and hold the display on the bridge. It was also agreed to hold BBQ at the village hall with drinks for sale with a bacon sandwich. It was decided to ask Bridestowe PC if Sourton PC made a donation for children's coins as there were so few children in the parish. It was also discussed to hire the hall for barn dance organised for the parish.

**79.2 Queens Green Canopy** All the current trees donated by the woodland trust have been planted on cycle track by Prewley moor. It was **resolved** to order 3 trees for the retiring councillors and that Cllr S Firth would look into options of Cherry trees and report back.

**79.3 Tree Planting in Sourton** Cllr Leonards report was read out there was still some work to do before trees could be planted on verges. The Woodland trust would open their tree offer again in the Autumn and an edible orchard was discussed.

### **80. Assets and responsibilities**

**80.1 Litter Bins** Cllr Mott spoken to waste about the new location Fcc to be contacted to check out location and pick up and will report back.

**80.2 Footpaths** The councillors reported back on the state of the footpaths and some photos of issues were sent to the clerk. The clerk would report back to the footpath officer.

### **81 Policy review**

**81.1 To adopt** On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr D Firth it was **resolved** to approve the Response policy

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- 81.2 To review and adopt** On the proposition of Cllr D Firth and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **resolved** to approve the Internal Control Policy
- On the proposition of Cllr Stone and seconded by Cllr Eberle it was **resolved** to approve the Privacy Policy
- On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr S Firth it was **resolved** to approve the Communications Policy
- On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **resolved** to approve the Freedom of Information Policy
- On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Jewel it was **resolved** to postpone Publication Scheme and the clerk to suggest costs.
- On the proposition of Cllr Jewel and seconded by Cllr Stone it was **resolved** to approve the Flag Flying with the amendment of his to the chair.

**82 Councillor Reports** None

## PART TWO

*Items which may be taken in the absence of the press and public. The Committee is recommended to pass the following resolution: 'Resolved that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as they involve the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information.'*

- 83. WDBC Enforcement** An update was received.
- 84. Items Brought Forward** None
- 85. Date of Next Meeting** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at **6:30pm**

The meeting was closed at 9 pm

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Cllr S Eberle

Chairman