

Sourton Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 5th March 2018 at Sourton Hall

**Cllrs Present: J. Hockridge (Chair), S. Daniel, S. Eberle, A. Horn, P. Deacon & M. Spry.
Also Present: Cllr C Mott (WDBC), Rev. A. Brookes, two members of SPCC & the Clerk.**

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Jury.

3. Declaration of Interests - None

4. Public Participation Time

The Chairman invited Rev Brookes to give an update on the Churchyard. Some benefactors have come forward and offered to give a donation to Sourton Parochial Church Council so that it can purchase land for an extension to the churchyard. Sourton PCC has voted to accept the offer. Rev Brookes thanked the PC for the time and work it has put in to securing a churchyard to this point. He asked for the Council's agreement that the PCC will now take responsibility for purchase of the ground. All agreed. To be put in writing to the PCC. The Chairman thanked Rev Brookes and SPCC members for coming to the meeting. Leewood agent to be informed that the PC is aware.

The Chairman explained that a majority of the parishioners at the public meeting did not want to support a car park in the other part of the field. A member of the public had suggested that another field adjacent to the current parking area would be a better option and there was some agreement by members of the public.

Action: Establish whether field could be for sale and whether DNP likely to approve planning.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 5th February were approved as a true record & signed by the Chair.

6. Matters arising

6.1 Andrew Barton has completed a schedule of work, clearing ditches and drains around the parish. Cost will be paid out of 2016/2017 TAP grant. This is now closed. The drain that keeps blocking opposite Oatnell is being dealt with by Highways.

Local Highways Officer advises that specialist equipment and skilled workforce is needed to clear the edges of roads. No spare staff or time available from Highways contractors this financial year. New budget will be put into use from 1st April. Asked Parish for list of work.

Action: make a complete list of work required on roads by next meeting. Also list all potholes on the minor roads.

6.2 The NALC has not yet confirmed that the Transparency Grant application for website funding is successful.

6.3 Cllr Eberle has put forward a TAP grant application on behalf of the PC for a defibrillator in Thorndon phone box, plus training. Cllr Eberle proposed that the PC support the project by committing £100 per year to upkeep. All agreed. Clerk to check that the phone box is covered for damage under the current insurance policy.

Cllr Eberle proposed, seconded by Cllr Deacon that the funding application is approved. All agreed.

7. Clerk's Report

7.1 Cllr Mott asked it to be noted that she had dealt with the following questions raised at the previous meeting:

- The Officer looking into East Bowerland applications is being contacted re lack of some planning decisions. Ongoing.
- Recycling crews have been told that 'if it looks like a bottle it is a bottle' & should be collected. If not the case contact Cllr Mott.
- Rubbish collectors should pick up stray rubbish if it is obvious that it is from the black bags in the location. If ripped bags are repeatedly found in one place the householder will be asked either not to put the rubbish out so early or to use a solid bin.

7.2 Letter from DNPA explaining the role of the Parish Council Link Member with invite to free training course - Making Planning Work for You, Tues 27th March at Parke, Bovey Tracey 5.30pm to 8.55pm. Cllr Deacon has booked one place. One more available.

7.3 Letter from parishioners at The Old Rectory regarding flooding from the A386 onto their property. Clerk has informed Highways.

7.4 Okehampton Community Transport Group - request for grant. Proposed by Cllr Eberle, seconded by Cllr Daniel to grant £50. Agreed.

7.5 Following a request from Mr Graham Brown, John Baker, Rights of Way Officer, has told the Clerk he will consider putting a sign pointing down to the Granite Way from the track past the Church to the Moor.

7.6 Free Code of Conduct Training 18th April, 3-5pm, Kilworthy Park, Tavistock. Two places available per council. Cllr Eberle to attend.

7.7 Mr Graham Brown has written expressing concern at poor internet connection at Forda. Discussed. PC sympathetic and will back any attempts to get an improved service. Clerk to try and get someone to talk about this at the annual meeting.

8. Planning

No new applications

Decisions

4293/17/VAR. East Bowerland. Variation of removal of Condition 4 of planning consent 00648/2013 - landscaping, to allow the planting of five oak trees. Conditional consent. Noted.

9. Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

Cllr Eberle reported the Plan has now gone out to consultation - Regulation 14 stage - and asked for a response from the PC. Discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Daniel, seconded by Cllr Deacon to support the Plan. Agreed. The Chairman said thanks were due to all those on the committee who had put so much work and time into the project.

10. Finance

10.1 Report of Financial Officer

Current Account

Previous Balance	4029.19
Withdrawn: Clerk's salary	(181.12)
Expenses	(23.35)
No Exit sign	(51.59)
Total withdrawn	256.06
Deposits	0.00
New balance	3773.13
-TAP Fund reserve	845.00
Non-restricted funds	2928.13

Deposit Account **1370.72**

10.2 Accounts for payment

Mr Andrew Barton - ditching and drainage, February.	150.00
Mrs M. Leonard - clerk's salary, February	162.00
Mrs M Leonard - expenses, February	21.45
O.D.C.T.G. grant	50.00

11. Review of Clerk's salary

Currently paid for 4 hours per week @ 9.299 per hour (2006-2017 rate for SCP 18)
2017-2018 rate was 9.392. Do not yet know the 2018-2019 rate.

It was agreed to increase the Clerk's hours by 1 hour per week and pay the updated NALC rate from 1st April 2018.

12. Councillors' Reports

Cllr Eberle will be attending the next Northern Links meeting when the TAP application will be decided on.

Cllr Spry reported a sign has blown over coming off the dual carriageway coming from Launceston.

13. Items for the Annual Meeting & next PC meeting on 9th April

Agreed to try and get a speaker on Broadband

14. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm.