

Sourton Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th June 2018 at Sourton Hall.

Members present: Cllrs J. Hockridge (Chair), M. Spry (Vice-Chair), S. Daniel, P. Deacon, S.Eberle, A. Horn & G.Jury

Also present: Cllr C. Mott (WDBC), three members of the public and M.Leonard (Clerk)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Public Participation Time

The Clerk reminded members that the Standing Orders state that the maximum time allocated for PPT is 20 minutes, with each member of the public having one opportunity to speak for up to 3 minutes on any item on the agenda. Members of the public must not speak during the meeting unless invited to do so by the Chair.

Cllr Eberle proposed that Sourton's West Devon Councillor(s) should also be allocated a time to speak in future. Agreed.

Points raised by members of the public were:

- Some items have not been updated on the new website.
The Clerk explained that the website is still in progress and being administered by Vision ICT but she will be receiving her first training session on Friday.
'In progress' will be put on the front page while it is still being built.
- Concern about removal of a hedge and trees, which are being replaced with a wall, near the entrance to East Bowerland.
- Concern that Natural England is putting up some mounds to create a pond on the Bridestowe and Sourton Commons.
This is understood by the PC to be part of its peat restoration project, down from the Peat Works towards Bleak House.
- Is the Parish Council insured for public liability in relation to the telephone kiosk, proposed defibrillator and to cover those people who operate it?
Cllr Eberle confirmed that this is all covered by the British Heart Foundation.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 15th May 2018 were approved as a true record & signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising from any items in the previous minutes which are not on the agenda

4.1 The clerk has reported the PC's concern to West Devon, re the new waste disposal lorries not being fit for purpose. No reply has yet been received.. Agreed the Clerk to email the PC's concerns to Cllr Mott.

5. Neighbourhood Plan - to clarify the Parish Council's position on Sourton's status within the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Eberle asked for clarification in view of the Parish Council's vote at its previous meeting on Sourton's sustainability status in the DNP development plan. She felt that this seemed to be in contradiction to the Neighbourhood Plan which the PC is producing with Bridestowe PC.

Cllr Eberle explained that the matter of whether or not Sourton wished to be considered a sustainable settlement in the DNP development plan had been put on the previous meeting's agenda following an enquiry to DNP from herself regarding how Sourton could become sustainable if it had been listed as unsustainable in the DNP development plan. DNP had later informed her that it does accept that Sourton can have some development for local needs, where the need is proved, as it is considered by DNP as a Rural Settlement.

The purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to have as much control as possible about the type of development that happens in Sourton and Bridestowe. It is now almost at the point where the PC can consider any applications within the terms of the Plan. When the Plan becomes a statutory document, if either planning authority does not comply with the terms in the plan, the PC can challenge the decision. The sooner that the neighbourhood plan is adopted, the sooner it will have influence over development in the parish. Following a discussion, the Chairman asked for clarification as to whether the PC does support the plan, despite its vote at the previous meeting against further development in Sourton.

It was agreed that small scale development for local need was acceptable and that it should be recorded in the minutes that Sourton Parish Council does support the Neighbourhood Plan.

6. Planning

6.1 New applications

1426/18/FUL Diggaport House, Bridestowe. Retrospective application for change of use to provide sand school for private use

After a discussion it was agreed that provided the sand school is for private use only and that it has no lighting, the PC has no objection.

6.2 To consider plans and drawings supplied by the land owner for housing development on land at Sourton Down.

Discussed. It was agreed that the the PC is not against a development in that area and supports the principle of some development for local need, in line with the Neighbourhood Plan. Further comment cannot be made until a planning application is put before it.

6.3 Agreed that the concerns re development at East Bowerland should be passed on to WDBC.

7. Clerk's report - correspondence and any other item not on the agenda

Clerk to receive 2 hours telephone training for the new website on 8th June The cost of £75 is included in the Transparency grant

General Data Protection Regulations - Cllr Mott advised registering with the Information Commissioner Office to get full information on what a parish councils must do to comply.

Telephone Kiosk - the request for removal of the phone has been upgraded to urgent.

The drain problem below the hall has been reported to Highways again. It is programmed for routine cleaning.

8. Finance

8.1 Report of Financial Officer

Current account:

Previous balance	6460.86
Withdrawn	600.00
Paid in	0.0
New balance	5860.86
(TAP fund reserve)	(280.00)
(Transparency grant reserve)	(286.65)

Unrestricted funds **5293.35**

Deposit account:

Previous balance	1370.90
Interest	0.06
New balance	1370.96

9.2 Accounts for payment:

Sourton P.C.C. 50% churchyard maintenance	150.00
Mrs M Leonard Clerk's salary	212.50
Mrs M Leonard Clerk's expenses	7.15

10. Councillors' Reports

10.1. Cllr Eberle asked the Clerk to enquire whether part of the TAP funding could be drawn down for the training part of the defibrillator grant while waiting for decommissioning of the kiosk.

10.2 Cllr Eberle asked the PC to consider supporting the RBL 'Silent Soldier' fund raising campaign. To be put on the next meeting's agenda.

10.3 Cllr Spry has inspected the Trescote notice board. He will remove the broken heading.

10.4 Cllr Spry reported on the Okehampton 'Councils Together' coffee morning.

11. Date of next meeting

Agreed as Monday 2nd July.

Items for the agenda:

1. To consider supporting the RBL 'Silent Soldier' campaign by making a donation of approximately £100 to receive a soldier silhouette to place in the parish.

12. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm