

# Sourton Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 at Sourton Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs J. Hockridge (Chair), S. Daniel, S. Eberle, A. Horn & M.Spry

**Also Present:** Cllr D. Webber (DNPA), Cllr C. Mott (WDBC), four members of the public and M. Leonard (Clerk)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2. Public Participation Time

One parishioner commented that the variation in the Highwayman planning application which alters the site of plot 1 will be less intrusive to his own property, Crab Apple Cottage, but that the window of the second bedroom will overlook it. There will also now be direct access to his hedge, while in the previous plans there was not.

Another parishioner asked Cllrs Eberle and Hockridge whether they have any aspirations to change Sourton's West Devon status from unsustainable to sustainable. Cllr Hockridge responded that this was not within the parish council's power anyway, but that he would have no interest in doing so. Cllr Eberle responded that she does not, and pointed out that the current West Devon policy was of no development other than for proven local need. The parishioner then stated that the Parish Council is in breach of the Transparency Code and that the Standing Orders are out of date.

## 3. West Devon Borough Councillor Time

Cllr Mott asked the Chairman if Item 9 could be moved up the agenda, as she would have to leave the meeting early. The Chairman agreed to bring Item 9 forward as the next item.

## 9. Planning

New applications:

9.1 **1837/18/FUL** Moor Crest, Cowsen Lane. Proposed agricultural shed for tractor and machinery storage.

Agreed to object because the development is too large for the site.

9.2 **1585/18/VAR** The Highwayman Inn. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) following grant of planning permission 3122/16/FUL Application affecting the Setting of a Listed Building.

Agreed to support with conditions that there is an additional boundary hedge in place between the site and Crab Apple Cottage, and that the window overlooking Crab Apple Cottage is frosted.

4. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Jury and Cllr Deacon

5. Declarations of Interests in items on the agenda. None

6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were approved as a true record & signed by the Chair.

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

7.1 Agreed to go ahead with supplying the First Aid course before installation of the difibrillator in Thorndon kiosk, as part of the TAP grant funding. Cllr Eberle to action.

8. Neighbourhood Plan update.

Cllr Eberle reported an increase in time being spent on the Plan, researching and finding evidence to support statements in it. She noted that West Devon has recently passed applications that do not comply with its own plan. When the NP is complete and adopted, it will have the power to take West Devon to task if it does not comply.

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

10.1 West Devon has confirmed that there are no copyright issues regarding putting planning applications on a screen for display to the parish council and the public, as they are already available to the public on WD's own website and are being displayed for consultation purposes only.

10.2 Due to closure of the Okehampton NatWest Branch, the Clerk will use the Tavistock Branch and look into the possibility of internet banking.

10.3 Clerk reported that the current planning page on the website, which attempted to highlight all Sourton applications, may be misleading if not up to date and is a duplication of the information which can be obtained from the West Devon planning page. It was agreed to simplify this by just keeping links to WD and DNPA websites on the planning page.

#### 11. Finance

11.1 Report of Financial Officer

##### Current account:

Previous balance	<b>5860.86</b>
Withdrawn	967.78
Paid in	0.00
<b>New balance</b>	<b>4893.08</b>
(TAP fund reserve)	(280.00)
(Transparency grant reserve)	(286.65)
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>4326.43</b>

##### Deposit account:

Previous balance	1370.90
Interest	0.05
<b>New balance</b>	<b>1370.95</b>

11.2 Accounts agreed for payment:

Vision ICT Training	90.00
Mr A Barton 2 grass cuts on Village Green	160.00
Mrs M Leonard Clerk's salary	212.50
Mrs M Leonard Clerk's expenses	14.30

12. Silent Soldier Campaign. To consider donating £150 to the RBL to receive a 'Silent Soldier' Silhouette for display in the parish.

It was agreed to ask local RBL representative Ray Rattenbury to obtain a 'Tommy' silent soldier silhouette for a donation of £150, to display on or near the village green.

13. Cllr Webber, DNP member, gave a report on the Annual Meeting. Car parking fees had recently been introduced at some spots, including Meldon at the rate of £1 for 3 hours, or £2 per day. He asked for feedback on public reaction to the charges eg are the public parking elsewhere? DNP has had its first successful prosecution of an off-roader recently and hopes this will help to discourage more offenders.

#### 14. Councillors' Reports

The following matters were raised by councillors :

- Adopting a representative at the Northern Links Meetings (Cllr Eberle agreed to attend when possible)
- Looking into purchase of a microphone for meetings (Cllr Spry to action)
- Contacting Highways again re the drain outside the hall car park that blocks with stone
- Updating of Standing Orders
- Establish ownership of public toilets by Woody's Diner in view of recent complaint from member of the public
- Write to WD re lack of action by Enforcement

15. Date of next meeting - Mon 6<sup>th</sup> August

16. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm