

Sourton Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 6th August 2018 at Sourton Hall.

Members Present: Cllrs J. Hockridge (Chair), S. Daniel, P. Deacon, G. Jury, M. Spry
Also Present: Two Members of the Public, Cllr C. Mott (WDBC), and M. Leonard (Clerk)

1. The Chairman welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

2. Members of the Public

The following matters were raised:

- Concern about developments at East Bowerland
- Concern that no action has been taken by the Parish Council to deal with the drain near the end of the exit from the parish hall, risking future flood.

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

4. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Eberle and Horn

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 2nd July Cllr Spry pointed out an error in the deposit account figure. This was agreed and amended, then approved as a true record & signed by the Chair.

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

6.1 A Silent Soldier silhouette has been ordered for the Parish by Ray Rattenbury, RBL.

6.2 Established that WDBC do not own the toilets situated in Woody's Diner.

6.3 Drain below parish hall - waiting for a response from Steve Brockman. Cllr Mott advised that SB is on holiday, so clerk to contact Highways again.

7. DCC, WDBC, DNP Councillors - None present

8. Parish Councillors' reports from meetings - None attended

9. Neighbourhood Plan - Updates from the PC representatives:

Cllr Eberle has reported to the Clerk that a pre Stage 15 of the NP has been published. This version contains slight changes made to 14 following further feedback received. A copy is on the website. This will go to West Devon and DNP in mid September followed by other consultees and then for Inspection. Approval of the Stage 15 version by the Parish Councils will be required in September. In order that all councillor are fully informed about the content of the plan, Cllr Eberle is offering to hold a familiarisation session before the next meeting. It was agreed that this would be helpful. The Clerk to ask Cllr Eberle to propose a date and venue.

10. Planning

New applications

10.1 **1945/18/FUL** Retrospective application for erection of 24m high lattice mast with supporting radio equipment and cabinet to house power supply. East Down, Cowsen Lane.

The Clerk had received a comment from Cllr Eberle to put to the meeting:

' Using our Neighbourhood Plan as a guide, our Policy on Communications Infrastructure states that :-

"Proposals which seek the expansion of electronics communication networks and high speed broadband along with improvements to connectivity will be supported so long as the proposal does not have a harmful impact on the landscape".

The proposal is also in conformity with WDBC's Strategic Policy 4 and JLPs Dev 15.

Poor electronic communication and low speed broadband are issues that a lot of parishioners have problems with. Masts are going to be essential in improving access to better services in some cases. In this instance I don't think that the mast has a harmful impact on the landscape, so I support the application.'

Cllr Deacon questioned why the application could not have been put in before installation of the mast.

After a discussion Cllr Spry proposed supporting the application, but also noting, within the council's response, its objection to the application being retrospective. Agreed.

Updates

1837/18/FUL Proposed agricultural shed for tractor and machinery storage at Moor Crest Cowsen Lane

DECISION: Conditional Approval

Enforcement

It was agreed that this item would be moved into Part 2 (ie. the press and public to be excluded from the meeting as the item involves the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information) The item to be discussed at the end of the meeting.

11. Telephone Kiosk, Thorndon

The telephone has been removed and the completion notice put up on the kiosk. Thorndon residents have painted the kiosk with the paint provided by BT

Two general first aid training courses, based around defibrillator use, have been provisionally booked with Jo Rice, to take place in Sourton Hall on Wed 12th Sept, 6.30pm-9.30pm & Sat 15th Sept 9.30am-12.30pm. These will be free to all parishioners. Places limited to 10 or 12.

Invoice received from Sourton Hall for the two training sessions. There will also be a third training course run by the Community Heart Foundation. It is a condition that they run one course and those people from Thorndon who are most likely to use this defibrillator will have first option to attend. All to be funded by the TAP grant. Clerk asked to check whether CPR training is included in the CHF course?

All risks insurance for a K6 phone box will increase premium by approx £16-£20. Kiosk is worth approximately £2000. Agreed to insure for all risks. Confirm that it will be documented inside the kiosk who should be contacted if the electricity power goes. Discuss with Thorndon Group. It was agreed that the invoice for hall hire be paid after it has been used.

12. Clerk's report - Correspondence and any other item raised that is not on the agenda

12.1 Grass cutting at Trescote Way. Residents having cut most of the grass at the end of Trescote Way, cutting by Andrew Barton was postponed. The grass is now well grown again. It was agreed to ask Andrew Barton to cut it again in one month's time.

12.2 The Clerk had received a Freedom of Information request from Mr Ivor Kaczanow in relation to documents pertaining to Cllr Eberle's correspondence with Dartmoor National Park regarding Sourton Settlement Boundary. All documents have been forwarded to Mr Kaczanow.

12.3 Chair's invitation to Oke Town Council's Civil Service on Sunday 16th September received. Noted.

12.4 North Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team have written to ask whether funding may be available from the Parish Council. It was agreed to consider all grant requests simultaneously in the future and therefore consider this request at that time.

12.5 NatWest have requested that a signatory phone them to confirm the Clerk's change of address. Cllr Hockridge offered to do this.

12.6 Mrs Jenny Pratt, Hon Sec. Sourton PCC, has informed the PC that its application form for change of use of part of the paddock by the churchyard to a burial ground has been found to be valid and a decision will be reached 8 weeks from the date it was made valid. The Clerk has not received a planning application - to contact DNP.

13. Finance

13.1 Report of Financial Officer

Current account:

Previous balance	4893.08
Withdrawn	476.80
Paid in	0.00
New balance	4416.28
(TAP fund reserve)	(280.00)

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(Transparency grant reserve)	(286.65)
Unrestricted funds	3849.63
Deposit account:	
Previous balance	1370.95
Interest	0.00
New balance	1370.95
11.2 Accounts agreed for payment:	
Mrs M Leonard Clerk's salary	212.50
Mrs M Leonard Clerk's expenses	14.71

13. New Model Standing Orders It was noted that the new 2018 Model Standing Orders will be circulated to all Councillors before the next meeting, for amendment and approval at that meeting. It was agreed that all Councillors should read the new 2018 Standing Orders and put forward ideas for any amendments for the next meeting.

14. Enforcement List Cllr Hockridge proposed that the meeting be moved to Part 2 for discussion of the Enforcement List. Agreed.

Following discussion Cllr Hockridge proposed that the meeting be moved out of Part 2. Agreed.

15. Cllr Spry gave a demonstration of the microphone systems available for purchase. It was agreed that the cost was disproportionate to any advantage to be gained for ordinary meetings. It was decided not to take this any further.

16. Date of next meeting and items raised for the agenda

NB.MEETING DATES HAVE BEEN ALTERED SINCE THIS MEETING, AS FOLLOWS:

Planning Meeting - 20th August, 7.30pm at Sourton Hall

Ordinary meeting moved from 3rd Sept to 10th Sept, 7.30pm at Sourton Hall

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The following items to be included in the agenda of the next ordinary meeting on 10th September -

Approval of Stage 15 of the Neighbourhood Plan

Adoption of new 2018 Standing Orders

Policy updates - to agree policies for updating and adopting at the following meeting

Grant applications - to agree a framework for dealing with grant applications

To consider a request from Sourton WI to take over responsibility for the WI History Map of Sourton, which is on the Village Green.

17. The Chairman closed the meeting at approx. 9.45pm