

# Sourton Parish Council

## Minutes of a Meeting held at 8.20pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Sourton Hall

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

**Also present:** Cllr C. Mott (WDBC), 3 members of the public and M. Leonard (Clerk)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Horn

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

4. Public Participation Time

4.1 Cllr Mott reminded the meeting that tickets were available for the 21<sup>st</sup> April train trip from Okehampton Station that is going to Oxford and on to Stratford-Upon-Avon.

4.2 Mr Dawe requested that a loudspeaker system be used next year at the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Jury reported that Jeff Boxall has offered use of a loud-speaker system to the PC. It was agreed to take this up next year.

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

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

Car Park - A reply has been received from Mr Peter Thomas, agent for Leawood Estate. The second field being considered as a possible car park is under a secure tenancy, and the tenant does not wish to release it. It was therefore agreed that this proposal would not be taken further at this time.

7. Planning

New applications:

**WDBC 0647/18/HHO.** Householder application for demolition of the existing prefabricated garage and rebuild in block and render under slate.

Cllrs Eberle and Hockridge had visited the site. After a discussion it was agreed to support this application.

8. Finance

8.1 Report of Financial Officer

Current account:

<b>Previous balance</b>	<b>3774.72</b>
Withdrawn	-435.04
Paid in	+886.65
<b>New balance</b>	<b>4226.33</b>
(TAP fund reserve	- 845.00
Transparency grant reserve	- 886.65
Unrestricted funds	2494.68)

Deposit account:

<b>Previous balance</b>	<b>1370.79</b>
Interest	0.05
<b>New balance</b>	<b>1370.84</b>

Cllr Eberle proposed that TAP fund money could be put towards drain clearance below the hall. All agreed.

8.2 The following accounts were agreed for payment:

Devon Association of Local Councils subscription	99.00
Sourton Hall hire (2017/2018)	145.00
Clerk salary, March	162.00
Clerk admin expenses	18.00

#### 9. Village Hall Grant

Cllr Jury declared a personal interest in this item, being a member of the Hall Committee. Proposed by Cllr Eberle to continue to grant 10% of the precept, but based on the figure it would have been if it had only been increased this year by 4% ie. £514.50. Agreed.

#### 10. Defibrillator and Thorndon phone box

The TAP grant of £3,350 which has been obtained is for purchase of the defibrillator plus a telephone system and training. The Thorndon residents are now waiting for the kiosk to be decommissioned before they can begin work on the project.

#### 11. New website

Work is underway on the new website.

#### 12. New General Data Protection Regulations

Cllr Mott explained the implications of the new regulations, advised registering with ICO and following guidelines of DALC.

#### 13. Councillors' Reports

Cllr Hockridge reported on Mr Tony Battens receipt of an award at the Mayor's award ceremony.

Cllr Jury asked whether the October meeting could be moved to 8<sup>th</sup> October. Agreed

Cllr Eberle reported that she has talked to DNP about the Sustainable Settlement Boundary in Sourton. She has been told that Sourton cannot have one as it is not considered sustainable. She asked how the parish can get out of the situation. As a result DNP is evolving its view of Sourton as sustainable. Following circulation of papers on the subject Cllr Eberle asked that this be added to the agenda of the next meeting for a decision on the Parish Council's view on whether it is an advantage to become a Sustainable Settlement and therefore able to have some development within it. An item to be put in BASE to encourage members of the public to attend. Agreed.

Cllr Eberle thanked Cllr Daniel for attending the most recent Neighbourhood Plan meeting.

Cllr Daniel asked the PC to consider taking action re the poor state of the roads.

Cllr Deacon reported on the planning workshop he had attended and found very useful. He will make the slides available.

#### 14. Items for the next meeting on 15th May (Annual PC Meeting followed by Ordinary Meeting)

14.1 Consider whether Sourton should become a sustainable Parish within the DNP Development Plan.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.