

# Sourton Parish Council

## Minutes of a Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Sourton Hall

**Councillors present:** J. Hockridge, S. Daniel, P. Deacon, S. Eberle & A. Horn

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

1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them all a Happy New Year.

### 2 Members of the Public

The following matters were raised:

● Why was the most recent planning application at East Bowerland not on the agenda?

*Reply: The council were not notified of the application until after the agenda were sent out & have not yet received the plans. A planning meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January to discuss it.*

● Why has the council not purchased a tannoy?

*Reply: a suitable system not found.*

### 3 Declaration of Interests in items on the agenda

None

4 Apologies were accepted from Cllr Jury

5 Minutes of the Previous Meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December were 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 New Granite Way sign. The Clerk has contacted John Baker, the sign is made and will be put up when he has time available to do so.

### 7 Co-option of new councillor

There have been no written applications to date. The vacancy has been advertised on the website and notice boards, but did not get into BASE. Clerk to re-submit to BASE for the February edition.

8 DCC, WDBC, DNP - To receive reports and updates from councillors present - None

### 9 Planning - to receive new applications & updates

New applications The following application, which has been received since distribution of this meeting's agenda, will be discussed at a planning meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 7.30pm at Sourton Hall, in order to give sufficient notice to members of the public-

**3994/18/FUL** Change of use of existing agricultural barn and adjoining land to provide a new dwelling with associated refurbishments and landscaping. East Bowerland Farm, Road to West Bowerland, Okehampton EX20 4LZ

#### Decisions

**1585/18/VAR** Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) following a grant of planning permission 3112/16/FUL. The Highwayman Inn. **Conditional approval.**

**3850/17/FUL** Application for continued use of outside space for dog training, on land adjoining the existing training facility, barn and parking area. **Refused**

**3851/17/FUL** Continued use of land for dog training by holiday cottage users and main house occupier only. East Bowerland Farm. **Refused.**

**3704/18/AGR** Application for prior notification of agricultural development - agricultural building to house sheep at Oatnell Farm. **Refused. Full application required.**

**3753/18/AGR** Application for notification of agricultural or forestry development - proposed building. Thorndon Wood, near Rixton Farm. **Conditional approval.**

(The applicant and the planning officer have confirmed that this a different site from the one where a shed is already built)

It was noted that from April, WDBC will no longer be providing paper copies of planning applications.

Enforcement - to be discussed under Part 2

#### 10 Neighbourhood Plan - update

Cllr Eberle reported that before the planned final meeting for the NP, WDBC suggested a material change in the Plan. WDBC's proposal to become involved with a community housing scheme would allow a greater proportion of houses built on the site adjacent to Bridestowe cemetery to be affordable homes.

The Group has asked for all information regarding the proposed change to be sent to them with examples of where it has worked. These details have not yet been received. This is again causing delay in completion.

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

11.1 Invitation from DALC to make a nomination for the Royal Garden Party 2019.

Four names were put forward. Clerk to establish how many nominations may be made and then action.

11.2 C.A.B. Letter of thanks for the PC's donation.

11.3 Footpath no 9 needs some clearance and replacement signage. Clerk to contact John Baker.

#### 12 Finance

##### 12.1 Report of Financial Officer

Current Account-

Previous balance:	5086.85
Withdrawn (when all previous cheques presented)	3425.62 (2879 to be reclaimed - TAP)
	<b>1661.23</b>
Receipts	0.00
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>1661.23</b>

Deposit Account-

Previous balance:	1371.41
Interest	0.23
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>1371.64</b>

##### 12.2 Accounts for payment

Mrs M. Leonard, clerk's salary - Dec	212.50
Mrs M. Leonard, clerk's expenses - Dec	15.98

#### 13 Setting of 2019/2020 precept

Expenditure in the current financial year has been greater than income. Due to increased costs expected in the next financial year, plus extra costs such as maintenance of the closed section of the churchyard and the election expense, it was agreed that a rise in the precept

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had to be considered. After a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Deacon, seconded by Cllr Eberle, that the precept for 2019/2020 should be increased by 15%. This will increase the annual cost to a Band D property by £4.65 per year (approx.39p per month). Agreed.

#### 14 Churchyard

It was agreed to write to the SPCC to propose a meeting at the churchyard, to inspect it.

#### 15 Defibrillator update

All agreements with the Community Heart Foundation have been completed and signed. Payment has been made and the defibrillator has been delivered to the Thorndon residents. When connection of the defibrillator is complete then the Community Fund grant can be claimed.

#### 16 Members reports

Cllr Jury has sent reports on Sourton Friendship Group, Sourton Produce and Craft Show and Sourton Sugarcraft Guild. A report from the Sourton Village Hall re it's main expenditure over the last three years was read. All to be circulated.

17 Policies - to review current policies and consider a strategy for updating  
Deferred.

18 The meeting moved into Part 2 to discuss current enforcement cases.  
The meeting moved out of Part 2

#### 19 Date of next meeting

It was agreed to cancel the February meeting due to the absence of a Clerk. The next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.  
The next planning meeting will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 7.30pm at Sourton Hall.  
If possible a site meeting to be arranged in advance.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.