

Sourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Sourton Parish Council meeting held at 7:30pm on Monday 11th July 2022 at Sourton Village Hall.

Council Member Present:

Cllr Eberle (Chairman),

Cllr Jewel

Cllr Stone

Cllr Fogerty

Cllr Leonard

In Attendance:

Mrs A Horn (Clerk) Cllr Southcott WDBC 1 Member of the public

- 31. Chairmans Report** Cllr Eberle reported that a second broadband provider was expanding their commercial operations to include Thorndon Cross, and they would not require extra funding.
- 32. Apologies for Absence** On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Fogerty it was **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr S Firth & Cllr D Firth due to a positive covid test.
Apologies received from Cllr Mott were noted.
- 33. Public Forum** A member of the public asked if non-native species such as Rhododendron and Cherry Laurel which are detrimental species could be removed from the parish as part of the Environmental Policy.
- 34. Declarations of Interest** None
- 35. Minutes of the previous meeting** On the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **resolved to** approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th June 2022
- 36. DCC, WDBC, DNP and Sourton Hall Reports** West Devon Borough Council updates are now circulated by email. No DCC report had been received but the Clerk would circulate when received.
Sourton Hall had nothing to report.
- 37. Policies**
- 37.1 Grants** On the proposition of Cllr Leonard and seconded by Cllr Fogerty it was **resolved** to adopt the policy with the removal of eligible revenue.
- 37.2 Environmental Policy** On the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr Stone it was **resolved** to adopt the policy
- 37.3 Green Plan** On the proposition of Cllr Stone and seconded by Cllr Fogerty it was **resolved** to make a list of objectives for September's meeting. It was agreed to apply for money for bulbs and the clerk would email the landowner to ask permission to plant them.
- 38. Finance**
- 38.1 Finance Report** The clerk updated the Council on the finances and provided a bank rec in two forms and it was agreed to use the Agar version.

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- 38.2 **Payments** On the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **resolved** to approve the schedule of payments.
- 38.3 **Grant** On the proposition of Cllr Jewell and seconded by Cllr Leonard it was **resolved** to give a grant of £200 to the BASE magazine.
- Member of the public left 8.37pm
39. **Sourton Event**
- 39.1 **Future Events** It was agreed to put an article in the next Base magazine to gauge the parishes response to the Council hosting functions and events. The Parish Council would still hold events for Civic functions.
- 39.2 **Ceilidh** On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **resolved** to donate the full amount of money raised from the Ceilidh to the Village Hall. The clerk would arrange to meet with Cllr D Firth to confirm the final total and arrangements for the donation to the Village Hall.
- 40 **Green Spaces**
- 40.1 **Green verges** Cllr Leonard reported that there was still no reply from Devon County ecologists regarding the survey of the verges before tree planting could take place. It was **resolved** that the clerk would write to Cllr Samuels to see if she could help move the issue on.
- 40.2 **Village Hall Road** The road up the village hall surface is disintegrating and is causing access issues to the moor, Church and Village Hall. It was **resolved** that the clerk would write email the landowner to ask about repairing it.
- 40.3 **Prewley Moor** Southwest Water will be putting in new pipes from Prewley Moor water works, which will cause disruption to the parish. A local woodworking company had asked the parish council if they would support them asking Southwest Water to commission a bench in compensation. In principle the council agreed to support the request.
- 41 **Councillor Reports** Cllr Eberle reported that the DNP were putting together a Sustainable transport BID. She had been unable to attend the meeting as Sourton PCs representative but had emailed some suggestions before the meeting.

PART TWO

Items which may be taken in the absence of the press and public. The Committee is recommended to pass the following resolution: 'Resolved that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as they involve the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information.'

42. **Noticeboard on Village green** On the proposition of Cllr Jewell and seconded by Cllr Leonard it was **resolved** to purchase the Dean Joinery Notice Board as it was locally made and in line with the new environmental policy
43. **WDBC Enforcement** An update was noted
44. **Items Brought Forward** Hard Hill Cross no white lines causing a danger
Litter picking for the Parish

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45. Date of Next Meeting 1st August 2022

The meeting closed at 9:44pm