

Sourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Sourton Parish Council meeting held at 7:30pm
on Monday 13th June 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 Mott Cllr Southcott WDBC

- 15. **Chairmans Report** Cllr Eberle update the council on the wifi situation at Thorndon where the residents had requested faster broadband.
- 16. **Apologies for Absence** Apologies received from Cllr D Firth and Cllr S Firth approved on proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Fogerty due to being away.
- 17. **Public Forum** No members of the public attended
- 18. **Declarations of Interest** None
- 19. **Minutes of the previous meeting** On the proposition of Cllr Leonard and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **resolved to** approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2022
- 20. **DCC, WDBC, DNP and Sourton Hall Reports** No WDBC report
No DCC report
No Sourton Hall Report
- 21. **Planning** To consider a response to new applications listed on the WDBC and/or DNPA Planning Portals.

21.1 1464/22/FUL	General views on compliance with relevant planning policies e.g. within or outside a development boundary.	N/A
	Beneficial and adverse impacts of a development on the local community.	N/A
	Effects on surrounding buildings (e.g loss of privacy or light) and environment.	No outside window
	Acceptable design, scale, materials and landscaping to fit in with site and/or adjacent buildings.	Yes

Sourton Parish Council

Problems with site access or parking.	No
Adequacy of highway network to cope with additional traffic and related safety issues.	Yes
Adequacy of local services and/or infrastructure to cater for a development.	Yes
Particular features existing onsite which should be retained.	N/A
Problems with noise, dust, smell or fumes or any other adverse impact on the amenity of local residents.	N/A
Any suggestions to improve the proposed development.	N/A
Local Knowledge / Previous History	N/A

It was **resolved** on the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Fogerty to support the application.

22. Finance

22.1 Finance Report

The clerk updated the Council on the finances and provided a bank rec for the current and reserve accounts. Cllr Leonard had not heard from Unity Bank about becoming a signatory, the clerk would follow up.

22.2 Insurance

On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **resolved** to accept the insurance quote.

22.3 Payments

On the proposition of Cllr Leonard and seconded by Cllr Eberle it was **resolved** to approve the schedule of payments.

22.4

Grant

On the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr Eberle it was **resolved** to review the Grants Policy to make it more accessible to local groups. It was agreed that Cllr Eberle would help the BASE magazine apply for a grant to cover the costs of printing the Jubilee flyers.

23. Jubilee Celebrations

24.1 Platinum Jubilee in Sourton

It was reported that about 150 bacon rolls had been served on the night and that the parish had enjoyed the beacon lighting. There had been positive feedback from the parish over the gifts for the children. Cllrs Eberle and Leonard volunteered to deliver the last few to children who had been unable to make the event. Cllr Eberle agreed to write and thank all the people involved in the event and thanked the rest of the council for their help with making the event a success.

24.2 Ceilidh

The working group reported that the deposit for the band had been paid and the outstanding balance would be paid in the week of the event. The Highwayman carpark had been arranged as overflow parking. 32 tickets sold to date and were still available at the Pump and Peddle, Bearslake Inn, Cllr Eberle and Palmers Farm. Money from the raffle will go to the hall, and it was agreed the Union flag would stay until after ceilidh.

Sourton Parish Council

25 Green Spaces

25.1 Green Grant

It was **resolved** by Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr Jewell to have a green agenda for the parish aiming towards a carbon neutral parish. It would include wildflower verges, bulb and tree planting. Once a plan had been agreed then the council would apply for grants to help fund it. It was agreed to ask for a quote for the grass contractor for trimming around the Jubilee trees for the summer. It noted that 3 more bags of mulch were needed for the trees at Prewely and that councillors would organise the purchase and spreading of the mulch

25.2 Green verges

It was **resolved** on the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Fogerty that the revised letter be sent to Shell garage asking them to change their grass cutting schedule to protect the wild orchids that were growing on the verge. Cllr Southcott mentioned that Devon County might have an ecologist that would be willing to advise on the site.

A motion to suspend Standing Order 3 (bb) to permit extension of the meeting was proposed by Cllr Eberle, seconded Cllr Fogerty, and agreed.

26 Councillor Reports

No issues to report

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.'

27. Noticeboard on Village green

It was **resolved** on the proposition of Cllr Jewell and seconded by Cllr Fogerty to postpone the discussion of the purchase of the new notice board until any available grants had been applied for as this would determine which noticeboard to purchase.

28. WDBC Enforcement

An update was noted

29. Items Brought Forward

None

30. Date of Next Meeting

4th July 2022

The meeting closed at 10pm