

# Sourton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Sourton Parish Council meeting held at 7:30pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 at Sourton Village Hall.

### Council Member Present:

Cllr Eberle (Chair)

Cllr Jewel

Cllr Stone

Cllr Fogerty

Cllr Leonard

Cllr S Firth

Cllr D Firth

### In Attendance:

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

- 46. Chairmans Report** Cllr Eberle gave an update on the broadband at Thordon Cross. Some volunteers were needed to help carry water to the Rowan trees as the water butt was empty. Cllr Eberle had been told that the flashing speed sign was not an option, and they were looking into other alternatives for the £200 road safety money. Highways have improved the road access by the Pump and Peddle to Granite Way
- 47. Apologies for Absence** Apologies received from Cllr Mott were noted.
- 48. Public Forum** No members of the public spoke
- 49. Declarations of Interest** Cllr Leonard declared interest in item 9.1 Planning application in Trescote Way due to being a neighbour  
Cllr Eberle declared interest in item 9.2 Planning application on a tree with a TPO due to being a neighbour.
- 50. Minutes of the previous meeting** On the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr Leonard it was **resolved to** approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- 51. DCC, WDBC, DNP and Sourton Hall Reports** West Devon Borough Council updates are now circulated by email. Cllr Southcott told the meeting that Links meeting were due to restart with an emphasis on what parishes want.  
DCC report had been received and had been circulated  
Sourton Hall had nothing to report.
- 52. Policies Code of Conduct** On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr M Fogerty it was **resolved to** adopt the policy.
- 53. Finance Finance Report** The clerk updated the Council on the finances and updated the council on the current pay negotiations.

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- 53.2 Budget Monitoring** A review of the budget was noted, and a forecast was looked at.
- 53.3 Payments** On the proposition of Cllr D Firth and seconded by Cllr M Leonard it was **resolved** to approve the schedule of payments.
- 53.5 Grass Cutting** On the proposition of Cllr D Firth and seconded by Cllr A Jewell it was **resolved** to put an advert in the September base for 6 cuts - one a month- April to September for the village green and the churchyard.

### **54. Planning**

- 54.1 1961/22/HHO** On the proposition of Cllr D Firth and seconded by Cllr J Stone it was **resolved** to support the application.

General views on compliance with relevant planning policies e.g. within or outside a development boundary.	Yes
Beneficial and adverse impacts of a development on the local community.	No impact
Effects on surrounding buildings (e.g loss of privacy or light) and environment.	None
Acceptable design, scale, materials and landscaping to fit in with site and/or adjacent buildings.	Yes
Problems with site access or parking.	No
Adequacy of highway network to cope with additional traffic and related safety issues.	N/A
Adequacy of local services and/or infrastructure to cater for a development.	N/A
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

- 54.2 2141/22/TPO** On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr A Jewell it was **resolved** to support the recommendations of the Tree Officer.

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## 55 Green Spaces

- 55.1 **Green verges** Cllr Samuel needs some information on verge licences which Cllr Leonard would look back through emails to find dates. The Clerk had spoken to Highways who would like a meeting to discuss the site which the Clerk would organise.
- 55.2 **Village Hall Road** The Clerk had asked the Leawood land agent who would come back with an update.
- 55.3 **Hard Hill Cross** Defective Road Markings/Signs, Defective Road Markings (White)  
Location: Road from Thorndon Cross to Cowsen Cross, Thorndon Cross  
Passed to Non-safety defect lining/signs team reference number W221528682
- 55.4 **Litter Picking** Councillors to have a look around the parish and see if any areas need litter picking.
- 56 **Councillor Reports** Traffic jams caused by traffic lights by Oakridge Farm. Clerk to contact Highways.

Member of the Public left the meeting at 9:15pm

### 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.'*

57. **WDBC Enforcement** An update was noted
58. **Items Brought Forward** Website  
Green plan ideas  
Grass cutting
59. **Date of Next Meeting** 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

On the proposition of Cllr Eberle , seconded Cllr Fogerty it was RESOLVED to exit Part 2 and ratify decisions made therein. The meeting closed at 9:30pm