

Sourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Sourton Parish Council meeting held at 7pm
on Monday 3rd April 2023 at Sourton Village Hall.

Council Member Present:

Cllr Eberle
Cllr D Firth
Cllr S Firth
Cllr Jewell
Cllr Leonard
Cllr Stone

In Attendance:

Mrs A Horn (Clerk), Cllr Mott, Cllr Southcott, WDBC,

- 179. Chairs Report** The council expressed their thanks to Mark Fogerty for his time and energies to the council and were sad to have lost him as a councillor. The Website pictures will be updated to reflect new council after the elections and the current pictures are temporary pictures put in by the website designer as placeholders while the website is completed.
- 180. Apologies for Absence** None
- 181. Public Forum** None
- 182. Declarations of Interest** Cllr Jewell and Stone declared and interest in minute 185.1 due to being neighbours
- 183. WDBC, DCC, DNP and Sourton Hall Reports** It was reported that the Village Hall committee has grown in numbers and their AGM is taking place in May.
- 184. Minutes of the previous meeting** On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr Leonard it was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 6th March 2023
- 185. Planning**
185.1 0823/23/VAR On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr Leonard it was **resolved** to object to the application. The variation was done with intent the windows are not of appropriate scale for the location.
East Bowerland Farm
Okehampton
EX20 4LZ 4 for 2 abstentions
- 186. Projects**
186.1 Orchids at Shell Garage Nothing to report.

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- 186.2 Residents parking at Pump and Pedal** Due to the weather the residents had had less issues but will get pictures and email clerk.
- 186.3 Warm spaces** Cllr Jewell had arranged 60 orders to be cooked by an outside caterer a £10 per portion including rice and poppadom's. The clerk would email the volunteers to help with the set up and clear up. The event would start at 7pm. Clerk would print posters for the councillors will distribute.
- 186.4 Coronation** Plans for the coronation were finalised with Cllr Jewell organising the cider, beer, BBQ gas and fireworks. Cllr Eberle would organise the wine food and road signs. Cllr S Firth had the awning for BBQ and Cllr stone would organise lights for the church. The clerk would purchase bunting balloons, bookmarks for children's gifts and do the risk assessment and organise event insurance. All Councillors would look for games to play in the afternoon and a volunteer would have archery in beacon field. The fireworks would be quite ones and Cllr Eberle would write in the base to warn the residents to keep their pets indoors for the short time of the display.
- 186.5 Bus Stop Verge** The Parish council has been given permission to cut the bramble back on the verge by the bus stop and see if the wildflowers come back. The clerk to contract the local contractor to see if they would be able to cut the brambles aback with a tractor. The volunteer group would help the verge once this had happened.
- 187 Policies**
- 187.1** On the proposition of Cllr Jewell and seconded by Cllr S Firth it was resolved to approve the following
- Internal Control Policy
 - Privacy Policy
 - Communications Policy
 - Freedom of Information Policy
 - Publication Scheme
 - Flag Flying
 - Tree Management Policy
- 188. Finance**
- 188.1 Finance Report** The clerk updated the Council on the end of financial year finances and provided a bank rec which Cllr D Firth signed.
- 188.2 Payments** On the proposition of Cllr D Firth and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was resolved to approve the schedule of payment

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189. Annual Report

189.1 **Draft Annual Report** On the proposition of Cllr D Firth and seconded by Cllr Eberle it was **resolved** to accept the draft report with a couple of additions

190 **Clerks Report**

191 **Councillor Reports** None

192 **Items Brought Forward** None

EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted to consider that the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting for the following items of business.

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193 **WDBC Enforcement** An update was noted

On the proposition of Cllr, seconded Cllr it was **RESOLVED** to exit Part 2 and ratify decisions made therein. The meeting closed at 8:30

194 **Date of Next Meeting** 15th May 2023 starting at 6pm