

Sourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Sourton Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 6th February 2023 at Sourton Village Hall.

Council Member Present:

Cllr Fogerty (Chair)

Cllr S Firth

Cllr Jewell

Cllr Leonard

Cllr Stone

In Attendance:

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

In the absence of Cllr Eberle, Council Chair, the meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chair, Cllr Fogerty

- 146. Chairs Report** Cllr Fogerty reminded everyone that photo ID would be needed for the coming election and asked that it could be put on the website and in the next Base article to make all the residents aware of the new rules.
- 147. Apologies for Absence** On the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr Leonard it was **resolved** to accept the apologies from Cllr Eberle due to a prior commitment.
- 148. Public Forum** No Public in attendance
- 149. Declarations of Interest** None
- 150 WDBC, DCC, DNP and Sourton Hall Reports** WDBC emails circulated as arrived. DCC report circulated before the meeting. Sourton village hall reported they were underway with their improvements to the hall- having the floor done and repainting the hall.
- 151. 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 9th January 2023
- 152 Policy Review**
152.1 On the proposition of Cllr Jewell and seconded by Cllr D Firth it was resolved to approve the following
- Asset Register
 - Asset Register Policy
 - Health and Safety
 - Site Visit risk assessment
 - Financial Risk assessment
- 153 Finance**

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- 153.1 Finance Report** The clerk updated the Council on the finances and provided a bank rec which Cllr D Firth signed. It was noted that NatWest bank statements were arriving irregularly
- 153.2 Payments** On the proposition of Cllr D Firth and seconded by Cllr Leonard it was resolved to approve the schedule of payment
- 154 Planning**
- 154.1** 4223/22/CLP The council noted the application.
Valley View
Thorndon Cross
EX20 4NQ
- WDBC councillors left at 7:25pm
- 155 Projects**
- 155.1 Website** The new website was noted and councillors' new emails would be set up shortly. Councillors were asked to provide photos for their profile as the current pictures were stock images.
- 155.2 Warm Spaces** The arrangements for 19th February were confirmed a breakfast of bacon sausage and omelette wraps/breakfast rolls would be available as well as a vegetarian alternative.
- 155.3 Coronation** The clerk confirmed that permission to use the beacon field had been given. The clerk would ask Treetops if they would be willing to help with the afternoons games. Cllr D Firth asked if the clerk could look into crafts for the children for the afternoon rather than buying a gift for them. The clerk reported that she had applied for a National Lottery grant to help cover the cost of the event and would hopefully hear back in 12 weeks if it was successful.
- 155.4 Tree Planting** It was Resolved to plant any free trees given to the parish council in the agreed locations for the year without bringing it back to council each time
- 155.5 Elections** The councillors noted the report on elections and asked that a scheme of delegation be added to March's agenda to allow the council to still meet its obligations during this period.
- 155.6 Annual Meeting of the Parish** It was resolved to hold the annual meeting of the parish on 15th May at 6pm
- 155.7 Annual Parish Meeting** It was resolved to hold the annual parish meeting at 7pm on 15th May following the annual meeting of the parish. The clerk was asked to invite DNP and Read Easy to give presentations. Refreshments would be provided after the meeting.
- 156 Awards**
- 156.1 WDBC Mayoral Awards** The council **Resolved** to nominate Cllr S Firth for the green award in recognition of all the tree and bulb planting he had done in the parish. The Council **Resolved** to nominate Ali and Martin Young of the Base magazine for the over 18 organisations.
- 157 Clerks Reports** The clerk reported a new member of staff at Strutt Parker responsible for Leawood estate so have emailed him about road by hall and land by cycle hire.
- 158 Councillor Reports** None

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159 **Items Brought Forward** BT internet

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160. **WDBC** An update was noted
Enforcement

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161 **Computer** It was **Resolved** on the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr Stone that the Clerk purchase a desktop computer to store everything on and use the laptop for meetings

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On the proposition of Cllr, seconded Cllr it was **RESOLVED** to exit Part 2 and ratify decisions made therein. The meeting closed at 8:40

162. **Date of Next Meeting** 6th March 2023 starting at 7pm