

# Sourton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Sourton Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Sourton Village Hall.

### Council Member Present:

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

### In Attendance:

Mrs A Horn (Clerk), Cllr Southcott, WDBC, 5 Members of the public

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| <b>163.</b>  | <b>Chairs Report</b>  | Cllr Eberle welcomed everyone to the meeting   |
| <b>164</b>   | <b>Apologies for<br/>Absence</b>                              | None   |
| <b>165.</b>  | <b>Public Forum</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verge by the bungalow bus stop</li><li>• volunteering to help with any green projects.</li></ul>   |
| <b>166.</b>  | <b>Declarations of<br/>Interest</b>                           | Cllr Fogerty declared an interest in item 169.3 due to being a Sourton Commoner.   |
| <b>167.</b>  | <b>WDBC, DCC,<br/>DNP and<br/>Sourton Hall<br/>Reports</b>    | WDBC reported that their part of the council tax bill will rise by 2.99%. The green bag collection was going up £52 so it would pay for itself and would no longer be subsidised. It worked out to £2 a collection. There was also broader council tax discount scheme this year. The village hall committee had completed its decoration of the hall. |
| <b>168.</b>  | <b>Minutes of the<br/>previous<br/>meeting</b>                | On the proposition of Cllr Jewell and seconded by Cllr Leonard it was <b>resolved</b> to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2023   |
| <b>169</b>   | <b><u>Planning</u></b>  |  |
| <b>169.1</b> | 0100/23/FUL<br>Collaven Manor<br>Hotel<br>Sourton<br>EX20 4HH | On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was <b>resolved</b> to support the application.  |
| <b>169.2</b> | 0101/23/LBC<br>Collaven Manor<br>Hotel<br>Sourton<br>EX20 4HH | On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was <b>resolved</b> to object to the design of the building as it did not fit in with the listed building.   |
| <b>169.3</b> | Our Reference:<br>268604                                      | On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr D Firth it was <b>resolved</b> to respond that the reinstatement needed to be done to an acceptable standard and should be SW Water's responsibility for 5  |

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- SOURTON COMMON (REF CL 97)  
169.4 0268/23/HRN  
Land at Town View North of Bridestowe
- years. The parish Council would also require compensation if the trees it has planted as part of the Green Canopy scheme were damaged.
- The application was noted.
- 5 members of the public left the meeting at 7:45pm
- 170 **Policy Review**  
170.1
- On the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr S Firth it was **resolved** to approve the following
- Scheme of delegation
  - Response policy
- 171 **Finance**  
171.1 **Finance Report**
- The clerk updated the Council on the end of financial year finances and provided a bank rec which Cllr D Firth signed.
- 171.2 **Payments**
- On the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **resolved** to approve the schedule of payment with the caveat that Cllrs Firth would be paid for the food for the breakfast once receipts had been received by the clerk.
- A Horn** Salary and working from home allowance £452.78.  
**A Horn** cups napkins tablecloths and desktop computer £285.25  
**Best Host** Making the website live £45.00  
**Cllr Firth** Big Breakfast Food amount to be confirmed once receipts received
- 171.3 **Grants**  
171.3a **Treetops**
- Cllr Jewell proposed donating £100 there were no seconders, and he withdrew his proposal.
- On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr D Firth it was **resolved** to donate £200. This would be made up of £150 from the grants budget and the remaining £50 from the donations from the big breakfast.
- 171.3b **Sourton Stickers**
- On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr D Firth it was **resolved** to pay the for the hall hire for 6 months or up to a value of £150 on the condition that the group was accessible to everyone. The council suggested that the sessions either be daytime and evening or just evening so more people could attend. The clerk would write to the Sourton Stickers and ask them to have the Hall to invoice the Parish Council directly.
- 171.4 **Internal Auditor**
- On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Leonard it was **resolved** to sign the contract with the internal auditor at a cost of £65
- 172 **Footpaths**  
172.1 **Walking the footpaths**
- On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Leonard it was **resolved** to include the group of volunteers in the walking of the

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footpaths. The clerk would contact them to confirm which footpaths needed walking.

Cllr Jewell asked that the clerk email DCC as the Pegasus way needed some plainings to top up the potholes.

## 173 **Projects**

- 173.1 Orchids at Shell Garage** It was **agreed** that Cllr Stone would facilitate conversation between Shell Garage and the landowner.
- 173.2 Residents parking at Pump and Pedal** It was noted that the resident's problem had been shared with Cllr Samuel of DCC. The clerk has emailed parking permits at DCC to see what their initial thoughts were. Cllr Stone would speak to some of the residents and ask them to send the clerk pictures of the problem so these could be shared with DCC.
- 173.3 BT broadband** The Clerk had been in contact with BT, but they refused to confirm if fibre broadband was in Sourton. Cllr Eberle would put the information in the next Base article so residents could contact BT personally.
- 173.4 Warm spaces** The council expressed their thanks to Cllrs D and S Firth for cooking the breakfast. It was thought that they had cooked between 70 and 80 breakfasts and £74 in donations were received. On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr S Firth it was **resolved** to hold another event with a budget of £400 before June.
- 173.5 Coronation** The clerk reported that the council had been awarded a grant of £950 from the National Lottery and that she had applied to WDBC for a Coronation grant of £500. Cllr Jewell would investigate the cost of fireworks for the evening event. The clerk would confirm the marquee for the event and contact Treetops to ask if they would be able to help with the games afternoon.
- 174 Clerks Report** A card from King Charles III had been received thanking the council for its letter of condolence on the death of the Queen. The clerk had spoken to Leawood's land agent about the track up to the village hall and he was looking into this.
- 175 Councillor Reports** Potholes on old A30  
Full dog bin at Sourton Church  
Pothole by Shell Garage
- 176 Items Brought Forward** Coronation, green plan, Warm Spaces

Cllr Southcott WDBC left the meeting at 9:15pm

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**177**      **WDBC**                      An update was noted  
                 **Enforcement**

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 9:35

**178**      **Date of Next**                      3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 starting at 7pm  
                 **Meeting**