

# Sourton Parish Council

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

### Council Member Present:

Cllr Eberle (Chair)

Cllr Fogerty

Cllr D Firth

Cllr S Firth

Cllr Jewell

Cllr Leonard

### In Attendance:

Mrs A Horn (Clerk) Cllr Southcott WDBC, Cllr Samuel DCC

- 94. Chairmans Report** It was noted that SW water pipeline from Prewley to Castle Cross may affect the Jubilee trees. SW Water would need to offset their works by planting extra trees and making a biodiversity gain. It was suggested that joint planting on granite way chopping rhodendiums down planting native species might be a positive biodiversity gain to the parish. Litter picking 19<sup>th</sup> November meeting at the village hall at 10am.
- 95. Apologies for Absence** On the proposition of Cllr Jewell and seconded by Cllr Eberle, Cllr Stone's apologies due to traffic issues were accepted. Cllr Mott's apologies were noted
- 96. Public Forum** None
- 97. Declarations of Interest** None
- 98. DCC, WDBC, DNP and Sourton Hall Reports** Cllr Samuel of DCC described the budget cuts needing to be made in the current financial year as well as forecasted savings needed. Adult social care and child support are DCCs biggest expense and will need 10% uplift due to inflation. She was meeting with Alison Hernandez to discuss highways issues including speeding. Cllr Southcott of WDBC the council of the budget workshop Tuesday find savings in West Devon's Budget. He also noted that there were building control changes coming- new houses would be built to higher standards.
- 99. Minutes of the previous meeting** It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 proposed by Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr Leonard
- 100 Coronation of King Charles III**
- 100.1 Date** It was agreed to plan an event for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May to avoid clashing with the coronation.
- 100.2 Ideas** It was suggested that a cream tea with keg similar to the Jubilee be organised with the possibility of a BBQ. There is a joint parish marquee the clerk was asked to reserve.
- 101 Finance**

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- 101.1 Finance Report** The clerk updated the Council on the finances and provided a bank rec which Cllr D Firth signed.
- 101.2 Payments** On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr D Firth it was **resolved** to approve the schedule of payment, noting the change to the clerk's salary after the pay award had been announced.
- 101.3 Grants** On the proposition of Cllr Leonard and seconded by Cllr D Firth it was **resolved** to give a grant of £100 for North Dartmoor Search and Rescue Group.
- 102 Councillor information**
- 102.1 Noticeboard** On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr S Firth it was **resolved** to have councillors name and email addresses as well as the clerks' details and meeting dates on the new noticeboard.
- 102.2 Meetings** On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **resolved** to use the informal form of address at meetings and to change the standing orders accordingly.
- 102.3 Staffing Sub Committee** On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr S Eberle it was **resolved** to adopt the TORs for the Staffing Sub Committee
- 103 Meetings for 2023/34**
- 103.1 Start time** On the proposition of Cllr D Firth and seconded by Cllr A Jewell it was **resolved** to 7pm starting in December
- 103.2 Date for next Council year** On the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr Eberle it was **resolved** to adopt the meeting schedule subject to the availability of the village hall.
- 104 Projects**
- 104.1 Bus Shelter by Wynyard Terrace** On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Fogerty it was **resolved** to purchase a bird box for the bus shelter
- 104.2 Bulb planting** On the proposition of Cllr D Firth and seconded by Cllr S Eberle it was **resolved** to purchase variety of native bulbs for planting on the village green.
- 104.3 Trescott Way Trees** A gift of trees was offered to the Council and Cllrs Leonard and S Firth would make arrangements.
- 104.4 Asset Checking** On the proposition of Cllr Leonard and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **resolved** to nominate Cllr Jewell to check the bus shelters and notice boards.
- 105 Lorry Park at Sourton** On the proposition of Cllr Eberle and seconded by Cllr Leonard it was **resolved** to keep the conversation going with National Highways over the lorry park.
- 106 Planning Application Responses** On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr D Firth it was **resolved** that the clerk and chair would outline of relevant policies at the meeting.

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**107 Councillor Reports** Northern Links – Cllr Leonard and Cllr Eberle attended. Its intention was to involve councils in the way they wanted and subjects they would like to discuss rather than a presentation.

**108 Clerks Reports** Clerks reported noted

**109 Items Brought Forward** Defib with village hall warm spaces outreach

WDBC & DCC Cllrs left at 9:30pm

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

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

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**111. Tree Inspection** On the proposition of Cllr Jewell and seconded by Cllr S Firth it was **resolved** to defer the decision until more quotes could be found.

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**112 Staffing subcommittee report** Report noted from the chair of the Staffing Subcommittee on the clerk's performance. A report on the pay award and its ramifications for the council was also noted.

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 9:45pm

**114 Date of Next Meeting** 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 starting at 7pm