

Sourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Sourton Parish Council meeting held at 7pm
on Monday 9th January 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

- 131. Chairs Report** Cllr Fogerty wished everyone a happy new year
- 132. Apologies for Absence** On the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **resolved** to accept the apologies from Cllr Eberle due to a prior commitment and Cllr D Firth due to a work commitment
- 133. Public Forum** No Public in attendance
- 134. Declarations of Interest** Cllr Jewell and Cllr Stone declared an interest in item 9.1 as they were neighbours of the applicant
- 135 WDBC, DCC, DNP and Sourton Hall Reports** Cllr Mott shared news of her virtual trail raising funds for North Dartmoor Search and Rescue Group.
- 136. 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 5th December 2022
- 137 Policy Review**
- 137.1 Standing Orders** On the proposition of Cllr Jewell and seconded by Cllr Stone it was **resolved** to approve the following amendments to the Standing Orders
- Adopting the 2022 model Standing Orders
 - Replacing Chairman with Chair
 - Adding length of chair term to 3 years
- 137.2** On the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **resolved** to approve the following policies
- Internal statement of Control
 - Financial Regulations
 - Disciplinary Policy
 - Flag Flying
 - Grievance
- 138 Finance**

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- 138.1 Finance Report** The clerk updated the Council on the finances and provided a bank rec which would be signed at the next meeting when Cllr D Firth was in attendance.
- 138.2 Budget** On the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **resolved** to approve the budget for 2023-2024, voted unanimously
- 138.3 Precept** On the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **resolved** to approve the precept for 2023-2024 of £9252 which was a 1% or 1p a week increase for a Band D house, voted unanimously
- 138.4 Payments** On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr Fogerty it was **resolved** to approve the schedule of payment
- 139 Planning**
- 139.1** 4185/22/FUL East Bowerland Farm Okehampton EX20 4LZ On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr Leonard it was **resolved** to neutral response and comment that the parish council was concerned overdevelopment and could not see a justification for the new gym building/
- 139.2** Cornerstone 12368622 FREEWAY, SOURTON CROSS, OKEHAMPTON, DEVON, EX20 4LY, On the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr S Firth it was **resolved** to application as would give better connectivity to the parish. The clerk was asked to write in support and also ask if they would donate towards Sourton's Green spaces and keep the parish carbon neutral.
- 139.3** On the proposition of Cllr Fogerty and seconded by Cllr it was **resolved** to move to item 17.1 and include it in the planning discussion.
- 139.4** 0002/23 3, Broad View, Sourton, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 4HJ On the proposition of Cllr Jewell and seconded by Cllr Leonard it was **resolved** to support the application
- 139.5** **4223/22/CLP** Valley View Thorndon Cross EX20 4NQ The Council noted the application and that another application for this address had been received that day which would be discussed at the February meeting.
- 139.6** **4335/22/PDM** Land West of Quarry Farm Bridestowe EX20 4QE The Council noted the application but questioned if it had ever been an agricultural building.
- The WDBC members left at 8:30pm
- 140 Projects**
- 140.1 Warm spaces** The council noted that it had received £1000 from West Devon Borough Council for warm spaces as well as £200 localities money from the two ward members Cllrs Mott and Southcott. On the proposition of Cllr Jewell and seconded by Cllr Fogerty it was **resolved** to hold a free breakfast in Sourton Village Hall on Sunday 19th February between 9am and 12noon. Cllr Fogerty with the clerk would put an article in the next base magazine asking if anyone wanted to start a local group to contact the council as there would be some funding available.

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- 140.2 20mph is plenty** The clerk reported that she had applied for a 20mph speed limit through Sourton. It was unlikely to be successful but may highlight to the issues with the speed of traffic through the village.
- 141 Clerks Reports** The clerk reported that she had completed her CiLCA and was now a qualified clerk.
The tree report for the closed Churchyard had arrived that day and that all the trees did not need inspecting again before 2026.
The website was taking shape and that the next bit to tackle would be moving the domain name from the current provider to the new website host.
- 142 Councillor Reports** None
- 143 Items Brought Forward** Free breakfast, coronation, tree planting,

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- 144. WDBC Enforcement** An update was noted

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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

- 145. Date of Next Meeting** 6th February 2023 starting at 7pm