

Sourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Sourton Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on the 14th October 2024 at Sourton Village Hall.

Council Member Present:

Cllr S Firth (Chair)
Cllr Eberle
Cllr D Firth
Cllr Jefferies
Cllr Jewell
Cllr Leonard

In Attendance:

Mrs A Horn (Clerk), 3 members of the public Cllr Mott WDBC

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| 66 | Chair's Welcome | Cllr S Firth welcomed everyone |
| 67 | Apologies for Absence | None |
| 68 | Public Forum | <p>Member of the public gave background to planning application- No footpath by the property the planning notice was put on wrong property. It will be built off site so shorter building time and less disruption. The front door had moved to side so it will not be visible from track. The plan is to make building more ecofriendly with a better carbon footprint and the roof will change to dual pitch for solar panels. A member of the public noted the Defib showing on the Parish Council website when it was not yet in place. The renewal date of WDBC Joint Local Plan and Bridestowe and Sourton Neighbourhood plan was asked about.</p> <p>Cllr Mott arrived 7:06pm
Member of the public left 7:15pm</p> |
| 69 | Declarations of Interest | Cllr Jewell declared an interest in minute no. 73.2 and 73.3 as he was a friend of the applicant |
| 70 | WDBC, DCC, DNP and Sourton Hall Reports | <p>Hall- the Hall would be holding fundraising events such as a quiz to help cover the cost of the burst water pipe.</p> <p>WDBC Emailed around previously</p> <p>National Park update to follow as they were awaiting High Court judgement on camping on Dartmoor.</p> |
| 71 | Minutes of the previous meeting | <p>On the proposition of Cllr Leonard and seconded by Cllr D Firth it was RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd September with the addition of 56.2 as chair</p> <p>57.1 Clerk with Cllr Jefferies to design new layout</p> |
| 72 | Vacancy on the council | |

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- 72.1** Vacancy It was noted that due to Elaine Bayley Skinner declining the co-option Sourton Parish Council has a vacancy to be filled by co-option. On the proposition of Cllr Jefferies and seconded by Cllr Leonard it was **Resolved** to amend it to the November meeting noting that it would not be in BASE for very many days. The clerk would change the poster that was currently in the noticeboard to reflect this.
- 73** **Planning**
- 73.1** 2879/24/FUL
Land At Sx 521 899
Bridestowe On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr D Firth it was **RESOLVED** to support the application, 4 in favour 1 against 1 abstention
- 73.2** 3173/23/FUL - Land
Adjacent To
Catsmoor Cross,
Bridestowe On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr D Firth, one abstention it was **RESOLVED** to not add to the previous comments
- 73.3** 3200/23/FUL - Land
Adjacent To
Catsmoor Cross,
Bridestowe On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr D Firth, one abstention it was **RESOLVED** to not add to the previous comments
- Member of the public left 7:25pm
Cllr Mott left 7:25pm
- 74** **Consultations**
- 74.1** Polling station
consultation It was agreed to respond that everyone was happy with current polling location as it was accessible and had parking, but it was noted it was not easy to get to via public transport.
- 74.2** Devon Countywide
Local Cycling and
Walking
Infrastructure Plan
(LCWIP)
Consultation On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded Cllr Eberle it was **Resolved** to submit:
The Council support off road cycling and walking and they supported any plan that enabled people to go out in the fresh air and exercise safely.
- 74.3** Consultation on the
draft Devon and
Torbay Local
Transport Plan
(LTP4). On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded Cllr Eberle it was **Resolved** to submit:
The Transport Plan should include a better rural bus service west of Okehampton towards Bude and later buses on rural routes e.g.118 route 6/6A
The Council was supportive of extra services between Okehampton and London
They support the increase of walking and cycling spaces separate from the road.
- 74.4** Museum
Dartmoor Life of Several councillors expressed an interest in attending and the clerk would RSVP accordingly.

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75 Finance

- 75.1** Finance Report It was noted the previous bank reconciliation has been signed by Cllr D Firth. The Bank Reconciliation report dated 30th September was signed at the meeting.
- 75.2** Virement On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **RESOLVED** to Vire £71.10 from the election Ear Marked Reserve to the main account.
- 75.3** Payments On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded Cllr Leonard it was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments but to ask the hall to cancel invoice 29 as the hall hire for the fireworks event would be held at Bridestowe. It was noted the payments to Glasdon for the bins and London Hearts for the defibrillator had been made under delegated authority.
- 75.4** Budget The first draft of the budget was considered. It was agreed to keep the budget line for BASE and Cllr Eberle would speak to them about applying. The grass cutting contract had not been awarded so the figure was based on this year's one. The Clerk advised that the Commoners met after the council had agreed its budget and a grant was not guaranteed. The Clerk also clarified the tree inspection line of the budget- £200 has been budgeted but none is expected to be spent between now and the end of the year so the forecast will show as £0. After the end of the financial year this will be rolled into the ear marked reserve for tree inspections bringing the total to £400.
- 75.5** Grants On the propositions of Cllr S Firth and Seconded Cllr Jewell it was **RESOLVED** to make a grant of £25 to the RBL
- 75.6** Signatories On the proposition of Cllr Jefferies and seconded Cllr S Firth it was **RESOLVED** to add Cllr Leonard to the bank signatories.

76 Projects

- 76.1** Firework Night It was agreed to hold the event in Bridestowe Village Hall as Sourton Hall was currently out of action. The donations for food and drink would be for the Village Hall water repair fund. It was agreed to cater for about 150 with bacon baps, cans of beer & cider and Baileys hot chocolate. Cllr Jewell would organise the bacon.
- 76.2** Christmas Craft Fair It was agreed to move the event to 8th December 3pm to 6pm as the 7th clashed with an event in Bridestowe. The Clerk would contact the Hall and change the date. Cllr Eberle would work on getting stalls to the event.
- 76.3** Decorating the Village Green It was agreed to postpone this item until to the next meeting

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- 76.4** Bins It was noted the new bins have arrived, the one on the cycle track near the Pump and Pedal was in situ and the one at Trescote Way was awaiting erection by Councillors.
- 76.5** Community Grant Wildlife Scheme It was noted the Council were not successful in their application due to number of applications exceeding funding.
- 76.6** Defibrillator It was noted the successful application for a match funded DHSC - Mindray C1A Fully Automatic Defibrillator & External Heated Cabinet with keypad lock had been delivered and arrangements were being made to put it up on the Village Hall.
- Localities grants from Cllr Samuel DCC, Cllr Mott and Southcott WDBC and WDBC Community Grant will cover the cost of the first year's maintenance contract and match funded amount.
- The Council discussed the installation of the defibrillator and agreed to bear the cost.
- 76.7** Remembrance Day Cllr Jewell volunteered to erect the Soldier and attend service.
- 77** It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Order 3 (z) to permit extension of the meeting following a proposal by Cllr Jefferies, seconded Cllr S Firth.
- 78** **Subcommittee Membership**
- 78.1** Subcommittees The clerk advised that these committees were not needed as the ToRs for the staffing committee covered this.
- On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr Eberle it was **RESOLVED** to appoint:
- Cllr Jewell Cllr D Firth and Cllr Jefferies to the Grievance Committee
- Cllr Eberle Cllr S Firth and Cllr Leonard to the Grievance Appeals Committee
- Cllr Jefferies Cllr Leonard and Cllr Eberle to the Disciplinary Committee
- Cllr S Firth Cllr D Firth and Cllr Jewell to the Disciplinary Appeals Committee.
- 79** **Councillor Reports** Horse crossing sign Forda to Village Hall needed
- 80** **Items Brought Forward for next agenda** None
- Member of the public left 9:20pm
- 81** **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

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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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- 82** **WDBC Enforcement** An update was noted.
- 83** **Urgent Item** Cllr S Firth asked the council to delegate power to spend up to £400 on advice for the council.
- 84** On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded Cllr Eberle by it was **RESOLVED** to exit part 2 of the meeting and ratify the decisions made.

The meeting closed at 9.28pm