

Sourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Sourton Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 8th January 2024 at Sourton Village Hall.

Council Member Present:

Cllr D Firth
Cllr S Firth
Cllr Ford
Cllr Jefferies
Cllr Jewell

In Attendance:

Mrs A Horn (Clerk) Cllrs Mott and Southcott WDBC, 1 Member of the Public

In the absence of Cllr Eberle, Council Chair, the meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chair, Cllr S Firth.

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| 108 | Chair's Report | No report |
| 109 | Apologies for Absence | On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr D Firth it was resolved to accept Cllr Eberle's apologies due to illness. |
| 110 | Public Forum | <p>A Trustee from the Museum of Dartmoor Life came and spoke to the Council about the museums vision and aims for the future. The councillors were asked to fill in a survey to help the museum shape its future.</p> <p>Member of the public left at 19:17</p> |
| 111 | Declarations of Interest | Cllr Jewell declared an interest in min ref 116.1 due to being a neighbour of the applicant. |
| 112 | WDBC, DCC, DNP and Sourton Hall Reports | WDBC report circulated.
DCC no report
DNP no report
Sourton Hall no report |
| 113 | Minutes of the previous meeting | It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 th December proposed by Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr Ford |
| 114. | <u>Policy Review</u> | <p>On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr Jefferies it was RESOLVED to adopt the policies on block</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.Standing Orders2.Internal Statement of Control3.Financial Regulations4.Disciplinary Policy5.Flag Flying6.Grievance7. Communication |

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115. Finance

115.1 Finance Report

On the proposition of Cllr Jefferies, seconded Cllr S Firth it was **RESOLVED** to accept the finance report and budget update.

115.2 Budget

On the proposition of Cllr Jefferies, seconded Cllr S Firth it was **RESOLVED** and carried unanimously to set the budget for 2024-25 as £10,038.

115.3 Precept

On the proposition of Cllr Jewell seconded by Cllr D Firth it was **RESOLVED** and carried unanimously to set the precept as £10,038

115.4 Payments

On the proposition of Cllr Jefferies and seconded by Cllr Firth it was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payment.

116 Planning

116.1 3811/23/FUL

East Bowerland Farm
Okehampton EX20 4LZ

On the proposition of Cllr Jefferies and seconded by Cllr Ford it was **RESOLVED** to object to the application, as the applicant has failed to justify the need for the application and is overdevelopment.

116.2 4055/23/PAT

Freeway, Sourton,
Okehampton, EX20
4LY

On the proposition of Cllr Jefferies and seconded by Cllr Ford it was **RESOLVED** to support the application as it would improve signal for the parish and there were already masts in that location.

WDBC councillors left at 19:51

117 Upcoming

117.1 Planning Training

Cllrs Jefferies and Ford asked to be added to the list for attending the course.

117.2 Corporate Strategy Briefing

It was noted that no councillors were available to attend

118. Training

118.1 Training Request

On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr D Firth the Clerks request for FILCA training was approved

119 Projects

119.1 20mph is plenty

The Clerk would advise Millers of the initial locations and if any more locations came forward to let the Clerk know.

119.2 Green Spaces

The Clerk would contact SWW again regarding the removal of trees at Preweley and see if they would be willing to give a donation to the parish to help find green projects to offset the pipe work destruction.

119.3 Defibrillators

On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr Jefferies it was **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to apply for a free defibrillator from the British Heart Foundation for the Village Hall.

120. Clerk Update

The Clerk reported that no election had been requested and so they could advertise for co-option.

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121. **Councillor Reports** None
- 122 **Items Brought Forward** None
- EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**
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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATION ONLY
123. **WDBC Enforcement** It was noted the report would be every 3 months.
- 124 On the proposition of Cllr S Firth and seconded by Cllr Jewell it was **RESOLVED** to exit part 2 of the meeting and ratify the decisions made.
- 125 **Date of Next Meeting** **Monday 5th February 2024 at 7pm**

The meeting closed at 20:50