



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 16th January 2019, at 7:00pm at Axmouth Village Hall

Minutes

Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven Cllr Morag Steven (arrived 7:01) Cllr Chris Garrett Cllr Glenn Hyde
Cllr Graham Mather Cllr Nigel Daniel

In attendance: Becki Davey (Clerk), Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC), Cllr Ian Hall (DCC), Mr Paul Britton – possible co-opted Councillor

The Councillors were summoned to attend a meeting of the Axmouth Parish Council to discuss the following matters

- 1) **Apologies:** Received from Cllr Alan Harrison & Cllr Ian Hunt. Cllr M Steven had advised she would be late.

Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.
- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** None (Cllr M Steven arrived 7:01)
- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 21st November 2018:** were **approved** and signed as a true record.
- 4) **Items to be dealt with after the public, including the press have been excluded:** Councillors agreed that there were none.
- 5) **Public Forum:** None
- 6) **Consider co-option of new Councillor:** Mr Paul Britton wished to be considered to be co-opted onto the Parish Council and had provided a letter to the Councillors. Clerk confirmed he met the conditions for becoming a Councillor. Cllr Daniel proposed he be co-opted, Cllr Mather seconded. All in favour. Paul Britton was co-opted as a Councillor of Axmouth Parish Council.
- 7) **Police Report:** No members of the force were present. A report for December had been received prior to the meeting. 2 CRIMES – Vehicle Offences – Theft of purse from car Stepps Lane & Handbag and reversing camera taken from car parked in layby Stepps lane. 4 LOGS – 2 x Public Safety – Male had

cardiac arrest in pub & a Missing person, 2 x Transport – Elderly male driving in Colyford & RTC Boshill Cross

8) To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters: Cllr Hall reminded Councillors of the meeting being held in Musbury on 25th January 2019. Cllr Garrett and Cllr K Steven have confirmed they will attend and will advise Cllr Hall of any items they wish to be added to the agenda. Cllrs reported that the National speed limit sign had fallen down going out of the village on Higher Lane. Cllrs also raised concern over the 'Old Workshop' condition again as there are now stones falling from it onto the highway. **ACTION: CLERK** to report Speed Limit sign and to also email EDDC again about the condition of the 'Old Workshop' copying in Cllr Hall and Cllr Thomas.

9) Financial Matters:

a) To approve the financial statement to the end December 2018: Councillors resolved to **approve** the financial statement.

b) To consider Clerk joining the LGPS: Clerk had provided a report and details of the LGPS to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk of Axmouth Parish Council could join the LGPS. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise the LGPS.

c) To discuss and approve budget and precept for 2019/2020: Clerk had provided a report and budget to Cllrs prior to the meeting providing three precept options for the Councillors to consider. Following a lengthy discussion, KS proposed the Council approve option C, ND seconded, all in favour. **ACTION: CLERK** to request a precept of £12582 from EDDC, which is an increase of £2.39 per year per household.

d) To approve Clerks attendance at HMRC & PAYE course: Cllrs approved. **ACTION: CLERK** to book a place on the course.

e) To approve the following payments

Signs South West	No Overnight Parking Sign	BACS	£ 82.80
SLCC	Purchase of book	BACS	£ 2.50
Mrs R Davey	Travel Expenses	BACS	£ 51.70
Project Cosmic	Webhosting	BACS	£ 180.00
Election Funds	Transfer to Earmarked Reserves	BACS	£ 250.00
Contingency Fund	Transfer to Earmarked Reserves	BACS	£3250.00

Councillors **approved** the above payments.

10) Planning Applications and Correspondence: *1 Elm Orchard, Axmouth - Amendments to rear access steps to garden and additional section information relating to construction of garage.* Cllrs had no objection to this revision. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC.

11) Coronation Corner: Update on furnishings: The replacement noticeboard is on-going. Cllr K Steven has been asked by a resident if it is possible to place a memorial bench (and plaque) on Coronation Corner. Councillors agreed that a bench may be placed on Coronation Corner. Councillors request that the bench is made out of hardwood and be placed on a concrete base. The person providing the bench will remain the owner and is responsible for the repairs. However, if maintenance is not kept up, the Council will take over ownership. **ACTION: CLLR K STEVEN** to contact resident.

12) Footpath Project: To discuss possible footpath including costs involved: Cllr Daniel should like to explore the possibility of extending the footpath network to the north of the village. There is no

footpath along that direction and safety is a real issue. There was work done to this several years ago but it was not possible at the time. Cllr Daniel proposed that a Land Registry search be completed to ascertain exactly who the owners of the relevant land are at a cost of £89. He should then like to involve Colyton in the process as it would run into their parish. Cllr M Steven seconded. All in favour. **ACTION: CLLR DANIEL** to complete a search.

13) Communities Together funding & Locality Budget: Clerk has been contacted by Seaton Town Council to ask if Axmouth are still interested in a Walking Leaflet as STC discussed this during their January meeting and they are! Chair has been contacted by Colyton Town Council to see whether Axmouth would consider joining them in applying for funding for new Christmas lights. Councillors agreed to do both projects. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact STC and **CHAIR** to contact CTC giving APC's support for both projects.

14) Playground; Ongoing management of the playground: The Chair of the Playground Association is considering stepping down and this will leave the playground without a committee as they will no longer be quorate. Should this happen – who is responsible? Will the playground close? Cllrs suggest that the Chair of the Playground Association write in the parish magazine and also a letter to the local paper. Cllr M Steven has offered to help them with the wording. Clerk to send the Chair of APC the latest playground inspection report to see if any of the items mentioned could be actioned during the next clean-up day. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Chair of PA to suggest the above and send Chair of APC the latest report.

15) To accept reports and agree actions from the following:

- a) **County Councillor: Cllr Hall** advised Councillors that DCC will be increasing their Council Tax element by 2.99% with an additional 1% for social care. Cllr Hall discussed the stones at the bottom of Squires Lane. The landowners need to take responsibility of the upkeep of Squires Lane to prevent this from happening. Cllr Hall will mention this at the Highways meeting and liaise with DCC – perhaps a letter to the landowners explaining the ramifications.
- b) **District Councillor: Cllr Thomas** tabled a report. See www.trinitymatters.co.uk for more information. EDDC Council Tax element will be increased by 3.9%.
- c) **Parish Councillors: Cllr Britton** is concerned about the rubbish bin in Chapel Lane constantly overflowing and wondered if it could be replaced with a bigger one. Clerk advised that this had been mentioned to EDDC a while ago who confirmed that it should be cleared every Tuesday. PB will monitor. **Cllr Hyde** confirmed he had completed the final footpath checks and sent the results to Cllr Daniel. **Cllr Daniel** thanked Cllr Hyde and advised he will collate the details and forward to DCC P3 also asking for some funding to assist the repair of footpath 4.
- d) **Parish Clerk:** Clerk had previously circulated a report which Councillors accepted.

16) To accept any relevant correspondence: All correspondence accepted.

Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 20th February 2019

The meeting ended at 8:40pm

Date:

Chairman: