



# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019, at 7:00pm at Axmouth Village Hall**

## Minutes

### Those present:

Cllr Nigel Daniel      Cllr Ron Badger      Cllr Paul Britton      Cllr Ian Hunt      Cllr Ian Thomas (EDCC)  
(arrived 7:29, left 8:18)

**In attendance:** Becki Davey (Clerk) and David Whelan (Anti-Social Behaviour and Community Safety Coordinator, EDDC) (left 7:28)

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

- 1) **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Ken Steven, Cllr Morag Steven, Cllr Graham Mather, Cllr Chris Garrett and Cllr Ian Hall (DCC). Approved. No apologies received from Cllr Glenn Hyde.  
  
Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate. Cllr Daniel (Vice-Chair) chaired the meeting.
- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** None received.
- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019:** 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) **Police Report:** No members of the force were present. A report had been received and circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. 6 crimes had been reported for the month of September 1 x common assault, 1 x possession of a controlled drug, 1 x theft from a motor vehicle, 2 x theft from a person and 1 x threatening behaviour. **ACTION: CLERK** to ask if these are actual crimes or reports logged and advise Councillors.
- 7) **The community safety partnership and our priorities: an introduction by David Whelan:** Dave Whelan explained to Councillors what his role entailed; He works for EDDC and works in partnership

with other statutory bodies: Police, Fire, Health Representatives and Probation Officers as well as the Safer Devon Partnership that consists of EDDC, DCC, Mid Devon District Council, and Police Crime Commission. The role is a government requirement. He is an ex-metropolitan police officer and his portfolio is Community Safety, Safeguarding, Emergency Planning and Business Continuity. The priorities are to deal with Sex Violence, Domestic Abuse, Exploitation, Drugs, Modern Day Slavery, Prevent, Radicalisation and Alcohol Abuse/Dependency. Drug related deaths are increasing in the area and need to look at offenders to prevent reoffending. Another key matter is Anti-Social behaviour. Over the past year, the Preventing Exploitation Toolkit has been created. Dave and the team are trying to make a difference and are letting people know what the signs are to look out for. Councillors asked Dave if it was a statutory role – it is. It is part of the Community Trigger which is part of the ASBO Act 2014.

Councillors asked who they should report issues to and gave the example of finding drug paraphernalia abandoned within the parish; should they report to Dave or the police. Dave explained that if they found paraphernalia then it should actually be reported to EDDC Street Scene department who would arrange for a specialist cleaners to collect it. He also recommended that they call 101 or email the police to make them aware and enable them to include the area within their patrols. He also advised that if a sleeping bag is found then it more than likely involves a vulnerable person and to report to EDDC and police to see if they can be helped. He showed Councillors the EDDC app. Councillors thanked Dave for attending the meeting, they found it very informative. Dave thanked Councillors for allowing him to attend and to email him should they have questions. (Dave Whelan left at 7:28)

- 8) To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters including a report following a site meeting with David Ashford:** Cllrs K Steven has met with David Ashford and has advised Cllr Daniel of the outcome. He advised that there will not be yellow lines drawn along Chapel Street between Kemps Lane and the entrance. (Cllr Ian Thomas arrived 7:29). He also advised that whilst DCC Highways will continue to replace damaged/broken posts if health and safety is at risk, they will not replace them all simply due to their condition.

**9) Financial Matters:**

- a) To approve the financial statement to the end September 2019:** Councillors resolved to approve the financial statement.
- b) To review half yearly budget:** Councillors reviewed the half yearly budget.
- c) To approve transfer from Earmarked to General Reserves to cover the cost of the new benches and litter bin and associated fixings:** The Clerk explained that money had previously been transferred to earmarked reserves for the sole purpose of replacing furnishings such as the new benches and litter bin and recommended the transfer of funds to the general account to cover the costs. Councillors decided to defer this until the November meeting as there are still items to be purchased.
- d) To approve the following payments:**

Bradfords Building Supplies	Maintenance Supplies	BACS	£ 40.10
K Steven	Bench x 2	BACS	£736.00
N Daniel	Tide Gauge supplies	BACS	£ 29.09

Payments deferred from September due to lack of bank signatories available at the meeting

Mrs M Steven	Shelving Brackets for bench	BACS	£ 14.98
Mr K Steven	Cement for bench	BACS	£ 39.35

Debit Card Payments:

Amazon	Laptop Battery	D/C	£ 23.40
Glasdons	Litter Bin	D/C	£216.01

The Clerk also asked for the following payments at the meeting:

Project Cosmic	Domain Name Renewal	BACS	£ 30.00
Bradford's Building Supplies	Maintenance Supplies	BACS	£ 3.08
Axmouth Village Hall	Hall Hire (Jul & September)	BACS1	£ 28.00

- 1.1. Councillors **approved** the above payments. However, there were not enough bank signatories present at the meeting to authorise the payments. The Clerk referred to the Financial Regulations 6.6 'Cheques or orders for payment shall not normally be presented for signature other than at a council (including immediately before or after such a meeting). Any signatures obtained away from such meetings shall be reported to the council at the next convenient meeting'. Councillors **agreed** that on this occasion the Clerk obtain authorised signatures outside the meeting as soon as possible. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact bank signatories.
- 10) **Planning Applications and Correspondence:** 19/2091/LBC - Lattenbells, Stepps Lane, Axmouth, EX12 4AR - Replace thatched raised ridge with level Devon ridge diamond design. Councillors viewed the planning application and associated documents. They support the application. 19/1959/FUL - Crabhayne Farm Cottage, Axmouth, EX12 4BW - Proposed extension, loft conversion, garage building, new access track and stable block. Councillors viewed the planning application and associated documents. They have no objections to the application. **ACTION: CLERK** to report to EDDC Planning.
- 11) **Update on furnishings including; Coronation Corner, New Litter Bin for Chapel Street, painting of Telephone Box and Roadside Benches:** Two benches are now in place on Coronation Corner. The other one has been received and will be put in position once the concrete base has been created. This will be created at the same time as the new litter bin base which is also ready to be put in place. The Clerk has received a quote for the painting of the phone box - £200. Councillors **approved** the quote. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise Phil Tuckley his quote has been approved. Cllrs K Steven and Daniel have visited the roadside bench (Bindon state it is not their land and therefore not their responsibility) and have decided that the only option is to remove the bench. They will re-visit the site to decide how best to do this.
- 12) **Footpaths: Update on project and footpaths:** Cllr Daniel advised that due to the weather the clean-up day was cancelled so footpath 4 still requires the steps being put in place. He will get another day arranged and ask Mike Calvert to cut it prior to their placement. Cllr Daniel also advised that Ros Davies from P3 Partnership has sent him the annual survey to be completed. He has been unable to meet with Aiden Winder with regards to the project. **ACTION: CLLR DANIEL** to contact Mike Calvert and to send the annual survey to all Councillors so they may complete it whilst walking the footpaths and bridleways.
- 13) **To accept reports and agree actions from the following:**
- County Councillor: Cllr Hall** was unable to attend the meeting. A report had been previously circulated to all Councillors.
  - District Councillor: Cllr Thomas** attended the meeting and provided a report to all Councillors regarding the proposed Dorset (and East Devon) National Park. He also updated Councillors on Broadband within the area (the Gigaclear contract has been cancelled) He explained a new voucher support system that is available to properties that have less than 30MB) that is the

equivalent of £1500 and it is possible that communities can club together and put a proposal together. He will send further details of the voucher scheme out to Councillors. See [www.trinitymatters.co.uk](http://www.trinitymatters.co.uk) for information.

c) **Parish Councillors:** Cllr Badger is concerned about the bollard near his property. Cllr Thomas recommended he mention it to Cllr Hall at the next meeting. Cllr Daniel mentioned arranging an ad-hoc clean-up day with the main focus being the steps at footpath 4 and clearing the brook. Cllr Britton is concerned about the buddleia growing out of the Old Workshop and wondered if it would be possible for Councillors to cut it back. Cllr Daniel advised against this and explained that Building Control (EDDC) are dealing with the building. Cllr Britton also advised Councillors that the viewing platform is becoming very slippery and needs pressure washing. This task is to be added to the next clean-up day. (Cllr Thomas left 8:18)

d) **Parish Clerk:** The clerk provided the Councillors with a report. Cllrs **approved** the Clerks attendance to both DALC and SLCC AGMs.

14) **To accept any relevant correspondence:** All correspondence accepted. Cllrs discussed the web message that had been received regarding the unsociable bonfires and asked the Clerk to reply advising the parishioner that they are aware of the situation and will look into the matter.

**Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The meeting ended at 8:23pm

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Chairman: .....