



# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019, at 7:00pm at Axmouth Village Hall**

## Minutes

### Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven      Cllr Nigel Daniel      Cllr Morag Steven      Cllr Ron Badger  
Cllr Paul Britton      Cllr Glenn Hyde      Cllr Graham Mather      Cllr Chris Garrett

**In attendance:** Becki Davey (Clerk) and Cllr Ian Hall (DCC).

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 Ian Thomas (EDCC). Approved. No apologies received from Cllr Ian Hunt.  
  
Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.
- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** Cllrs Mather & K Steven both declared an interest in item 8E as members of the Village Hall Committee.
- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 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:** No members of the public present.
- 6) **Police Report:** No members of the force were present. A report had been received and circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. 2 crimes had been reported for the month of October; 1 x dwelling burglary (28.09.19) and 1 x common assault.
- 7) **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:** The Council has been approached by Mr Winder with concerns over the large vehicles driving through the village. He has also copied the clerk in to the correspondence he has been having with DCC direct including photographs showing two large vehicles stuck in a narrow section outside his house. His

house has been damaged several times due to large vehicles encroaching onto the pavement and damaging the sections of his building that overhang. Cllr K Steven provided a short history for Cllr Hall, explained that when the old bridge was used, there used to be a 7.5ton limit through the village but when the new bridge was built this limit was removed. The Council asked EDDC for it to be reinstated as there was concern over the fact that 16 of the properties in Church Street were listed and do not have foundations and therefore their integrity is vulnerable but this was refused. There was a CEMP but this was only in place whilst Tesco was being built. Liatris did a survey and the police did say the road was unsuitable but they retracted this later. The Council did a traffic survey before and after Tesco was built and there was a 40% increase in vehicles passing through the village, and that was before the Bovis development existed. A solution has to be found. The Council will email Cllr Hall including the issues and details of all of the properties that have been hit. (These are reported to DCC but the data has never been collated). Cllr Hall will then speak with the highways portfolio holder. Access to Seaton is not good from any direction but Pound Hill includes a blind corner (there is also no pavement on some of it) and when vehicles get stuck this can prevent emergency services which is a big risk. **ACTION: CLERK & CLLR K STEVEN** to meet to prepare email and data.

Councillors also mentioned the white lines being worn out within the village and at Boshill Cross. Cllr Hall confirmed that he has raised this issue with Paul Downes this week and has been advised that DCC do a large area in one go but these areas may not be able to wait until highways are in the area.

The 30mph signs both near Squires Lane and near the village entrance along the riverside are being obscured by hedging. **ACTION: CLERK** to report to highways.

The hedge at Sandpipers is still causing a concern. The clerk confirmed that a letter had been hand delivered to the property but it is currently empty and for sale. **ACTION: CLERK** to give a copy of the letter to the estate agents to pass to the owner.

Hedges in Higher Lane, between the barn and the 30mph de-limit are overgrown. Councillors believe they belong to Bindon. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Bindon.

Cllr Hall should like feedback from the Councillors regarding the 'Road Casualty Data Dashboard Guide for Parishes' he sent in October. **ACTION: CLERK** to send to Councillors again for feedback.

## 8) Financial Matters:

- a) **To approve the financial statement to the end October 2019:** Councillors resolved to **approve** the financial statement.
- b) **To discuss budget items for 2020/2021:** The clerk had provided a brief budget with projected spending to the end of the financial year asking Councillors if they thought any budget lines required either increasing or decreasing in preparation for the proposed 2020/21 budget and precept request in January 2020. Councillors discussed the budget and the clerk thanked them for their help. Whilst discussing the budget (Maintenance) it was agreed that Cllr Badger takes the noticeboard to the Ottery St Mary Men's Shed (of which he is a member) to be repaired. Cllr Hyde is repairing the noticeboard legs – they will liaise to arrange timings. The website accessibility regulations were also discussed. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Project Cosmic for advice and possible costings.
- c) **To consider donation to Royal British Legion:** Councillors **approved** a donation of £25 to cover a remembrance wreath.
- d) **To consider grant application from Axmouth Playground Association for £500 towards maintenance and repairs/replacement of the play equipment and grounds:** Councillors **approved** the grant.

- e) **To consider grant application from Axmouth Village Hall for £45 for a Christmas Tree for the Village Hall.** Cllr Daniel chaired this item as Cllr K Steven had a declaration of interest in the item. Both Cllr K Steven and Cllr G Mather were not involved in this item. Councillors **approved** the grant.
- f) **To approve transfer from Earmarked to General Reserves to cover the cost of the new benches and litter bin and associated fixings:** Item deferred until the January meeting as there are still items to be purchased.
- g) **To approve the following payments:**

Parish Online £36.00	Annual subscription	BACS
SLCC £10.00	SLCC Devon branch annual meeting fee	BACS
Mrs R Davey £29.70	Travel Expenses to DALC AGM	BACS

Councillors **approved** the above payments.

- 9) **Planning Applications and Correspondence: 19/2249/FUL and 19/2250/LBC | Conversion of former skittle alley/function room to five externally accessed, en-suite letting bedrooms | Harbour Inn Church Street Axmouth Seaton EX12 4AF:** Councillors considered the application and viewed the plans. They are aware that the village will lose an amenity but it will also gain much needed holiday accommodation for the village following the loss of a couple of the B&B's. It should also make the pub more viable. Councillors support the application by majority. **ACTION: CLERK** to report to EDDC Planning.
- 10) **Review Action Plan:** The clerk had forwarded the Action Plan to Councillors prior to the meeting. Risk assessments were updated to 'complete' as no further Clean-Up days will take place in 2019.
- 11) **Update on furnishings including; Coronation Corner, New Litter Bin for Chapel Street, painting of Telephone Box and Roadside Benches:** No change due to the weather. It may be necessary to trim the hedges near the phone box prior to painting.
- 12) **Footpaths: Update on project and footpaths:** Cllr Daniel advised that all the owners had been established. He will speak with Keith Lawes to see if ownership has changed and what process he went through last time. 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. The annual footpath review still needs to be completed. **ACTION: CLLR DANIEL** to contact Mike Calvert and to send the updated 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:**
  - a) **County Councillor:** Cllr Hall attended the meeting. A report had been previously circulated to all Councillors.
  - b) **District Councillor:** Cllr Thomas was unable to attend the meeting. A report had been previously circulated to all Councillors. See [www.trinitymatters.co.uk](http://www.trinitymatters.co.uk) for information.
  - c) **Parish Councillors:** Cllr K Steven invited all the Councillors, the clerk and their partners to a Xmas gathering on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to be held at The Ship Inn.

d) **Parish Clerk:** The clerk provided the Councillors with a report. Councillors accepted the report.

14) **To accept any relevant correspondence:** All correspondence accepted. The clerk highlighted the PSPO email regarding dog exclusion/restrictions. Councillors asked the clerk to request that the Jubilee Playground be added to the dog exclusion areas. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact EDDC. The Clerk also brought a letter from Seaton Town Council regarding the VE day commemorations planned in May 2020. Councillors agreed to encourage the celebrations within the village.

**Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

The meeting ended at 8:37pm

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Chairman: .....