



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 15th January 2020, at 7:00pm at Axmouth Village Hall

Minutes

Those present:

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

In attendance: Becki Davey (Clerk) Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC) (arrived 7:21) and Cllr Ian Hall (DCC) (arrived 7:21)

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 Hunt and Cllr Paul Britton. Approved.

Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.
- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** No interests were declared.
- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 20th November 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. 1 crime had been reported; Harassment Public Order.
- 7) **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:** Councillors discussed the state of the road surface on Chapel Street – it is breaking up. A letter drop has been made to all the residents in Church Street to ask about their experience with the traffic along the road and Councillors are planning to carry out a traffic survey soon. Councillors are meeting again to discuss the results to prepare a report for Cllr Hall.

8) Financial Matters:

- a) **To approve the financial statement to the end December 2019:** Councillors resolved to **approve** the financial statement.
- b) **To review third quarter budget:** Councillors resolved to **approve** the third quarter budget. (Cllr Hall and Thomas arrived 7:21)
- c) **To approve budget for 2020/2021:** The Clerk provided Councillors with budget options. Councillors **approved** the budget of £13,660.
- d) **To approve precept for 2020/2021:** Following the approval of the budget, councillors **approved** the precept of £12582 which is the same as 2019/2020. The balance will be taken from reserves. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC.
- e) **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 March meeting as there are still items to be purchased.
- f) **To approve the following payments:**

Bradfords Building Supplies	Noticeboard Maintenance items	BACS	£ 17.52
Mrs R Davey	Travel Expenses to SLCC AGM	BACS	£ 19.80
Project Cosmic	Annual Web Hosting Fee	BACS	£180.00

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

Transfer to Earmarked Reserves for Footpath Plan	TRANS	£1100.00
Transfer to Earmarked Reserves for Elections	TRANS	£ 250.00
Transfer to Earmarked Reserves for Furniture Replacement	TRANS	£2250.00
Axmouth Village Hall Hall Hire	BACS	£ 42.00
R Badger Maintenance items	BACS	£ 19.98

Councillors **approved** the above payments.

9) Planning Applications and Correspondence: None received.

10) Update on furnishings including; Coronation Corner, New Litter Bin for Chapel Street, painting of Telephone Box and Roadside Benches: Councillors have replaced the legs and backboard on the Noticeboard. It requires another coat of varnish but Councillors will wait until the weather is better to do this.

11) Footpaths: Update on project and footpaths: The works have not been carried out to Footpath 4 due to the weather. The project is underway. Now ownership has been established, the next step will be to speak to Keith Lawes to see which owners he spoke to when this was considered previously.

12) Update on Website W3C/WCAG Regulations: The Clerk has spoken with Project Cosmic regarding the website and the accessibility regulations. They have advised the Council that the initial research and report required would cost £640.00 +vat. Councillors asked the Clerk to consider whether the Council will be exempt under the 'disproportionate burden'. **ACTION: CLERK** to look into the exemption.

- 13) **Devon Ash Die Back Resilience Forum:** Councillors discussed the Devon Free Scheme. The deadline has expired but the Council should like to consider applying for trees should the scheme be offered again, although they should like less than 45.
- 14) **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. Cllr Hall recommended Councillors attend the Police Community Liaison Meeting on 28th February 2020. Councillors asked Cllr Hall about EDDC’s refusal of the grant for the Seaton Health Hub. Both Councillors Hall and Thomas both agreed that they were surprised that the grant application came to EDDC. More research is needed. Neither Councillor has heard that either Axminster or Seaton hospitals are going to close. NHS property services own the buildings. Cllr Hall also believes that Axminster needs to grow; need relief road and new homes. **ACTION: ALL CLLRS** to let Cllr Hall know if they are able to attend the PC Liaison Meeting.
 - 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 for information. Cllr Thomas discussed the affect the air passenger duty had on Fly-Be.
 - c) **Parish Councillors:** Cllr Badger advised Cllr Hall that the Street Lighting report it option on the DCC highways website is archaic – you are unable to report group lights; 14 lights have been out since Christmas. Cllr Hall asked Cllr Badger for the details and he will chase it up. Cllr Daniel advised Councillors that he is unable to attend the Seaton Beach Management Plan meeting, he will forward details to Councillors to see if anyone else is able to attend instead.
 - d) **Parish Clerk:** The clerk provided the Councillors with a report. Councillors accepted the report. The Clerk advised Councillors that she would be unable to attend the next meeting due to family commitments. Councillors agreed to change the date to Tuesday 18th February at 7:30pm.
- 15) **To accept any relevant correspondence:** All correspondence accepted.

Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 7:30pm

The meeting ended at 8:47pm

Date:

Chairman: