



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A virtual meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 20th May 2020, at 7:00pm

Those present:

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

In attendance: Becki Davey (Clerk), Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC) and Cllr Ian Hall (DCC)

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

- 1) **Welcome from the chair:** The Chair, Ken Steven, welcomed Councillors to this virtual meeting and thanked them for joining the meeting.
- 2) **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Britton. Approved. No apologies received from Cllr Graham Mather and Cllr Ian Hunt.

Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.
- 3) **Declarations of Interests:** No interests were declared.
- 4) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 18th February 2020:** were **approved**. They will be signed as a true record at the next face to face meeting.
- 5) **To resolve to adopt supplementary Standing Orders to meet the statutory requirements for the holding of remote meetings:** Councillors resolved to adopt the supplementary Standing Orders. These will last until 07.05.2021 or the repeat of legislations, whichever is the earlier.
- 6) **Financial Matters:** (Unless stated otherwise, any items requiring signatures will be signed at the next face to face meeting)
 - a) **To approve the financial statements to the end March 2020 & April 2020:** Councillors **approved** the financial statements.
 - b) **To review end of year budget for 2019/2020.** Councillors **reviewed** the end of year budget.
 - c) **To confirm internal auditor for 19/20 accounts.** Councillors **confirmed** they would use Trudie Jenkins of Bluechip Payroll Services as they have done for previous years at the cost of £135.00

- d) **To certify Axmouth Parish Council as exempt from a limited assurance review.** (The Certificate of Exemption will be signed outside of the meeting). Councillors **certified** Axmouth Parish Council as exempt.
- e) **To approve the income & expenditure accounts 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020.** Councillors **approved** the income and expenditure accounts.
- f) **To approve transfer from Earmarked to General Reserves to cover the cost of the new benches and litter bin and associated fixings (£1154.13):** Councillors **approved** the transfer.
- g) **To approve transfer from General Reserves to Earmarked as agreed during budget setting (£2070):** Councillors **approved** the transfer.
- h) **To approve the balance of the S106 funds be donated to Axmouth Playground to go towards new swings (£1385.76):** Councillors **approved** the S106 funds be donated to Axmouth Playground.
- i) **To consider grant application from Axmouth PCC for £600 for a contribution towards the upkeep of the graveyard (£400) and the parish magazine (£200):** Councillors **approved** the grants.
- j) **To approve the following payments:**

SLCC	Annual Membership	BACS	£ 70.00
Mrs M Steven	Maintenance items	BACS	£ 49.68
Mr A Winder	Land Registry Searches	BACS	£ 24.00
ICO	Annual Data Protection Fee	BACS	£ 35.00
Bradfords Building Supplies	Maintenance items	BACS	£ 95.03
Mrs M Steven	Covid-19 Leaflet	BACS	£ 25.00
Playsafety Limited	Annual Playground Inspection	BACS	£ 90.60
DALC	Annual Membership	BACS	£122.13
Zoom	12 month licence	DC	£ 71.94

Councillors **approved** the above payments. Clerk asked for the additional payments for the grant applications – approved.

- 7) **Planning Applications and Correspondence: 20/0859/FUL - Chadstone Rousdon Lyme Regis DT7 3XP: Construction of indoor swimming pool:** This is not within Axmouth Parish. Clerk to forward information to Combyne Rousdon Clerk and advise EDDC.
- 8) **Fixed Asset Review:** One of the Picnic Benches at Coronation Corner is to be replaced. Councillors **agreed** for a replacement to be made by local, Pete Ives. **ACTION: CLLR K STEVEN** to contact Pete Ives. A bench has already been purchased for the one that is in disrepair and this will be replaced as soon as possible. Axe Yacht Club has some spare timber and it is hoped that this can be used to replace some of the planks on the footbridge on Coronation Corner. Councillors K Steven & Daniel will look at viewing platform. There is some wood rot on the bus shelter. Cllr K Steven will ask Pete Ives to look at this.
- 9) **To accept reports and agree actions from the following:**
 - a) **County Councillor: Cllr Hall** - A report had been previously circulated to all Councillors. He hopes Councillors are all well. He recently visited the Axmouth Harbour and saw everyone was social distancing. Covid-19 support has been effective from local residents right to District and County Councils.
 - b) **District Councillor: Cllr Thomas** attended the meeting. See www.trinitymatters.co.uk for information. He has been working hard looking at the finances at EDDC. He also read out the news report below following a recent change at EDDC.

The May 2019 East Devon District Council Elections saw an end to forty-five years of Conservative majority leadership. Three broadly equal political groups meant that to form an administration was always going to be challenging, a task accepted by the Independent Group, under Leader Cllr Ben Ingham.

One year later, the balance has changed. The Independent East Devon Alliance, Liberal Democrats, Green Party and Independent Progressive Group have come together to form the Democratic Alliance, capable of delivering an overall majority of Members in the Council and gaining the right to form the administration.

It is therefore time for the leadership team of the Independent Group to step aside. Our whole Cabinet is dissolved with immediate effect. Whilst the unique circumstances of an active COVID-19 pandemic are hardly an ideal time for a leadership change, we will ensure this change takes place in a manner which minimises any risk to service provision, disruption to our Officer colleagues, local authority and private sector partners, East Devon residents and businesses, by taking a clear and decisive step without delay.

Current Independent Group Cabinet Portfolio Holders, and Committee Chairs have all personally committed to ensure their successors in the new Democratic Alliance administration receive a full and comprehensive handover of responsibilities.

The Independent Group would like to thank all who have supported us during the last year and commit to maintaining a full and active part in the future of East Devon District Council.

Councillors are confident that Cllr Thomas will continue to work hard for the community and thanked him for his support.

- c) **Parish Councillors:** Cllr K Steven advised the wooden fence around the SWW pumping station (adjacent to Viewing Platform footpath) is badly damaged. **ACTION: CLERK** to report to SWW. Cllr Hyde questioned when the phone box would be painted. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Phil Tuckley to see when he is able to do the works. Cllr Hyde also asked if the Disabled Parking Space should be removed now the resident for whom it was created is no longer in the Parish. Councillors confirmed that it is not for a specific person and they are happy to keep it there. Cllr Daniel advised there is a tree down across the footpath between Higher Axmouth & Frogmore. **ACTION: CLERK** to report to Bindon. He also mentioned the proposed Public Footpath review. **ACTION: CLERK** to send email to all Councillors. Cllr Garrett was concerned about a section of the pavement alongside river where a stagnant pool had appeared and wondered if it was a blocked drain. Councillors confirmed it is a natural spring, it was dug out a few weeks ago so now looks more like a ditch and runs into a french drain. Some Councillors believed this was now clear. **ACTION: CLERK** to check and if it is still an issue, report to Highways.
- d) **Parish Clerk:** The Clerk had issued a report prior to the meeting. Councillors accepted the report. Councillors **approved** the use of the CIL funds to go towards a new website.

10) **To accept any relevant correspondence:** All correspondence accepted.

Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 17th June 2020 at 7:00pm

The meeting ended at 8:11pm

Date:

Chairman: