

AXMOUTH PARISH PLAN

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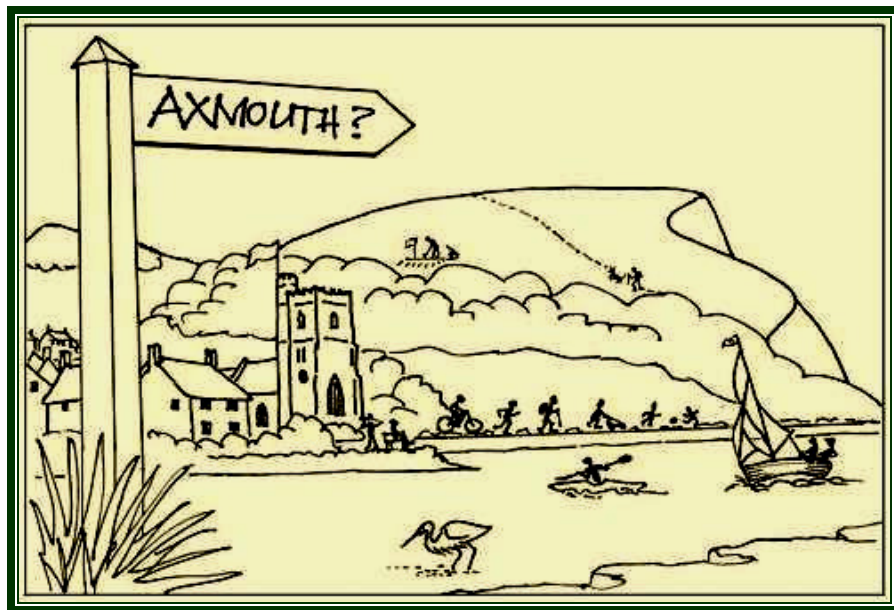
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Chairman's Introduction

This plan sets out our vision for the future of our parish. It is based on widespread consultations and questionnaires during 2009-2010. Below we set out the main directions that have emerged from this process and what must be done to achieve our goals. The first part of this document looks at Axmouth as a community and considers the issues and the evidence that underpin our future plan. The appendix draws the plan together in the form of a table.

Jon Underwood.
February 2011

Summary of Aims

Community

To support the use of the village hall and church in their central roles in village life. To investigate a local produce outlet. To make fuller use of the parish magazine and website for local information.

Transport and Traffic

To secure a weight limit on vehicles passing through the village. To complete a continuous footway through the village. To campaign for a wider footway and a cycle way from Boshill to Axmouth Harbour on the B3172. To increase bus services to the amenities, shops and transport hubs in Seaton and Axminster.

Housing and Development

To gain a small number (up to 8) of affordable homes for local people. To protect the village and Axmouth Harbour from inappropriate development and to retain the village built-up area boundary.

Environment and Conservation

To protect the distinctive historic character of the village and Axmouth Harbour. To protect and enhance the parish landscape and its bio-diversity. To ensure the Brook is safely maintained.

Children and Young People

To maintain a safe and attractive playground for younger children. To investigate the possibility of youth activities and events in the village hall, and a site for meeting/small ball games for older children and teenagers. To gain non-car transport to youth and general amenities in Seaton, Colyton and Axminster.

Business and Tourism

To enable the parish to benefit from local green, sustainable tourism deriving from the South West Coast Path, Jurassic Coast initiatives, etc. To improve broadband speeds to the best rural levels. To create a local businesses directory to be published on the Axmouth website and in the parish magazine.

Leisure and Recreation

To promote use, enjoyment and expansion of a network of footpaths. To improve viewing facilities on the Axe Riverside and over the Seaton Wetlands nature reserves. To gain more public green spaces. To secure a safe cycle route along the whole length of the B3172 providing a link with the Stop Line Way.

The Background to Axmouth's Parish Plan

Axmouth's plan grew out of the parish council's concern that a community mandate was becoming necessary. Traffic growth and the loss of the village shop and post office had begun to affect the existing way of life. Worries about the implications of the Seaton redevelopment for Axmouth led to the community turning out to two large meetings in 2007 and 2009, following which some 250 people signed petitions calling on Devon County Council to impose a weight limit on through-village traffic.

The parish council set up a stall at the village show in the summer of 2009 which asked people to identify the issues which most concerned them. The idea of creating a plan was publicised in the parish magazine and on posters on village noticeboards. This was followed by a consultative drop-in, attended by over 80 people, at the village hall in September 2009. This drew ideas and feedback from the community on matters including housing, transport, conservation, young people's needs, public services, the natural environment, shopping, work and leisure. Community groups, such as the WI and the Children's Theatre, displayed their activities, together with wider partners such as the AONB team, so that the event formed a snapshot of Axmouth's life and environment.

The next stage was to draw up a questionnaire to test out these views and to develop a set of proposals for action on the major issues. This process has been coordinated by the steering committee, formed partly of parish councillors and partly of individuals who came forward at the drop-in, and funded by Awards for All (the lottery) together with a portion of Councillor Jim Knight's community grant - the total funds being £1,500.

The questionnaire was delivered to all 215 households in the parish in April 2010: 85% were returned. That means that 182 households, or 338 individuals responded. Young people between 7 and 17 had their own questionnaire - and 53 responded. Altogether, then, 391 individuals have contributed to this plan - a high proportion of our community of just over 500.

Alongside these questionnaires, the Community Council of Devon conducted an independent assessment of housing need, and Devon County Council audited the parish's biodiversity.

The community consultations, the terms of reference of the steering committee, and the process of creating and analysing the questionnaire were carried out with the help of the Community Council of Devon. Preliminary results were displayed to the community at the village show in July 2010 and feedback invited.

The full data can be seen on the parish website: www.axmouthparishcouncil.co.uk.



Weight limit needed! (Photo: Morag Steven)

A Profile of Axmouth: an ancient parish on the Jurassic coast

As its name makes clear, Axmouth is a parish on an estuary. The village itself is a little inland from the narrow river mouth where Axmouth Harbour has some 100 moorings within its basin. Primarily for leisure sailing, there are also fishermen's moorings alongside the small quay. This area, with the former warehouse buildings backed by the mass of Haven Cliff and the start of the Landslip (Undercliffs National Nature Reserve), is one of the best known views in the region.

The World Heritage site of the Jurassic Coast encompasses Axmouth's coastline, along which passes the South West Coast Path, and the parish with its traditional agricultural landscape lies within the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Its outstanding biodiversity has recognition in the two Sites of Special Scientific Interest, at the Landslip and at Springhead, and seven county wildlife sites.

When asked what they liked about living in Axmouth, residents' most common response was the stunning environment with both sea and countryside, together with the friendliness of the community.

Axmouth village, below the Iron Age hill fort of Hawkesdown, gives on to the river Axe where ships once moored. There is a population of some 520 in the parish as a whole, which includes the hamlets of Stedcombe Vale, Dowlands, Boshill, the harbour area, and an area near Musbury. Most people live within the tightly bounded village. Here there are seventeen listed buildings along Church Street, the main thoroughfare. These include St Michael's

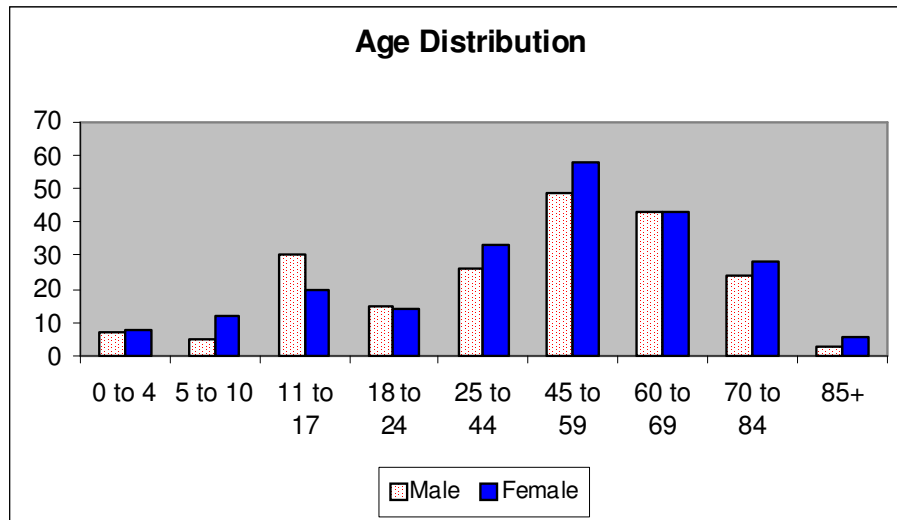
church (Grade 1) and the ancient Harbour Inn. The parish as a whole has 37 listed buildings, of which 3 are Grade II*.

Most of the parish assets are contained in the village, though the football club has a pitch and clubhouse in the north of the parish. At Axmouth Harbour there are the Axe Yacht Club, Canoe Club, and Angling Centre café, and nearby the Axe Cliff Golf Club. The village has two pubs, both with skittle alleys and gardens, St Michael's Church, the Jubilee Playground, the Village Hall, a small 'green' (Coronation Corner) that is popular with birdwatchers with its views over the Axe estuary wetlands, a campsite and a field loaned by the Bindon Manor Estate for the annual Village Show. There is a lively range of clubs and activities, from the WI to skittles to apple harvesting and cider-making.

There are, however, no services in the parish: the school closed in 1959, though a pre-school remains. The shop and post office closed some years ago. The church has a part-time vicar who is not resident in the parish. While there is a GP outreach clinic and a mobile library, the nearest services, leisure facilities and transport hubs are in Seaton (one mile away) or Axminster (six miles). This poses problems for those without a car as the bus service is very limited.

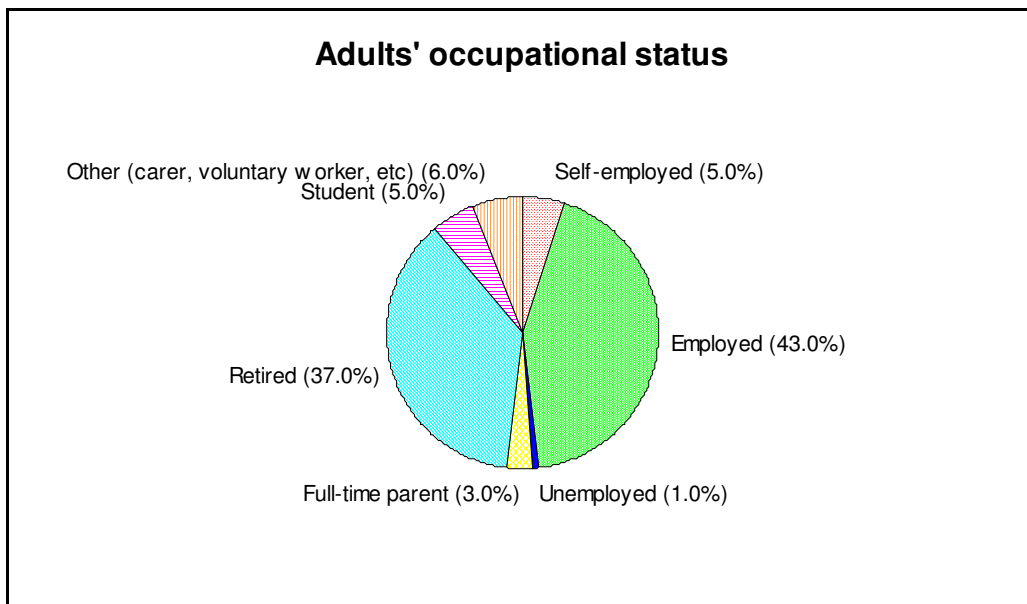
"It's a real working village, but would like to improve facilities for families and children."

Questionnaire respondents had in many cases lived a long time in the parish: 58% for more than ten years. The age distribution is skewed towards the elderly with 37% of adults retired, (a proportion typical of East Devon which has 31% over retirement age), though a large proportion in Axmouth is in the 'young' retired bracket:



There appear to be fewer Axmouth households with people with disabilities or limiting conditions than is general in East Devon (12%, compared to 20%) though it may be that some disabled people felt unable to respond to the questionnaire. The

43% (143 people) who are employed have mainly to travel to work outside the parish, some considerable distances, and usually by car. The breakdown of adults' occupational status is as follows:



Community

"We like living in Axmouth because it is a friendly, active and vibrant village."

"Not too many second homes/[holiday]rentals. Good mixture of retired people and younger families and children to keep us all young."

"I really, really would like a sweet shop."

The Issues:

Loss of village shop;

Can be difficult to find out what's on, and who's who, and

Maintenance of the village hall and church.

The loss of the shop and post office has been keenly felt, not just for the lost services, but because it was a place where people met, gossiped and exchanged information. 56% or 192 people said they would support some form of local produce/craft stall, with 62 saying they would volunteer to take this forward.

While the quarterly parish magazine and 'Ax-mouthpiece' keep the community informed to some extent (and this was the preferred way of finding out what was going on for 220 respondents), there are also noticeboards and the new website. 92 adults suggested an A-Z directory of groups, organisations and services to fill the information gap.

Associated with this was the possibility of forming new groups - 85 households expressed an interest in an oil-buying group. Other ideas also being explored are gardening, bulb-planting and litter picking groups.

The annual village show, run by a small dedicated committee, remains the grand event of the year with 41% of adults and 50% of young respondents attending.

Throughout the year skittles and boules in the pubs are well supported. The majority of respondents (56%) had used the village hall over the past year for clubs or events such as concerts or dinners (only the pubs were used more) so clearly it is vital to the community.

Although the church congregation is small, 126 people had visited the church over the past year; performances are popular: 96 wanting more music, 91 more theatre. Church and village hall maintenance is expensive and demanding for their committees.

Visions and Aims:

Regularly updated and widely available local information on noticeboards, website and in parish magazine;

A local produce/stall/part-time shop;

The village hall's maintenance and running to continue securely with more volunteers from the community, and

More use of the church building by the community.

Actions

A-Z local directory and 'What's On?' overseen by parish magazine/Ax-mouthpiece;

Village Show Committee to investigate a local produce project with stall;

Parish Council, village groups and residents to continue to support the village hall and its committee, and

Parochial Church Council (PCC) to investigate ways of increasing performances and other uses of the church.

Transport and Traffic

"Sadly increased HGV traffic and fast cars/motorbikes have ruined the peace and tranquillity. We believe heavy traffic through Axmouth village is inappropriate given the narrow roads and is a danger to locals and visitors alike."

The Issues:

Damage and danger created by heavy goods vehicles and fast moving traffic through the village;

Lack of direct and regular public transport connections to Axminster railway station and leisure facilities, and

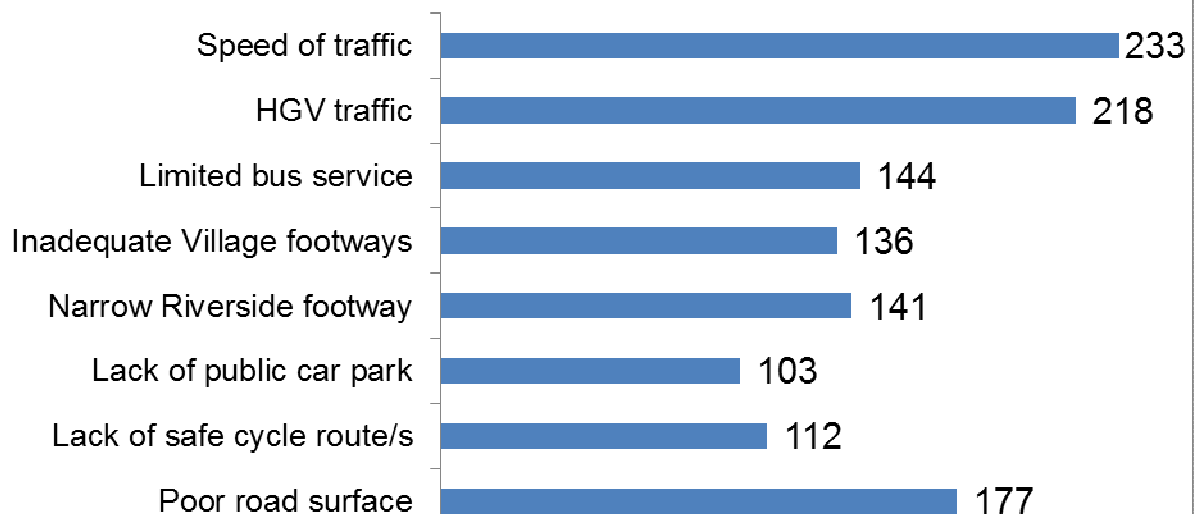
Lack of safe green links to local amenities, shopping, public services and bus hub in Seaton and between Boshill and the village centre.

The speed of traffic through the village was raised as a concern by 233 adults (69%). The locations highlighted were; Church Street (154), Church Street/Chapel Street junction (174) and Pound Hill (103).

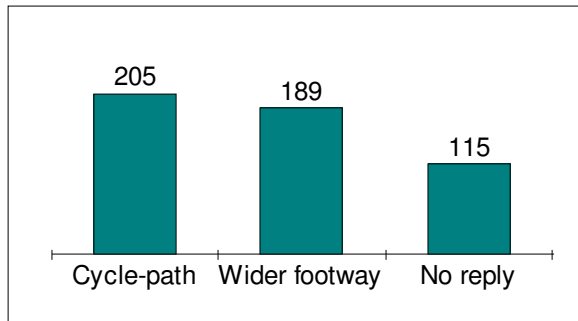
Similarly HGVs were raised as an issue by 218 adults (64%). The same locations were highlighted; Church Street (174); Church St/Chapel St junction (183) and Pound Hill (109). 102 respondents reported feeling unsafe on a bicycle in Church Street and 91 considered that the footways through the village were inadequate.

The inadequate footway (less than one metre wide) and the lack of a cycle-path to Seaton is a major concern. Speed of traffic on the Riverside was raised by 146 adults and HGV traffic by 129.

Numbers with traffic concerns



35 (66%) children and teenagers would use a cycle-path and 26 would use a wider footway from Axmouth village to Seaton. Combining this with adult responses gives potential residents' usage as:



The poor public transport service is a concern for parishioners. The major desired destinations were Axminster and Lyme Regis both listed by 137 adults and Seaton listed by 128 adults. 28 children regularly use Axminster station and 30 regularly go to Seaton.

Visions and Aims:

7.5T weight limit (except for access) along the B3172 between Boshill Cross and Axmouth Bridge;

A safe continuous footway between the village hall, church, pubs, campsite, and the Coronation Corner viewing point on the Axe estuary;

Safety improvements and slower traffic at Church Street and Chapel Street junction;

Safe green links - for walkers and cyclists - along the whole of the B3172, connecting Boshill, the village and Seaton, and

Direct and regular bus service to Seaton and Axminster, possibly by re-routing some 885 bus route journeys via Axmouth.

Actions

Parish Council to establish an Axmouth Transport, Traffic and Footpaths Group (ATTFG) to progress these aims, drawing on the wider community, and linking in with the Seaton Coastal Traffic Group;

Parish Council to ask TRIP Community Transport to raise awareness of community transport in the parish.



©Hilary Harron: *Going with the flow*

Housing and Development

"I like living in Axmouth because my roots are here – it's home and it's relatively unchanged by time. Long may it continue to be so!"

The Issues:

Shortage of affordable housing to rent or buy leading to change in the social makeup of the parish, and

Threat of inappropriate housing development spoiling the physical character of the village.

The planning and development part of the survey produced clear results. Respondents backed sympathetic (90%) and environmentally sustainable (69%) designs for any new buildings, and wanted the boundary of the village to remain tightly-drawn (76%). There was overwhelming support for conserving the village and harbour environments, both built and natural.

There was strong support (73%) for a small development of 6-8 affordable homes for local people. 13 households (7%) expressed a need for such housing of whom just three completed the separate housing needs survey conducted by the Community Council of Devon.

Visions and Aims:

Preserve the physical character of the village, and

Encourage a small development of affordable homes so that those with a local tie and on a median East Devon income can still live here.

Actions

Vigilance on the part of the parish and district councils to ensure that any development fits in with this vision. They should ensure that this is sympathetic to the village's heritage, does not sprawl beyond the present village boundary and meets the best environmental and design standards.

The provision of affordable housing is unlikely to happen unless an affordable housing group is formed to promote it. Parish Council to invite residents to establish this at the launch of the Plan in spring 2011. This group to work with landowners and the local authority to identify an appropriate site. The group should bear in mind the wider aims of the parish plan and be careful not to compromise them.



Photo: Morag Steven

Environment and Conservation

"The appeal of Axmouth is in its LACK of suburban facilities and development. Surely it is important to conserve whatever remains of Axmouth's rural identity."

"We like the lack of commercialism and the unique combination of coastal/rural location."

The Issues:

Heavy traffic threatening the village's historic buildings;

Threat of inappropriate development in the Harbour area;

Concern that the natural environment needs protection, and

Concern over flood risk if the Brook is not adequately maintained.

Axmouth residents are concerned that heavy traffic on the B3172 threatens its historic buildings. 90% thought that any development must be sympathetic to the village environment, and 74% supported a Conservation Area.

The attractiveness of Axmouth Harbour was seen by 78% as needing conservation measures to retain its uncommercial character. On the other hand, 75% of respondents favoured improvements to the area by the Axmouth bridges which has become scruffy: this is a popular meeting place for walkers and birdwatchers.

Another area of untidiness is the tangle of overhead cables in Chapel Street. 73% would like them buried if there were no cost involved to the residents. A third of respondents were not confident the Brook was adequately maintained, fearing flooding. Measures, such as extending the AONB to the river estuary, to protect the landscape and hedgerows and with them

wildlife and wild flowers were supported by the majority.

Visions and Aims:

The historic character of the village and Axmouth Harbour preserved;

The Harbour keeps its distinctive undeveloped and affordable character, and

The landscape retains its historic character and features, and bio-diversity is enhanced.

Actions

Parish Council to explore the best means of conserving village and Harbour built environment;

Parish Council to liaise with Axmouth Harbour Management Co over terms of future lease, and press for continuance of status quo;

Parish Council and PCC to consider environmental issues and to consult with AONB and the East Devon group of Devon Wildlife Trust over measures to protect the landscape and promote bio-diversity, eg in the churchyard, and on verges, and

Parish Council to continue to liaise with Devon County Council (DCC) over the Brook maintenance.

Children and Young People

"It's small, so easy to meet up with people. If there could be more places to socialise or things to do for teenagers..."

The Issues:

Keeping playground equipment safe, up-to-date and functioning;

Nowhere for older children and teenagers to socialise and play ball games, and

No means, other than parents' cars, of reaching youth clubs, events and leisure activities in Seaton, Axminster, Colyton and Lyme Regis.

In their own youth survey the 53 respondents had lots of praise for the uncrowded, friendly area, in which it is safe to cycle in the small lanes and where there is much to enjoy on the estuary and sea. Young children and their parents make good use of the playground.

But the older group whose numbers are increasing wanted more activities in the village (21 a basketball or small sports pitch, 15 a youth club, 14 a shelter). Of the adults in the community, 85 supported a youth club and 90 a playing field. While the Children's Theatre currently provides activity for at least 13 young people, there is also a need for independent access to the youth clubs and events in neighbouring areas, and for the ability to travel to leisure services such as the swimming pool in Axminster (used by 17), or activities in Seaton (used by 30) by public transport or a safe cycle-path.

Visions and Aims:

Maintaining a safe and attractive playground for younger children;

A meeting space and a small ball games pitch for older children and teenagers;

Youth events and activities in the village hall, and

Safe non-car access to Seaton, Axminster, and Colyton.

Actions

The Parish Council to continue to liaise with the Playground Committee over insurance, safety issues, and funding opportunities;

Children's Theatre Committee to investigate possibility of youth activities in the village hall;

Children's Theatre to call a public meeting in spring 2011 to establish a Youth Forum to progress the aim of an outdoor site for older children;

As nearby small towns have good facilities, the Youth Forum to explore ways of providing relevant, small-scale transport.

Business, Shopping and Tourism

"We do need jobs for younger people close by."

The Issues:

Support for local businesses and employment in a difficult economic climate;

Poor rural broadband speeds and mobile signals, and

Need for non-car access to shops, employment, services and transport hubs in Seaton or Axminster.

Visions and Aims:

A sustainable local economy, benefiting from low-key green tourism;

Improved communications to the best rural levels, and

Regular direct bus services to hubs.

A directory of local businesses, contractors and services, together with improved broadband and mobile reception were the most important issues for respondents who were self-employed or running a business.

Tourism is important to Axmouth (there were 13 respondents providing some form of holiday accommodation), but while 150 thought Axmouth should promote itself more, 106 did not, perhaps fearful of large scale developments. The production of a new village leaflet with information on the area was supported by 85 respondents, together with more use of the website.

Three-quarters of respondents carried out their main household shopping either in Seaton (44%) or Axminster (29%). As public transport to these towns is very infrequent, access to shops and services in these towns is difficult without a car.

Actions

A local business directory to be created, overseen by the Parish Council, and published annually in the parish magazine and on the website;

An updated Axmouth leaflet for visitors to be produced through the Parish Council outlining things to do and where to stay. Green, low key tourism to be supported;

Parish Council engage with action groups, local politicians and businesses for improved rural broadband and mobile phone reception;

Axmouth Parish Council's Transport, Traffic and Footpaths Group (ATTFG) to investigate improved bus service to Seaton and press for new route to Axminster, and

Village Show Committee to investigate a local produce stall (see under Community).

Leisure and Recreation

"We live in a very attractive area with interesting bird life both in the garden and on the estuary."

"What a delight it would be to be able to cycle along the riverside - what a draw it would be for tourists and the village."

The Issues:

Limited access to some local countryside and to high views over the estuary;

Shortage of public green spaces;

Litter and dog mess, and

Walking and cycling unpleasant and unsafe on the busy riverside road.

Axmouth Parish is located in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty boasting stunning coastal, river and rural views. The main reasons for visiting the Harbour and Riverside were walking (247 respondents), looking at the view/relaxing (190), wildlife/bird-watching (112) and boating (73). The questionnaire received good support (199 respondents) for new off-road routes/footpaths around the parish with numerous suggestions for new routes.

75% of respondents supported improving the Squire's Lane area near the Axmouth bridge and car park and 53% favoured construction of a viewing area over the estuary at Coronation Corner. 147 respondents wanted more small green spaces, and 244 wanted action on dog mess.

As we have seen, 170 adult respondents said they would use a cycle-path and 163 a wider footpath between Axmouth and Seaton and the idea is popular with young people.

Visions and Aims:

An enjoyable and safe off-road walking network with circular walks and high views;

Some small green spaces and/or viewing areas around the village and on and over the estuary;

A safe walk along the river and estuary from Boshill to Axmouth Harbour, and

A safe cycle route for access to services and for leisure, and promoted as a spur off the Stop-Line Cycle-Way.

Actions

Parish Council's Transport, Traffic and Footpaths Group (ATTFG) to create a map showing the existing footpaths and places of interest (as part of new visitors' leaflet);

Parish Council to continue investigating possibility of more green spaces/viewing areas over the Axe estuary, eg at Coronation Corner and Squire's Lane;

ATTFG to investigate the possibility of new off-road footpaths, lobby for improved footways from Boshill to the Harbour, and investigate means of reducing litter and dog mess, and

ATTFG to liaise with cycling organisations to promote the Boshill-Axmouth Harbour cycle-path.



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Appendix 1: AXMOUTH PARISH PLAN: SUMMARY ACTION PLAN 2011

Organisations and their abbreviations

AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
APC	Axmouth Parish Council
ATTFG	Axmouth Transport, Traffic and Footpaths Group
AVCDS	Axe Vale and District Conservation Society
AVP	Axe Valley Pedallers
DCC	Devon County Council
DWT	Devon Wildlife Trust
EDDC	East Devon District Council
PCC	Parochial Church Council

Time-scales

Short	Ongoing/Within one year
Medium	Within 3 years
Long	4-10 years

*This appendix summarises Axmouth's visions and the actions to be taken to realise them. Lead organisations are underlined. The issues are discussed more fully in the main section of the plan. Full supporting evidence from the questionnaires, including the Housing Needs Survey, can be viewed at:
www.axmouthparishcouncil.co.uk.*

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Progress on the plan will be monitored quarterly by the Parish Council.

1. COMMUNITY

ISSUES	VISIONS/AIMS	ACTIONS	PARTNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY (lead underlined)	TIME-SCALE AND PRIORITY
1.1. Can be difficult to find out what clubs, groups, events and services are in the parish.	Local information widely available and easily located; raised awareness and uptake of new initiatives, adding to vitality and cohesion.	Produce regularly updated A-Z list of existing groups/clubs with <i>What's On?</i> for parish magazine/Ax-Mouthpiece, noticeboards and website.	<u>Parish magazine/Ax-mouthpiece</u> , webmasters.	Short term High priority
1.2. Loss of village shop	A community local produce stall.	Investigate how a viable part-time local produce stall might work	<u>Village Show Committee</u> .	Medium term Medium priority
1.3. Ongoing need for funding and community support for village hall and church.	Adequately funded and up-to-date village hall and church, both well used by the community.	(i) APC, village groups and residents to support the village hall and its committee; (ii) PCC to investigate ways of increasing community use of the church through concerts and performances.	(i) <u>Village hall committee</u> , (ii) <u>PCC</u> .	Ongoing High priority

2. TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC

ISSUES	VISIONS/AIMS	ACTIONS	PARTNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY	TIME-SCALE AND PRIORITY
2.1. Heavy and fast traffic threatening Axmouth residents and visitors.	A safe B3172 through the village with (i) HGVs restricted, and (ii) a continuous footway in Church Street and wider footway on Pound Hill.	(i) Press DCC for 7.5T weight limit on B3172, (ii) Press DCC for footway through village, (iii) Demand design measures to control vehicle speed at the junction of Church St/Chapel St.	<u>APC</u> to establish <u>Axmouth Transport, Traffic and Footpaths Group (ATTFG)</u> to progress aims. Seaton Coastal Traffic Group and DCC.	Ongoing/Short term High priority
2.2. Impossible to get to local amenities and railway station at Axminster without a car.	Improved bus connectivity with local railway station.	Explore feasibility of re-routing some of the 885 Axminster-Seaton bus service via Axmouth.	As above and bus companies.	Medium term High priority
2.3. Poor and unsafe access between the village (and its outlying areas of Boshill and Stedcombe) and the local town amenities and bus hub of Seaton.	(i) A safe cycle-path and footway along the whole B3172 from Boshill to Seaton, with controlled traffic speeds. (ii) A well-supported bus service linking village to Seaton.	(i) Explore feasibility of an integrated improvement scheme along the riverside to provide safe cycle and pedestrian paths, (ii) Bus - as 2 above, and TRIP Community Transport to be encouraged to make use of noticeboards, website, parish magazine, and leaflet drop.	As above, and Axe Valley Pedallers, Sustrans. DCC, TRIP Community Transport and bus companies.	(i) Medium term High priority (ii) Medium term Medium priority

3. HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

ISSUES	VISIONS/AIMS	ACTIONS	PARTNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY	TIME-SCALE AND PRIORITY
3.1. Shortage of affordable housing for local people.	Housing accessible to residents on median East Devon income.	APC to invite community to form Axmouth Affordable Housing Group to research small scale development (under 8 homes); Require highest standards of sustainability; Ensure development does not compromise other plan goals.	<u>APC</u> , EDDC, Devon Rural Housing Partnership, landowners.	Long term Medium priority
3.2. Threat of inappropriate housing development spoiling the character of the village.	(i) Social and physical character of village and parish maintained, (ii) Village boundary kept tightly drawn.	Oppose any development that is (i) outside defined boundary, (ii) not in keeping with parish's natural and built heritage, and (iii) not environmentally sustainable.	<u>APC</u> , EDDC, English Heritage.	Ongoing/long term High priority

4. ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

ISSUES	VISIONS/AIMS	ACTIONS	PARTNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY	TIME-SCALE AND PRIORITY
4.1. Heavy general and HGV traffic through village threatening fabric and appearance of historic buildings.	Church Street-Pound Hill historic buildings and distinctive character conserved and protected.	(i) Press for 7.5T weight limit on B3172, (ii) Continuous footway through village to keep vehicles away from buildings (as in Transport and Traffic section), (iii) Explore best means of conserving village built environment.	<u>APC</u> , DCC Highways, EDDC, English Heritage.	Ongoing/short term High priority
4.2. (i) Lack of protection for Harbour buildings as an area and group; (ii) Inappropriate development proposals for the Harbour; (iii) Poor surface on Harbour access lane.	(i) Axmouth Harbour's busy but distinctive, undeveloped character protected from inappropriate development, (ii) Harbour available to all at a reasonable price, (iii) better walking surface on lane.	(i) Explore best means of conserving Harbour buildings and environment, (ii) Maintain status quo in next harbour lease (due 2015), and (iii) Improve surface (sympathetically) and reinstate drainage on lane to river mouth.	(i) and (ii) <u>APC</u> with <u>Axmouth Harbour Management Co</u> (incl Yacht club and Fishermen's Assoc) and EDDC, English Heritage. (iii) <u>APC</u> , EDDC and Fisherman's Assoc.	(i) Short term High priority (ii) Medium term High priority (iii) Short term High priority

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ISSUES	VISIONS/AIMS	ACTIONS	PARTNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY	TIME-SCALE AND PRIORITY
4.3. (i) Scruffy conditions around Axmouth bridges, (ii) Untidy cables on Chapel Street.	(i) An attractive and peaceful area by the bridges; (ii) A more attractive Chapel Street.	(i) Investigate improving area opposite car park; (ii) Investigate burying cables in Chapel St.	(i) <u>APC</u> with AONB (Making it Local) and EDDC (S106 funds) and countryside team. (ii) Western Power Distribution and <u>residents</u> .	(i) Medium term Medium priority (ii) Medium term Medium priority
4.4. Concern to protect natural environment.	(i) Security for the historic landscape, and (ii) protection and enhancement of local bio-diversity.	(i) Investigate measures for hedgerow (and Devon bank) protection, restoration and reinstatement, (ii) Investigate ways of increasing bio-diversity and habitat on verges, small greens and in churchyard; (iii) Extend AONB to river estuary.	(i, ii) <u>APC</u> and <u>PCC</u> to consult with AVDCS, Devon Wildlife Trust (East Devon Group), landowners, DCC, AONB, Natural England. (iii) <u>APC</u> and AONB.	(i) Medium-long term High priority (ii) Medium term High priority (iii) Medium term High priority
4.5. Flood risk if brook poorly maintained.	Minimal flood risk from brook which is conserved as a local feature.	Keep pressing DCC re adequate maintenance.	<u>APC</u> , DCC.	Ongoing High priority

5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

ISSUES	VISION/AIMS	ACTIONS	PARTNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY	TIME-SCALE AND PRIORITY
5.1. For under 11s – maintenance costs of playground and its equipment.	Safe, up-to-date playground.	Continue to apply for funding for equipment, maintenance and insurance costs.	<u>Playground Committee</u> and APC.	Short term High priority
5.2. For 11+ age group, nowhere to meet and few activities in village.	(i) A meeting place/ shelter for 11-15 age group, (ii) A small sports pitch suitable for ball games, (iii) Youth events in the village hall, and (iv) Transport to youth clubs in nearby locations.	(i and ii) Approach landowners for site, and investigate S106 money for shelter/small sports pitch, and (iii) Form Axmouth Youth Forum to progress aims.	<u>Children's Theatre</u> to call a public meeting in Spring 2011 with aim of setting up a community Youth Forum to progress aims.	Medium term High priority

6. BUSINESS, SHOPPING AND TOURISM

ISSUES	VISIONS/AIMS	ACTIONS	PARTNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY	TIME-SCALE AND PRIORITY
6.1. Local businesses and employment operating in a difficult economic climate.	(i) A sustainable local economy, and (ii) Spin-offs from green tourism (from the South West Coast Path, Stop-Line Way, birdwatching on the Axe estuary, etc) benefit B&Bs, pubs, cafés, etc.	(i) Create a local business directory to go on the website, and in parish magazine. (iia) Support green tourism initiatives; (iib) Update Axmouth visitors' leaflet, which includes map, B&Bs, things to do etc, (iic) Press for signage from SW Coastpath to village.	(i) Local businesses, parish magazine/Ax-mouthpiece, overseen by <u>APC</u> . (iia) <u>APC</u> , AONB, South West Coast Path, Stop-Line Way. (iib) <u>APC</u> . (iic) <u>APC</u> , AONB, Jurassic WHS team, and Seaton Visitor Centre.	(i) Short term High priority (iia) Ongoing High priority (iib) Short-medium term High priority (iic) Medium term Medium priority
6.2. Poor quality of rural broadband and mobile phone signals	Standards should be at the best rural levels.	Engage with action groups for improved rural broadband.	EDDC councillor, local businesses - eg pubs	Medium term High priority
6.3. Need to access shops, employment, services in Seaton and Axminster.	(i) Bus services improved, (ii) A local produce stall in Axmouth	(i) see Transport above (ii) see Community above.	(i) <u>APC's</u> Transport, Traffic and Footpaths Group, (ii) <u>Village Show Committee</u> .	(i) Medium term Medium priority (ii) Medium term Medium priority

7. LEISURE AND RECREATION

ISSUES	VISIONS/AIMS	ACTIONS	PARTNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY	TIME-SCALE AND PRIORITY
7.1. Limited access to some local countryside and to high views over the estuary.	An enjoyable and safe off-road walking network with circular walks and high views.	Establish a community footpaths group under umbrella of APC's new Transport, Traffic and Footpaths Group (ATTFG) to investigate possibility of new off-road footpaths and to create a paths map.	<u>APC's Transport, Traffic and Footpaths Group (ATTFG)</u> , Ramblers, AONB, AVDCS, landowners.	Short - medium term High priority
7.2. Shortage of green spaces for residents and visitors to relax, meet, watch wildlife and look at views.	Some small green spaces and/or viewing areas around the village and on and over the estuary.	Investigate possibility of more green/viewing spaces.	<u>APC's ATTFG</u> , Landowners, AONB, community woodland orchard, EDDC countryside team.	Medium term High priority
7.3. Concern about litter and dog mess.	A cleaner environment.	Liaise with EDDC environmental health; Annual litter picking day.	APC's ATTFG.	Short-medium term High priority
7.4. Unsafe riverside footway due to heavy traffic, and poor cycling experience.	A safe walking and cycle route along the river and estuary from Boshill to the Harbour.	Form Axmouth Transport, Traffic and Footpaths group as above.	<u>APC's ATTFG</u> , landowners, AONB, DCC Highways, AVP, Sustrans.	Medium term High priority

Appendix 2

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