

AXMOUTH PARISH PLAN

QUARTERLY REPORT TO AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2011

RECAP: The Plan was launched and the short version delivered to all Axmouth households in spring 2011. The Steering Committee has disbanded but will meet informally periodically in order to review progress.

APC has asked that progress of the three major groups **Traffic, Transport and Footpaths** including the community Axmouth Footpaths Group; **Affordable Housing**, and the **Youth Forum**, which are being established to implement the parish plan, would be reviewed quarterly.

Below is a general report on the high priority aims of the plan and the actions that have been taken so far or that need to be taken.

1. Community

A-Z of groups and clubs on website and in Parish Magazine: established (Sarah Williams).

Village Hall and Church funding and maintenance issues: Church has set up Friends of Axmouth Church.

2. Transport and Traffic

Safety issues pressed by APC through its Transport, Traffic and Footpaths Group:

7.5t weight limit: refused by DCC.

Footway outside churchyard: under negotiation with DCC.

On-going participation in DCC's lower Axe Valley review of traffic and Seaton Coastal Traffic Group.

Bus services and Community Transport: no action yet taken.

Cycle Path along the whole of the B3172: no specific action yet taken but this policy is in APC's LTP.

Footpaths: see 7/Leisure below.

3. Housing and Development

Affordable housing: APC Chair and Cllr Emily McIvor beginning to explore possibilities. A community Affordable Housing Group not yet established.

4. Environment and Conservation

The Harbour: APC to continue to press EDDC to complete 'non-designated heritage asset' process.

Natural environment and bio-diversity: APC needs to consider policies on mowing regimes and hedgerows – no action yet taken.

Brook maintenance: ongoing issues of maintenance and contracting which could include above.

5. Children and Young People

Playground is a high priority as a much used village asset but the committee feel unsupported and are asking APC to take over. An urgent matter.

Space and activities for older children: Cllr Carol Rapley and Children's Theatre to meet re proposed Youth Forum in the autumn.

6. Business, shopping and tourism

Creating a local business directory: follow up possible from A-Z initiative.

Green tourism: see Leisure below.

Shopping and buses: see Transport above.

Rural broadband: government upgrade plan should mean no longer an issue.

7. Leisure and Recreation

Access to countryside and views over estuary: Axmouth Footpaths Group (Chair Cllr Keith Lawes) has designed a circular trail project for which it seeks endorsement from APC, and will investigate drawing up an associated map/leaflet (for which funding will be needed). (See separate report).

Shortage of green spaces and viewing areas: Coronation Corner expansion in process on South West Water site through APC. Footpaths group will propose further sites.

Unsafe riverside footway: ATTFG to press for dedicated footway and cyclepath in all traffic reviews and seek out funding opportunities.

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A longer version of this report will be displayed at the Village Show on 30 July along with opportunities for residents to sign up to initiatives.

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