



# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017, at 7:00pm at Axmouth Village Hall.

## Minutes

### Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven      Cllr Glenn Hyde      Cllr Morag Steven      Cllr Nigel Daniel      Cllr Sarah Hill  
Cllr Sam Miller (arrived 7:06)

**In attendance:** Becki Davey (Clerk)

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

- 1) **Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from: Cllr Ian Hunt, Cllr Alan Harrison, Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC) and Cllr Jim Knight (DCC).
- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr K Steven declared an interest in item 8d as Chair of the Village Hall Committee.
- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016:** 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) **Police Report:** None received. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact police for an update.
- 6) **Public Forum:** None present.
- 7) **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:** Cllr Daniel has cleared debris in the gully at Higher Axmouth so water may run smoothly to prevent ice from forming across the road. The Clerk has created a poster to be displayed in the noticeboard providing details of how to contact DCC to report issues within and beside the highway. (Cllr Miller arrived 7:06)
- 8) **Financial Matters:**
  - a) To approve the financial statement to the end December 2016: Councillors resolved to **approve** the financial statement.
  - b) To review third quarter budget: Councillors resolved to **approve** the third quarter budget.

- c) To approve proposed budget and precept setting for 2017/18: Councillors resolved to **approve** the proposed budget and request a precept of £11483, an increase of 1.1% to cover the reduction of the Council Tax Discount Grant awarded by East Devon District Council. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC.
- d) To consider grant application from Axmouth Village Hall towards Christmas Tree and electric costs: Cllr Daniel proposed the Council approve the grant application for £50.00. Cllr Hyde seconded. All in favour. (Cllr K Steven did not vote). **ACTION: CLERK** to advise the Village Hall association secretary and arrange payment.
- e) To consider grant application from Axmouth Playground Association towards ongoing maintenance costs. (Cllr Miller declared an interest as Chair of the Playground Association and did not vote). Cllr Hill proposed the Council approve the grant application for £500.00 Cllr M Steven seconded. All in favour. **ACTION: CLERK** to arrange payment.
- f) To approve the following payments made by Debit Card:
 

Seaton Town Council	Parishes Together – Gateway signs	£ 2623.13
(Replaces the cheque previously payable to DCC – This has been destroyed). Cllrs <b>approved</b> the debit card payment.		
- g) To approve the following cheques required: None.

9) **Planning Applications:** No applications.

10) **Parish Lengthsman services – update:** Cllr K Steven has spoken with both John Widger and Chris Wakely who have confirmed they have adequate public liability insurance. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact John Widger and request that he cut the riverside each year and to confirm that he may be asked to do other work within the parish. **CLLR K STEVEN** to contact Chris Wakely to request that he cut the hedges so that signage may be more visible and to confirm that he may be asked to do other work within the parish. **CLERK** to contact DCC to ask them exactly what areas of the grips and gulleys they will still be attending.

11) **Fixed Asset Review:** Cllrs have completed the fixed asset review. No immediate issues.

12) **To consider the Parishes Together suggestion from Combyne Rousdon:** Cllrs felt that the proposal for mobile speeding signs would not be suitable for the village due to cost and restrictions of location. Clerk also advised that the next phase of funding will be available soon and asked that Councillors think about possible projects. Initial thoughts were funding towards Emergency Plan Equipment or to turn the phone box into a library and information centre. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise Combyne Rousdon Parish Clerk.

13) **Axmouth Jubilee Playground - an update from the Chairman of the Playground Association:** Cllr Miller has contacted EDDC is awaiting a response. Phil Tuckley has been booked to do an inspection of the playground. **ACTION: CLERK** to also contact EDDC.

14) **Emergency Plan – an update from the working group:** The working group have met and are in the process of listing what items are required. They are meeting again before the next Parish Council meeting. **ACTION: CLERK** to put the Emergency Plan as a standing item on the agenda.

15) **To accept reports and agree actions from the following:**

a) **County Councillor:** Cllr Knight was not at the meeting. No report received.

b) **District Councillor:** Cllr Thomas was not at the meeting. No report received.

c) **Parish Councillors:** **Cllr Hyde** has contacted owners of Haven Cliff about the ownership of the hedges by Axmouth Harbour. They have confirmed that they are not theirs. It is believed that the hedge belongs to DCC, but as the bridge sign is not an instruction/warning sign, DCC will not trim the hedge. **ACTION: CLLR K STEVEN** to contact Chris Wakely to cut the hedges so the bridge sign is visible. Cllr Hyde also showed the state of some of the notices within the noticeboard that are being attacked by

slugs and snails. **ACTION: CLLR M STEVEN** to laminate all future notices (apart from the minutes and the agendas due to quick turnaround) and to also place copper tape around the base of the legs on the noticeboard to prevent the slugs and snails. **Cllr Daniel:** Confirmed that steps and boarding within the footpaths have been replaced thanks to the P3 scheme. Suggested that scalplings be placed at the entrance of the footpath at Stepps Lane to help with drainage. The annual footpath review is due in March, Cllr Daniels requested that should any Councillors walk any of the footpaths that they advise him of the condition. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Ros Davies to thank her for her help. Clerk to also contact DCC to request some scalplings.

**d) Parish Clerk:** Received and accepted. Clerk also advised that a poster has been created advising that a co-option position is still available.

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

**Date of the next Council Meeting Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

The meeting ended at 8:07

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Chairman: .....