



# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

## Minutes

### Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven      Cllr Morag Steven      Cllr Glenn Hyde

**In attendance:** Becki Davey (Clerk), Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC) (arrived 7:02), PC Adam Speers and Christine Garrett (Possible Co-option candidate)

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 Nigel Daniel, Cllr Ian Hunt, Cllr Sam Miller, Cllr Alan Harrison, Cllr Sarah Hill and Cllr Ian Hall (DDC). Cllr K Steven welcomed Christine Garrett who is attending the meeting as a possible co-option candidate.  
Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.
- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** None.
- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017:** 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. (Cllr Thomas arrived 7:02)
- 5) **Police Report:** PC Adam Speers attended. He confirmed that there have been no crimes in September.  
Police left 7:15
- 6) **A talk by a member of the Devon County Council environment team about their new road verge management scheme:** Sarah Jennings, a County Ecologist from DCC came to give a talk about verges within Axmouth. Axmouth has a special verge (designated as such in 1970's) and it was hoped that Axmouth Parish Council could take over the responsibility of maintaining this. However, due to its location (A3052 at Boshill Cross, Musbury side), this will not be possible. Sarah then discussed verges and wildlife. Cllr M Steven explained that the Council has to keep verges clear due to concerns over the brook possibly flooding but were happy to discuss altering practices to see if could improve the management of the verges. Sarah will speak to the DCC environmental team to arrange a visit in the

Spring to discuss. Also mentioned an e-learning course on Health & Safety whilst undertaking maintenance.

7) **Public Forum:** None.

8) **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:** There are a couple of chains missing alongside Church Street brook and the post outside Little Thatch has been knocked. **ACTION: CLERK** to report to DCC.

9) **Financial Matters:**

a) **To approve the financial statement to the end September 2017:** Councillors resolved to **approve** the financial statement

b) **To review half yearly budget:** Councillors resolved to **approve** the half yearly budget. Clerk advised Councillors that the precept and full budget for 2018/19 will need to be discussed during the November meeting in readiness for approval at the January meeting.

b) **To approve the following debit card and cheque payments**

Ken Steven	Reimburse Clean-Up Day Expenses	CHQ	£18.25
Cosmic	Domain name renewal	BACS	£30.00
Axmouth Village Hall	Hall Hire	CHQ	£28.00

Councillors **approved** the Cheque and BACS payments.

10) **Planning:** A letter has been received from Brimble, Lea and Partners confirming the withdrawal of the outline application for the 4 houses on Axe Farm land and advising that they would like to re-visit the idea at a later date. They are hoping for the support of the Parish Council and would welcome the opportunity to discuss any alterations to the proposal, or other matters with the Council. **ACTION: CLERK** to write to Brimble, Lea and Partners.

11) **Fixed Asset Review:** Cllrs Steven and Hyde have completed their reviews. **ACTION: CLERK** to remind other Councillors for their reviews and bring results to the next meeting.

12) **Parishes Together - Proposed joint project with Seaton Town Council to offer free wi-fi along the seafront and harbour:** Councillors agreed to the proposed project. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise Seaton Town Council.

13) **Emergency Plan – an update from the working group:** Cllr Hyde asked if there was a map that could be used to show where items for the emergency plan are stored. Cllr K Steven suggested that Cllr Daniel create a map. Cllr Hyde also advises that he is struggling to find volunteers. Another meeting of the working group is to be held early November. **ACTION: CLLR K STEVEN** to update Cllr Daniel.

14) **Defibrillator strobe light:** Cllr M Steven has spoken with Brian Davis about a hood. Since this, however, a sticker has been moved and although the light still flashes, it has been mooted.

15) **Phone Box update:** Cllr K Steven has met with Phil Tuckley. He is awaiting a quote. Councillors agreed to look into updating the black board in the phone box. Will look at once the shelves are situated.

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

a) County Councillor: **Cllr Hall** was unable to attend the meeting.

b) District Councillor: **Cllr Thomas** gave a report. See [www.trinitymatters.co.uk](http://www.trinitymatters.co.uk) for information.

- c) Parish Councillors: **Cllr Hyde** wondered why the Combe hedges were not cut. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Bindon. **Cllr M Steven** advised that the Clean-Up day had been a success with a bigger turn out than expected. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact EDDC about clearing the waste following the clear-up.
- d) Parish Clerk: Clerk had previously circulated a report which Councillors accepted.

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

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

The meeting ended at 8:20pm

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Chairman: .....