



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 15th February 2017, at 7:00pm at Axmouth Village Hall.

Minutes

Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven Cllr Glenn Hyde Cllr Morag Steven Cllr Alan Harrison Cllr Sarah Hill
(arrived 7:06)

In attendance: Becki Davey (Clerk), Cllr Jim Knight (DCC) and Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC) (arrived 7:03)

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 (work), Cllr Sam Miller and Cllr Ian Hunt (family).
- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** None.
- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 11th January 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.
- 5) **Police Report:** No members of the force were present at the meeting. A report had been received that confirms there had been 3 crimes between 1st November 2016 to 5th February 2017 (2 Violence with Injury and 1 Criminal Damage).
- 6) **Public Forum:** None present.
- 7) **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:** (IH arrived 7:03) A large campervan has been in the lay-by at the bottom of Squires Lane for around three weeks. **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT** will contact DCC as owners of the lay-by. (SH arrived 7:06) A large battery has been fly-tipped at the top of Bushes Lane. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Julian Langworthy to see if he should like to collect it (Clerk to contact EDDC if not).
- 8) **Financial Matters:**

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

b) To approve the following payments made by Debit Card:

Axmouth Village Hall	Grant	£ 50.00
Axmouth Playground Association	Grant	£500.00
Cosmic	Annual charge	£150.00
Mrs R Davey	Stationery items	£ 27.20

Cllrs **approved** the debit card payments above, apart from the Village Hall Grant. This payment was requested by cheque instead as no bank details have been forthcoming.

c) To approve the following cheques required:

786	Axmouth Village Hall	Hall Hire (Oct – Dec)	£ 42.00
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Cllrs **approved** the cheque payment.

An additional cheque was also approved as above:

787	Axmouth Village Hall	Grant	£ 50.00
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Cllrs **approved** the additional cheque payment.

An additional debit card payment was also approved as below:

Staples	Printer ink	£ 38.48
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Cllrs **approved** the additional debit card payment.

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

10) **Parish Lengthsman services – update:** Cllr Knight confirmed that the DCC Lengthsman will deal with the Grips and Gulleys. If Cllrs and volunteers collect debris whilst doing Lengthsman work, Cllr Knight advised them to contact DCC to either collect the waste or prevent charges at the recycling centre. Cllr Hyde had concerns over the quantity of the debris going down Stepps Lane during bad weather, he believes it may be to do with the footpath at Frogmore. **ACTION: CLLRS K & M STEVEN** to investigate. Chris Wakely is no longer able to offer his services to the Parish Council. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact John Widger to confirm that he will be contacted when works are required.

11) **Consider Parishes Together projects:** 16/17. Clerk has been contacted by Seaton Town Council asking if Axmouth should like to join them with the production of a guide and app of the area. **ACTION: CLERK** to provide Seaton with a letter of support as requested. 17/18. Although it has not been confirmed that the PT funding will be offered during 17/18, the Clerk has suggested that Councillors think of ideas in preparation. The Clerk has contacted Buckerell Parish Council for advice on converting the telephone box to a book share library. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact all parish and town councils to see if they would be interested in joining the scheme.

12) **Lyme Regis Development Trust:** A letter has been received from the LRDT offering local residents IT training. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact LRDT to thank them for the offer, but not at this time (No internet access in village hall).

13) **Coronation Corner Enhancement:** Most of the weeds have been removed. More works required. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact John Widger so he may discuss plans with Cllr K Steven

14) **Electoral Review of East Devon: Draft Recommendations:** It has been recommended that Axmouth remain within the Trinity ward of East Devon. **ACTION: CLERK** to write to the Local Government Boundary Commission giving the Councils support for the proposal.

15) **Axmouth Jubilee Playground - an update from the Chairman of the Playground Association:** Cllr Miller was absent. No report had been received.

16) **Emergency Plan – an update from the working group:** Cllr Hyde has suggested he contact owners at Stepp House to see if it would be possible to place sand for sand bags within their land. Cllr Hyde to arrange another meeting.

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

a) **County Councillor:** Cllr Knight: DCC 4.9% increase in Council Tax. (3% for adult social care and 1.9% for DCC) (Around £63/64 per band D). 703 children in care, number not decreasing. DCC balanced budget for 16/17. Need to save £38 million in 17/18. £680 million loan down to £507 million (cannot reduce anymore without charges). No libraries due to be closed in 17/18.

b) **District Councillor:** Cllr Thomas – See Cllr Thomas’ website www.trinitymatters.co.uk for an update

c) **Parish Councillors:** Cllr Hyde wondered whose responsibility it is for the upkeep and repairs to the bollards and lampposts on the Old Bridge. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Andy Ware, DCC. Cllr Harrison is concerned that he has not heard anything about Axminster DALC recently. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Axminster DALC.

d) **Parish Clerk:** Received and accepted. Cllrs congratulated Clerk for her passing CiLCA with a distinction. Cllrs **approved** Clerks request to join SLCC (£101.00 initial fee) and to register for the Local Council Award Scheme (£50.00 fee). Payments for both will be made by debit card. **ACTION: CLERK** to join SLCC, register got LCAS and produce a press release regarding the CiLCA award.

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

Date of the next Council Meeting Wednesday 15th March 2017

The meeting ended at

Date:

Chairman: