



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes

Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven	Cllr Morag Steven	Cllr Glenn Hyde	Cllr Nigel Daniel	Cllr Ian Hunt
Cllr Sam Miller	Cllr Alan Harrison	Cllr Sarah Hill		

In attendance: Becki Davey (Clerk), Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC) (arrived 7:07)

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

1) Apologies: None received.

Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

2) Declarations of Interests: None.

3) The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 11th October 2017: were **approved** and signed as a true record. (Cllr Thomas arrived 7:07)

4) Items to be dealt with after the public, including the press have been excluded: Councillors agreed that there were none.

5) Police Report: There were no members of the force present. PC Adam Speers had provided a report advising there had been no crimes or incidents reported in October.

6) Public Forum: None

7) To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters: Cllr Harrison provided photographic evidence of potholes and subsidence on the side of the Higher Lane, also the Higher Lane sign and the lamppost on Pound Lane and how covered it is. Cllr K Steven mentioned the chain alongside the brook on Church Street and the bollard at the corner of Church Street and Chapel Street which has been knocked again (Cllr K Steven will repair when able to). Clerk confirmed that the chain, Higher Lane sign and lamppost had already been reported. Clerk will report the pothole and subsidence. Cllr K Steven reminded Councillors that they are able to report these issues themselves on the DCC

website. <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/> especially as they are aware of the exact location of the issue.

8) Financial Matters:

- a) **To approve the financial statement to the end October 2017:** Councillors resolved to **approve** the financial statement
- b) **To discuss the budget and precept for 2018/2019:** A proposed budget and report had been provided by the Clerk prior to the meeting. Cllr K Steven suggested that an additional £500.00 be allowed for the emergencies plan to purchase an additional grit bin to be placed at Stepps Cross. Councillors approved. Councillors also agreed to stop the annual transfer of £500.00 to Earmarked Reserves following the letter from Mrs Smith (See Correspondence below). Cllr K Steven proposed that the Clerk update the budget and report and forward to all Councillors in readiness for the next meeting in January.
- c) **To approve the following debit card and cheque payments:**

Getmapping PLC	Annual Parish Online Subscription	BACS	£ 33.60
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The Clerk also requested the following cheques

M Steven	Clean-up day expenses	CHQ	£ 10.66
The Friends of St Michael's Church, Axmouth	Repayment of donation	CHQ	£3924.06

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

- 9) **Planning Applications: 17/2259/FUL - New and replacement extensions, replacement outbuilding and alterations and change of use of outbuilding to holiday let unit - Stepps Barton Stepps Lane Axmouth Seaton EX12 4AS:** Councillors have no objection to the above application, although they should like it ensured that the outbuilding be either ancillary accommodation or a holiday let. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC planning.
- 10) **Emergency Plan – an update from the working group:** A letter has been prepared by the group which will be sent to certain residents to request their assistance as Wardens. A letter will also be prepared and sent to Bindon Manor and Haven Farm to ask their help with heavy machinery should need arise. **ACTION: CLLR HYDE** to forward letter to **CLLR K STEVEN** to hand deliver. **CLLR HYDE** to send final document to all Councillors.
- 11) **DALC – notes from the meeting with Cllr Alan Harrison:** Cllr Harrison had provided a report to all Councillors prior to the meeting. There will now be 3 meetings per year in future and DALC have received funding for these meetings so there will be no annual charge.
- 12) **Phone Box – an update on the refurbishment:** A part quote has been received from Phil Tuckley. He is suggesting that the Parish Council purchase the materials and he will make and fix the shelves and board. **ACTION: CLERK** to obtain prices for the materials and to book Phil to complete the work.
- 13) **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 for information. Cllr Thomas also advised Councillors that EDDC have begun the £2.00 all day parking at all 42 of their car parks. It is for all day, every day until 31st March 2018. The tickets are transferrable between car

parks. Cllr Thomas also mentioned the HMCEF (Highways Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund). He has sent the details to the Clerk.

c) Parish Councillors: No reports

d) Parish Clerk: Clerk had previously circulated a report which Councillors accepted.

14) To accept any relevant correspondence: All correspondence accepted. A letter has been received from Mrs Smith regarding the funds for the acquisition of land for an additional burial ground for Axmouth church. As the purchase of land has not been possible, Mrs Smith has requested that the original donation of £3924.06 be used for another community project, the erection of a draft screen over the internal doors to the bell tower in the church. Cllrs have asked that the Clerk contact Mr Underwood one last time to see if he is willing to sell the originally proposed land but in the meantime, a cheque has been raised for the above sum to the Friends of St Michael’s Church, Axmouth.

Date of the next Council Meeting - Wednesday 17th January 2018

The meeting ended at 8:20pm

Date:

Chairman: