



# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019, at 7:00pm at Axmouth Village Hall

## Minutes

### Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven      Cllr Morag Steven      Cllr Graham Mather      Cllr Chris Garrett      Cllr Glenn Hyde

**In attendance:** Becki Davey (Clerk) and Carole Arnold (Seaton & District Rotary Club)

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

1) **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Nigel Daniel, Cllr Ron Badger, Cllr Paul Britton, Cllr Ian Hunt, Cllr Ian Thomas (EDCC) and Cllr Ian Hall (DCC). Approved.

Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

2) **Declarations of Interests:** None received.

3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019:** 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) **Public Forum:** Carole Arnold from Seaton & District Rotary Club attended the meeting to ask permission for mauve crocuses to be planted within Axmouth village as part of the Rotary End Polio Now – Purple4Polio campaign. The aim would be to plant between 200 – 500 bulbs, this would be carried out by the Rotary Club. Councillors agreed to the proposal and provided Carole with 3 sites; Brook Bank at Coronation Corner, Steps Cross or the Higher Lane junction. Carole thanked Councillors and left the meeting 7:11pm.

6) **Police Report:** No members of the force were present. No report had been received.

7) **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:** Cllr Hyde is concerned over the condition of the road markings at Boshill Cross. **ACTION: CLERK** to report to DCC. Concern was also raised over

the overgrown hedge at Sandpipers which are making using the footpath towards Seaton difficult to use. **ACTION: CLERK** to write to the owner requesting they cut the hedge. The wooden barrier by Coronation Corner has been knocked. Councillors will repair this themselves. No-one is available to attend the Highways Conference.

**8) Financial Matters:**

- a) **To approve the financial statement to the end August 2019:** Councillors resolved to **approve** the financial statement.
- b) **To approve the new Financial Regulations:** NALC have created updated Financial Regulations, although most of the changes referred to Finance Committees and separate RFO to Clerk, neither of which Axmouth Parish Council have. Following the removal of 'Personal credit or debit cards of members or staff shall not be used under any circumstances' Councillors agreed to approve the new regulations.
- c) **To consider Clerks attendance at the Regional Training Seminar:** Clerk requested she be able to attend the SLCC (Devon) Branch Meeting being held in Cullompton on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This is a free event. Councillors approved.
- d) **To approve the following payments:**

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| Came & Company            | Annual Insurance Premium            | BACS | £ 588.43 |
| Signs South West          | No Overnight Parking sign           | BACS | £ 70.80  |
| Signs South West          | Coronation Corner Information Board | BACS | £ 154.80 |
| Seaton Print & Design Ltd | Village Leaflet                     | BACS | £ 272.00 |

The Clerk also asked for the following payments at the meeting:

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| Mrs M Steven | Shelving Brackets for bench | BACS | £ 14.98 |
| Mr K Steven  | Cement for bench            | BACS | £ 39.35 |

Councillors **approved** the above payments although the payments for Mrs M Steven and Mr K Steven will have to be deferred to October meeting as there were not enough bank signatories available to authorise payment.

- 9) **Planning Applications and Correspondence:** 19/1732/FUL - Barn West Of Higher Bruckland Farm Musbury Axminster EX13 8SU - Proposed conversion of curtilage-listed former Coach House and Stables into a residential dwelling and associated works: Councillors viewed and considered the application. Councillors support the application. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC planning. Two Storey Shed erected within curtilage of Toll House: Councillors are concerned that a high shed has been erected within the grounds of the Toll House (Bridge Cottage) which is a listed building. **ACTION: CLERK** to report to EDDC Planning.
- 10) **Coronation Corner – Update on furnishings:** The concrete bases for the two new benches are in place and the benches will be put into position shortly although there is another bench that, due to health and safety, needs replacing. Cllr K Steven proposed the Council purchase another one identical to the new ones. Councillors approved. **ACTION: CLLR K STEVEN** order another bench and arrange removal of the damaged bench. The information board has been replaced and well received by locals and visitors alike. Mark Smith is unable to repair the plank on the damaged picnic bench so Councillors will now repair themselves. The tide times frame and posts need repainting. Councillors will carry this out. Cllr Daniel has been in contact with Cllr Pady, Colyford Parish Councillor, who should like a tide gauge to be placed on the viewing platform to monitor high tides. This data is collected by the Environment Agency from Axmouth Bridge but Cllr Pady should also like the data

from further up the river. There is concern over increased sea levels due to global warming. Councillors approved the placement of a tide gauge on the viewing platform assuming that Colyford Parish Council would fund the exercise. **ACTION: CLLR DANIEL** to contact Cllr Pady.

- 11) **Councillor information on website and noticeboard:** Clerk suggested that Councillor emails be added to the website and noticeboard. Councillors approved. **ACTION: CLERK** to update the website and noticeboards and chase Cllr I Hunt for a Councillor email.
- 12) **Footpaths: Update on project and footpaths:** Cllr Daniel was unable to attend the meeting. Defer.
- 13) **Posts alongside Brook and Chapel Street:** Councillors would like to retain the wooden posts but they are in a state of disrepair. Consider replacing with tantalised fence posts. It is thought, however, that they are the responsibility of DCC highways. **ACTION: CLERK** to request a site visit with David Ashford and Cllr Ian Hall to assess the situation. Cllr Hyde will get quotes for fence posts.
- 14) **Roadside Benches: Update:** The Clerk is still discussing ownership of the land upon which the other bench sits with Bindon.
- 15) **Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Site:** Musbury Parish Council have contacted Axmouth Parish Council to see if we could work together to progress a Devon Air Ambulance night landing site at Axmouth Football Club. They have also contacted Chris Salter, the Secretary of Axmouth Football Club. It has been proposed in the past. There is some part-funding available from the Devon Air Ambulance Trust which the Councils should hopefully be able to utilise but it needs to be spent by early 2020. Councillors discussed the matter and requested the Clerk contact Musbury to confirm that they would be happy to be involved, with Musbury taking the lead. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Musbury Parish Council.
- 16) **Seaton Beach Management Plan:** Concern has been raised over some of the inaccuracies within the Seaton Beach Management Plan. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact EDDC to highlight the errors.
- 17) **Annual “Working Together for the Future of East Devon” 2019 event:** Cllr Garrett offered to attend the event. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC.
- 18) **Speeding within the village:** Concern over the speeding vehicles within the village was once again raised. It was proposed that the police be contacted to discuss the matter. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Seaton Police.
- 19) **To accept reports and agree actions from the following:**
  - a) **County Councillor: Cllr Hall** was unable to attend the meeting. A report had been previously circulated to all Councillors.
  - b) **District Councillor: Cllr Thomas** was unable to attend the meeting. See [www.trinitymatters.co.uk](http://www.trinitymatters.co.uk) for information.
  - c) **Parish Councillors:** Cllr Hyde asked about a larger bin at Chapel Street. Clerk confirmed that Suez would continue to collect waste from a larger bin in Chapel Street so Councillors proposed the clerk order a larger bin. **ACTION: CLERK** to order a larger bin. Cllr M Steven advised other Councillors that both her, Cllr K Steven and Cllr Mather are not available to help with the next clean-up day due on 12<sup>th</sup> October but she will create and distribute the poster advertising the event. Cllr M Steven also advised Councillors that raw sewerage was discovered within the river over the weekend. It was reported to the Environment Agency, who have a 24 hour hotline and

want to know asap should it happen again. **ACTION: CLERK** to also advise EDDC environment department.

**d) Parish Clerk:** The clerk provided the Councillors with a report. Councillors approved the purchase of a replacement laptop battery. Accepted. **ACTION: CLERK** to order a replacement laptop battery.

**20) To accept any relevant correspondence:** All correspondence accepted. Clerk to ask HALFF for posters.

**Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

The meeting ended at 8:40pm

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Chairman: .....