



# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019, at 7:00pm at Axmouth Village Hall

## Minutes

### Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven      Cllr Morag Steven      Cllr Nigel Daniel      Cllr Graham Mather  
Cllr Ron Badger      Cllr Chris Garrett      Cllr Glenn Hyde

**In attendance:** Becki Davey (Clerk), Cllr Ian Hall (DCC) and Cllr Ian Thomas (EDCC) (arrived 7:05).

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 Paul Britton and Cllr Ian Hunt. Approved.  
  
Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.
- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr K Steven, Cllr M Steven, Cllr N Daniel and Cllr G Mather declared an interest in item 9 as members of the Axe Yacht Club. Clerk confirmed that the Council would still be quorate for this item.
- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (planning):** 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:** None
- 6) **Police Report:** No members of the force were present. A report for May had been received prior to the meeting. There have been no crimes in May. There were 3 items logged; 2 Public safety (1 suspicious vehicle & 1 abandoned vehicle – higher lane), 1 Transport (branch overhanging road).
- 7) **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:** The 'No Overnight Parking' sign that the Council had placed in the lay-by at the bottom of Squires Lane has been removed. Councillors have looked in the area but it is nowhere to be seen. (Cllr I Thomas arrived 7:05). Councillors asked that another be ordered and the removal of the sign be reported to the police. **ACTION: CLERK** to report

to police and ask South West Signs to make another sign, asking if it would possible for the fixing to be made more vandal/theft proof.

**8) Financial Matters:**

- a) **To approve the financial statement to the end May 2019:** Councillors resolved to **approve** the financial statement.
- b) **To consider additional bank signatories:** There are currently only 4 signatories. Councillors agreed for Cllr Ron Badger to become an additional signatory. **ACTION: CLERK** to update signatory details with Lloyds Bank.
- c) **To consider the clerks attendance to the joint Devon/Cornwall SLCC branch meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June at Launceston:** Councillors agreed that the clerk should wait until the meeting is being held in Devon to attend as Launceston was a long journey and the cost of the travel expense would not be a good use of funds.
- d) **To approve the following payments:**

Mr A Winder	Land Registry searches	CHQ	£ 107.40
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The Clerk also asked for the following payments at the meeting:

Mr G Hyde	Phone Box maintenance items	BACS	£ 11.95
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Councillors **approved** the above payments.

- 9) **Planning Applications and Correspondence:** 19/1112/FUL | Extension and alterations to club house including first floor terrace. | Axe Yacht Club The Harbour Axmouth Seaton EX12 4AA: Councillors K Steven, M Steven, N Daniel and G Mather did not vote on this matter. Councillors were concerned that additional functions may take place and about the noise related to this. Cllr Daniel answered the question. He confirmed that the main reason for the extension is changing facilities to address safeguarding issues. Those Councillors that could vote agreed to support the application. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC planning.
- 10) **Coronation Corner – Update on furnishings:** Cllr K Steven advised Councillors that the bench is no longer available but is available as either 4ft or 6ft. Councillors agreed that 6ft would be preferable. Cllr Steven will advise the purchaser. Cllr Daniel confirmed a draft Information Board is being created by South West Signs, he hopes to bring this to the next meeting. Councillors were advised that a seat at Coronation Corner is broken. **ACTION: CLLR K STEVEN** and **CLLR G MATHER** will investigate broken seat.
- 11) **Footpaths: Update on project and footpaths 4 & 22:** Cllr Daniel still to set a date for the Councillors to meet to make repairs to footpath 4. Ros Davies from DCC P3 is looking into footpath 22. An application has been made to Land Registry to confirm ownership within the area of the footpath project. Footpaths 6 & 7 have still not been cut back by Bindon.
- 12) **Telephone Box: Painting of:** Cllr Hyde has sourced paint and undercoat for the phone box which will cost £26.99 for a litre of each. Councillors approved the purchase of these items. Cllr Hyde will order the paint. Clerk reminded Cllr Hyde to add Axmouth Parish Council to the purchase to enable VAT to be claimed. Cllr Hyde will ask Jim & Bob Harvey if they should like to carry out the work. Cllrs agreed a maximum budget of £250.00 for the works to be carried out.
- 13) **Roadside Benches: Update:** A land registry search has been carried out by DCC that ascertained that Bindon own the land upon which the seat alongside the riverside is situated. **ACTION: CLERK** to

advise Bindon of the state of the platform including photos asking if they would make the area safer. The clerk has obtained a quote from Phil Tuckley for repairs of the bench beyond the village gateway towards Boshill Cross of £85. Councillors approved the quote. **ACTION:** Clerk to ask Phil Tuckley to make the repairs.

**14) Village Leaflet: Update:** The information contained within the leaflet needs updating. Cllr Daniels has offered to look into this. Once the information has been updated and checked the clerk will get quotes for new leaflets to be printed. Defer.

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

**a) County Councillor: Cllr Hall** advised Councillors that the newly formed Axe Valley Health Forum will be a meeting soon, they are aware that there is a lot of work to do over the next few years. Cllr Hall will always keep Councillors updated. Cllr Hall also advised Councillors that he is involved in the Police Advocate Scheme. Resources are coming in, there are challenges and need to be working cross border. The reporting system is failing. Cllr Hall is told of issues by local residents and he in turns emails 101. If local residents are not happy with the service they receive then please continue letting Cllr Hall know and he will collate data. People will not be proactive if it is not dealt with properly. Need a good 101 system now, introducing email contact as an option down the line. Next week, Cllr Hall is attending a corporate scrutiny meeting which will include talks on broadband. Pilots are taking place within Devon and Somerset and should have results by the end of the summer. Cllr Hall will forward the clerk and information. Finally, they will also be discussing Highways issues. Cllr Hall wants to look at the root of the problems, e.g. water from land causing problems on the roads – what are the landowners doing about this? Cllr Hall will give an update at the next meeting.

**b) District Councillor: Cllr Thomas** provided a report to all Councillors. See [www.trinitymatters.co.uk](http://www.trinitymatters.co.uk) for more information. Cllr Thomas also gave an update on the make-up of EDDC following the elections. The admin is now being formed from 20 independent independents. It is not possible to have an early election at District Council level. Cllr Thomas is a cabinet member of the independent group.

**c) Parish Councillors:** Cllr K Steven advised that he had been invited to attend a lunch at the Axe Yacht Club as Chair of the Parish Council but is unable to attend. It was agreed that a non-member of AYC could attend on his behalf. Cllr C Garrett will attend, Cllr K Steven will advise the AYC. Cllr Garrett is concerned about the condition of 38 Church Street. Cllr I Hall will visit the outside of the property with Cllr K Steven after the meeting. Cllr Daniel was concerned about the rape seed plant along the river. This will be cut by Councillors. Cllr Hyde is concerned over the condition of the posts and chain along Chapel Street and wondered if they should be replaced. Cllr K Steven advised that these are maintained by the parish council, they will be looked at during the next clean-up day. Cllr Hyde advised Councillors that Western Power have repaired the old direction sign on Church Street and have put it back. He wishes for a letter of thanks to be sent to them. **ACTION: CLLR HYDE** to prepare a letter for the clerk to send. Cllr Hyde also advised that he has received complaints about the litter bin in Chapel Street by the bus shelter. It is constantly full and does not appear to be emptied regularly. Councillors asked if a larger bin could be provided. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact EDDC. Cllr Daniel

**d) Parish Clerk:** The clerk had nothing to report.

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

**Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The meeting ended at 8:30pm

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Chairman: .....