



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 20th September 2017, at 7:00pm at Axmouth Village Hall.

Minutes

Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven Cllr Morag Steven Cllr Sam Miller Cllr Alan Harrison Cllr Sarah Hill

In attendance: Becki Davey (Clerk) and Cllr Ian Hall (DDC), PCSO Mike McGauley, PC Adam Speers

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 Glenn Hyde, Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC) (work).
Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.
- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** None.
- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 19th July 2017 and 9th August 2017 (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) **Police Report:** PCSO Mike McGauley attended with PC Adam Speers. PC Richard Jenkins will be retiring at the end of September and PC Speers will be replacing him as Neighbourhood Beat Officer on 9th October 2017. PC Speers is a local person and has been in the force for 12 years; 7 years in Exeter and 5 in East Devon. One crime had been reported for the period between 1st August and today – criminal damage to a car - which is being investigated. PC Speers advised that they are hoping to set up a facebook and/or twitter account for East Devon to allow people to report incidents and for the police to provide updates on incidents. People will of course, be able to continue to email and use 101. Cllr Hall asked about combined services with Dorset police. PC Speers advised that other forces are sometimes called upon for assistance when there are no Devon members available but they are still two separate forces. Police left 7:15
- 6) **Public Forum:** None.

7) **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:** Cllr Harrison reported a damaged sign in Higher Lane providing photographs. **ACTION: CLLR HALL** will report to Brian Hoare with whom he is meeting next Friday. Cllr Harrison also provided an email he had received from a resident of Hawkesdown View regarding the concern of the speed of vehicles along Higher Lane and whether it would be possible to have a 'Slow Down, Children Playing' sign put up. It was discussed that it may be a difficult sign to request via DCC Highways and it was suggested that the resident may purchase a sign themselves. It must be stressed that it could only be put up on private land and not on the highway. **ACTION: CLLR HARRISON** to advise resident. Cllr M Stevens advised that there has been damage along Chapel Street caused by contractors used by Bindon. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Bindon Estates requesting that their contractors be extra vigilant when going through the village. (Clerk to copy Cllr Hall into email).

8) **Financial Matters:**

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

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

Ken Steven	Reimburse Maintenance Expenses	CHQ	£ 14.29
John Widger	Riverside Verge Maintenance	CHQ	£310.00
Grant Thornton	External Audit Fee	BACS	£120.00
Glenn Hyde	Reimburse Phone Box Expenses	CHQ	£ 72.00
Came & Company	Annual Insurance Fee	BACS	£524.01

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

9) **Planning: 17/2053/TRE | Weeping willow W1 - 30% crown reduction. The tree has hazardous, heavy branches and has outgrown its space. The tree has recently dropped a limb and there is significant future risk of falling branches. Crown reduction will improve health and shape of the tree. Willow W2 - Fell as has no amenity value. The tree has been previously heavily pollarded leaving the tree with little crown spread and poor shape and condition. Conifer C1 - Fell and replace with a Silver Birch. Existing tree is too large for the site replacement with deciduous native species which will be more in keeping with surrounding woodland and improve low light conditions underneath. Holly H1 - Crown lifting and reduction to improve tree health and low light conditions underneath. | 2 Rose Cottage (Garden Opposite) Axmouth Seaton EX12 4BB.** The Council had no objection to the application. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC planning.

10) **Emergency Plan – an update from the working group:** Cllr Harrison has created a map showing locations of items required for a possible emergency. Still need wardens and a telephone tree.

11) **Co-option of a Councillor:** Cllr Harrison has been approached by a resident regarding being a possible Councillor in the New Year. Cllr Harrison suggested they attend a meeting. **ACTION: CLERK** to remind the Councillors of the conditions of co-option.

12) **Defibrillator strobe light:** Councillors confirmed that the strobe light is still flashing. **ACTION: CLLR M STEVEN** to contact Brian Davis to quote for a 'hood' to shield the light.

13) **Phone Box - Furnishing and Historical Poster:** After the planning meeting in August, Councillors visited the phone box and agreed on a design for the shelving for the books. They are to be fitted using the ledges within the phone box. 2 narrow shelves for paperbacks and 2 deeper shelves. There will be a box underneath the shelves for items for children. The historical information will be discussed in the New Year once the shelves are in place. Cllr Hall advised that the project would be ideal for an application

from his Locality Budget (next year). **ACTION: CLERK** to give Cllr K Steven the contact details for Phil Tuckley to meet with him for a quote for the shelving.

14) Clean-up dates – set for next year: Dates set as follows: 21st April, 14th July and 29th September 2018. **ACTION: CLLR K STEVEN** to arrange for this information to be placed in the Parish magazine. **CLERK** to contact Seaton Town Council to arrange collection of shared equipment.

15) Devon ‘Special Verge’ warden: The Councillors proposed that the Clerk invited DCC to attend the next meeting to discuss the ‘special verge’. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact DCC.

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

- a) County Councillor: **Cllr Hall** advised that he is meeting with Brian Hoare, DCC Highways and will be having a tour of the area with Brian showing him the areas with known problems. He will then have a tour with Cllr K Steven to be shown the areas with new issues. Cllr Hall confirmed that his Locality Budget has been spent for this year. Cllr Hall attended the CCG meetings. He is still not convinced that the proposed model of care will work in rural areas. **Cllr Hall should like to be informed of any experiences of the new initiative either negative or positive.** Cllr Hall will send his reports from both CCG meetings to the Clerk to forward to Councillors. Cllr Hall explained to Councillors his support for EDDC’s leader, Paul Diviani, although he is reserving judgement on the ‘stand-alone subject’ of the hospital beds until a full calendar year has passed, so that the decision can then be scrutinised, as data will then hopefully be available. **ACTION: CLERK** to arrange for an item to be placed in the Parish magazine asking residents to let Cllr Hall know of experiences.
- b) District Councillor: **Cllr Thomas** gave a report. See www.trinitymatters.co.uk for information.
- c) Parish Councillors: No reports.
- 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 11th October 2017

The meeting ended at 8:09pm

Date:

Chairman: