



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting (planning) of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 9th August 2017, at 7:00pm at Axmouth Village Hall.

Minutes

Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven (Chair) Cllr Glenn Hyde Cllr Nigel Daniel Cllr Morag Steven
Cllr Sarah Hill Cllr Alan Harrison Cllr Ian Hunt

In attendance: There were 4 members of the public in attendance. The clerk was unable to attend. Cllr M Steven took the minutes.

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

1. **Apologies:** Were received and approved from Cllr Sam Miller
2. **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Alan Harrison declared an interest due to the proximity of the proposed planning site to his residence

Planning: To consider new planning applications: 17/1516/OUT - Land to the North of Axe Farm, Pound Hill Axmouth. Erection of four dwellings (outline consent sought with all matters reserved except for access).

Councillors discussed the proposed outline planning permission with comment received from the residents in attendance (residents left at 8:00pm).

The Council voted unanimously to **oppose** the proposal stating the following reasons for the decision;

1. The proposal is not compliant with Strategy 7 of the adopted Local Plan - Axmouth being defined as 'countryside'.
2. Council considers this plan to be significant overdevelopment relative to the existing settlement.
3. There is no provision for affordable housing within this proposal. Major development in Seaton satisfies the need for additional housing in the Axe Estuary area.
4. The proposed access is sited between the Village Gateway and a blind corner on an increasingly busy and dangerous single track highway, with very limited visibility to the right exiting the site and diagonally opposite a junction with limited line of sight.
5. Exit from the site is on a steep gradient making egress onto the highway challenging.
6. The proposal would result in increased pedestrian movements on Pound Hill where there is no adequate provision for pedestrians, pushchairs or mobility equipment.

7. The proposal to widen the access to the site would result in the loss of parking spaces within the existing lay-by. This would be detrimental to the residents in properties on Pound Hill who rely on this space.

8. The proposed site is in an AONB which should be given the utmost protection to preserve the natural beauty and landscape of the area.

9. There is existing evidence of a bat colony within the development area.

10. There would be loss of mature trees and hedgerows due to the proposed development.

ACTION: Cllr M Steven to advise EDDC Planning in the Clerks' absence.

Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 20 September 2017.

The meeting ended at 8:20pm

Date:

Chairman: